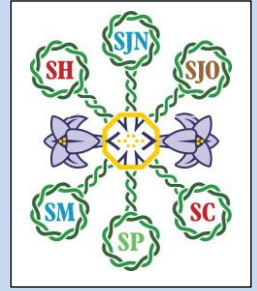


SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana



OCTOBER 24, 2021 – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sacred Heart of Jesus

107 East Main Street, Fowler

Saint Charles

108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein

Saint John the Baptist

205 South Chestnut Street, Earl Park

Saint Joseph

409 East Allen Street, Kentland

Saint Mary's

2961 S Indiana 71, Ambia

Saint Patrick

504 South Michigan Street, Oxford

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New Parishioners and Guests

We welcome all who are celebrating with us this weekend. If you are new to the pastorate, please contact the office so we may greet you properly.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

MONDAY 10/25

8:00AM, Kentland † Alberta Mulligan

8:00AM, Oxford † Jerry Barnard by Cheryl Leuck

TUESDAY 10/26

8:00AM, Kentland † William Balensiefer

8:15AM, Fowler † Eric Puetz by Elaine Puetz

WEDNESDAY 10/27

8:00AM, Otterbein † Martha Gretencord

8:15AM, Fowler † Janet Gretencord by Janet Kult

THURSDAY 10/28

8:00AM, Earl Park † Ron Schluttenhofer

6:00PM, Dunnington † Dick Leuck by Dennis & Barb Sondgerath

FRIDAY 10/29

8:15AM, Fowler † David Farrell by Weaver Popcorn

6:00PM, Kentland † Adak & Kyrstin Farney by Marlene Balensiefer

SATURDAY 10/30

5:00PM, Earl Park † Tom Schellenberger by Robert & Janet Barnard

5:30PM, Oxford † Leo Etter by Bill & Carole Manjak

SUNDAY 10/31

7:30AM, Oxford † For the Pastorate

8:00AM, Fowler † James Gretencord by Brian & Kelly Leuck

9:00AM, Kentland † Robert & Dorothy Bower by Ann Huber

9:30AM, Otterbein † Wilfred & Betty Gross by Steve & Nancy Wittenauer



Reconciliation

Saturday

St. John's Earl Park: 4:00PM-4:45PM

St. Patrick, Oxford: 4:30PM-5:15PM

Or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations on the newest member of your family! Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Pastorate Main Office to make an appointment for pre-baptismal instruction.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Couples must contact the Pastorate Main Office at least six months before the proposed wedding date.



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6



WEEKLY OFFERINGS – INCLUDES ONLINE GIVING

**Sacred Heart of Jesus
\$3,226.00**

**Saint Charles
\$820.00**

**Saint John the Baptist
\$ 814.00**

**Saint Joseph
\$2,883.00**

**Saint Mary's
\$105.00**

**Saint Patrick
\$2,162.00**

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

10/25 – Fr. Mark Walter

10/26 – Fr. Richard Weisenberger

10/27 – Fr. Joseph Westfall

10/28 – Fr. Robert Williams

10/29 – Fr. Dominic Young

10/30 – All Deceased Priests

10/31 – Pope Francis

† A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

Monday, November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. On this day we remember all the holy men and women who have gone before us. We also are reminded that each of us is called to be a saint, to become holy. People frequently say “I’m no saint” to which I usually reply “I hope you are.” Ultimately every one of us is a saint with God or apart from God in hell. Of course when people say they are not saints what they mean is that they are not perfect. None of the saints was perfect either, all the saints were weak human beings who co-operated with God’s grace to become holy. May All Saints Day help us to answer our fundamental call to become holy. In addition to recalling the saints who are already in heaven and that each of us is called to holiness we also are reminded of those saints who are in purgatory. We especially think about those “poor souls” on November 2. Because November is a month when we are especially aware of the Faithful Departed there will be in each church of our pastorate a book in which to write the names of the dead. This has long been a practice in some parishes of our pastorate and this year we will begin doing this in all our parishes. I invite you to write the names of anyone who has died in these books. We will pray for these people especially throughout November. Let me also note that even though All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday there will be, in addition to the regularly scheduled Masses for Monday, a Mass at 12:15PM at Sacred Heart. This Mass has been added to the schedule to give our school students an opportunity to attend Mass on this important day. Of course everyone is welcome to participate at this celebration. Finally, everything we do as Church has as its goal helping people to become holy. Any program or activity needs to lead to that finish line. In connection with that I am happy to announce that we have hired a new Director of Evangelization, Bridget Schlebecker. Her first day in this position will be December 1. I look forward to working with Bridget as we seek to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ and become more and more His Holy People.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

PASTORATE † SWNEWTONBENTONCOPASTORATE.ORG

Next meeting to discuss upcoming scriptures with Fr. Weisenberger will be on Oct. 24th @ St. Joseph's Rectory from 10:15-11:15 AM (CST). All are welcome to attend. Please bring a copy of the Sunday Readings with you.

St. Patrick's Mexico Mission Trips – The first St. Patrick's Mexico Mission took place in 2002 with 14 local missionaries going.

We build 2 houses for the homeless people.

Since this trip we have made 32 more trips to the Nuavo Progreso, Mexico area.

We have built over 140 new homes and added a room on to more than 25 homes.

We have had as few as 5 people go to as many as 28 per trip.

Our missionaries have come from all over the diocese and other states.

We have been blessed to have a priest with us on each trip to say mass each day.

In all 146 different people have gone on one or more trips over the years.

We now go twice a year in February and November. Dates are in the bulletin each year.

There will be 6 missionaries going this November 3-10, 2021.

We have a tradition of putting up sombreros for 2 weeks before the trip and would ask you to consider taking one or more to pray for that missionary whose name is on the sombrero.

We have had NO major injuries in all these trips and I am convinced it is because of the many prayers being said for the missionaries!!

So please consider taking the sombreros and praying for the success of that missionary and the success of the trip.

After the November trip our next trip is February 12-19, 2022.

If you would like more information please contact John Brost @ 765-366-5329 or email at jbrost@gmail.com

The six people going on the November Mexico Mission trip will be: Bruce Franklin, Jim Kaiser, Fr. John Kiefer, Tim Houze, Dan Weisenberger, and John Zimmerman.

FAITH DIRECT – SIGN UP – Please pick up a brochure at the entrance of each parish to sign up for auto/online giving.

Reminder: The Benton Community Food and Service Co-op suggested items for the month of October is canned meat (chicken, salmon, tuna).

† In Our Parishes †

SACRED HEART OF JESUS † 107 East Main Street, Fowler

LITURGICAL MINISTER: October 31, **READER** – Gail Goetz, **ALTAR SERVERS** – Bella Gross

Construction on the bell tower will begin on Thursday October 14th and should continue for at least 1 month.

ROSARY RALLY – Thank you to everyone who attended this year's rally! All the prayers, the devotions, and the blessings were for **Our Lady** to bring Peace and Solidarity among many other purposes.

SAINT CHARLES † 108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein

LITURGICAL MINISTER: October 31, **READER** – Betsy Satchell, **ALTAR SERVERS** – Johnny Regich, Bennett Senesac, **USHER** – Bob McTaggart, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Nancy Wittenauer

Tithe next Sunday, October 31 will go to Benton Co Food Co-op.

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SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST † 205 South Chestnut Street, Earl Park

LITURGICAL MINISTER: October 30, **READER** – Henry Senefelder, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Larry Schellenberger

SAINT JOSEPH † 409 East Allen Street, Kentland

LITURGICAL MINISTER: October 31, **READER** – Karen Piegza, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Phyllis Haldeman

GREETER FOR OCTOBER: Verna Marcum

Thank you to Colleen Murphy, Judy Wirtz, and Martha Reynolds for the beautiful August and September floral arrangements at St. Joseph's. Your colorful arrangements were very much appreciated.

October flower volunteers are Susie Mayhew and Pamela Pitchford

Next Finance Council Meeting: January 31, 2022

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ST. MARY'S † 2961 S. St. Rd. 71, Ambia

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SAINT PATRICK'S † 502 S. Michigan St., Oxford

LITURGICAL MINISTER: October 30, **READER** – Keith Glotzbach, **USHER** – Mike Soulligne, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Rita Etter

LITURGICAL MINISTER: October 31, **READER** – Leslie Brost, **SERVERS** – Georgianna Wallpe, Nicholas Wallpe, **USHER** – Kevin Brost, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Adam Wallpe

Tithe next weekend, October 31 will go to Benton Co Food Co-op.

Church Cleaning volunteer for this week: Sherry Fischer

SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL † 607 North Washington Ave., Fowler

WAYS TO SUPPORT SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY

Coke Lids-We are collecting the lids from Coke products. There is a code on the lid that we will enter to earn some money for the school. Lids can be dropped off at the school office.

Amazon Smile: Did you know that you can donate to Sacred Heart Elementary through Amazon Smile? Register:

Sacred Heart Elementary as your charity and we will receive 0.5% of your purchase total. Here is our link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1015552>

Box Tops for Education: The Box Tops for Education Program has gone digital! Most products no longer have a Box Top to cut out, but a picture telling you it is a Box Top item. To submit your Box Tops, you will need to download the new Box Top app and "scan" (take a picture) of your receipt to the app. Let us know if you have questions.

Donations: Donations can be mailed to: Sacred Heart School – 607 North Washington Avenue, Fowler, IN 47944

<https://www.sacredheartschoolfowler.org/>

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