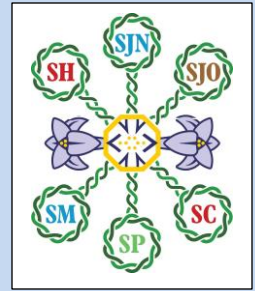


SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana



NOVEMBER 28, 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 11/29

8:00AM, Kentland † L&D of the Garing & Datzman Families by Barb Garing

8:00AM, Oxford † Marlena Thomas by Rick & Lori Francis

TUESDAY 11/30

8:00AM, Kentland † Rita Molter by Kathie Molter

8:15AM, Fowler † Walter & Dolores Anstett by The Family

WEDNESDAY 12/1

8:00AM, Otterbein † Msgr. Reverend Anthony Vorst by Jim & Joann Vorst

8:15AM, Fowler † David Schwartz by Mary Schwartz

THURSDAY 12/2

8:00AM, Earl Park † Carol Salla by Colleen Yoder

6:00PM, Dunnington † John Haan by Fr. Peter Vanderkolk

FRIDAY 12/3

8:15AM, Fowler † Roger Hayworth by Frank Freeland

6:00PM, Kentland † Albert (Buster) Garing by Tom & Carolyn Bessler

SATURDAY 12/4

5:00PM, Earl Park † Tom Schellenberger by Karen Gretencord

5:30PM, Oxford † Dick Atha by Jim & Chris Sheetz

SUNDAY 12/5

7:30AM, Oxford † Ray Muller

8:00AM, Fowler † For the Pastorate

9:00AM, Kentland † Lucy Perkins by Robert & Joan Hays

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.



To you, O Lord,

I lift my soul.

Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14



WEEKLY OFFERINGS – INCLUDES ONLINE GIVING

**Sacred Heart of Jesus
\$2,390.00**

**Saint Charles
\$4,858.86**

**Saint John the Baptist
\$ 1,463.00**

**Saint Joseph
\$2,550.00**

**Saint Mary's
\$300.00**

**Saint Patrick
\$4,032.35**

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

11/29 – Fr. Brian Dudzinski

11/30 – Very Rev. Theodore Dudzinski

12/1 – Fr. Daniel Duff

12/2 – Msgr. John Duncan

12/3 – Fr. Stephen Duquaine

12/4 – Fr. Dale Ehrman

12/5 – Fr. Dennis Faker



† A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

Today, November 28, we begin Advent. The word “Advent” means “Arrival” and during these days the Church invites us to prepare for the arrival, the advent of Jesus Christ. We actually speak about 3 arrivals of Christ. 1.) His future arriving in glory “the end of the world”. 2.) His arrival as God made flesh over 2,000 years ago. 3.) His coming to us each day in the people and events of our lives. During the first part of Advent the Church focuses on the future coming of Christ. This first segment of this season lasts from today through December 16. Only beginning on December 17 does the Church’s concentration shift to remembering the birth of God the Son made human which we celebrate on Christmas. This change is very evident in the Prayers and Scripture passages we hear during Mass. During Evening Prayer, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, this shift is underlined by the use of what are called the “O” Antiphons for the Magnificat. These antiphons are so called because each of them begins with “O” and some title of Christ. These titles are probably familiar to most of us because of the Advent Hymn “O come, O come Immanuel”. It is because of this link between this song and the last days of Advent that I have asked we not sing it before December 17. We best prepare to welcome Christ with joy when He comes in glory by welcoming Him now as He comes to us every day. Let me also mention again that even though Advent is not a penitential season going to Confession can serve as a beneficial aspect of preparing to welcome Christ. I hope many of us will take advantage of our Pastorate’s communal penance services. Finally, I am well aware that what the Church invites us to do during Advent is very different from what our society is doing. I am not so foolish as to think that we can avoid our society’s celebration of “the holidays.” Nonetheless I hope we can make these days of Advent a true time of “preparing the way of the Lord” so that His coming in glory will be a cause of joy and not dread.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

40TH ANNUAL

Sacred Heart

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

607 NORTH WASHINGTON, FOWLER

December 4, 2021

9:00AM — 2:00PM

/ BAKE SALE / COFFEE SHOP /
/ CRAFT VENDORS / RAFFLES /
/ KIDS CORNER (where kids can shop) /

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE:

MON. 11/29 @ 7:00 PM – EARL PARK

TUES. 11/30 @ 7:00 PM – OXFORD

MON. 12/6 @ 7:00 PM OTTERBEIN

TUES. 12/14 @ 7:00 PM (CST) – KENTLAND

WED. 12/15 @ 1:00 PM – FOWLER

Reminder: The Benton Community Food and Service Co-op suggested items for the month of November are peanut butter and jelly.

Bishop John Bennett Knights of Columbus Council 9400 is looking for new members to support its mission of charity towards others. If you would like to learn more, please contact Grand Knight Jim May at (765) 413-7908 or any Knights of Columbus member.

EARL PARK LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER: Grades K-5 4:15-5:00pm all events, Nov. 30 - Ages 2 – 5, 5:15-5:45 Little Jennie Story Time, **NEW EVENT** – Ladies Coffee & Conversation every Tuesday @ 1:00pm during November, bring your mug! Nov. 20 – Craft Day, bring your scrapbooking, quilting or painting, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Young Adult Gathering – Friday, December 3, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM at Sundog Café, 110 E. 5th Street, Fowler. Bring an appetizer to share. Drinks provided by Chad Spitznagle – Weichert Realtors & Budreau Ag Services. Childcare Provided. RSVP Chad (765) 586-0272 or Brent (765) 430-8100

LIFE TEEN GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER!!! – Please find order forms at the entrances of your parish. There will also be a list of available cards that you may purchase. Orders will be due no later than December 4th & 5th in the collection basket. Cards will be available December 11th & 12th. Please make checks payable to: Life Teen Scrip – money must accompany order.

****BENTON COMMUNITY FOOD & SERVICE CO-OP** – *Invites you to join us for our OPEN HOUSE: December 9, from 9am – 6pm at our new location 109 E. Smith St., Oxford, IN 47971- Finger sandwiches, cookies & punch available from 11am - 1pm.*

Have you signed up for FORMED yet? If not, go to the Pastorate website. On the Home tab, click on Links to Resources, Augustine Institute, Learn about FORMED, for Parishes, Create a New Account, St. Patrick Church, Oxford, IN.

FORMED has been a critical resource in helping Catholics continue to grow in the Faith. It has also recently become essential as families spend more time at home. Whether they are involved in a sacramental preparation program, or listen to inspiring audio, read one of our wonderful ebooks, or enjoy quality movies with family, FORMED provides a unique spiritual experience in the comfort of your home.

† In Our Parishes †

SACRED HEART OF JESUS † 107 East Main Street, Fowler

LITURGICAL MINISTER: December 5, **READER** – Chris Williams, **ALTAR SERVERS** – Bella Gross

ADORATION- Wednesday Dec. 8th Adoration will begin following the 12:15pm Mass (2:00PM). We are looking for adorers. We have times opened for 10:00 – 11:00 am, 7:00 – 8:00pm AND 8:00 – 9:00pm. If you are interested please call Jan Goetz 884-1818.

ST. ANNE ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY – Would like to invite the women of Sacred Heart to join! Our goal is to grow our organization so that we may continue being a resource in the success of our church and school, now, and for years to come. For more details please visit the **pastorate website @ swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org**. You may also contact Katie Slavens @ 765-714-9410 or klslavens@yahoo.com. We would love to have you!

SAINT CHARLES † 108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein

LITURGICAL MINISTER: December 5, **READER** – Brent Budreau, **ALTAR SERVERS** – Aiden Wetli, Hannah Wetli, **USHER** – Brad Wetli, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Darci McKinney

Tithe next Sunday, December 5 will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTER: December 4, **READER** – Henry Senefelder, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Tony Sherfey

A NEW YEAR AND A NEW START!!

The sign up list for monthly assignments for 2022 is now at the back of church.

Please consider one or more of these areas as a service project for you or your family: Readers, Servers, Greeters or Flowers.

CHRISTMAS TOY SHOP 2021

Monetary donations AND toys will be gratefully appreciated now through DECEMBER 9th. Please consider helping out. Collection boxes are located at each door at St. John's. Contact person for this project is Lynn Strasburger. Learn more about the Toy Shop by checking out the info on the tables at the church entrances.

*Tis the season to be....**THANKFUL**, especially for those who do the tasks no one notices. Who does that?? Here are a few: Pat Gagnon and Helen Hardebeck keep the missals in your pews up to date....Mary Flook keeps the altar cloths and servers robes ironed and sparkling white.... Karen Gretencord shops and arranges plans for funeral dinners....Terry Snodgrass and Willie Flook are jacks of all trades and masters of it all when it comes to upkeep of the church and hall....Kristen Hardebeck keeps everyone on the email list informed of birthdays, anniversaries and other news. There will be more next week!*

***Altar Servers** can be of any age. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, let us know.*

SAINT JOSEPH † 409 East Allen Street, Kentland

LITURGICAL MINISTER: December 5, **READER** – Pat Wheelock, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Steven Westrick

GREETERS FOR DECEMBER: Pat & Rich Reynolds

St. Joseph Parishioners will have the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia this Christmas season in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$10. The poinsettias will decorate our church during the holiday season, and you can then take your flower home after Mass on January 9th. Forms can be picked up in the back of the church. Completed forms must be returned to the envelope in the back of the church by December 6th. If paying by check, please make checks payable to St. Joseph Women's Society.

St. Joseph's Church decorating is set for Saturday morning, December 18th at 10:00. We're hoping to have many beautiful fresh poinsettias to display. Come join the fun as we prepare our church for the upcoming Christmas season.

A big shout out to Darrell Bertrand for all of his hard work clearing overgrown shrubs and flower beds around the rectory, church, and school. It looks wonderful! Thank you, Darrell.

Next Finance Council Meeting: January 31, 2022

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

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

LITURGICAL MINISTER: December 4, **READER** – Keith Glotzbach, **USHER** – Tim Tabert, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Gary Veverka

LITURGICAL MINISTER: December 5, **READER** – Leslie Brost, **SERVERS** – Maddie Barnard, Jack Barnard, Sam Barnard, **USHER** – Kevin Brost

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Church Cleaning volunteer for this week: Steph Deckard and Rita Deckard

Thank you to Paula Max for painting the statues for the outdoor Nativity scene. Thanks for sharing your talent.

Thank you to all who have helped clean the church each week this past year. We appreciate your time. The cleaning schedule for 2022 is posted on the bulletin board in the back of church.

Gifts for Jesus' Babies – If you would like to donate baby clothes or supplies for Jesus' babies, there is a baby basket in the vestibule to place your items in. These items will be donated to local pregnancy centers in our area.

Giving Tote (formerly the Giving Tree) - We will once again be collecting hats, gloves, mittens, socks and under garments for youth. There is a tote in the vestibule to place them in. They will be distributed to local youth in our area who may need them.

Decorating - We will be decorating the church for Christmas December 11 & 18 at 9:00 am. Help is needed and much appreciated.

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

Congratulations to Mrs. Laura Sexton and Mrs. Kelsee Burk for receiving funding for their Marilyn Fischback Reading and Writing Grants through the Benton Community Foundation! Both teachers wrote grants to get some new materials/programs in the hands of our students.

WAYS TO SUPPORT SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY

Donate to the Institute for Quality Education. Funds donated are used to help offset the tuition costs for Sacred Heart students. This school year, donations were able to help 15 students with their tuition costs. Individuals or businesses that donate can receive tax credits equal to 50% of the amount donated. Visit <https://www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors> for more information. Thank you to our many donors who give throughout the year!

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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