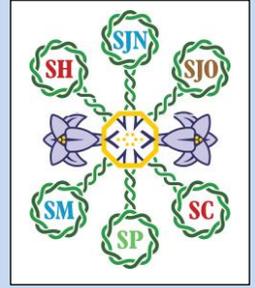


# SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana



**FEBRUARY 27, 2022 - EIGHTH 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 2/28**

8:00AM, Kentland † Adak & Kyrstin Farney by Marlene Balensiefer

8:00AM, Oxford † Intention of Wayne & Berneice Oneal by Dave & Barb Richardson

#### **TUESDAY 3/1**

8:00AM, Kentland † Sue Reidy by Robert & Joan Hays

8:15AM, Fowler † Marge Francis by Rick Francis Family

#### **WEDNESDAY 3/2**

8:00AM, Otterbein † Intention of Leslie Mills & Family by Cleone Logan

12:15PM, Fowler † Kenny Goodman by Judy Goodman

7:00PM, Kentland † Rita Molter by Kathie Molter

7:00PM, OXFORD, † Dick Atha by Jim & Chris Sheetz

#### **THURSDAY 3/3**

8:00AM, Earl Park † Carol Salla by Rose & Richard Sorenson

6:00PM, Dunnington † Anna Kult by The Family

#### **FRIDAY 3/4**

8:15AM, Fowler † Theresa Seeber Camastro by Fr. Alan Funk & Margaret Funk Kotylo

6:00PM, Kentland † Rob Hays by Robert & Joan Hays

#### **SATURDAY 3/5**

5:00PM, Earl Park † Tom Schellenberger by Joe & Linda Hasser

5:30PM, Oxford † Judy Gobel

#### **SUNDAY 3/6**

7:30AM, Oxford † Jim & Janet Gretencord by Rick & Susie Gretencord

8:00AM, Fowler † Tish Ringle by Barb Garing

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

9:30AM, Otterbein † For the Pastorate

## 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.

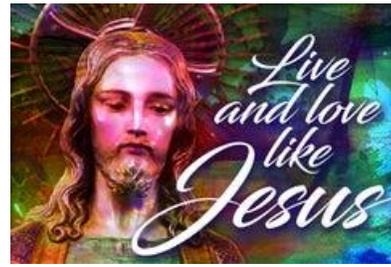
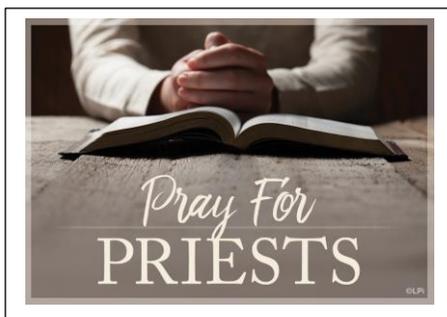
## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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



**Lord, it is good to give  
thanks to you.**

**Ps. 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS –  
INCLUDES ONLINE GIVING  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
\$3,271.00**

**Saint Charles  
\$880.00**

**Saint John the Baptist  
\$ 746.00**

**Saint Joseph  
\$920.00**

**Saint Mary's  
\$ 240.00**

**Saint Patrick  
\$2,277.00**



## WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

**2/28 – Rev. Peter Logsdon**

**3/1 – Rev. Gustavo Lopez**

**3/2 – Ch. Col. Philip Mahalic**

**3/3 – Rev. John Mannion**

**3/4 – Rev. Jeff Martin**

**3/5 – Rev. Adam Mauman**

**3/6 – Rev. Tom McDermott**

## † A Note from Father Weisenberger †

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. Lent is closely connected to three particular disciplines: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. The word “discipline” probably has negative connotations for many of us. We associate discipline with punishment. In fact “discipline” derives from the Latin word for “learning” and is clearly the root of the word “disciple”. The purpose of the Lenten disciplines is to help us grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Of course Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving need to be part of our lives throughout the year, however, Lent is a Season when we are particularly reminded of their importance. May these days of Lent help us to grow as faithful disciples.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

## Bridget Schlebecker † Evangelization Director

### THE MASS: WHY DO WE...?

#### *What is the Gospel reading?*

The Gospel reading is the climax of our scripture accounts. It is noticeably different in its presentation. The importance of this reading may be demonstrated in several ways:

- 1) the Book of Gospels is its own book, separate from the other readings; as it was in the early Church; more ornate to signify its extraordinary importance;
- 2) the Book of Gospels may be elevated by a deacon or other proclaimer in the opening procession;
- 3) the Book of Gospels may be placed on the Altar until it is used;
- 4) the presider/deacon may bow to the Book of Gospels to show reverence;
- 5) the assembly stands to be more attentive to the Gospel;
- 6) an Alleluia (or alternative acclamation during Lent) is recited or sung;
- 7) the presider may begin with acknowledgement of the Lord’s presence by saying: “The Lord be with you” to which we respond: “And with your spirit.”
- 8) the Gospel reading is announced “A reading from the book of...” and the people respond saying “Thanks be to God.”
- 9) The faithful then offer a sign that they are eager to hear the Word of God by using their thumb to trace a cross on their foreheads, lips and over their heart. This seemingly insignificant gesture accompanies our internal prayer, “that the words of the Gospel be always in my thoughts, on my lips, and in my heart.”

#### *Why do we react so differently to the Gospel reading?*

If we acknowledge that the scriptures are inspired by God, then we must accept that in the Gospels, we hear God’s own words speaking to us about Jesus, His Son. “When the sacred scriptures are read in the church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel.” (GIRM 29) It is during this reading that Jesus teaches us today, just as he taught the people over 2000 years ago. It is His message that enters into our thoughts, words, and hearts.

#### *Is the Homily the same as a Sermon?*

A sermon is generally formulated along the lines of a lecture for religious instruction.

A **Homily** is a commentary that follows the Gospel reading. This brief moment in the Mass allows for the assembly to encounter Jesus, alive and active, in the midst of their modern lives, as the priest or deacon break open the Word and offer a reflection on the message of the reading(s). The message of the homily may focus on a modern correlation or perhaps a clearer insight to the historical connotation of the message.

**LAST WEEK TO REGISTER**

**THE PASSION and the CROSS**

This Lent, please consider being a part of a **small faith sharing group**. This season, we will be reading *The Passion and the Cross* by Ronald Rolheiser. This book will “invite you to a new understanding of redemption and offer insight into the meaning of your own loss and suffering.” We will contemplate the variety of meanings of “the passion”, as well as, those of love and fidelity. If you would like to participate and have not yet contacted me, please register by emailing [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

As the pastorate begins to plan for the season of Lent, we are seeking anyone who might be interested in leading the Stations of the Cross at their parish. We will assist in determining the times and places, as well as, provide the necessary training. Please contact Bridget Schlebecker, the Director of Evangelization at [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org) or call the pastorate office at 765-884-1818



**Make a Joyful Noise**

Calling all Musicians, Singers, Cantors, and American Idol wannabes within the **Pastorate**: as there will *only* be **one** Holy Thursday and **one** Saturday Easter Vigil Mass, the music ministries will be consolidating their talents. If you are interested in being a part of one or both of these beautiful liturgical liturgies, please contact Bridget Schlebecker at [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org) or leave a message with the parish office.



**Needed: Decorators for Holy Thursday**

This year, the **Pastorate** will be having the Holy Thursday post-liturgical adoration in the gym at Sacred Heart School. We are in need of volunteers to help transform this athletic venue into something resembling the Garden of Gethsemane. It will require creative thinkers and many hands to accomplish this task. If you are interested in being a part of this, contact Bridget Schlebecker at [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org)

**PASTORATE † SWNEWTONBENTONCOPASTORATE.ORG**

**COMING SOON! A new and improved pastorate bulletin is being created. We will soon be in color!**

**Next meeting** to discuss upcoming scriptures with Father Weisenberger will be March 6 at St. Charles rectory from 10:45-11:45 AM and March 13 at 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.

**Knights Scholarship Application** – The General de Lafayette Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight of Columbus will once again be awarding a \$2000 scholarship to two High School Seniors in the Assembly area. (Assembly area includes Otterbein and Oxford). As most of you are aware the 4<sup>th</sup> degree has been supporting the youth of our assembly area for many years by awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships. You may call the pastorate office at (765) 385-2587 for an application form. The application form will need to be sent as well as an essay as outlined in the application. Both of these items need to be postmarked by March 18, 2022 to the address on the application. The 4<sup>th</sup> degree have been holding multiple fund raising efforts over the years in order to support our local youth. We are honored to be able to award these scholarships in order to assist the youth in their future endeavors.

**The Knights of Columbus Chapter 9400** will be hosting a corn beef and cabbage meal and social after the 5:30 pm mass at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Church hall.

All members are invited to attend, along with anyone interested in anything this philanthropic organization does.

**Reminder:** The Benton Community Food and Service Co-op suggested items for the month of February is laundry items.

**ADORATION** – We are looking for adorers. We have times opened for 7:00 – 8:00pm AND 8:00 – 9:00pm. If you are interested please call Jan Goetz 884-1818.

**Knights of Columbus Looking for New Members** - For additional K of C member information, please go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>

Join me this Lent as we focus our prayers each day for someone/something different

✝	March 2 Ash Wednesday Your Pastor	✝	March 3 School Principals	✝	March 4 Children in School
✝	March 5 Teachers & Educators	✝	March 6 Sunday Pope Francis	✝	March 7 A Neighbor
✝	March 8 Your local community	✝	March 9 Those who are Lonely	✝	March 10 Those who feel sad
✝	March 11 Someone from Church	✝	March 12 Catechists	✝	March 13 Sunday Bishop Doherty
✝	March 14 For Religious Vocations	✝	March 15 Those in the military	✝	March 16 Your family members
✝	March 17 The Homeless	✝	March 18 Those who have died	✝	March 19 Those who are depressed
✝	March 20 Sunday Police & Fire Fighters	✝	March 21 Those who are hungry	✝	March 22 Church Musicians
✝	March 23 The Terminally ill	✝	March 24 Someone you argued with	✝	March 25 The elderly
✝	March 26 Children waiting to be adopted	✝	March 27 Sunday Parents & Grandparents	✝	March 28 The unemployed
✝	March 29 Doctors & Nurses	✝	March 30 For Countries in turmoil	✝	March 31 For Government Leaders
✝	April 1 Coaches & Mentors	✝	April 2 For the Environment	✝	April 3 Sunday For the Gift of Life
✝	April 4 Newborn Babies	✝	April 5 For the dignity of all human life	✝	April 6 For yourself
✝	April 7 Those who have lost a child	✝	April 8 Church Volunteers	✝	April 9 For the Pastorate
✝	April 10 Palm Sunday The Souls in Purgatory	✝	April 11 For those who have lost their faith	✝	April 12 All Priests
✝	April 13 All of the Saints	✝	April 14 Holy Thursday To do God's Will everyday	✝	April 15 Good Friday Those who are suffering
✝	April 16 Holy Saturday The Newly Baptized		April 17 Happy Easter! For a more personal relationship with Jesus		

## LENT – Prayer, Repentance and Sacrifice

Lent is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow spiritually. It begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter Sunday. That is a total of **46** days in Lent. So, why do we say “**40 days of Lent?**” Sundays are not counted as days of Lent because they are celebrations of Christ’s life, death and resurrection (little Easters). Rather than giving something up for Lent, take time this year to pray the Stations of the Cross, receive the sacrament of reconciliation, or offer your time in service to the community.

### FAMILY ACTIVITY for LENT



**Make a prayer chain.** As a family, begin with 46 strips of paper (purple is the color for lent but any color will do). Talk about those people, places, events, that your family thinks need prayers. Designate one of your family members to write down the specific prayer on the piece of paper. Other family members can work on gluing the ends of the strips together and interlocking them into a chain. Display your chain in your home. At a certain time, each day during Lent, have someone remove one link, read it aloud, and pray that intention together.



## † In Our Parishes †

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS † 107 East Main Street, Fowler

**LITURGICAL MINISTER:** March 6, **PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD** – Gail Goetz, **ALTAR SERVERS**

As you may know, the other parishes have received a financial report. Because Sacred Heart is on a July 1- June 30 fiscal year ours will be available in July or August.

**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](http://swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org). You may also contact Katie Slavens @ 765-714-9410 or [klslavens@yahoo.com](mailto:klslavens@yahoo.com). We would love to have you!

### SAINT CHARLES † 108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** March 6, **PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD** – Suzanne Collins, **ALTAR SERVERS** – Aiden Wetli, Hannah Wetli, **GREETER** – Brad Wetli, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST** – Darci McKinney

**Tithe** next Sunday, March 6 will go to Benton Community Food & Service Co-op.

**Weekly Cleaning:** St. Charles Religious Education Students and Teachers

**Monthly Cleaning:** February Church Cleaning Organizer – Deb Kerkhove Family

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** March 5, **PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD** – Tony Sherfey, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Ava Snodgrass, **ALTAR SERVERS** – Brennan and William Snodgrass, **GREETERS** – Joe & Martha Salla (Month of Feb.)

**HELP IS NEEDED.** ....Your help is needed to assist with feeding poll workers for the upcoming Primary. Please call Lynn at 474-6471 if you would like to help with breakfast, lunch and or snacks for the day.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS-** interest has been expressed in continuing with having the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Please consider stepping up to lead, or to share leading the Stations. Call the Pastorate office at 765-884-1818, or email the Director of Evangelization at: [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org)

### SAINT JOSEPH † 409 East Allen Street, Kentland

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** March 6, **PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD** – Pat Wheelock, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER** – Karl Elliker

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** March 2, 7PM, **PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD** – Henry Senefelder, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER/ASHES** – Charles & Phyllis Haldeman  
**GREETER FOR FEBRUARY:** Mary Thibaut

**February** is here so let's give a cheer to our talented flower designers, Deb McKinley & Verna Marcum. Thank you for the lovely flower arrangements.

#### COMING SOON!

On Sunday, March 27, 2022, we will begin "Last Sunday Social" in the parish hall after the 9 a.m. Mass. We will be serving donuts and beverages this month, courtesy of the St. Joseph Women's Society. Let's bid farewell to all these months of COVID isolation and take some time to come visit with our fellow parishioners, maybe meet someone new and enjoy a little breakfast snack! As an added attraction, we would like to invite you while in the parish hall to visit the newly formed St. Joseph Parish Historical Museum. You may find photos, books, documents and many more treasures to tweak your memories of St. Joseph Parish. New parishioners may just find this museum interesting and a way to further enjoy being part of our parish. We are planning to have Last Sunday Social each month on the last Sunday of the month as long as interest is there. We hope that lots of parishioners will join us.

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

*Pray the Rosary*

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** March 5, **PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD** – Keith Glotzbach, **GREETER** – Tim Tabert, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST** – Gary Veverka

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:** March 6, **PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD** – Leslie Brost, **SERVERS** – Georgianna Wallpe, Nicholas Wallpe, **GREETER** – Kevin Brost, **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST** – Adam Wallpe

**Tithe** next weekend, March 6 will go to Community Food & Service Co-op.

**Church Cleaning** volunteer this week: Rita Etter

**The cleaning schedule** for 2022 is posted on the bulletin board in the back of church. If you are willing to clean please sign up. Your help is appreciated.

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

**Sacred Heart is in need of a long term sub in 6th grade.** The position is currently open and would last through the end of the school year. Please contact Kristy Gross at 765-884-0710 or [kgross@fowlersacredheart.org](mailto:kgross@fowlersacredheart.org) if interested.

**Sacred Heart School is in need of a band teacher** to teach beginning band for two 45 minute sessions per week. If you are interested in either position, please contact Kristy Gross at 884-0710 or [kgross@fowlersacredheart.org](mailto:kgross@fowlersacredheart.org)

#### **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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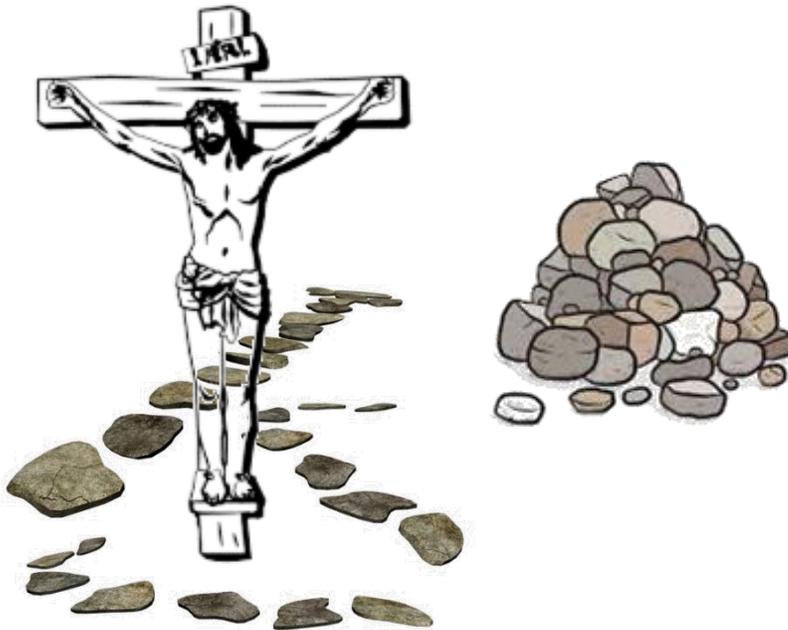
*Encourage, Educate, Empower*

# FAMILY LENTEN ACTIVITY

## ITEMS NEEDED

- 40 stones (not too big and not too small - you will be writing a number on them)
- sharpie marker
- pen/pencil
- crucifix or image of the crucifixion
- bag or container in which to mix the rocks
- the attached list of activities (or you may create your own)

1. number the list of activities from 1- 40
2. number the stones from 1- 40 using the sharpie marker
3. place the stones in the bag or container and mix them up
4. take out one stone at a time and place, number side down, around the crucifix or image of the crucifixion
5. each day during Lent, have a family member select a stone
6. match the number on the stone to the corresponding activity number
7. have a family member read the activity aloud
8. the family can plan how they will follow the suggestion for that day
9. with the discarded stones, create a small mound to represent the tomb



**REMINDER:** *Sundays are not counted in the “40” days of Lent.*

## FAMILY LENTEN ACTIVITY

PRAY the Rosary

PRAY the Divine Mercy Chaplet

PRAY bedtime prayer as family

PRAY an Our Father for your Dad

PRAY a Hail Mary for your Mom

PRAY a Glory Be for priests and Religious

PRAY for people who are sick

PRAY for those who died

PRAY for the unborn

PRAY Write a prayer for forgiveness and read to each other

GIVE Say your sorry to someone you've hurt

PRAY Plan to attend the sacrament of reconciliation

PRAY the Stations of the Cross as a family this week

PRAY Read a bible story

GIVE Choose one toy to donate

GIVE Choose one item of clothing to donate

GIVE Choose one book to donate

GIVE Collect change to give to a charity

GIVE Donate an hour of time to your parish this week

GIVE Donate to a food pantry

PRAY for those in prison on death row

PRAY Guardian Angel prayer at breakfast

PRAY for someone who was unkind to you today

PRAY for the police and firefighters

PRAY for the souls in Purgatory

GIVE Write a kind note to someone

FAST from electronics today

FAST from eating sweets today

FAST from snacking between meals today

FAST from watching TV today

FAST from complaining today

GIVE Do things the first time you are asked

FAST from listening to music today

FAST Eat a simple meal today

GIVE Allow someone to go ahead of you in line today

GIVE Send a card to cheer someone today

GIVE Do something without be asked today

GIVE Help with the dishes today

PRAY learn a new prayer to say as a family

PRAY for an increase in religious vocations

GIVE take time to listen to someone today

GIVE visit someone at a nursing home or senior care facility