



SW NEWTON & BENTON COUNTY PASTORATE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY 12/12

8:00 am Kentland
† Rita Molter by Kathie Molter
8:00 am Oxford
† Steve Etter by the Tom Etter Family

TUESDAY 12/13

8:00 am Kentland
† Adak & Kyrstin Farney by Marlene Balensiefer
8:15 am Fowler
† Anna Scherer by Dort Brouillette

WEDNESDAY 12/14

8:00 am Otterbein
† Henrietta Messman by Donna Cooley
8:15 am Fowler
† Marjorie Francis by Mary Ann Thiery

THURSDAY 12/15

8:00 am Earl Park
† James (Jim) Gagnon by Patricial Gagnon
6:00 pm Dunnington
† Martha Gretencord by Bob & Gail Scherer

FRIDAY 12/16

8:15 am Fowler
† Richard Leuck by Kenny & Tish Ringle
6:00 pm Kentland
† Albert (Buster) Garing by Marlene Sondgerath

SATURDAY 12/17

5:00 pm Earl Park
† June Schluttenhofer by Larry Schluttenhofer
5:30 pm Oxford
† John & Jim Dwenger by John & Sharon Dwenger

SUNDAY 12/18

7:30 am Oxford
† Ray Muller
8:00 am Fowler
† Janet Gretencord by Don & Tammy Goetz
9:00 am Kentland
† For the Pastorate
9:30 am Otterbein
† Jeff Glotzbach by John & Nancy Loy



RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY

St. John's Earl Park 4:00PM - 4:45PM
St. Patrick's Oxford 4:30PM - 5:15PM

ADORATION

Wednesdays - 9:00 am - 10:00 pm Sacred Heart
St. Barbara Chapel (Annex). All are welcome.

OUR LOCATIONS

Sacred Heart of Jesus - 107 East Main Street, Fowler, 47944
St. Charles - 108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein, 47970
St. John the Baptist - 205 South Chestnut St, Earl Park, 47942
St. Joseph - 409 East Allen Street, Kentland, 47951
St. Mary - 2961 South State Road 71, Ambia, 47917
St. Patrick - 504 South Michigan Street, Oxford, 47971

PASTORAL STAFF

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Responsorial Psalm

Lord come and save us. Lord, come and save us.
Ps 146:6-7,8-9,9-10

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02 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulation 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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY



SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH FR. WEISENBERGER

Next meeting to discuss upcoming scriptures will be at St. Charles rectory on December 11 from 10:45-11:45 AM. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a copy of the Sunday Readings with you.

PASTORATE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (P.R.E.P)

LOCATIONS AND TIMES

SACRED HEART SCHOOL:

Wednesdays: 7:00 - 8:10 PM grades 1 - 8 and Confirmation Class (grade 11)

NO CLASSES WED. DECEMBER 28th

ST. JOSEPH PARISH:

Sundays (Bi-monthly): 10:30am(CST) - 12:30pm (CST)
Classes in December 4th & 11th

STEWARDSHIP

Sacred Heart

\$2,258.00

St. Patrick's

\$1,359.00

St. Joseph

\$1,308.00

St. Mary

\$420.00

St. Charles

\$1,241.00

St. John the Baptist

\$979.00

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Dear Parishioners,

This past Thursday, December 8, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tomorrow, December 12, we observe the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On this feast we remember that in December, 1531 Mary appeared to a native Mexican looking like a native Mexican woman. These apparitions took place only a few years after the Spanish conquest of most of South and Central America. The fact that Mary appeared to a native man as a native woman conveyed the very important message that God's love included all people of every race and nation. These apparitions played a huge role in the conversion of much of the native population of Latin America to the Catholic Faith. We can think of the Immaculate Conception as being primarily concerned with Mary as disciple of Jesus Christ and Our Lady of Guadalupe as focusing on her role as evangelizer. May we imitate Mary as hearing the good news and also as sharers of that message.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

Baptismal Announcements

Congratulations to Courtney & Brooke Rooze on the baptism of their son Noah Hayes Rooze on December 3, 2022

Congratulations to Chad & Abbie Spitznagle on the baptism of their son and daughter, Calvin Patrick and Whitney Nichole Spitznagle on December 4, 2022.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Pastorate

Please pray for the repose soul of Robert Reynolds

Have A Prayer Request Or Need A Pastoral Visit?

Contact us for a prayer request 884-1818 or 385-2587



Co-op items for December: Canned fruit/100% Apple juice or disposable adult & baby diapers

MEXICO DATES: The next St. Patrick's Mexico Mission trip will be Feb. 11-18, 2023. Come join in making a difference in people's lives! Contact John Brost at 765-366-5329 or at jbrost60@gmail.com for more information. Limited to the first 21 people.



"Charity is at the heart of our work and our faith."
Knights of Columbus looking for new members - For additional K of C member information, please go to: <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>
Council 9400 tidbit - Why "Jesus"? Jesus' name in Hebrew is Yehoshua (Yeh-HO-shoo-ah), "the Lord is salvation." The Greek transliteration is 'Iesous', which was transliterated into Latin as Iesus. It later became the English name, Jesus. "Christ" is a Greek title translated from the word *christos*, derived from the Hebrew *Messiah*, meaning "anointed". Only after his Resurrection did the title gradually become the proper name, *Jesus Christ* or *Christ Jesus*.
Please visit us at our next meeting: January 2nd, 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Parish Hall.



Christmas Mass Schedule
ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL

Christmas Vigil 12/24

SACRED HEART, FOWLER - 4:30PM
ST. JOSEPH, KENTLAND - 5:00PM

Christmas Mass at Night 12/24

ST. JOHN, EARL PARK - 9:00PM

Christmas Day 12/25

ST. PATRICK, OXFORD - 7:30AM
SACRED HEART, FOWLER - 8:00AM
ST. CHARLES, OTTERBEIN - 9:30AM



**** BULLETIN DEADLINE DATES FOR DECEMBER ****

Monday Nov. 28th by NOON for Dec. 4, ISSUE
Friday Dec. 2nd by NOON for Dec. 11, ISSUE
Thursday Dec. 8th by NOON for Dec. 18, ISSUE
Wednesday Dec. 14th by NOON for Dec. 25, ISSUE
Wednesday Dec. 21st by NOON for Jan. 1, ISSUE

Advent Prayer Service



Monday, December 12 @ 7 p.m.
St. Mary, Dunnington
Advent Prayer Service of song, silence and contemplation. Join us afterwards for some light refreshments.

SPECIAL SESSION on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Weisenberger will be giving a special lesson on the Sacrament of Reconciliation to our religious education students and families on Wednesday, December 14th at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart School. Anyone interested in learning more about this joyful sacrament is welcome to attend.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

This month I celebrate my first anniversary with you. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. My peace I give you. It is hard for me to grasp just how quickly this first year has passed. The beauty of your faith was evident from our first exchanges and interactions. We have made several strides together. Some were learning curves; some were sheer joy! Here are few of the highlights, none of which could have happened without your support and encouragement:

Leadership Development
 Catechist and Ministerial Training
 Vacation Bible School
 Increased Prayer Opportunities (1st Saturday Rosary, Prayer Services, Seniors with SASS)
 Supply Faith Formation Opportunities (Symbolon, Adult Catechetical Exploration, Lenten Book Club)
 Continual Enhancement of Communication
 Organized Pastorate Musicians for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil
 Coordination of Religious Education
 Provided Input and Support for Pastorate Mass
 Contracted a Special Speaker for February 2023

As I begin year two, I will continue to work hand in hand with the pastorate council and leadership team to explore and develop areas of ministry and activities which are important to you. Please, continue to communicate your desires in this regard. I look forward to planting and growing the seeds of God's love.

Bridget



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart - December 18

Proclaimer of the Word - Arnold Muller

Rosary - Pat Richey

St. Charles - December 18

Proclaimer of the Word - Steve Wittenauer

Altar Servers - Parker Sexton, Luke Sexton

Greeter - Bob McTaggart

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Nancy Wittenauer

St. John the Baptist - December 17

Proclaimer of the Word - Henry Senefelder

Greeters -

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Mary Sherfey

St. Joseph - December 18

Proclaimer of the Word - Karen Piegza

Greeters - Pat & Rich Reynolds

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Rich Reynolds

St. Patrick's - December 17

Proclaimer of the Word - Kevin Becker

Altar Server - McCoy Rhoades

Greeters - Larry Barnard, Tim Tabert

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Gene Tranel

December 18

Proclaimer of the Word - Barb Richardson

Altar Servers - Nicholas Brost, Kynzley Richardson

Greeter - Josh Brost, Kevin Brost

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Monica Lohmuller

Sacred Heart

Communal Penance Svc. - Dec. 20 @ 1:00 pm

Decorations - **St. Ann Society** will be decorating the church on Friday, Dec. 16, from 5-7pm & Saturday Dec. 17, from 8-10am.

Poinsettias - **St. Ann Society** will be offering poinsettias, in memory of a loved one, for \$11 through December 20th. Flowers will be placed on the altar during the Christmas season. Please Contact Beth Owens with the name(s) of your loved one(s) via: bethowens65@sbcglobal.net or 765-884-1248.

St. Charles

Tithe next Sunday, December 18 will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

Church cleaning December 12 at 9:00 am. Any parishioners are welcome to attend.

December 18 immediately following Mass we will be putting up Christmas decorations. Anyone who would like to help is welcome.

Prayer Chain - Jeanne Brummet cell - (765) 404-1975 email - jeannebrummet@gmail.com, Joyce Hoffman cell - (765) 714-3317 email - j.a.hoffman@hotmail.com

Communal Penance Svc. Dec. 20 @ 7pm

St. John the Baptist

We are planning to sell the former convent building. We will retain the area on the north side of the property for parking. This will require surveying the site. We still have some steps to complete before we are ready to accept bids. This effects only the former convent and the land on which it sits.

Decorations - We will be decorating the church on Monday, Dec. 19th from 4-6pm. Come early, or come later...we need your help.

Thank you - Patti Suiter for the fall arrangements and pumpkins, & Hope Turner for the mums. Your work was appreciated ladies!

St. Joseph

Decorations - We will be decorating the church on Saturday Dec. 17th @ 9am. Come join the fun as we prepare our church for the upcoming Christmas Season.

There will be no Sunday Social in December.

St. Mary

Advent Prayer Service on Dec. 12th @ 7pm. All are welcome!

St. Patrick

Tithe next Sunday, December 18 will go to Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

Sewing Day, December 15 at 9:00 am at St. Patrick Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Bring something to share for lunch.

Church Cleaning this week - helpers needed to clean pews. For more information contact Sherry Fischer 847-902-2121.

The 2023 Church Cleaning schedule is in the vestibule for those who are willing to sign-up to help clean again. Thank you to those who keep our church clean and looking so good. You are appreciated.

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.

Prayer Chain - Debbie Barnard cell - (765) 299-6214, email - barnard.debbie@yahoo.com, Nancy Brost (765) 385-5247.

Communal Penance Svc. - Dec 13 @ 7pm

Decorations - We will be putting up Christmas decorations on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 9 am. Help is needed and much appreciated.



CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE: PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM WITH UPDATED INFO AND PLACE IN OFFERTORY, DROP OFF AT PARISH OFFICE, OR MAIL.

**Life Teen
Sundays**
7:00-8:00 PM EST,
Sacred Heart School, Fowler

"Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a Friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart." - St. Alphonsus de Liguori

This week small groups will catch up before the teens spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December 12
Our Lady of
Guadalupe



December 13
St. Lucy



December 14
St. John of the Cross



PARISH:_____

FAMILY NAME:_____

CHILDREN (AT HOME):_____

ADDRESS:_____

PHONE#'S:_____

EMAIL ADDRESS:_____

MINISTRY INTERESTS:

B	Y	D	P	R	O	E	P	H	S	PRISON
L	P	N	O	S	I	R	P	E	O	BLIND
I	P	I	T	L	O	U	H	P	C	LAME
D	A	L	A	P	E	T	I	P	L	LEPERS
N	H	B	H	A	O	P	P	Y	E	CLEANSED
P	W	E	H	L	L	I	E	P	A	LIFE
A	T	O	C	A	Y	R	F	R	N	HAPPY
L	S	I	M	C	P	C	I	I	S	CLOTHES
A	E	E	T	E	P	S	L	S	E	PALACES
C	L	E	A	S	N	E	D	E	D	PROPHET
										SCRIPTURE
										WOMEN