

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

APRIL 30, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

Weekday Masses

Monday - 8:00 a.m. Oxford

8:00 a.m. Kentland (CST)

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. Kentland (CST)

8:15 a.m. Fowler

Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Otterbein

8:15 a.m. Fowler

Thursday - 8:00 a.m. Earl Park

6:00 pm. Dunnington

Friday - 8:15 a.m. Fowler

6:00 p.m. Kentland (CST)

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Earl Park

5:30 p.m. Oxford

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Oxford

8:00 a.m. Fowler

9:00 a.m. Kentland (CST)

9:30 a.m. Otterbein

Adoration

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

St. Barbara Chapel - Sacred Heart

Annex. All are welcome to adoration anytime during these holy hours.

If interested in committing to an hour each week, please contact: Melinda Kidwell -

Confessions

Saturdays - before evening Masses or by appointment.

St. John, Earl Park - 4:00 - 4:45 PM

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

New to the pastorate?

Contact the parish office (listed below)

765-884-1818/jgoetz@parish.dol-in.org or

765-385-2587/nbrost@dol-in.org

Baptisms & Weddings

Congratulations! Parents/Couples must contact the pastorate administrative office.

Matrimony - contact at least 6 months in advance.

Sacred Heart, St. John, St. Mary, St. Joseph

765-884-1818

St. Charles & St. Patrick

765-385-2587

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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD UNITING IN THE HEART OF JESUS CHRIST

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



May 15 is the Memorial of St. Isidore the Farmer. We have scheduled a celebration for our Pastorate's Patron Saint. At 7:30 PM (EST) we will gather to pray Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Sacred Heart Church, Fowler. Following Vespers there will be a reception with cookies and beverages in the gym. To help with the planning for this event I would appreciate knowing how many people are attending. If you plan to participate, please notify the Pastorate office no later than Monday, May 8. You can let us know by phone or email. I hope this will be the first of an annual celebration of our Patronal Saint.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH FR. WEISENBERGER

My next meeting to discuss upcoming scriptures will be April 30 at St. Charles, Otterbein from 10:45 - 11:45 AM and St. Joseph, Kentland on May 7 from 10:15 - 11:15 AM (CST).

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. PLEASE BRING A COPY OF THE SUNDAY READINGS WITH YOU.



CONGRATULATIONS to Rosemary and Bill Weist on their
60 Year DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!! BLESSINGS!!



OUR PARISHES AND STAFF

Sacred Heart of Jesus

107 East Main Street, Fowler, 47944

St. Charles Borromeo

108 North Meadow Street, Otterbein, 47970

St. John the Baptist

205 South Chestnut Street, 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

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STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING + ONLINE GIVING

Sacred Heart \$4,636.00

St. Mary \$215.00

St. John \$934.00

St. Joseph \$3,361.00

St. Patrick \$1,477.02

Rice Bowl \$100.00 from the K & 1st grade Religious Ed class

St. Charles \$1,021.00

GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

Go to:

swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org
and select online giving under the
HOME tab.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Rocco Podone & Helen Treado. Please pray for the repose souls of Bob Wetli & Arlene Budreau †

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

"Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (Name of Priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, and live through his heart. Teach, lead, and guide him always. Let him live in you, and keep him in this intimate union always. Amen."

April 30 - Fr. David Hellmann

May 1 - Fr. Paul Hudson

May 2 - Fr. David Huemmer

May 3 - Fr. Kevin Hurley

May 4 - Fr. Matthew Kalu

May 5 - Fr. Samuel Kalu

May 6 - Fr. Ben Keller

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Please contact us at either Sacred Heart - 765-884-1818 OR St. Patrick - 765-385-2587

Make a splash with Jesus

VBS JUNE 12-16

St. Patrick Hall, Oxford
register at sign-up genius
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4cabab2aa6f8c34-vbsmake#/>

9:00 am - 11:30 am
ALL 4-11 YEAR-OLDS

St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate dedication

May 15 7:30 pm

Join us for Evening Prayer
for the Memorial of our Pastorate Saint.

Reception to follow in
 Sacred Heart Gym

St. Isidore the Farmer
"Pray for Us"



GARDENERS GATHERING OPPORTUNITY



Anyone interested in flowers and planting knows what it takes to make a good show of your garden or yard. Mark your calendars for the first Mondays of the month

10:00 am - NOON (EST).

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Gather for socializing, weeding and anything else we can do to enhance our parish grounds.

Let's GET TOGETHER!!

Bring your garden tools, etc.

SEE YOU THEN!!



Baccalaureate

Congratulations to all graduating this spring. We will be celebrating this achievement with a Baccalaureate Mass at 6:30 PM (EST) on Wednesday, May 31 at St. Patrick, Oxford. All parishioners who will be graduating this year are invited to attend, please wear your cap and gown. More information will be published soon.



COFFEE & DONUTS - SUNDAY SOCIAL @ St. Joseph Hall, KENTLAND

JOIN US!

St. Joseph Sunday Socials with Coffee and Donuts on the last Sunday of each month following the 9AM Mass (CST). All are welcome to attend! Let's get together and talk!

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM."

Matthew 18:20



ENROLLMENT

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Is open for grades Preschool - 6. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify in grades K-6. We would love to show you our school. Please contact Kristy Gross at 765-884-0710 or kgross@fowlersacredheart.org for more information or to set up a time to tour the school.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

SH School has openings for a full time 6th grade teacher and P/T music teacher. Please contact Kristy Gross



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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 - Our major fund raiser, the annual Council 9400 Golf Outing, is scheduled for July 29th at the Oak Grove Country Club. Stay tuned for details.

All catholic men are invited to attend our next Knights of Columbus meeting on Monday, May 1st at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Parish Hall.

BENTON COUNTY Co-op

Items for APRIL : Canned fruit and diapers - baby and adult.

Mexico Mission trip info: Want to make a difference in someone's/your life? Come with us on one of the next Mexico Mission trips. They are Nov. 4-11, 2023 and Feb. 17-24, 2024. Contact John Brost at 765-366-5329 or jbrost60@gmail.com

Life Teen

Sundays

7:00-8:00 PM EST,

Sacred Heart School, Fowler

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

EVANGELIZATION

MAY 3rd - MAY CROWNING

The Religious Education Program will have an outdoor May crowning on May 3rd at 7 p.m. (the gym will be used in case of inclement weather). Second graders wishing to attend may wear their First Communion garments and serve in the procession. One 8th grade boy and girl will be chosen to crown Mary. An end of year reception will immediately follow. Please join us in this traditional way of honoring our Mother Mary.

LECTIO EUCHARIST

The Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”

Do you want to gain a greater understanding of the Eucharist?

Get ready to join us on a wonderful journey into scripture as we gain further insight into the biblical roots of the Eucharist through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. Our first gathering will be at St. Patrick Hall, June 8 at 7 pm. We will be breaking bread together at table (that means we will provide dinner) and offering an overview of the lessons to come. The books for this program are \$20. Please RSVP if you are interested in attending this first session. If you would like further information, contact Bridget Schlebecker at bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org or 765-884-1818.

MARIAN UNIVERSITY MISSIONARY DISCIPLES INSTITUTE (MDI)

HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES to SENIORS - MDI will surround you in intentional community to grow as a leader.

This is a great opportunity to live on Marian University's park-like campus and join a community of other high school leaders from around the country who are passionate about living their faith. The MDI helps to nurture and develop young people seeking new ways to serve as missionaries in their communities through the church. Limited to only 75 participants. **For more information or to register, visit**

<https://www.missionarydisciplesinstitute.com/>

NOTRE DAME VISION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Notre Dame Vision is a 5-day experience on the Notre Dame campus designed to help participants discover and renew God's call in their lives while connecting with hundreds of other high school students. It will offer witness of the saints and help develop practices to live the faith in large group sessions and in small faith-sharing peer groups. Notre Dame Vision gives youth the space and community to ask big questions about hearing and answering God's call to service in the Church and in the world. **For more information or to register, visit** <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/about/centers-initiatives-and-programs/notre-dame-vision/>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

Masses and Mass Intentions in Bold

Sunday, April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Oxford Mass † Ed & Norine Bohlinger
8:00am Fowler Mass † Kimberly Claire
9:00am Kentland Mass † Leland & Barbara Mayhew
9:30am Otterbein Mass † For our Pastorate
10:45-11:45am Scripture Study, St. Charles Rectory

Monday, May 1 Easter Weekday

8:00am Kentland Daily Mass † William Nagele
8:00am Oxford Daily Mass † Joan Klemme
7:00pm K of C mtg, St. Patrick Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 2 Easter Weekday

8:00am Kentland Daily Mass † Albert Nagele
8:15am Fowler Daily Mass † Melvin & Toni Salla

Wednesday, May 3 Easter Weekday

8:00am Otterbein Daily Mass Intention of Fay Purcell
8:15am Fowler Daily Mass † Eunice Cyr
7:00pm May Crowning Sacred Heart School

Thursday, May 4 Easter Weekday

8:00am Earl Park Daily Mass † John & Junior Gretencord
6:00pm Dunnington Daily Mass † Deb Sondgerath

Friday, May 5 Easter Weekday

8:15am Fowler Daily Mass † Celeste Goodman
6:00pm Kentland Daily Mass † Francis & Adeline Hasser

Saturday, May 6 Easter Weekday

11:00am-1:00pm St. Charles Rosary Society sub sandwich pickup at St. Charles Hall
4:15pm Reconciliation Earl Park
5:00pm Earl Park Daily Mass † Mr. & Mrs. George Salla
4:30pm Reconciliation Oxford
5:30pm Oxford Daily Mass † Don Blankman

Sunday, May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Oxford Mass † John Alexander Brost
8:00am Fowler Mass † Carol Swartz
9:00am Kentland Mass † For our Pastorate
10:15-11:15am (CST) Scripture Study, Kentland
9:30am Otterbein Mass † Bill Gentry
7:00pm Life Teen - Sacred Heart Gym

Ministries and Contacts



WHY MINISTRY?

Remembering St. Matthew's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert before beginning His public ministry. One way of looking at Jesus' encounter with Satan is that He needed to choose between using His gifts selfishly or for the sake of others. Because Jesus overcomes the devil's tempting He is able to feed others, glorify God, and exercise the power of sacrificial love.

This is a good example to encourage all of us to reflect on how we use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Do we give back to God the gifts He has given us by using them to serve others?

Part of the way we share our gifts with others is by giving them to the Church.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sacred Heart - May 7

Proclaimer of the Word - Lori Francis

Rosary - Pat Richey

St. John the Baptist - May 6

Proclaimer of the Word - Clarice Benner

Greeters -

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Jeanette Salla

St. Joseph - May 7

Proclaimer of the Word - Steve Westrick

Greeters - Jennifer Creek (May)

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Ed Coussens

Ushers - Rich Reynolds & Dave Molter (May)

Offertory - Verna Marcum

Sunday Social - (Last Sunday of each Month)

St. Charles - May 7

Proclaimer of the Word - Betsy Satchell

Altar Servers - Aiden & Hannah Wetli

Greeter - Brad Wetli

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Brooke Wetli

St. Patrick - May 6

Proclaimer of the Word - Gary Veverka

Servers - Ella & Beau Budreau

Greeter - Brad Budreau

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Keith Glotzbach

May 7

Proclaimer of the Word - Leslie Brost

Servers - Maddie & Jack Barnard

Greeter - Bill Brost

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Monica Lohmuller

MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR PASTORATE

Organist needed

St. Charles Church, Otterbein

If interested contact the pastorate

office at 765-385-2587



WE NEED YOU!! THERE ARE SO MANY POSSIBILITIES TO USE YOUR TALENTS!

WORSHIP: Altar Server, Church Decorating, EMHC, Proclaimer, Musician, Choir, Sacristan, Usher/Greeter

PRAYER: Adoration, Prayer Chain, Peace a' Pie Rosary, Rosary Leaders, Prayer Services

EVANGELIZATION: ACE, Bible Study, Catechists, Life Teen, Lenten Book Club, RCIA, Seniors w/SASS, St. Nicholas Party, VBS

BEREAVEMENT: Funeral Meals, Grief Support Ministry Post Funeral Outreach

HOSPITALITY: Greeting Card Ministry, Home Visits, Pastorate Picnic, Pastorate Receptions, Special Events, Baccalaureate Mass, Confirmation, Coffee & Donuts, Welcome Packets

COMMUNICATION: Newsletter, Photography, Directory, Social Media

SOCIAL ACTION: Benton Co-Op, Kentland Co-OP, Habitat, Mission Trip, Health Committee, Quilters, Sewing Guild

OTHER: Church Cleaning, Gardening

MEN & WOMEN GROUPS

If any of these ministries are of interest to you, please let us know by contacting: Bridget Schlebecker @ 765-884-1818 OR bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org