

# ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

JUNE 11, 2023 | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



## 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

**\*\*MASS INTENTIONS AND WEEKLY  
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## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

*Because of the priests' meeting from June 5 – 8 I am writing this note earlier than usual. As I prepare to leave for a new assignment, I want to offer a couple comments. First, when Bishop Doherty spoke to me about coming here, I expressed misgiving because of my own strengths and weaknesses nonetheless the Bishop did give me this assignment. We all need to realize that the Bishop does not have limitless options. He, as all of us, needs to do his best with the finite resources he has. After having been here for a little more than two years I expressed to the Bishop my inability to fulfill this assignment. I am leaving in large part because I cannot carry out this assignment well. Second, Fr. Sean Aaron faces a very challenging task. Many of us are unhappy about the consequences of there being only one priest assigned to this pastorate. I understand that unhappiness. I hope that all of us will welcome Fr. Aaron and work with him for the good of the whole Body of Christ.* *Fr. Richard Weisenberger*

### SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH FR. WEISENBERGER

My next meeting to discuss upcoming scriptures will be at St. St. Charles, Otterbein on June 11 from 10:45 - 11:45. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. PLEASE BRING A COPY OF THE SUNDAY READINGS WITH YOU.

Eucharistic Ministers



Fr. Weisenberger will be presenting a refresher on the duties and rubrics for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. These sessions are expressly for those who are **new or in need of a refresher.**

Monday, June 12 @ 6pm (CST) – St. Joseph, Kentland, Wednesday, June 14 @ 7 pm – Sacred Heart, Fowler  
Tuesday, June 20 @ 7 pm – St. Patrick, Oxford

## 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

Fr. Richard Weisenberger  
Pastor [fr.rweisenberger@dol-in.org](mailto:fr.rweisenberger@dol-in.org)

Fr. Peter Vanderkolk  
Associate [fr.pvanderkolk@dol-in.org](mailto:fr.pvanderkolk@dol-in.org)

Bridget Schlebecker  
Director of Evangelization [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org)

Jan Goetz  
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Nancy Brost  
Administrative Asst. [nbrost@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:nbrost@parish.dol-in.org)  
765-385-2587

## STEWARDSHIP

### WEEKLY OFFERING + ONLINE GIVING

Sacred Heart	\$ 1,535.00
St. Mary	\$ 375.00
St. John	\$ 337.00
St. Joseph	\$ 1,877.00
St. Patrick	\$ 1,575.00
St. Charles	\$ 1,312.00

### GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

Go to:  
[swnewtonbentoncopastorate.org](http://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 soul of Frank Goodman*

### 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."

June 11 - Msgr. John Duncan  
June 12 - Fr. Alan Funk  
June 13 - Fr. Paul Graf  
June 14 - Fr. Donald Gross

June 15 - Fr. William Holbrook  
June 16 - Fr. P. Keith Hosey  
June 17 - Fr. W Michael Kettron

### 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*





**SAVE THE DATE**  
Annual Pastorate Picnic,  
August 20th, 11am (EST)  
Benton Central Auditorium

## St. Charles Rosary Society Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: St. Charles Hall  
Rosary at 6:45pm in the Church and meeting starts at 7pm in the hall.



*A summer thank you to our superb floral designers for May and June at St. Joseph, Monica Diedam, Jackie Winger, Lisa Jefvert, and Jessica Zamora. Also to Judy Wirtz for always keeping our front planters so pretty. All of you are so appreciated. ☐*

## Open House

A FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR OUR PASTOR, FR. RICHARD WEISENBERGER AND ASSOCIATE, FR. PETER VANDERKOLK  
PLEASE DROP IN FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND WISH THEM A BLESSED FAREWELL!  
WHEN: WEDNESDAY JUNE 21ST 6-8PM (EST)  
WHERE: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST HALL, EARL PARK  
**\*\*AT THE PRIESTS REQUEST\*\***  
**"NO GIFTS PLEASE"**



**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!

**The next Social will be: Sunday June 25th**

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM."  
Matthew 18:20



## 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](mailto: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** are 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 K of C Council has received notice from the Benton Community Coop that, thanks to our Payless grocery partner, we have delivered 8,293 food items totaling 14,532 pounds! We also donated \$1200 for the Indiana State K of C Ultrasound Initiative!

**All Catholic men** are invited to attend our next Knights of Columbus meeting on Monday, July 3rd at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Parish Hall.

## BENTON COUNTY Co-op

Items for JUNE: Canned meat (chicken, salmon, tuna)

**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](mailto:jbrost60@gmail.com)

## Life Teen

**Catholic HEART Workcamp**  
July 16 - 22  
Marshalltown, IA

**We are still looking for 1-2 adult chaperones for the trip.**  
If interested contact Monica Lohmuller @ [mlohmuller2012@gmail.com](mailto:mlohmuller2012@gmail.com)

# EVANGELIZATION

## THE CATHOLIC CORNER

**Summer Book Club - BEGINS June 21 to Aug. 2**  
**ADULTS:** Wednesdays @ 1pm at St. John Hall, Earl Park. "The Holy Hour, Calvary and the Mass: *The Transforming Power of the Eucharist*" by Archbishop Fulton Sheen (cost of book to be determined)

**\*\*NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION BELOW\*\***

**CHILDREN (8-12)** Wednesdays @ 10am - 11am  
**FOWLER PUBLIC LIBRARY.** "Heavenly Hosts: Eucharistic Miracles for Kids" by Kathryn Griffin Swegart (79 pg.) (cost of book to be determined)  
**TO REGISTER:** Please email [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org)

**Lectio Eucharist**, a 10 week study on the biblical references of the Eucharist will begin Thursday, June 15 at 7pm in St. Patrick Hall.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED?

When I received the sacrament of Confirmation, I was in the third grade. Then, there were changes within the Church... my younger siblings were to receive the sacrament as teens. A couple of them "fell through the cracks." Fortunately, they received the sacrament of Confirmation later in life.

*Does this story sound familiar?  
 Are you one of our faithful Catholics who may have "fallen through the cracks?"  
 Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?*

If you answered "Yes" to these questions...it's not too late. If you would like to know more about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact Bridget Schlebecker at 765-884-1818 or email [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org)

**We will be offering a special informational session for parents interested in learning about religious education and sacramental preparation for children with special**



**information.**

### PLANNING IS UNDERWAY

**The Pastorate Picnic** is scheduled for August 20th and I am seeking out all those who have the heart and voice of a "carnie" to help me with our games. As evidenced by last year, the adults need to get in on the fun too so I would like to have a few more geared to the older "kids". So, if you are looking for a service opportunity... *this is it!* If you are looking to have great fun... *this is it!* If you are looking to help a staffer in need... *this is it!* Call Bridget Schlebecker at 765-884-1818 or email [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org)

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

### Masses and Mass Intentions in Bold

**Sunday, June 11, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

**7:30am Oxford Mass † For the Pastorate**

**8:00am Fowler Mass † Kimberly Claire**

**9:00am Kentland Mass † Arlene Budreau**

**9:30am Otterbein Mass † Jerome Hobagh**

10:45-11:45 am - Scripture Study, St. Charles, rectory

**Monday, June 12 Weekday**

**8:00am Kentland Daily Mass † Dave, Janet, Dan & Shawn Murphy**

**8:00am Oxford Daily Mass † Mike Goodman**

9:00 - 11:30am - VBS - St. Patrick Parish Hall

**Tuesday, June 13 Weekday**

**8:00am Kentland Daily Mass † Florence & Leonard Nagele**

**8:15am Fowler Daily Mass † David Schwartz**

9:00 - 11:30am - VBS - St. Patrick Parish Hall

7:00pm - Sacred Heart Finance Council Mtg.

**Wednesday, June 14 Weekday**

**8:00am Otterbein Daily Mass † Mickie Krebs**

**8:15am Fowler Daily Mass † NO MASS**

9:00am-10:00pm - Adoration Sacred Heart

9:00 - 11:30am - VBS - St. Patrick Parish Hall

**Thursday, June 15 Weekday**

**8:00am Earl Park Daily Mass † John & Jr Gretencord**

9:00 - 11:30am - VBS - St. Patrick Parish Hall

9:00 - 3:00 pm - Sewing Day, Diane Gretencord's home

**6:00pm Dunnington Daily Mass † Pat Scherer**

7:00pm - Lectio Eucharist, St. Patrick Parish Hall

**Friday, June 16 Weekday**

**8:15am Fowler Daily Mass † Melvin Salla**

9:00 - 11:30am - VBS - St. Patrick Parish Hall

**6:00pm Kentland Daily Mass † June Jefvert**

**Saturday, June 17 Vigil Mass**

4:15pm Reconciliation Earl Park

**5:00pm Earl Park Mass † Michael Turner**

4:30pm Reconciliation Oxford

**5:30pm Oxford Mass † Tom Barrett**

**Sunday, June 18 Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**7:30am Oxford Mass † Ray Muller**

**8:00am Fowler Mass † Gabrielle (Peck) Deno**

**9:00am Kentland Mass † For the Pastorate**

**9:30am Otterbein Mass † Bob Wetli**

## 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 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Sacred Heart - June 18

Proclaimer of the Word - Chris Williams

Rosary - Nancy Phillips

### St. John the Baptist - June 17

Proclaimer of the Word - Mary Sherfey

Greeters -

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Ava Snodgrass

### St. Joseph - June 18

Proclaimer of the Word - Shelley Murphy

Greeters - Archie Nagele (June)

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Charles Haldeman

Ushers - Stan & Bernie Walkup (June)

Offertory - Stan & Bernie Walkup

Sunday Social - June 25, CREW 1

### St. Charles - June 18

Proclaimer of the Word - Jan Koehler

Altar Server - WD Gentry

Greeter - Bob McTaggart

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Deb Kerkhove

### St. Patrick - June 17

Proclaimer of the Word - Tim Tabert

Altar Server - McCoy Rhoades

Greeter - Kevin Becker

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Margot Gobel

### June 18

Proclaimer of the Word - Barb Richardson

Altar Servers - Nicholas Brost, Kynzley Richardson

Greeters - Josh Brost, Kevin Brost

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Sue Wallpe

## 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

***“You are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God. You form a building that rises on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord; in him you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.” – Ephesians 2:19-22***

Dear St. Isidore the Farmer Parishioners,

When the announcement was made by the diocese that St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate will be transitioning from two priests to one on June 29, the Pastorate Pastoral Council did not take the task of developing a new Mass schedule lightly. We met two times after the announcement to prayerfully consider what would be the best schedule for our parishioners and new Missionary Pastor. Many different questions and scenarios were discussed at these meetings, and our new plan has many of our under-served parishioners in mind. This schedule has been approved by diocesan leadership and **will begin on Monday, June 19**. Please note that we do not expect this to be the perfect solution; only time and implementation of this plan will allow us to see what works and does not work for our pastorate. We encourage our faithful parishioners to remain patient as we continue to grow together in worship and service opportunities.

The Pastorate Pastoral Council is excited to welcome Father Sean Aaron to our pastorate, and we hope that this schedule will allow him to meet many of our faithful parishioners as we welcome him as our new shepherd. The Sunday Mass times are separated so that Father Sean will have time to meet and greet parishioners after the early Mass before needing to travel to the later Mass. Also, the additional adjustment during the school year will hopefully allow Father Sean to attend, teach, and be present at Religious Education classes and formation opportunities. Our Council was also attentive to the priorities identified during the priest assembly meetings, which includes vocations and that priests are able to be present and available after weekend Masses.

**As these changes take effect, please know that all churches are still available for baptisms, weddings, funerals, dinners, fun nights, pastorate wide festivals, mission speakers, etc.** Also, ministry service is still very important and vital at each Mass. Please prayerfully consider which weekend Mass your family will plan to attend when this new schedule is implemented and how you can volunteer for a ministry (Proclaimers of the Word of God, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Musicians, etc.). Parishioners will be contacted in the future to ask for volunteers and to set up a new schedule for Liturgical duties.



We understand that there will be many emotions in the coming weeks as this schedule is implemented. Change is never easy, even if we know it's vital to the spiritual fruitfulness of the pastorate. It is normal that some of us may go through a period of grieving, please know that the Pastorate Pastoral Council is here to provide support. While this is a change for everyone, we pray that all parishioners of St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate will not dwell on what will be lost but can look to the possibilities this new schedule will bring for our pastorate family.

Sincerely,  
The Pastorate Pastoral Council

## **New Mass Schedule**

(begins Monday, June 19)

### **Weekday Masses:**

Monday - 6:00 PM (EST)/5:00 PM (CST) *St. Charles, Otterbein*  
Tuesday - 8:15 AM (EST)/7:15 AM (CST) *Sacred Heart, Fowler*  
Thursday - 6:00 PM (EST)/5:00 PM (CST) *St. John, Earl Park*  
Friday - 8:15 AM (EST)/7:15 AM (CST) *Sacred Heart, Fowler*

### **Weekend Masses: *June-August***

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM (EST)/4:00 PM (CST) *St. Joseph, Kentland*  
Sunday - 7:30 AM (EST)/6:30 AM (CST) *St. Patrick, Oxford*  
Sunday - 10:00 AM (EST)/9:00 AM (CST) *Sacred Heart, Fowler*

### **Weekend Masses & Religious Education: *September-May***

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 PM (EST)/4:00 PM (CST) *St. Joseph, Kentland*  
Sunday - 7:30 AM (EST)/6:30 AM (CST) *St. Patrick, Oxford*  
Religious Education (Grades 1-8) - 9:45-10:45 AM (EST)/8:45-9:45 AM (CST) *Sacred Heart School, Fowler*  
Sunday - 11:00 AM (EST)/10:00 AM (CST) *Sacred Heart, Fowler*

## **Confession Schedule**

(the confession schedule will start on Monday, June 26)

Monday 5:00 pm EST before 6:00pm Mass at St. Charles, Otterbein  
Thursday 5:00 pm EST before 6:00pm Mass at St. John, Earl Park  
Friday after 8:15 am EST Mass at Sacred Heart, Fowler