

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Learning to
FORGIVE AND LET GO
Matthew 18:21-35

Weekday Masses

Monday - 6:00 pm Otterbein

Tuesday - 8:15 am Fowler

Wednesday - NO MASS

Thursday - 6:00 pm Earl Park

Friday - 8:15 am Fowler

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm (CST) 5:00 pm (EST) Kentland

Sunday: 7:30 am Oxford
11:00 am Fowler, Sept. 10 - May

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

Monday 5:00 pm EST before 6:00 pm Mass at St. Charles, Otterbein

Thursday 5:00 pm EST before 6:00 pm

Mass at St. John, Earl Park

Friday after 8:15 am EST Mass at Sacred Heart, Fowler

New to the pastorate?

Contact the pastorate office:

765-884-1818 or email

jgoetz@parish.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, St. Charles & St. Patrick

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****MASS INTENTIONS AND WEEKLY
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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION 2023

All Sundays are obligatory for the faithful to participate in the Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Friday, December 8, 2023

Monday, December 25, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Ascension of Jesus

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

All Saints' Day

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Christmas

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The Virtue of Patience St. Joseph, Mirror of Patience

I would like to focus on one of St. Joseph's titles, Mirror of Patience. A mirror reflects the image in front of it. In St. Joseph, we clearly see the virtue of patience. Joseph's patience comes from his faith, love, and obedience to the Father. Our heart cries out for patience, as a mother, father, son, daughter, in the office, in school, in the car. We have a great gift in the life of St. Joseph. Go to Joseph, follow St. Joseph.



The life of St. Joseph reflects the virtue of patience. The patience of St. Joseph reflects how he endured the joys of life and the difficulties. St. Joseph listened and obeyed the angel of God to take Mary as his wife. Later, an angel spoke to Joseph and told him to flee to Egypt, and Joseph obeyed. Joseph's journey to Egypt was obedient and patient, not even knowing how long the journey was. Joseph's obedience gave him the patience to enjoy the beauty of the nativity and the willingness to suffer the unknown.

Joseph is a just man because he lives totally by faith. Even without words, he shows the depth of his faith. Joseph's faith reflects his love as a father and to the Father. He is willing to give his life totally to the Holy Family. As a father, Joseph would have been responsible for leading the Holy Family in their prayers. Joseph would have taught Jesus how to work with his hands and create things out of wood. We see patience in Joseph as Mary, pregnant with Our Lord, spends three months with Elizabeth. St. Joseph endured the joys and challenges of life with God's grace and faith focused on Our Lord. In doing so, St. Joseph saw that the joys and challenges of life are all worth it. As a mirror of patience, St. Joseph focused on the good, his family, and God, and he grew and matured in virtue.

The virtue of patience allows one to step back and see the whole picture. As we step back, we will see God is there. Patience also calls one to slow down so that one can focus and see in clarity through the eyes of faith. Prayer and a retreat offer us those moments to slow down and step back so that we may be, like St. Joseph, a mirror of patience.

St. Joseph, mirror of patience, Pray for Us.
Fr. Sean Aaron



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Sept. 17 - Fr. Dennis O'Keeffe	Sept. 21- Fr. Sean Pogue
Sept. 18 - Fr. Coady Owens	Sept. 22- Fr. David Rasner
Sept. 19 - Fr. Dominic Petan	Sept. 23- Fr. Theodore Rothrock
Sept. 20 - Fr. Luan Pho	

OUR STAFF

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STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING + ONLINE GIVING

Sacred Heart	\$ 3,788.00
St. Mary	\$ 85.00
St. John	\$ 1,110.00
St. Joseph	\$ 667.20
St. Patrick	\$ 1,786.00
St. Charles	\$ 410.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

*Please pray for the repose soul of Jenny Kemple
Please pray for our Pastorate & Vocations*

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Please contact us at Sacred Heart - 765-884-1818



St. Isidore the Farmer Prayer

Lord God, to whom belongs all creation, and who calls us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. Inspire us by the example of Saint Isidore the Farmer to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of all people. Amen



St. John's would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped, in any way at the Pork Chop Stand. This was another great year, it takes a lot of help to make sure things work. We have a good time working with family and friends. Maybe next year you might want to join the fun! Thanks again, see you next year and may "God Bless You All".



2023 Rosary Rally - Members of St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate YOU are invited to join a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at noon at St. Mary's Dunnington sponsored by America Needs Fatima. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We ask God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair and dress accordingly for the outdoors as we will be on the church grounds weather permitting. If inclement weather we will pray the rosary inside the church. For more information, feel free to contact Gail Scherer at 765-884-1167. PLEASE join us and other Catholics in praying for our nation!

Fall Rosary Sodality Meeting - Ladies of St. Mary's Parish please join us for our annual fall meeting following the noon Rosary Rally on the church lawn on Saturday, October 14, 2023. If you have any questions or suggestions of items or topics to be discussed, please contact Rosary President, Gail Scherer at 765-884-1167 so they may be included on the agenda. Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you!



BENTON COUNTY CO-OP - Items for **SEPTEMBER**: Laundry Detergent & Cleaning Products

MISSION TRIP

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



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- In 1961 JFK cautioned Americans, "We dare not forget," that "... the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." In 1954, at the urging of the Knights of Columbus, the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance was amended to include the words "under God".

All catholic men are invited to attend our next Knights of Columbus meeting on Monday, Oct 2nd, 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Parish Hall.



Next Life Teen class will be Sunday September 24, Sacred Heart School



TODAY!!!! ST. ANNE SOCIETY CHICKEN DINNER - Sunday, September 17th 11:00 - 1:30pm, DINE IN OR CARRY OUT, SACRED HEART SCHOOL FOWLER, TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR ONLY. ADULTS \$12.00, CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$8.00.

EVANGELIZATION



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THE CATHOLIC CORNER

CATECHISTS
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WE NEED CATECHISTS for 2023-24

Have you ever wondered how to utilize your unique set of talents from God. Consider becoming a catechist for our Pastorate Religious Education Program (PREP). Faith necessary, witnessing inevitable, training provided.

For more information, please contact me at:

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WHAT IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY?

In 1935, the Vatican published "On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education," a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

WHAT DOES THE WORD "CATECHETICAL" MEAN?

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world.

WHAT IS A CATECHIST

A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

WHO ARE CALLED TO BE CATECHISTS?

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They witness to their faith in their everyday lives, through their respect and love for one another. Parents also plant the first seeds of faith by exposing their children to the sacraments and the liturgy. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

WHY DO WE HAVE A SPECIAL DAY SET ASIDE TO COMMISSION CATECHISTS?

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and

THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

Masses and Mass Intentions in Bold

Sunday, September 17, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Catechetical Sunday

4:00pm (Saturday Kentland Mass † For the Pastorate
7:30am Oxford Mass † Deceased members of the Tranel Family

11:00am Fowler Mass † Fr. Harold Datzman
7:00pm - Life Teen Sacred Heart School

Monday, September 18 Weekday

5:00pm Confessions, Otterbein

6:00pm Otterbein Daily Mass † Wilfred & Betty Gross by the Gross Family

Tuesday, September 19 Weekday

8:15am Fowler Daily Mass † Mike Windler by Judy Goodman

7:00pm - 8:30 pm Credo - RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, St. Patrick Hall

Wednesday, September 20 Weekday - NO MASS

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

3:00pm - After School Saints - Children K - 2nd Grades

6:30pm-8:00pm - Grieving w/Great Hope, St. Patrick Hall

Thursday, September 21 Weekday -

Feast, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

5:00 pm Confessions, Earl Park

6:00pm Earl Park Daily Mass † Preston Claire

9:00am - Sewing Day - St. Patrick Hall, All are welcome!

Friday, September 22 Weekday

8:15am Fowler Daily Mass † Jane Ponto by Merle Ponto
Confessions following the 8:15am Mass, Fowler

Saturday, September 23 Vigil Mass -

Memorial, St. Pius of Pietrelcina

4:00pm (CST), 5:00PM (EST) Kentland Mass † Fr. Harold Datzman O.S.B. by Mary Ann Schellenberger

Sunday, September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Oxford Mass † Bob Wetli by Keith & Liz Brost

11:00am Fowler Mass † For the Pastorate

9:30am - Religious Education, Sacred Heart School



EVANGELICAL LOVE (EXCERPT FROM CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE)

This past Sunday, September 10th, Pope Francis beatified an entire family of martyrs. Józef and Wiktoria Ulma and their seven children" were models of "evangelical love," Pope Francis said. The entire family was "exterminated by the Nazis on March 24, 1944, for sheltering some Jews who were being persecuted," the pope said. The Ulma family's eight guests -- Saul Goldman and his sons Baruch, Mechel, Joachim and Moses as well as Golda Grünfeld and her sister Lea Didner and young daughter Reshla -- were also executed.

Pope Francis told those gathered for the ceremony, that the Ulma family "countered the hatred and violence, which characterized that time, with evangelical love." He prayed that "this Polish family, which represented a ray of light in the darkness of World War II, would be for all of us a model to imitate in striving for goodness and in the service of those in need."

"And following their example, let us feel called to counter the force of weapons with that of charity, the rhetoric of violence with the tenacity of prayer.

The feast day chosen for the Ulma family is July 7, Józef and Wiktoria's wedding anniversary.

LITURGICAL DUTIES - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sacred Heart - September 24

Lector - Arnold Muller

Extraordinary Minister of Communion -

Chalice - Rick & Lori Francis

Rosary - Steve Glotzbach

St. Joseph - September 23

Lector- Karen Piegza

Greeters - Archie Nagle (September)

Extraordinary Minister of Communion -

Chalice - Edward & Hank Coussens

Ushers -Denny Cobb & David Miller (September)

Offertory - Mark & Sue Mayhew

St. Patrick - September 24

Lector - Barb Richardson

Altar Servers: Calhoun, Cecelia, & Gideon Fisher

Greeters -John Brost & Tim Muller

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Margot Gobel
& Jerry Muller

****NEW** IMPORTANT MINISTRY SCHEDULER INFORMATION**

St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate is switching to Ministry Scheduler Pro to handle the scheduling of volunteers, including Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans, Cantors, EMHCs, and Servers. Please go to the following website to sign up: www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/sitf
You'll be prompted to sign up with you name, telephone number, and email address. PLEASE DON'T FORGET to hit the Submit button on the bottom of the signup screen. You'll receive an email with your UserName and Password in a day or two. There is also an app for your phone which will also allow you to sign into the program and schedule yourselves for the Mass times and locations you're willing to serve at. The Ministry Scheduler Pro is a free app available in the App Store for iPhone, and the Play Store for Android.

SAVE THE DATE

2nd TRAINING AND CALL- OUT FOR USHERS/EMHC/LECTORS ALL TIMES (EST) - (FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE FIRST CALL-OUT) (REQUIRED TRAINING)

DATE: **SEPTMEBER 30TH**

WHERE: SACRED HEART
CHURCH, FOWLER

USHERS: 9:00 - 9:30 AM

EMHC: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

LECTORS: 10:30 - 11:30 AM

RCIA/CREDO CLASSES BEGIN

ALL TIMES (EST)

DATE: EVERY TUESDAY,
BEGINNING

SEPT. 12, @ 7:00 PM

WHERE: ST. PATRICK HALL,
OXFORD

**FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
ROSARY "PEACE 'N PIE -
10AM - SACRED HEART**

**GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 13**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ALL TIMES (EST)

DATE: EVERY SUNDAY
BEGINNING

SEPTEMBER 10TH 9:30 -
10:45 AM

WHERE: SACRED HEART
SCHOOL, FOWLER

**SACRED HEART MASS TIME
CHANGES TO 11AM SUNDAY
SEPT. 10TH**

