

# ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

OCTOBER 1, 2023 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Parable of the Two Sons



Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ  
Graysen Hayes | Youth Sermon: November 29, 2020

Matthew 21:28-32

### 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:**  
**Kentland:** 4:00 pm (CST)  
5:00 pm (EST)  
**Sunday:**  
**Oxford:** 7:30 am  
**Fowler:** 11:00 am  
(Sept.- 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  
765-884-1818

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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**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### Project Outdoor Nativity Scene (PONS)

Our local Knights of Columbus Council 9400 is one of 41 churches/schools taking part in Project Outdoor Nativity Scene. The nativity scene was displayed after last weekend's Masses. Started in 2021, the goal of Project

Outdoor Nativity Scene was to showcase the true meaning of Christmas by having nativity sets adorn front yards in central Indiana making central Indiana the "Outdoor Nativity Scene Capital of the United States."

The nativity scenes are also a means of conversation and evangelizing. One customer spoke of the questions that come from some youth in the neighborhood. It was during Advent, and the youth saw Mary and Joseph kneeling, but no baby Jesus. The youth wanted to know where baby Jesus was. The neighbor explained that Jesus will be added on Christmas Eve, telling them that right now we are anticipating, we're waiting. The youth said they would return to see the Nativity scene on Christmas Day.

Jim Liston launched Project Outdoor Nativity Scene and says, "This is to remind people of what Christmas is truly about, to get back to the basics of what this season is all about - the simple presence of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

The simplicity of the Nativity scene says it all."

The Nativity scenes are made of PVC material that will withstand weather. Easy assembly is required. Checks may be made out to: **Knights of Columbus Council 9400** in the amount of **\$110.00** and can be ordered/paid for after Masses or at the Pastorate office (Sacred Heart in Fowler).

Deadline for purchase is Sunday, Oct. 8 and delivery will be around Thanksgiving.

### Diocesan Priest Retreat

Next week, October 2-6 the priests of the diocese will gather at the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton for our canonical retreat. By Canon Law, priests "are to make a spiritual retreat for at least five days." Therefore, there will be no daily Mass next week Oct. 2-6. Be assured that I will be praying for all of you and our pastorate, St. Isidore the Farmer.

Peace,

Fr. Sean



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

10/1—Fr. Clayton Thompson	10/5—Fr. Joseph V. A Pappiah
10/2—Fr. Andrew Thornton	10/6—Fr. Richard Weisenberger
10/3—Fr. Eric Underwood	10/7—Fr. Elliot Zak
10/4—Fr. Peter Vanderkolk	

## STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Sacred Heart	\$2,353.00 + \$ 262.32
St. Mary	\$ 450.00
St. John	\$ 930.00 + \$ 154.33
St. Joseph	\$1,424.34 + \$ 43.32
St. Patrick	\$2,357.00 + \$1,976.50
St. Charles	\$ 315.00 + \$2,626.51

## OUR STAFF

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose soul of Arlene Smith, 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 work for the salvation of all people. Amen*



**BENTON COUNTY CO-OP—OCTOBER ITEMS: CANNED MEAT (CHICKEN, SALMON, TUNA) OR CEREAL COAT DRIVE—FRIDAY OCTOBER 8TH @ 4:00PM, ST. PATRICK HALL.**

## MEXICO MISSION TRIP INFO:

**NOV. 2023 AND FEB. 2024**

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- October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, a popular Catholic saint. Known for his love and care for animals and the natural environment, his presence can be seen in many landscapes. In 1209 he established the Franciscan Order of Friars, the namesake of K of C Council 11092 in Illinois.

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



October 1: 7-8pm Small Groups & Adoration, Sacred Heart October 8: 7-8pm Educational class, Sacred Heart

## OPERATION SHOEBOX UPDATE:

**"If you have purchased any items for Operation Shoebox, please get them to church by October 15th. Students will be packing the boxes the first weekend of November. Thank you for your generosity!" God bless.**

### Abundant Life

Explore the abundant life that Christ wants to offer you in this conference on mercy, healing, and the heart of the Gospel.

**Saturday  
November 4, 2023  
9:30am - 4:00pm ET  
Lafayette, IN  
Central Catholic Jr.-Sr. High School**

**Ages 18+  
Open to all adults  
Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)**

**Keynote Speakers**

Fr. Roch Mary Greiner, CFR  
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Deacon Keith Strohm  
Archdiocese of Chicago

Please register by Sunday, October 29:  
<https://dol-in.org/AbundantLife>

Hosted by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

*If you would like to help Sustain a Young Adult Group within the Pastorate, please Contact Bridget Schlebecker at [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org)*

The Arm of  
**ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE**  
is visiting the United States and is coming to  
THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*,  
Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering  
dedication and steadfast faith. Millions  
have experienced his intercession in times  
of adversity and need.

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023  
**LOCATION:** St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church  
**ADDRESS/PHONE:** 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, IN 46074, 317-867-3213  
**VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS:** 1:00 PM  
**SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE:** 5:30 PM  
**VENERATION ENDS:** 10:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OTHER LOCATIONS

Visit [www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com](http://www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com) FOR COMPLETE DETAILS



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## THE CATHOLIC CORNER

### The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The rosary is a wonderful prayer that helps us call to mind the great mysteries of our salvation. Venerable Pius XII in his *Encyclical on the Rosary*, called it a "compendium of the gospel." Its focus is on Jesus – the incarnation, ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection.

The rosary was the favorite prayer of St. John Paul II, who wrote an Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* and encouraged all the faithful to pray the rosary as "a way of contemplating the face of Christ seeing him...with the eyes of Mary."

The rosary appeals to many. Perhaps, due to its simple repetition. Through the constant repetition of words, we may contemplate on the mysteries of God with the assurance that we are not alone. Mary and Jesus share our sorrows and joys. We grow in hope that we might one day share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

The **Our Father** reminds us that God the Father is the creator and initiator of salvation.

The **Hail Mary** remind us to call upon Mary, our mother, when contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence.

The **Glory Be** remind us that God is the Alpha and the Omega, three-in-one, united in the mystery of the Trinity.

## ROSARY BEGINNINGS

Catholics were not the first to pray with beads. The use of beads as an aid in prayer has a long history both in the Catholic Church and in other religions. The chain of beads establishes a framework, a setting, a pace for the prayer, and the repetition provides a background for meditation.

The English word **bead** is derived from an Old English word *bede* that means "prayer." The word **rosary** comes from the Latin *rosarius*, which means "garland" or "bouquet of flowers." It is an apt word for a bouquet of prayers offered to God. Tradition attributes St. Dominic (d.1221) to the formulation of the Rosary that is familiar to us today. Moved by a vision of Our Blessed Mother, St. Dominic used the Rosary to preach against heresy and help teach about Jesus, as the meditation on the mysteries developed a foundation of the truths of the faith. This saint also saw the prayer as an antidote to sin. As Dominic and his followers preached throughout Europe, they encouraged the laity to regularly pray the Rosary.

In 1571 Pope Pius V asked the faithful to pray the Rosary for Mary's intercession as a coalition of Catholic states faced off with the Turkish fleet during the Battle of Lepanto. The Catholic fleet was victorious; and the threat of Muslim forces was halted. To acknowledge the effectiveness of praying the Rosary and to thank the Blessed Mother for her intercession, Pope Pius V established the Feast of the Holy Rosary to be celebrated each

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

### MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS IN BOLD

**Sunday, October 1—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

**4:00pm: (CST) Saturday Kentland Mass † Dave, Janet, Dan & Shawn Murphy**

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

**11:00am: Fowler Mass † Fr. Harold Datzman**

9:30-10:45am: Religious Education Class

7:00pm: Life Teen & Confirmation Sacred Heart School

**THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK DUE TO PRIEST RETREAT. MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK WILL BE MOVED TO NEXT WEEK.**

**Monday, October 2 — Memorial, The Holy Guardian Angels**, Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

5:00pm: Confessions

**6:00pm: Otterbein Daily Mass † NO MASS**

7:00pm: Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick Hall

**Tuesday, October 3 — Weekday Mass**, Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

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

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

**Wednesday, October 4 — NO MASS— Memorial, St. Francis of Assisi**, Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

9:00am—10:00pm: Adoration

6:30pm—8:00pm: Grieving with Great Hope, St Patrick Hall

**Thursday, October 5 — Daily Mass**, Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

5:00pm: Confessions

**6:00pm: Earl Park Daily Mass † NO MASS**

**Friday, October 6 — Daily Mass**, Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

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

4:00pm: Coat Drive—Salvation Army/Co-op, St. Patrick Hall

**Saturday, October 7 — Our Lady of the Rosary, 4:00pm: (CST), 5:00pm (EST) Kentland Mass † For the Pastorate**

NO FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

**Sunday, October 8— Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**7:30am: Oxford Mass † Dick Atha by Gigi Smith**

**11:00am: Fowler Mass † Jane Ponto by Merle Ponto**

9:30-10:45am: Religious Education, Sacred Heart School

7:00pm: Life Teen & Confirmation Sacred Heart School





## 2023 ROSARY RALLY DATES AND LOCATIONS

2023 Rosary Rally October 14th

Members of St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate YOU are invited to join a Public Square Rosary Rally on **Saturday, October 14, 2023, at noon (EST) at St. Mary's Dunnington AND noon (CST) at St. Joseph Church Kentland** 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 **OR** Martha Reynolds 815-214-8188 PLEASE join us and other Catholics in praying for our nation!

## LITURGICAL DUTIES 27TH SUNDAY

**SACRED HEART— OCTOBER 8**

**Lector:** Curt Puetz

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion:** First LastName

**Chalice:** Rick & Lori Francis

**Rosary:** Pat Richey

**ST. JOSEPH— OCTOBER 7**

**Lector:** First Karen Piegza

**Greeters:** First Pat & Rich Reynolds

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion:** First LastName

**Chalice:** Steve Westrick & Ed Coussens

**Ushers:** Scott Murphy & Dave Molter (October)

**Offertory:** First Pat & Rich Reynolds

**ST. PATRICK— OCTOBER 8**

**Lector:** Wayne Oneal

**Altar Servers:** First LastName

**Greeters/Ushers:** Larry Barnard & John Brost

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion:** Loise & Tom Wild

## \*\*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](http://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

### RCIA/CREDO CLASSES

Begins Sept. 12h, meets every Tuesday 7:00pm (EST) at St. Patrick Hall, Oxford

### FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

#### ROSARY "PEACE 'N PIE"

Meets on the first Saturday of the month 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Church.

### GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE

Begins September 13th and meets every Wednesday for 7 sessions. 6:30pm—8:00pm, St. Patrick Hall, Oxford

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays beginning September 10th from 9:30am—10:45am (EST) at Sacred Heart School, Fowler before 11:00am Mass.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

