

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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)

CONFESSIONS

Monday: 5:00 pm EST Otterbein
Thursday: 5:00 pm EST Earl Park
Friday: after 8:15 am Fowler

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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

Baptisms & Weddings

Congratulations! Parents/Couples must
contact the pastorate administrative
office. Matrimony - contact at least 9
months in advance.

Sacred Heart, St. John, St. Mary, St.
Joseph, St. Charles & St. Patrick
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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

IN THE DEACON'S CORNER



Last month I challenged the readers of this article to begin [or hopefully continue] the practice of couple prayer. This habit not only helps couples to grow closer to each other, it helps them grow closer to Christ. It also helps to strengthen the family, because prayer is a key ingredient to building a happy and holy marriage. This month, I'd like to suggest a focal point of your prayer – I'd ask that you specifically pray for the young people in our pastorate – to pray for the young people in our own homes - that they might consider a religious vocation as their future.

Earlier this month, we heard about 'Vocation Awareness Week'. Fr. Sean shared his own personal vocational call. He also made the appeal for all of us to pray for those who are called to hear and answer that call; to explore the possibility that the Holy Spirit may be calling them to become a Priest, a Deacon, a Brother, or a Sister. I'm suggesting that you go one step farther – make that prayer a bit more personal. It's one thing to pray for vocations from someone else's family – my suggestion is that we all pray that a religious vocation might come from our own families.

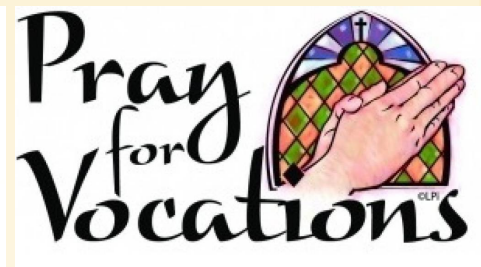
Sherie and I know a couple in Lafayette whose own son is a priest. The mother once shared with us that her first reaction to the news that her son wanted to become a priest was that she wouldn't have any grandchildren to help raise. What she later realized was that I, that you, and that we ALL are her grandchildren - by nature of our ALL addressing her son as Father. Instead of one or two or several grand-kiddos, she has been blessed with thousands of grandchildren

throughout the diocese – and across the Church. Here's yet another "five loaves and a couple fish" example of God, in His infinite goodness, taking a little and multiplying it beyond anything we could have imagined or done on our own.

Mindful of the family's role of "Domestic Church", this is the first place where children are introduced to and brought up in the faith of our doctrines. These conversations should be a natural part of our daily dialogues in our homes. We ALL want more Priests, more Deacons, more religious vocations to occur in our diocese. It's generally thought that these vocations come from 'somewhere else' – from someone else, but not from me... My challenge to you is to pray for and to encourage our young ones to be open to pursuing a religious vocation. The blessings of such a life are many, and its rewards are eternal.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Joe Poremski



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray our Pastorate & Vocations

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

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

STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 12TH

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| Sacred Heart | \$ 1,855.00 |
| St. Mary | \$ 292.00 |
| St. John | \$ 195.00 |
| St. Joseph | \$ 1,014.00 |
| St. Patrick | \$ 1,780.00 |
| St. Charles | \$ 450.00 |

Baptism Blessings!

Congratulations to Joel & Madison Huff on the baptism of their child Hadley Rae Huff, Baptized on Sunday November 12, 2023 at St. Charles Church in Otterbein.

Wedding Blessings!

Congratulations to Derek Thomas Leahy & Rachel Ann Rhiver who were united in marriage on October 28, 2023 at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist in Fishers, IN.



NOVEMBER NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY OR LAUNDRY ITEMS



MEXICO MISSION TRIP— Want to make a difference in someone's/your life? Come with us on the next Mexico Mission trip. February 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 – Did the Plymouth Colony of Pilgrims (Puritans) and "Indians", namely Squanto, really conduct the first Thanksgiving celebration in 1621? Or was it first celebrated in 1565? Curious? See <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/thefirst-real-thanksgiving.html>

December 4th, 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Parish Hall



November 26: Thanksgiving Break, NO CLASS, December 3: Small Groups & Adoration.

****Life Teen members are selling gift cards to support their program. For every gift card purchased, the Life Teen program will receive a percentage back. Gift card orders and money are due on 12/3, gift cards will be available on 12/10. To order, please contact a Life Teen member or Kristy Gross at kgross@fowlersacredheart.org**



CHOIR SINGS

CHOIR REHEARSAL 9:30AM & SINGS @ 11AM MASS ON DECEMBER 3RD, "FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT" AND DECEMBER 17TH.

The Sacred Heart Sewing Guild has been busy making quilts! Please stop by Glotzbach Pharmacy to shop all the styles and patterns!!



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THE CATHOLIC CORNER HAVE YOU NOTICED?

The stores begin preparing for holidays weeks and months ahead. Halloween merchandise was out in August followed by Christmas merchandise on display the day after Halloween. Retailers are responding to the demands of the consumers.

*Is our Advent merely a time for shopping? Or
Do we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior?
What can help us to focus our hearts and minds
on the two comings of Christ?*

- ◆ **Do we have an Advent Wreath (3 purple candles and 1 pink candle)?**
- ◆ **Is it the first decoration we set out or the last because it was forgotten?**
- ◆ **Is Christmas just a seasonal celebration about Santa and parties?**
- ◆ **Will our focus be on filling our hearts with prayer or on filling stockings?**
- ◆ **Will we take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation?**

What is Advent?

Advent comes from the Latin root words “*ad – venire*” to **come to**. It is a time of **preparation**; a season of hope. We hope for the resurrection in the **second coming of Christ** as we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Christ-child.

*“When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long **preparation** for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.”*

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In these four weeks of **preparation**, we are opening our hearts for Jesus to enter into our lives and through our actions here and now.

“Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.” - Pope Francis

When does it begin? How long does it last?

This year **the first week of Advent begins on December 2/3** and lasts four weeks. The four Sundays of Advent each have a specific theme or focus: 1) **HOPE** Prophecy Candle – reminds us to remember the prophets (Isaiah) who foretold the coming of the Messiah; 2) **FAITH** Bethlehem’s Candle - reminds us of the strenuous journey of Mary and Joseph; 3) **JOY** Shephard’s Candle – reminds us of the joy of the birth of Jesus; 4) **PEACE** Angel’s Candle – reminds us of the message of the angles “Peace on Earth”

What is the significance of the Advent Wreath?

The wreath itself is generally made from various evergreens signifying eternal life. The circle of the wreath has no beginning or end and symbolizes the eternity of God, the Alpha and the Omega.

Advent is also the beginning of the Church’s liturgical year. The vestments worn are violet and rose. It may seem similar to Lent, for it too, is a time of repentance intermingled with hope in the joy of Christmas. Be sure to take advantage of the various penance services throughout the pastorate during the season.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

MASSSES AND MASS INTENTIONS IN BOLD

Sunday, November 26— OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

4:00pm: (CST) Saturday Kentland Mass † Robert Reynolds

7:30am: Oxford Mass † John & Ena Gick

11:00am: Fowler Mass † For the Pastorate

9:30—10:45am: No Religious Education—Thanksgiving

7:00pm: No Life Teen or Confirmation—Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, November 27— Daily Mass, Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

5:00pm: Confessions

6:00pm: Otterbein Daily Mass † Bob Wetli by Mary Rose Schellenberger

Tuesday, November 28 — Daily Mass, Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

8:15am: Fowler Mass † Gene, Clete & Matt Salla by Jeanette Peck

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

Wednesday, November 29 — NO MASS —Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

9:00am—10:00pm: Adoration

Thursday, November 30 — Daily Mass, Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

6:00pm: Earl Park Daily Mass † June Schluttenhofer by Larry Schluttenhofer

Friday, December 1 — Daily Mass, Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

8:15am: Fowler Daily Mass † David Schwartz by Mary Schwartz

Saturday, December 2 — Vigil Mass

4:00pm: (CST), 5:00pm (EST) Kentland Mass † Colin Kippenbrock by Dcn. Joe & Sherie Poremski

Sunday, December 3 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

7:30am: Oxford Mass † For the Pastorate

11:00am: Fowler Mass † Rosemary Weist by Beverly Ross

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

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





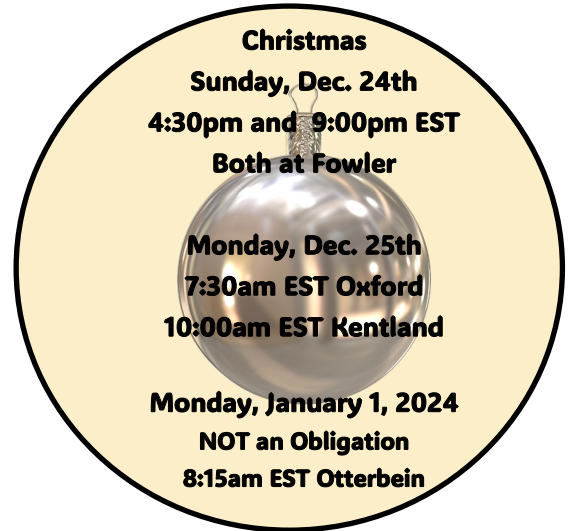
SACRED HEART CHURCH
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH
6:00 PM (EST)

**Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Thursday, Dec. 7
6:00pm EST Vigil
Earl Park

Friday, Dec. 8
8:15am EST
Fowler

6:00pm EST
Oxford



Christmas
Sunday, Dec. 24th
4:30pm and 9:00pm EST
Both at Fowler

Monday, Dec. 25th
7:30am EST Oxford
10:00am EST Kentland

Monday, January 1, 2024
NOT an Obligation
8:15am EST Otterbein

LITURGICAL DUTIES FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SACRED HEART— DECEMBER 3

Lectors: 1—Pam Windler, 2—Judy Goodman
Altar Servers: Twyla Werkowski
Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Deacon
Joe Poremski
Chalice: Linda & Kent Brouillette
Ushers/Greeters: Curt Puetz, Brian Wallpe, Kyle Bird,
 Donna Cackley
Rosary: Steve Glotzbach

ST. PATRICK— DECEMBER 3

Lectors: 1—Keith Glotzbach, 2—Andrea Windler
Altar Servers: Jack Barnard
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bruggeman & Bill Molter
Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Deacon Joe
Poremski
Chalice: Monica Lohmuller & Barbara Richardson

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 web-site 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

ST. JOSEPH— DECEMBER 2

Lectors: 1—Henry Senefelder, 2—Lee Senefelder
Altar Servers: Gavin & Sophie DiRuzza & James Wright
Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Deacon
Joe Poremski
Chalice: Phyllis Haldeman & Karen Piegza
Ushers/Greeters: Darrell Bertrand & Scott Murphy
Offertory:

SAVE THE DATE

RCIA/CREDO CLASSES

Begins Sept. 12th, meets every Tuesday
 7:00pm (EST) at 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.

ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY PARTY

December 3rd, will be in the SACRED
 HEART GYM following the 11AM
 MASS



THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBITS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25—
ST. JOSEPH HALL, KENTLAND

*Be sure not to miss this opportunity to
 learn some of the most wondrous,
 authenticated miracles from around the
 world involving the Holy Eucharist.*