

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

DECEMBER 3, 2023 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 @ 765-490-1335.

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
765-884-1818

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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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Advent: A Time of Prayer and Preparation

The liturgical color of advent, violet (and rose), are colors to remind of this preparatory season. Advent anticipates the joy of Christmas through penance and patient waiting.

Violet is the color that symbolizes penance, sacrifice, and prayer. Moreover, during Advent, we meditate on the birth of Jesus (Christ our King) at Christmas. In this way, the color violet, traditionally associated with royalty, takes on a dual meaning, representing both the penitential nature of the season and the kingship of the birth of Christ.

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day, we celebrate that our wait is almost over and the priest and deacon has the option to wear a rose vestment and the rose candle is lit on our Advent wreath. This liturgical color, rose, signifies joy in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.

These colors of the Advent season are intentional reminders of how we should orient our hearts as we prepare for the birth of Christ. These colors help us keep our hearts mindful in the hopeful anticipation coming of our Savior. During Advent, we are called to patiently wait, just as the Israelites awaited the promised Messiah. This waiting is not passive; it is an active waiting that involves a sincere desire for transformation. With that said, our **Pastorate Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00pm EST at Sacred Heart Church.** Multiple priests will be available for the sacrament of confession.

In addition, this weekend we will be offering the *Magnificat Advent Companion* (one per family) for your daily prayer throughout Advent. Together, let us prepare our hearts to welcome the light of Christ into our lives and embrace the true joy of Christmas.

Scheduled Confession times

Monday - 5:00pm St. Charles (Otterbein)

Thursday - 5:00pm St. John the Baptist (Earl Park)

Friday - 9:00am Sacred Heart (Fowler)

St. Isidore the Farmer, Pray for Us!

Peace,

Fr. Sean



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose soul of Florence Krebs & Tom Hofmeyer . Please pray for 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 19TH & 26TH + ONLINE

Sacred Heart	\$ 5,876.00 + \$5,477.91
St. Mary	\$ 895.00 + \$ 76.40
St. John	\$ 835.00 + \$ 648.87
St. Joseph	\$ 2,378.00 + \$1,554.16
St. Patrick	\$ 3,572.00 + \$4,123.19
St. Charles	\$ 580.00 + \$3,898.28

WAYS TO CONNECT

Pastorate Christmas Decorating Dates and Times:

Sacred Heart



Decorations - St. Ann Society will be decorating the church on Sunday, Dec. 17, immediately following the 11:00 mass & on Sunday, Dec. 24, immediately following the 11:00 Mass. **Anyone who would like to decorate the church for Christmas is welcomed to join us on either or both Sundays. Poinsettias - St. Ann Society** will be offering poinsettias, in memory of a loved one, for \$20 through December 22. Flowers will be placed on the altar during the Christmas season. Please Contact Beth Owens with the name(s) of your loved one(s) via: bethowens65@sbcglobal.net or 765-884-1248.

St. Joseph St. Joseph Parish will be decorating on Saturday, December 23rd after the 4:00pm Mass. Come join the fun as we prepare our parish for the Christmas season.

DECEMBER CO-OP NEEDS: DISPOSABLE DIAPERS (BABY & ADULT) OR CANNED FRUIT

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



December 3: Small Groups & Adoration, December 10: Advent Party

****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**

REMINDER: THE NATIVITY SETS ARE IN. PLEASE PICK UP AT THE SACRED HEART RECTORY

Eucharistic Miracles Display @ St. Joseph, Kentland

We had a great turn out! At least 25 –30 people dropped in after Mass to enjoy some refreshments and to view the displays!

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!!

Don't forget!!! St. Nicholas Party Sunday Dec. 3rd at Sacred Heart School Gym!



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THE CATHOLIC CORNER

ARE WE A PEOPLE OF JOY or DISCONTENT?

"The Gospel is a proclamation of joy," said Pope Francis. "The Gospel is a smile, it makes you smile because it touches the soul with the good news."

Francis explained: "This is why a Christian who is discontented, a sad Christian, a dissatisfied, or worse still, resentful or rancorous Christian, is not credible. This person will talk about Jesus but no one will believe him!"

The pope advised Christians to "keep watch over one's sentiments" and to remember "the joy of having the risen Jesus."

THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

MASSSES AND MASS INTENTIONS IN BOLD

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

4:00pm: (CST) Saturday Kentland Mass † Colin Kippenbrock

7:30am: Oxford Mass † For the Pastorate

11:00am: Fowler Mass † Rosemary Weist

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

After 11am Mass: St. Nicholas Party Sacred Heart Gym

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

Monday, December 4 — Daily Mass, Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

5:00pm: Confessions

6:00pm: Otterbein Daily Mass † Jim Young by Deb & Mike Walipe

Tuesday, December 5 — Daily Mass, Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

8:15am: Fowler Mass † Bill & Alice Silver by Earl & Joan Almack

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

Wednesday, December 6 — NO MASS —Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

9:00am—10:00pm: Adoration

6pm—PENANCE SERVICE, Sacred Heart

Thursday, December 7 — Daily Mass, Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:00pm: Earl Park Daily Mass † Tom Hofmeyer by The Family

Friday, December 8 — Daily Mass, Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

8:15am: Fowler Daily Mass † Larry Puetz by Kevin & Julie Puetz

Saturday, December 9 — Vigil Mass

4:00pm: (CST), 5:00pm (EST) Kentland Mass † For the Pastorate

Sunday, December 10 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

7:30am: Oxford Mass † Elton Streich by Leo Etter Family

11:00am: Fowler Mass † Chuck Scherer

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

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

ADVENT
A SEASON OF
PREPARATION

ISAIAH 7:14





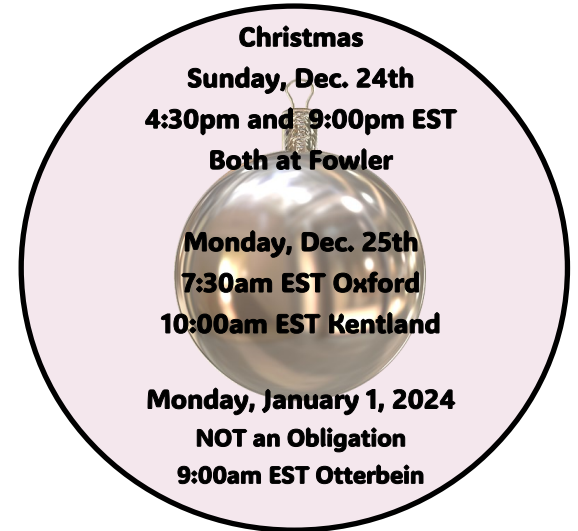
SACRED HEART CHURCH
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH
6:00 PM (EST)

**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
9:00am EST Otterbein

LITURGICAL DUTIES SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SACRED HEART— DECEMBER 10

Lectors: 1—Gail Goetz 2—Kent Brouillette
Altar Servers: H.S. Servers
Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Kris Budreau
Chalice: Beth Owens, Linda Brouillette
Ushers/Greeters: Curt Puetz, Dale Budreau, Kyle Bird, Donna Cackley
Rosary: Tasia Willeford

ST. PATRICK— DECEMBER 10

Lectors: 1—NOT FILLED 2—Andrea Wallpe
Altar Servers: Jack Barnard
Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bruggeman & Bill Molter
Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Deacon Joe Poremski
Chalice: NOT FILLED & Sherry Fischer

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/sift You'll be prompted to sign up with your name, telephone number, and email address. PLEASE DON'T FORGET to hit the Submit button on the bottom of the sign up 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 9

Lectors: 1—Karen Piegza 2—Tony Sherfey
Altar Servers: Gavin & Sophie DiRuzza
Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) David Molter
Chalice: Verna Marcum & Michelle Sarault
Ushers/Greeters: Bill Balensiefer & 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.

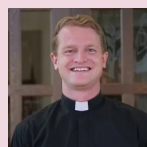
ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY PARTY

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

**LET'S UNITE AROUND THE
 SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR
 FAITH—THE HOLY EUCHARIST.
 COMING TO OUR PASTORATE:**

Fr. Declan McNicholas
With the Diocese of Gary, IN
Associate Pastor, St. John the
Evangelist - MISSION SPEAKER
FEB. 11, 12, & 13TH

**MORE DETAILS OF EVENTS TO
 COME!**



**NO DAILY MASSES:
 THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASSES
 THE WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS
 AND NEW YEAR'S DAY:**

**DECEMBER:
 TUESDAY, 26TH
 WEDNESDAY, 27TH
 THURSDAY, 28TH
 FRIDAY, 29TH**