

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

DECEMBER 17, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Third Sunday of Advent 2019

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
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

IN THE DEACON'S CORNER



On this third Sunday of Advent [sometimes referred to as Gaudete Sunday], we usually find ourselves at the half-way point of the Advent Season. This year, however, the way the dates are lining up, we celebrate Gaudete

Sunday on the 17th day of December, which means of course, there are only more 8 days until we transition from a state of penitential anticipation to one of joyous bliss, caused by the birth of our Savior on Christmas Day.

We've spent the first two weeks of Advent focusing on the fact that Jesus will come at the end time, to judge the world and present it back to the Father. We yearn in hopefully expectation to be placed on His right during that final judgement time, along with the other sheep of His flock who recognized Him in the hungry or the needy of this world, and ministered to their needs. Over the next and final eight days, we built up our anxious anticipation for Jesus' coming in history. But today is a day of celebration and bliss; signs of this are all around us. Count the number of times you hear the word "rejoice" at Mass today! Notice the color of vestments worn during Mass today. Holy Mother Church makes it abundantly clear to us that this truly is a day that stands out, and is to be filled with joy!

Because of the way the calendar lines up this year, the fourth Sunday of Advent will coincide with Christmas Eve. Please, please, PLEASE don't make the mistake of thinking one Mass will

cover both events. The fact is that they are still two separate, Liturgical Solemnities, and therefore require two distinctly separate celebrations of the Mass. Next Sunday's Mass obligation can be fulfilled as usual by attending the Saturday evening vigil Mass in Kentland, or by attending one of the morning Masses at either Oxford or Fowler. The Masses

that satisfy the obligation to attend one of the Christmas Masses can be satisfied at either of the two Masses offered in Fowler at Sacred Heart on Christmas Eve, or in St. Patrick, Oxford or St. Joseph, Kentland on Christmas morning. At the risk of sounding redundant, I'll say it one more time: attending one or the other DOES NOT cover the obligation for both!

With that, I wish you a continued sense of patient endurance. May your remaining days in Advent be filled with excitement and peace, as we approach the time of His birth among us. Remember, good things come to those who wait; my wish for you is that you may experience MANY good things in the days ahead...!!!

Peace,

Deacon Joe Poremski



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose soul of Dean Dorton. 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—EARLY DEADLINE, NO INFO.

Sacred Heart	\$ 00
St. Mary	\$.00
St. John	\$ 00
St. Joseph	\$ 00
St. Patrick	\$ 00
St. Charles	\$ 00

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 4:00 mass. Come join the fun as we prepare our parish for the Christmas season.

CO-OP DECEMBER 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 – K of C's "Keeping Christ in Christmas" reminds us that Christmas isn't about the frenzied commercialization of the holiday, but is about spreading the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. Advent prepares us for His coming.

Please visit us at our next meeting: January 8th, 7:00 PM, St. Patrick Parish Hall.



THANKYOU!

LIFE TEEN THANKS ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT AT OUR FUNDRAISERS. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR TEENS WITHOUT YOU! LIFE TEEN AND CONFIRMATION WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 7 FOR THE NEW SEMESTER.



CHOIR SINGS

CHOIR REHEARSAL 9:30AM & SINGS @ 11AM MASS ON DECEMBER 17TH, and Prelude at 8:30pm on DEC 24th

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



*There will NOT be an Advent Prayer Service
on Tuesday December 19th.*



Will **YOU** be there?
St. Michael the Archangel Pastorate's Eucharistic Mission

Be enlivened. Be energized. Be encouraged.

Popular and inspiring Eucharistic Mission leader Fr. Jonathan Meyer of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is the featured speaker December 14 at our Pastorate's Eucharistic Mission.

You won't want to miss this evening of worship, fellowship, and encounter.

6:00P ET – Musical Interlude
6:30P ET – Fr. Meyer
7:30P ET – Adoration & Confessions

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FEATURING



FR. JONATHAN MEYER

THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS IN BOLD

Sunday, December 17— THIRD 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

4:00pm: (CST) Saturday Kentland Mass † Dan Thibaut

7:30am: Oxford Mass † Etta Leuck

11:00am: Fowler Mass † For the Pastorate

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

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

Monday, December 18 — Daily Mass, Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

5:00pm: Confessions

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

Tuesday, December 19 — Daily Mass, Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

8:15am: Fowler Mass † Arlene Budreau by Karen Gretencord

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

Wednesday, December 20 — NO MASS —Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

9:00am—10:00pm: Adoration

Thursday, December 21— Daily Mass, Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

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

Friday, December 22 — Daily Mass, 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

8:15am: Fowler Daily Mass † Richard Atkinson by Chris Remsburg

Saturday, December 23 — Vigil Mass

4:00pm: (CST), 5:00pm (EST) Kentland Mass † William Nagele by Suzanne Seyfert

Sunday, December 24 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

7:30am: Oxford Mass † For the Pastorate

11:00am: Fowler Mass † Gene Balensiefer by Beth & Mike Owens

Christmas Vigil and Evening Masses

4:30pm: Fowler (Children's) Mass † Rosemary Weist by Dennis & Barb Sondgerath

9:00pm: Fowler Evening Mass †

No Religious Ed, Life Teen, or Confirmation Classes

Monday, December 25—Christmas Day

7:30am: Oxford Mass † Dick Atha by Mary Brost

10:00am: ((EST) Kentland Mass † Robert Reynolds by Martha Reynolds



CONTINUED WAYS TO CONNECT AND MINISTRIES

IMPORTANT FEASTS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



December 25th
Solemnity of the
Nativity of the Lord



December 26th
Feast of St. Stephen,
First-martyr



December 27th
Feast of St. John,
Apostle & Evangelist



December 28th
Feast of the
Holy Innocents



December 29th
Feast of St. Thomas
of Canterbury



Sunday after Christmas
or December 30th
Feast of the
Holy Family



December 31st
Feast of
St. Sylvester I,
Pope



January 1st
Octave Day of Christmas
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God



January 6th
Solemnity of the
Epiphany of the Lord



Sunday after
Epiphany or after Jan. 6
Feast of the
Baptism of the Lord

LITURGICAL DUTIES FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SACRED HEART— DECEMBER 24 (11 AM)

Lectors: 1—Kevin Puetz 2—Lori Francis

Altar Servers: Twyla & Oliver Werkowski, Aiden Budreau

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Kris Budreau

Chalice: Linda Brouillette & Anne Hanson

Ushers/Greeters: Curt Puetz, Brian Wallpe, Dale Budreau,
NOT FILLED

Rosary: Tasia Willeford

SACRED HEART—CHRISTMAS VIGIL 4:30PM

Lectors: 1-NOT FILLED, 2-NOT FILLED

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Kevin Puetz

Chalice: Deacon Joe Poremski & Sherie Poremski

Ushers/Greeters: NOT FILLED

SACRED HEART - CHRISTMAS EVENING 9:00PM

Lectors: 1-Kent Brouillette, 2-Steve Westrick

Altar Servers: Calhoun, Cecelia, Gideon Fisher, H S Servers

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Christ Sheetz

Chalice: Michelle Sarault, NOT FILLED

Ushers/Greeters: Bill Molter, NOT FILLED

ST. JOSEPH— DECEMBER 23

Lectors: 1—Karen Piegza 2—Clarice Benner

Altar Servers: Gavin & Sophie DiRuzza & Madilyn Donohue

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Verna Marcum

Chalice: Ed Coussens & Michelle Sarault

Ushers/Greeters: Darrell Bertrand & Bill Balensiefer

ST. JOSEPH— DECEMBER 25 (10 AM)

Lectors: 1-Clarice Benner, 2-NOT FILLED

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED

Extraordinary Minister of Communion—NOT FILLED

Chalice: Verna Marcum, NOT FILLED

Usher/Greeter: NOT FILLED

ST. PATRICK- DECEMBER 24

Lectors: 1—NOT FILLED, 2—Keith Glotzbach

Altar Servers: Jack Barnard, NOT FILLED

Greeters/Ushers: John Brost, NOT FILLED

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Deacon Joe Poremski

Chalice: Sherie Poremski, NOT FILLED

CONTINUED BELOW:

LITURGICAL CONT.

ST. PATRICK—DECEMBER 25

(7:30AM)

LECTORS: NOT FILLED

ALTAR SERVERS: NOT FILLED

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF

COMMUNION: (HOST) SHERRY

FISHER

CHALICE: NOT FILLED

USHERS/GREETERS: NOT FILLED

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!



SAVE THE DATE



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24th

4:30pm and 9:00pm

Sacred Heart Church, Fowler

Monday Dec. 25th

7:30am St. Patrick, Oxford

10:00am St. Joseph, Kentland

Monday, Jan. 1 (NOT an obligation)

9:00am St. Charles, Otterbein

NO DAILY MASSES

DECEMBER: 26TH, 27TH, 28TH & 29TH
ALL TIMES EASTERN

