

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

DECEMBER 24, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fourth 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

OUR STAFF

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ADORATION

Wednesdays: 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM—NO
ADORATION WED, DEC 27th
ADORATION LOCATION HAS MOVED:
WE WILL BE IN THE CHURCH UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Merry Christmas to you and your families! Christmas is a powerful time to come together for our families and every Christmas is a time for our families to open even more deeply to the

transforming power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Holy Family. The Holy Family not only transformed, but revolutionized the world and history through humility, poverty, adoration, and trust in the plan of God, and a complete dedication to the Glory of God.

Mary's silent adoration and awe teaches us to see through everyday human events and appearances to the presence of Christ in every situation. Joseph teaches us rock solid trust and bold docility in the unexpected events of daily life. The shepherds teach us simplicity, humility, and reverent adoration. The Infant Prince of Peace teaches us that God's Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel and the beating heart of the Nativity scene.

We approach the Prince of Peace this Christmas for special gifts of peace in our families, special gifts of peace for our Church and St. Isidore the Farmer Pastorate, and special gifts of peace for the World. Truly, the Holy Family continues to transform our lives and our families - in our

joys, crosses, crises, and issues. As we pray and meditate, in wonder and awe, on the Nativity at Christmas, we experience a spiritual rebirth and fresh insights into our lives and our families. We remember that our personal conversion sends a ripple effect throughout a family.

During this Christmas season, I want to thank you for celebrating Christ's birth as a family of faith with the hope to share Christ's love to our family and world. St. Isidore the Farmer, Pray for Us!

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Sean



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—DECEMBER 10TH

Sacred Heart	\$ 2,871.00
St. Mary	\$ 242.00
St. John	\$ 582.79
St. Joseph	\$ 1,425.00
St. Patrick	\$ 1,086.00
St. Charles	\$ 508.90

WAYS TO CONNECT

Pastorate Christmas Decorating Dates and Times:

Sacred Heart



Decorations - St. Ann Society will be decorating the church 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.***

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— Our February 17-24, 2024 trip is full. Our next trips are November 9-16, 2024 and February 15-22, 2025. Remember God is not worried about your ability as he is your availability! Please consider joining us. For more information 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 – "Mankind is a great family...proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas", Pope John XXIII. "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night." C.C.Moore

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.





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THE CATHOLIC CORNER

OPEN THIS GIFT FIRST

While frantically searching for the “perfect” gift for a relative I hardly know, I began to wonder “why?” Why do so many of us rush hither and yon in search of **things** to fill an empty stocking on Christmas morning? Christmas morning, with the jingle bells, the twinkling lights, the tree adorned with an array of ornaments old and new, and all those presents...the assortment of beautifully wrapped gifts that we spent our time to seek and our treasure to purchase. Don’t misunderstand me, I know that the gifts are a sign of our love. And yet, when Christmas day arrives, what gift do we bring to the one whose love for us is beyond measure? Do we begrudgingly offer an hour in church, a prayer hastily said before our Christmas feasts, and the “leftover” gifts of our treasure?

This year, before we bask in the fray of glitter and tissue paper strewn about our family gatherings, let us **first** open the most important gift we have to offer...our hearts. The child of God, lying in the manger, beckons us all to open our hearts to His love, His word, and His peace. Emmanuel, God is with us.

*May you all have a blessed Christmas
and a joyous New Year!*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS IN BOLD

Sunday, December 24— FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT,
4:00pm: (CST) Saturday Kentland Mass † William Nagele
7:30am: Oxford Mass † For the Pastorate
11:00am: Fowler Mass † Gene Balensiefer
 9:30—10:45am: **NO** Religious Education Sacred Heart School
 7:00pm: **NO** Life Teen & Confirmation, Sacred Heart School

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

Tuesday, December 26— NO Daily Mass,

8:15am: Fowler Mass †
 NO Credo—RCIA

Wednesday, December 27 — NO MASS —

9:00am—10:00pm: **NO ADORATION**

Thursday, December 28— NO Daily Mass,

6:00pm: Earl Park Daily Mass †

Friday, December 29 — NO Daily Mass,

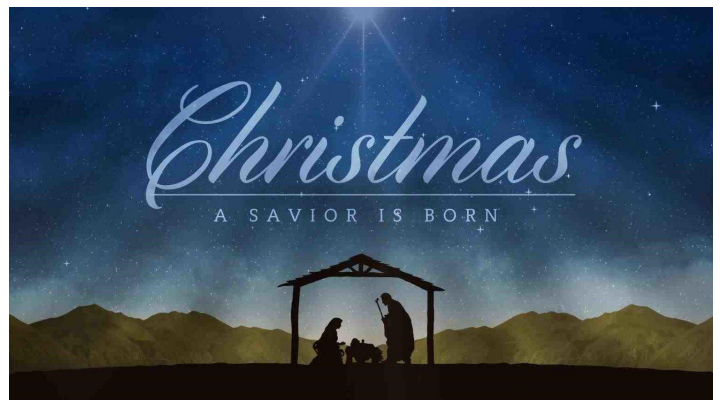
8:15am: Fowler Daily Mass †

Saturday, December 30 — Vigil Mass

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

Sunday, December 31 — THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30am: Oxford Mass † Keith Windler by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Stepp
11:00am: Fowler Mass † Rosemary Weist by Colleen Budreau



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 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

SACRED HEART— DECEMBER 31

Lectors: 1—NOT FILLED 2—Gail Goetz

Altar Servers: Twyla & Oliver Werkowski, Logan Deno
Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Kevin Puetz

Chalice: Brian Wallpe & Beth Owens

Ushers/Greeters: Curt Puetz, NOT FILLED, Bill Molter, NOT FILLED

Rosary: Tasia Willeford

ST. JOSEPH— DECEMBER 30

Lectors: 1—Henry Senefelder 2—Lee Senefelder

Altar Servers: Gavin & Sophie DiRuzza &

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Karen Piegza

Chalice: David Molter & Steve Westrick

Ushers/Greeters: Darrell Bertrand & Scott Murphy

ST. PATRICK- DECEMBER 31

Lectors: 1—Andrea Wallpe 2—

Altar Servers: Jack and Maddie Barnard

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bruggeman & Keith Glotzbach

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: (Host) Keith Glotzbach

Chalice: Sherry Fischer, NOT FILLED



SAVE THE DATE

REMINDERS:

THERE WILL BE NO RICA CLASS
ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 19TH &
26TH.

THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION
ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27TH



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!



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