

# ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

A PASTORATE OF THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## 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:** 10:00am

## 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  
**ADORATION WILL BE HELD IN SACRED  
HEART CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE.**

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 2024

All Sundays are obligatory for the faithful to participate in the Mass

**Thursday, May 9., 2024**  
**Thursday, August 15, 2024**  
**Friday, November 1, 2024**  
**Sunday December 8, 2023**  
**Wednesday, December 25, 2024**

**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



This feast of the Epiphany is our feast. We are those 3 wise men today. The journey may be long, the road may be rough, we may be exhausted, but here we are.

What are the gifts that we bring today, at this Mass. We know what the wise men brought - what is it that we bring...to Jesus?

That's why this feast is important for each one of us as we start the new year - Be attentive - look, study, take that time to look and see God's presence and God's will. To open our eyes - spiritually. We can be very attentive in other things in our life. Imagine how different this day would be if the wise men didn't even take the time to look for Jesus. Imagine how different our lives will be if we take the time to look for Jesus in our lives. This journey of the wise men was difficult, but that didn't matter to them. What mattered was who...who they were going to see. They saw the star and they acted... they moved. They had courage and they acted - a great lesson for all of us this year - to have courage and be active in our faith.

Gifts. God is always showering us with gifts. A lot of times we don't even recognize them. But - that's the whole point of this exercise - to recognize the gifts God is

always showering us. And to look at ourselves and how we are giving back to God. An awareness of just how good God is in our lives.

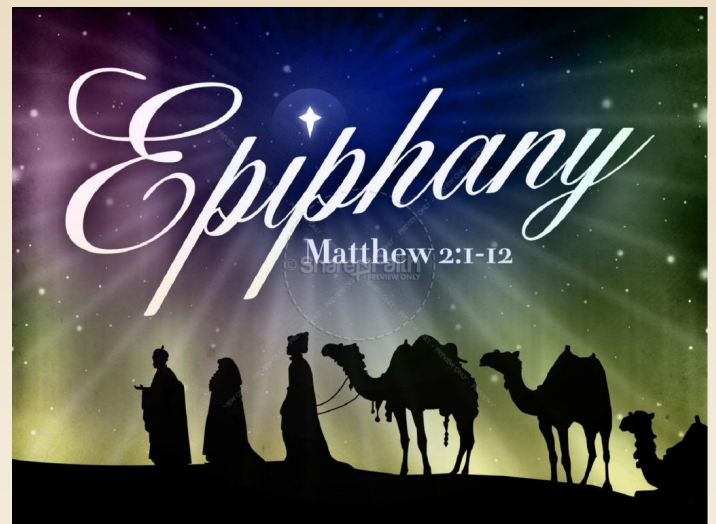
Many of you have started to read the pastorate gift to you, *Beautiful Eucharist*. This book is a great book that will lead us to our Eucharistic themed Pastorate Mission led by Fr. Declan McNicholas.

**Mark your calendars - February 11-13.**

Let's thank the good Lord for His goodness to us and pray that we can always be good to him.

Peace,

Fr. Sean



### 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— CHRISTMAS MASS

Sacred Heart	\$ 4,260.00
St. Mary	\$ 675.00
St. John	\$ 955.00
St. Joseph	\$ 815.00
St. Patrick	\$ 942.00
St. Charles	\$ 130.00

## WAYS TO CONNECT



**CO-OP JANUARY NEEDS:** LAUNDRY DETERGENT OR MAXI PADS (LARGE & EXTRA LARGE)

**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](mailto: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 – The octave of Christmas lasts eight days, including Dec. 31 so New Year's Eve is part of the Christmas season. On January 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. During 2024, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our church, our family, our friends, and your K of C Council.

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



# THANK YOU!

**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.**



**St. Anne's society circle heads meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00pm room 10.**



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## THE CATHOLIC CORNER

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Tuesday, January 16 - Wednesday, January 24. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!

## GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE

This Christmas season, some of us are experiencing a sadness due to the absence of a loved one or dear friend. Instead of a heart filled with the joy of the Christ Child, some are filled with sorrow and the lingering sting of loss. Grieving with Great Hope is a six-week program that offers anyone grieving to discover the journey of hope. This is not a program that eliminates your grief or encourages you to “forget it” and “move on”...**THIS PROGRAM OFFERS A WAY TO GRIEVE WITH GREAT HOPE.** We will begin Monday, January 29 at 6pm (EST) at St. John Hall in Earl Park. Please consider registering for this program. Call the pastorate office or email Bridget Schlebecker [bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:bschlebecker@parish.dol-in.org) You are not alone.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PASTORATE

### MASSSES AND MASS INTENTIONS IN BOLD

**Sunday, January 7 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**4:00pm: (CST) Saturday Kentland Mass † Tom Hofmeyer**

**7:30am: Oxford Mass † Sonny Haynes**

**10:00am: Fowler Mass † For the Pastorate**

8:45—9:45am: Religious Education Sacred Heart School

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

**Monday, January 8—Daily Mass**

**5:00pm: Confessions**

**6:00pm: Otterbein Mass † Genevieve Hewitt by Tony Ringle**

**Tuesday, January 9— Daily Mass,**

**8:15am: Fowler Mass † Connie Brouillette by Larry & Brenda Cummins**

**Credo—RCIA RESUMES at St. Patrick Hall, Oxford**

**Wednesday, January 10— NO MASS —**

9:00am—10:00pm: Adoration

**Thursday, January 11— Daily Mass,**

**6:00pm: Earl Park Daily Mass † Tom Hofmeyer by Barb Garing**

**Friday, January 12 — Daily Mass,**

**8:15am: Fowler Daily Mass † Tish Ringle by Wallace & Ione Donahue**

**Saturday, January 13 — Vigil Mass**

**4:00pm: (CST), 5:00pm (EST) Kentland Mass † Frances Sygulla by the Family**

**Sunday, January 14 — SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**10:00am: Fowler Mass † Ivy Brouillette by John & Pam Messner**

8:45—9:45am: Religious Education Sacred Heart School

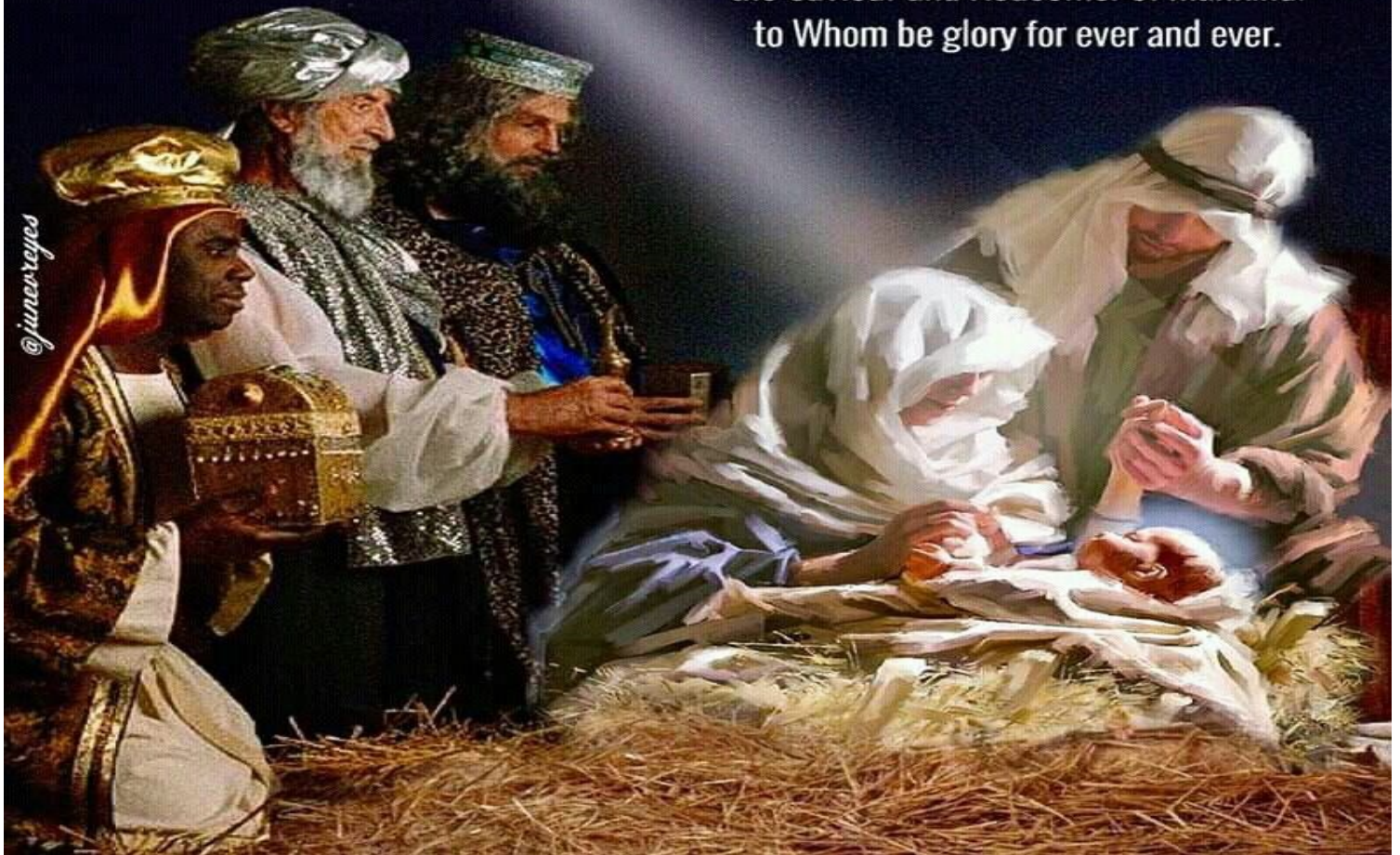
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# HAPPY FEAST DAY! EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

Eternal God, may Your light shine our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
that we too may be led into Your presence  
and worship You, the Child of Mary,  
the Word of the Father, the King of kings,  
the Saviour and Redeemer of mankind:  
to Whom be glory for ever and ever.



## SAVE THE DATE



### COMING TO OUR PASTORATE:

*Fr. Declan McNicholas*  
*With the Diocese of Gary, IN*  
*Associate Pastor, St. John the*

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

***Evangelist - MISSION SPEAKER***  
**FEB. 11, 12, & 13TH**  
**MORE DETAILS OF EVENTS TO  
COME!**

**CREDO—RCIA—RITE OF CHRIS-  
TIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
**CLASS WILL RESUME ON TUES-  
DAY JANUARY 9TH @ ST. PATRICK**  
**HALL IN OXFORD.**

**ST. ANNE CIRCLE HEAD MEETING,**  
**WED. JANUARY 17TH @ 7PM IN**  
**ROOM 10.**