



# ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

August 24, 2025 :: The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:00pm Otterbein  
Tuesday: 8:15am Fowler  
Wednesday: NO MASS  
Thursday: 6:00pm Earl Park  
Friday: 8:15 am Fowler

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00pm CST 5:00pm EST Kentland  
Sunday: 7:30am Oxford  
Sunday: 10:00am Fowler

#### CONFESSIONS

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

#### ADORATION

Monday: 5:00pm - 6:00pm Otterbein  
Wednesday: 9:00am-10:00pm Fowler  
Thursday: 5:00pm - 6:00pm Earl Park

## At The Movies

Sherie and I enjoy movies! We always have. We're big fans and followers of the Dallas Jenkins' series, 'The Chosen', which tells the story of the life, [and yet to come in the series] death, and resurrection of Jesus. That's why we are particularly excited to hear the recent news from Mel Gibson, that he is planning not one, but two films to follow up his 2004 movie, 'The Passion of the Christ'. If you've not seen 'The Passion' movie yet, you really should! This movie carries an 'R' rating, and for a good reason – it IS a violent film, almost disturbingly so. The film so closely aligned to the original story that the entire film needed to be subtitled, as all of the characters speak in ancient Aramaic or Hebrew tongues. Pope St. John Paul II, after viewing the film reportedly stated that the film "shows how it was", indicating it accurately portrayed the historical events of Jesus' crucifixion and death.

Faith-based films, while once holding a pretty prevalent niche of the Hollywood audience with films like 'Ben Hur' and 'The Ten Commandments' had, in the late '80 through the early 2000's, drifted away from productions that focused on things like faith or morals or the good. But then, in the spring of 2004, Mel Gibson gave audiences 'The Passion of the Christ', a film written, produced, and directed by Gibson himself. At the time of release, Mr. Gibson was solidly criticized, being accused of his promoting "his own bias against Jews". For his part, Mr. Gibson's response was, "...I felt a calling to make the film, seeing it as a way to express my own beliefs and inspire others."

With 'The Passion's' very successful release, film-makers again began to recognize a target audience and market for their product. Films like 'Noah' and 'Risen' debuted, along with other, more contemporary-themed movies like 'Fireproof', 'The War Room', and 'God Is Not Dead'. These films made their way to audiences who warmly received and appreciated movies that conveyed a more Christian message. Even some World War II movies like 'Hacksaw Ridge' and 'We Were Soldiers' were produced, and while showing acts of bravery, selflessness, and compassion under fire, demonstrated that the movie-going audience is hungry for films that readily show ordinary people living out the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

So, as I began writing this article, Mr. Gibson has begun talking about his coming sequel(s) to 'The Passion of the Christ'. It's taken him 8 years to write the screenplay, and filming has begun. He commented that in order to write what he intends to put on film it has taken him on a journey that began with the original fall from grace of the angels. To that end, he feels that he cannot possibly do justice to the message he will present in a single film – hence, two movies. Depending on where you look, the tentative release date will probably be around Easter time in either 2026 or 2027. It is my personal hope that these new films will be as true and loyal to the Scripture as was 'The Passion'. I know it's still a year or two down-range, but I am personally looking forward seeing what Mr. Gibson has in store for us. I'm confident we won't be disappointed. Until then, I'll see you at the movies...

Peace  
Deacon Joe



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AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)



## Please Pray For...

- The St. Isidore Pastorate
- Vocations

If you have a prayer request or a pastoral need, please contact the Pastorate Office at (765) 884-1818



## STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of August 10th

SACRED HEART \$1809.00

ST. MARY \$305.00

ST. JOHN \$1240.00

ST. JOSEPH \$1052.00

ST. PATRICK \$1459.00

ST. CHARLES \$180.00

Thank you for your support and generosity!

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## ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER

### Confirmation

**Who:** all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and (High School students who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

**When:** Sunday, August 24 - 11:30am @ Sacred Heart Church, Fowler  
Reach out to Fr. Sean Aaron - [fr.saaron@dol-in.org](mailto:fr.saaron@dol-in.org) for questions.

### Adopt-a-spot at St. Joseph's

With our new front of the church landscaping completed, we are looking for a few volunteers to weed and keep the areas tidy. If you are able to help us, please contact Joan Hays call or text 219-863-8636 or email [haysmjoan@gmail.com](mailto:haysmjoan@gmail.com)

Thanks in advance 🌸

### Join Fr. Sean Aaron on a one day pilgrimage walking in the footsteps of Pope Leo Monday, November 10.



Travel by coach bus from St. Isidore the Farmer in Fowler to hear the Pope's life narrated, see sites surrounding Pope Leo's life and be led in prayer by Father. Some of the places we will visit are his parent's tombs, his childhood home and parish, the college he attended, where he lived as prior of the Augustinian order, where he was born, the gorgeous church where he was ordained a deacon, the church where he ordained numerous priests over the years ... and more! We will also make a stop at Time Out Market - which is an upscale food court in a beautiful neighborhood of Chicago. Here you will have time for lunch on your own. The cost is \$150 per person. This price includes transportation, tours and tips. Register online today by using this QR code. Hope you can join us for this amazing day! Questions? Email: [marcie.stellamaristours@gmail.com](mailto:marcie.stellamaristours@gmail.com)

**ST. BONIFACE GERMANFEST**

**20th Anniversary!**

SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2025 - 4-11PM

**INFO:**

- 4PM - HOLY MASS AT ST. BONIFACE CHURCH
- 5:15PM - OPENING CEREMONY
- LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES, CARNIVAL RIDES, & DRONE SHOW

**\$10,000 RAFFLE**

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LAFAYETTE, IN 47904

## Pastorate Information

### Catholic Ministries Appeal



#### CMA Giving Totals Update - July 2025

St. Mary: Goal \$3000 (**Need: \$1780**)

We have met 41% of our Goal

St. John: Goal \$11,000 (**Need \$8275**)

We have met 25% of our Goal

Sacred Heart: Goal \$34,000 (**Need \$10,990**)

We have met 68% of our Goal

St. Joseph: Goal \$15,000 (**Need \$6395**)

We have met 57% of our Goal

St. Charles: Goal \$22,000 (**Need \$14,703**)

We have met 33% of our Goal

St. Patrick: Goal \$23,000 (**Need \$5010**)

We have met 78% of our Goal



### This Week in our Pastorate

#### Sunday, Aug 24th

7:30am Mass: St. Patrick, Oxford -  
+Margaret Sheehy Ulman (Mills Family)  
10:00am Mass: Sacred Heart Fowler -  
\*Pastorate

#### Monday, Aug 25th

5:00-6:00pm Adoration: St. Charles, Otterbein  
6:00pm Mass: St. Charles Otterbein  
+ George Wallpe (Jim Nill Family)

#### Tuesday, Aug 26th

8:15am Mass: Sacred Heart, Fowler -  
+ Dick Brouillette (Brad & Kim Deno)

#### Wednesday, Aug 27th

\*NO MASS\*  
9:00am-10:00pm Adoration: Sacred Heart, Fowler  
6:00pm - Summer Book Club - Sacred Heart, Fowler

#### Thursday, Aug 28th

6:00pm Mass: St John, Earl Park  
+ Kathleen Schellenberger (Maryrose Schellenberger)  
2:00pm - Summer Book Club - Sacred Heart, Fowler  
5:00pm - 6:00pm Adoration

#### Friday, Aug 29th

8:15am Mass: Sacred Heart, Fowler  
\*Donald Greg Schwartz (Chris Hofmeyer Family)

#### Saturday, Aug 30th

4:00pm CT (5:00pm: ET) Vigil Mass : St. Joseph,  
Kentland --+Michael Nagel  
(Lawrence & Roseanne Nagel)

#### Sunday, Aug 31st

7:30am Mass: St. Patrick, Oxford -  
\*Pastorate  
10:00am Mass: Sacred Heart Fowler -  
+Nancy Muller (Roger Muller)

### Holy Days of Obligation

#### Saturday, November 1, 2025

- All Saints' Day -Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year due to the fact it falls on a Saturday.

#### Monday, December 8, 2023

- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Thursday, December 25, 2025

-Christmas

## Save the Date

# 25/26 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## UPCOMING IN THE PASTORATE

Mark your Calendars!

- August 29 – Sept. 1 –Earl Park Fall Festival at the Earl Park Community Park – Food vendors, flea market, bluegrass music, parade...and more!
- Sept 6–7 -- Dan Patch Days – Oxford, IN – music, food trucks, rodeo and more!
- Sept. 21 – Movie Matinee – Cabrini. Cabrini tells the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen
- Oct. 5 – St. Isidore Harvest Festival. Join us as we celebrate the Fall Harvest. Mass @ Sacred Heart 10:00am with Bishop Doherty. Food, live music by the Hussey Brothers, games and more after Mass!
- November 10 – Join Fr. Sean as we will walk in the Footsteps of Pope Leo XIV. You will not want to miss this Jubilee Year Pilgrimage!
- Sundays in Advent – Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 – Fr. Sean and Dcn. Joe will present a 4-part series of the Creed based on Bishop Barron's book What Christians Believe – Understanding the Nicene Creed

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
PORK CHOP STAND

## EARL PARK FALL FESTIVAL

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST OF THE ST. ISIDORE THE  
FARMER PASTORATE IS LOOKING FOR  
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT THE EARL PARK FALL  
FESTIVAL PORK CHOP STAND

Volunteers needed  
Wednesday August  
27<sup>th</sup> thru

Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>

To view the schedule  
Follow the QR Code. To  
sign up please contact Ava  
Snodgrass at 765-366-  
4531 (cell) and 765-884-  
0723 (home). It is ok to  
leave a message.



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