



ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PASTORATE

November 30, 2025 :: The First Sunday of Advent



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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

The First Sunday of Advent

On this “First Sunday of Advent”, we again enter into that sincere and profound time of waiting; a time punctuated by a genuine and surreal sense of hope, and of longing for the coming of our Lord Jesus in the flesh. The days continue to grow shorter and colder, but we still hold on to the promise that was made, that onto us, a savior will come. And so, we wait...

But in the meanwhile, it's easy [often too easy] for us to be distracted by the “lure” of the world around us. For many, the parties, festivities, and celebrations are even now underway. For merchants and some others, they've been underway for several weeks already. It's important for us as faithful Catholic Christians, to guard ourselves from the temptation of surrendering to the culture around us. I'm not at all saying here that we should boycott the office Christmas Party, or our gathering with friends and family to enjoy the delight that the season brings. No, these times and events are special, and to be cherished. What I AM saying is that it's important for each of us to keep a hold of the fact that the Christmas celebration others are enjoying doesn't actually begin until December 25th – THAT is the point of all the celebrating.

In her wisdom, Holy Mother Church gives us the Season of Advent: to temper our anticipation, and resist our desire for the immediate gratification society promises. This season, by design, is present to us precisely to help us practice and experience the virtue of patience in our lives. We eagerly look forward to His coming among us, and we anticipate His birth almost as if someone in our own family was about to have a baby. The expectation, the anxiety, the tension of this “soon-to-happen” event builds a sense of excitement that just can't [or shouldn't] be lost in the moment. And when it finally does arrive, we take in the joy and beauty it offers, like a swimmer whos' been holding his breath under water for a prolonged period of time. We need to hold fast to the fact that the Christmas Season BEGINS on December 25th. We must remember that even as we may be wishing others the joy and happiness of Christmas, there's a part of us that is still holding onto the desire for this time/event TO HAPPEN. Christ's coming into this world was anticipated not only by Israel, but by others as well all over the world. The anticipation and the delivery of that promise lasted over 4000 years. Today, we need only to wait another 4 weeks...

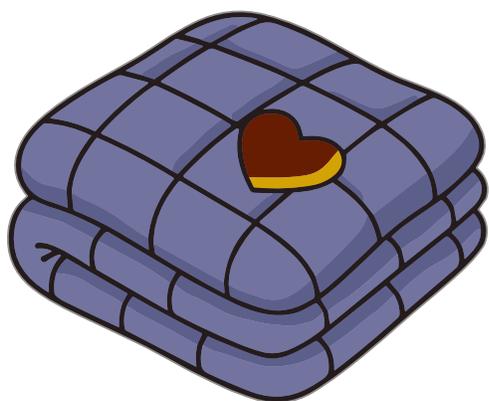
Happy Advent, everyone,
Deacon Joe

Volunteers needed

We are building our parishioner volunteer base and are looking to expand this to include the following tasks:

- Front Office Reception/Greeters
- BULL CREW - Individuals who will assist with heavy lifting.
- Special Projects (e.g., putting new Mass missals in churches)

Please contact Chris Hofmeyer if you are interested.



Sacred Heart Sewing Ladies have been very busy. . We have several quilts on display at Glotzbach Pharmacy. There are quilts for all seasons and from babies to adults. The quilts are \$20.00 each and all proceeds go to Sacred Heart School. We thank you for your support.

44TH ANNUAL
Sacred Heart
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

DECEMBER 6TH
9AM - 2PM

607 NORTH WASHINGTON, FOWLER

BAKE SALE * COFFEE SHOP * KIDS CORNER * RAFFLE * VENDORS

An illustration of five Christmas trees in various colors (pink, green, gold, blue, green) with stars on top. The trees are stylized and have different patterns on them.

Let's Celebrate

Maxine Sondgeroth's 100th Birthday Celebration will be held at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall next weekend. Please Call the Pastorate office for more details. For those who can't attend, please send Maxine a birthday card at 9023 W 400 S, Fowler, IN 47944.

Pastorate Information

Baptisms and Weddings

Congratulations! Parents/Couples must contact the pastorate office. For weddings, please contact us at least 9 months in advance.

Financial Contributions:

When making any financial contributions, payment must be made payable to the parish of your choice. Payments made payable to the pastorate cannot be accepted.

Bulletin Deadline

Submissions for the Bulletin are due 2 Weeks in Advance.



Poinsettias

St. Ann Society will be offering poinsettias, in memory of a loved one, for \$10 through December 20. 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.

This Week in our Pastorate

Sunday, Nov 30th

7:30am Mass: St. Patrick, Oxford - Martin Kennedy (Anonymous)
10:00am Mass: Sacred Heart Fowler - Mariam and Donny Budreau (Beth and Mike Owens)
11:00am Understanding the Creed - Sacred Heart

Monday, Dec 1st

5:00-6:00pm Adoration: St. Charles, Otterbein
6:00pm Mass: St. Charles Otterbein
Fay Purcell (Cleone Logan)

Tuesday, Dec 2nd

8:15am Mass: Sacred Heart, Fowler - Mary Doring (Dan and Linda Rhoades)
6:00pm - Advent Penance Service: Sacred Heart

Wednesday, Dec 3rd

NO MASS
9:00am-10:00pm Adoration: Sacred Heart, Fowler

Thursday, Dec 4th

6:00pm Mass: St John, Earl Park- Jane Schluttenhofer (Larry Schlettenhofer)

Friday, Dec 5th

8:15am Mass: Sacred Heart, Fowler
Larry Puetz (Kevin and Julie Puetz)

Saturday, Dec 6th

4:00pm CT (5:00pm: ET) Vigil Mass : St. Joseph, Kentland - Sherry Griffis (Mary and Ron Kaltreider)

Sunday, Dec 7th

7:30am Mass: St. Patrick, Oxford - Jack and Sharon Dwenger (Keith Golotzbach)
10:00am Mass: Sacred Heart Fowler - Pastorate
11:00am Understanding the Creed - Sacred Heart

Holy Days of Obligation

Monday, December 8, 2025

- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 25, 2025

-Christmas

Save the Date



Sunday, December 7 – SAINT NICHOLAS PARTY

Start planning your holiday activities. Once again the Pastorate is expecting a visit from Jolly Old St. Nicholas. As this activity is near to capacity, we ask that you pre-register to assure your seat (and that we have enough supplies for each child).



CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT SIGN-UP

Families are encouraged to begin registering their child(ren) for the Christmas Eve Pageant. This endeavor requires a great deal of coordination and rehearsal. Simply go to the link below

11:15a-12:00p (Following 10:00a Mass)

Sacred Heart, Fowler, IN

The Creed

A Journey Through What We Believe

Join us this Advent for a special four-part reflection on the Nicene Creed — the heart of our Catholic faith. Each session will follow Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, offering a time for quiet prayer before the presentation.

Nov 30 – The Father – Dcn. Joe

Dec 7 – The Son – Fr. Sean

Dec 14 – The Holy Spirit – Dcn. Joe

Dec 21 – One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church – Fr. Sean



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