



Saint Michael Church, Fort Loramie



Saints Peter & Paul Church, Newport

## Newsletter May 2022

### Preparing for Beacons of Lite-Phase 1 Beginning July 1, 2022

As many are aware, our Archdiocese has been going through a process called the Beacons of Light. This planning process is meant to help to study every aspect of the archdiocese and parishes to determine how to best utilize our resources – human, physical and financial – to spread the Gospel far and wide.

Everyone wants to belong to a vibrant parish right? Well. the goal as we move through this multi-year process is to ensure that our parishes are strong and vibrant and effective in spreading the Gospel message for decades and even centuries to come.

While several years of work have already been happening, things really start taking effect July 1, 2022, when Father Jarred Kohn becomes the pastor of Holy Angels parish in Sidney, Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in McCartyville, Ss. Peter & Paul parish in Newport and St. Michael parish in Fort Loramie. Father Jarred will be assisted by three parochial vicars (kind of like assistant priests) Father Aaron Hess, Father Steve Mondiek and Father Andrew Reckers. These four priests will be rotating between the four parishes on a weekly basis beginning July 1. We might say that July 1 is where the rubber meets the road.



As we transition through this period, you will notice a few changes in our Newport-Fort Loramie Pastoral Region.

Beginning June 6, 2022, the following changes will take place....

- Ss. Peter & Paul 8:00 am daily Mass will move to Monday mornings.
- Tuesday afternoon confessions will be moved from Ss. Peter & Paul to St. Michael Chapel from 5:00-5:30 pm
- Tuesday evening Mass at St. Michael will begin at 6:00 pm.

Beginning July 1, 2022

- Confessions will be offered in St. Michael Chapel from 10:15-10:45 am on Sunday mornings.

*"...I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Isaiah 49:6*



## What's Been Going On

Father Jarred Kohn has been busy making himself available to meet members of our Family of Parishes. He has visited Loramie Brewing Company, Keyhole and the St. Patrick's Day weekend fish fry at McCartyville. He has also had lunch with our parish staff and has taken some time to meet with them individually.

Father Aaron Hess was able to join grade 7-12 religion students for their last night of class, getting in some ultimate frisbee with some 7th graders!



Prayer has been, and continues to be an incredibly important part of this planning process. A Holy Hour was held at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Newport. Father Steve Shoup, Father Aaron Hess and Father Jarred Kohn were all in attendance along with parishioners from all 4 parishes. Father Aaron led the rosary. A Holy Hour is planned for St. Michael Church June 26, 2022, from 7:00-8:00 pm.



For additional information regarding upcoming activities please see pages 7& 8 or visit [www.nflregion.org](http://www.nflregion.org)



Twenty-two women from our parish participated in our first annual "Christ Renews His Parish" women's retreat February 5-6. Many of the women decided they'd like to help put on the retreat for the next group of women February 18-19, 2023.





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**Schoenstatt Covenant of Love Ceremony, April 26, 2022**

50 people from our parish & area parishes made their Covenant of Love on April 26. They are asking the Blessed Mother to lead them and their families to a closer relationship with Jesus. The next class will be in Jan. 2023.







**Donations were collected for Mercy Mission House,** the new emergency shelter in Sidney. Randy Magoto brought one van load of donations to them on April 26, 2022. Classes of students in CCD competed against each other to see which would bring in the most donations. All grades were then rewarded with ice cream sandwiches! Thank you to all who contributed!



**St. Ann's Casserole for a Cause** campaign was another success this year! There were 400 frozen casseroles made and donated to area food pantries! Again, thank you for continuing to be a generous community!



**Congratulations** to the four people who entered the Catholic Church family at Easter Vigil: Cassie Evans, Ginger Magoto, Jena Holtkamp and Garrett Toops.



# Transitions— February, March, April

## Newly Baptized

### Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Soreyn David Bollheimer

Kyle Bollheimer and Sierra Hecht

Blaise Elizabeth Pangilinan

Jhon & Haleigh (Huelskamp) Pangilinan

Edward Andrew Eilerman

Andrew & Stephanie (Otting) Eilerman

Alana Josephine Phlipot

Jesse & Shelby (Mayberry) Phlipot

### St. Michael Church

Samuel John Brandewie

Nathan & Jodi (Zimmerman) Brandewie

Savannah Rae Tebbe

Austin & Victoria (Maurer) Tebbe

Margaret Ruth Meyer

Nicholas & Kristen (Vehorn) Meyer

Jonah Julius Brandewie

Bart & Hilary (Ferguson) Brandewie

Kalvin Jordan Pleiman

Jordan & Mallory (Albers) Pleiman

Bristol Jade Holthaus

Scott & Sara (Koverman) Holthaus

Gianna Lynn Holland

Jonathan & Paige (Hilgefert) Holland

Cecilia Patricia Albers

Cody & Clair (Ruhenkamp) Albers

Kade Matthew Langenkamp

Matthew & Brayden (Murray)

Langenkamp

Carley Marie Meinerding

John & Megan (Scott) Meinerding

Mack James Prueter

Derrick & Courtney (Goebel) Prueter

Claire Rose Grassbaugh

Samuel & Maria (Spanel) Grassbaugh

Silas Joshua Albers

Joshua & Lisa (Muhlenkamp) Albers

Carter Joseph Hemmelgarn

Luke & Katelin (Luthman) Hemmelgarn

## Welcome, New Members of Our Parish Family

### St. Michael Church

Connor & Leah Bornhorst

Caitlyn DeVries

## Marriages

### St. Michael Church

Brad & Megan (Ahrns) Bertke

Cole & Erica (Luthman) Cordonnier

Ryan & Alyson (Elking) Humphreys

## In Loving Memory

### Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Treva Barhorst 8/28/1928—3/18/2022

### St. Michael Church

Bryan Ruhenkamp 5/28/1970—1/31/2022

Julie Moeller 9/23/1957—2/2/2022

Jason Grieshop 2/21/1982—2/9/2022

Marlene Rethman 2/11/1935—2-12-2022

Judy Gaier 4/9/1945—2/12/2022

Donald Ruhenkamp 11/12/1933—2/24/2022

Rosanne Grunkemeyer 7/10/1944—3/8/2022

Paul Poepelman 1/22/1930—3/15/2022

John Kremer 4/17/1924—3/25/2022

John C. Meyer 8/11/1951—4/2/2022



# SPP Family Night, Pancake & Sausage Breakfast and Graduate Mass



Father Steve's last wedding at Ss. Peter and Paul





# Save the Date

## May

- Tuesday 24** Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible study begins. See pg. 8 for details  
**Thursday 26** Father Steve's Birthday!!!  
**Monday 30** Memorial Day Mass at St. Michael Church at 9:00 am

## June

- Friday 3** First Friday Communion Service, 7:00 am St. Michael Church  
**Sunday 5** Pentecost Sunday-the end of the Easter Season  
**Wednesday 8** Appreciation dinner for catechists. 6:00 pm at St. Michael Hall  
**Wednesday 15** Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life study begins, see pg. 8 for details  
**Sunday 26** Family of Parishes Holy Hour at St. Michael Church, 7:00-8:00 pm  
**June 23-30** Totus Tuus Bible Camp grades 7-12, 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Michael Hall  
**June 27-July 1** Totus Tuus Bible Camp grades 1-6, 9:00 am-2:00 pm at St. Michael Hall

## July

- Friday 1** First Friday Communion Service, 7:00 am St. Michael Church  
**Fri. 1-Sat. 2** Youth Ministry Cake Wheel fundraiser at Ft. Loramie Liberty Days  
**Wednesday 13** Theology of the Body adult meeting 6:00-7:15pm at St. Michael Hall  
**Fri. 15- Sun. 17** Steubenville Retreat for High School youth  
**Wednesday 20** Theology of the Body adult meeting 6:00-7:15 pm at St. Michael Hall

## Future

- August 18** First Day of School Hardin-Houston Schools  
**August 23** First Day of School Fort Loramie Schools  
**October 9** Ss. Peter & Paul Men's pancake and sausage breakfast  
**Nov. 5 & 6** Ss. Peter & Paul Turkey Festival  
**Feb 18 & 19** Christ Renews His Parish Retreat  
**February 19** Confirmation Mass at St. Michael Church at 3:30 pm

## Free Ongoing Events

**Senior Citizens Chair Volleyball**  
Thursdays 9a-10:30a | SM Hall

**Senior Citizens Exercise**  
Wednesdays 9a-10a | SM Hall

**SVDP Food Pantry Distribution**  
3rd Saturday of the Month  
9:30a-1030a | Parish Office Ctr.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Meetings**  
7:15p Bruckens | 1st Wednesday

**Soul Core Workout**  
Thursdays 7p-8p | Saturdays 8a-9a  
St. Mike's Place

**Knights of Saint John Meeting**  
2nd Thursday of Month | SM Hall

**Women's Faith Sharing Breakfast**  
2nd & 4th Saturdays  
Do Good Restaurant, Noah's Room  
8:30 am

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**



## Senior Citizen outings are restarting! Mark your calendar!

**May - Tour Wilderness Trail Museum & Romie's** on Fri., May 20 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cost. We will go out to eat at Brucken's at noon.

**June - Tour the Johnston Farm** in Piqua, Ohio on Thurs., June 30, leaving at 11 a.m. We will do the house tour, take a canal boat ride and check out their museum. Afterwards we will go out to eat. Cost is \$8.00 for the tour and boat ride.

**July - Tour People's Garden**, Sidney, Ohio on Thurs., July 7 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Master gardener Conelia Dixon will show us their raised beds garden and explain how their community garden provides food for the people in Sidney. She will also answer all our gardening questions. No cost. We will go out to eat afterwards.

**July 26 is Sr. Citizen Day at the Shelby County Fair.** Free admission, lunch and entertainment.

**August - Tour Waco Air Museum**, Troy on Tues., Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 each or \$5 for veterans.

Call Rose Meyer @ 937-295-2891 to register for these events. Senior citizens activities are open to anyone 50 or older from any church or anyone accompanying a senior citizen.



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**Saturday Mass Times**

5:00p St. Michael

**Sunday Mass Times**

8:00a St. Michael

9:30a Ss. Peter & Paul

11:00a St. Michael

**Monday Mass Time**

8:00a Ss. Peter & Paul

**Tuesday Mass Times**

6:00p St. Michael

**Wed. Thu. Fri. Mass Time**

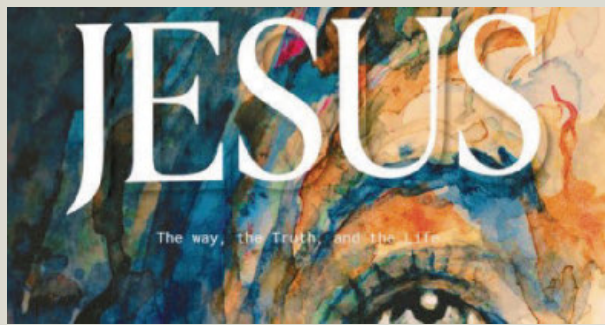
8:25a St. Michael

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**Adult Faith Formation Opportunities**



**“Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible”** is a bible study for people who are unfamiliar with the Bible & will be offered this summer on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mike’s Place beginning May 24 every other week for 8 sessions. Open to the first 24 people who register. To register call or email Rose Meyer @ 937-295-2891.



**“Jesus, the Way, the Truth & the Life”** bible study will be offered this summer for 10 weeks on Wednesdays beginning June 15. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this is a fresh look at Jesus – who He is, what He is really like, what He taught, and what He did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your life around Him as you come to know and love Him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way. Cost is \$20 to participate and includes a workbook and timeline to enhance your experience. Open to the first 24 people who register with Rose Meyer @ 937-295-2891.



**THANK YOU!!!**

We would like to sincerely thank the catechists and any volunteers who helped with religious education programs this year! We are very appreciative of all your time , talent and treasure you share with our youth and parish. We wish you all a safe and happy summer. God Bless !



Both churches in our region are equipped with hearing loops. Hearing loops are the internationally accepted standard for providing hearing accommodation. If you have avoided going to Mass because of challenges hearing, we encourage you to give it another try! All are welcome!

Did you know that St. Michael Church and Ss. Peter and Paul Church (together we call them the Newport-Fort Loramie Pastoral Region) have an Instagram account? Stay updated with current happenings and receive access to inspirational material by scanning the IG nametage!



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