



Our Lady of the Assumption

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm—Walk-in
1:00 pm– 2:00 pm—Lunch
2:00-4:00 pm—By appointment

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm - Lucernemines
Saturday 6:00 pm - Coral
Sunday 9:00 am - Coral
Sunday 11:00 am - Lucernemines

Schedule for daily Masses, Holy Days, & other services can be found inside.

**The Sanctuary Candle for
December 10 to December 24,
2021 burns for
Antonian Ferrant
By
Nieces
(Lucernemines)
&
JR Reed
By
Daughters, Julianne &
Stephanie
(Coral)**

Advent Regional Penance Services

**Monday, Dec. 13 -
Church of the Good
Shepherd, Kent, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Our
Lady of the
Assumption,
Lucernemines Site, 7
PM**

**Thursday, Dec. 16 - St.
Ambrose, Avonmore, 7
PM**

**Thursday, Dec. 16 -
Holy Family, Seward, 7
PM**

**Saturday, Dec. 18 - St.
Bernard of Clairvaux,
Indiana, 10 AM**

**Monday, Dec. 20 -
Church of the
Resurrection, Clymer
Site, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Dec. 21 - SS
Simon & Jude,
Blairsville, 7 PM**

***Please note: all
services are at 7 PM
with the exception of
Saturday, Dec. 18,
which is at 10 AM -
Also, there will be no 3
PM Confessions that
day at Our Lady of the**



Awaiting Salvation: I'll be home for Christmas

Dear Parishioners,

Are you planning to hold **some holiday family celebrations this Christmas Season?**

Looking ahead, we will again **Bless Wine on the Sunday after Christmas** (December 26). Please plan to bring some bottles to bless for your table use, so we can keep this ancient tradition on the feast of St. John the Evangelist who recorded the wedding-day story of making water into wine, a most powerful image of **the bounty and compassion of God**.

As I write this reflection, for the last two weeks, my own family obligations have claimed eighty-percent of my energy and seventy percent of my time: my sister's rapid onset of illness occasioned matters of care at hospitals and rehabilitation centers, with the family house, with my father's care, with my sister's post-acute care, and with things as diverse as the payment of bills and placement of the pet, as well as with the channeling of volunteer efforts by the extended family to assist and the hauling away of accumulated cast-offs. Added to those efforts were the grieving over the death of our young, 58-year-old cousin who always contributed good cheer and levity to our timed together. ***This may sound all too familiar or similar for some of us.***

Working with the extended family in this process, I heard the following: A.) The **affection and appreciation for one another** becomes **real or poignant** when we face common trials. B.) **Memories witness to bedrock values** centered in our Christian, Catholic Faith. C.) The **brevity of our lifespans** become apparent when illness strikes. D.) **Recommitting ourselves to simplifying lifestyles allows us to deal with what actually matters or at least to what should matter.** This recommitment rests upon a solid foundation: our conversations about **faith in Someone** so much greater than ourselves and our experiences **propel us to find the lean, the clean, the pure.**

Share Christmas greetings with one another in our families to uncover or dust off foundations based on ***the story of God at work in our world***, Emmanuel, even for those who had become less certain of the One around whom all works. We gather because God wants us to love one another in the same way God loves us.

There's nothing quite like finding a closet closed up for thirty-plus years (*did we forget about the contents?*), or a set of linens for the Christmas Eve family suppers not unpacked in twenty-five years (*did we become too much a throw-away society?*), or a small liquor cabinet complete with brandies once most suited to gently and kindly toast one another on holidays, now dusty and/or spoiled (*did the one most convinced of the graciousness of honoring one another with a glass raised forget this custom?*).

Re-mem-bering reassembles satisfyingly sacred memories. Separating the detritus, the remains, the debris, of what has become disposable and worthless (Did you know that plastic and corks similarly crumble? Stored cloth disintegrates at a mere touch or movement of air? Wood becomes dust-infested and soft?) from what is expendable but donatable to a group that shares goods with persons in need, requires careful evaluation along with decisiveness. **Give away the excess before accepting the new gift.**

The pandemic may have convinced us that we missed one another, but the second and third years running may reassert within us **a desire for what we miss most:** our loved ones, like *Emmanuel, God with us. Find a way to connect with one another in God's Gift of Jesus.*

*Thank
You*

The clients and
volunteers of
the Homer City/

Center Township Food Bank are grateful for the donations received from Our Lady of the Assumption. The generosity of the parish community has supplemented our distributions throughout the year. Your kindness in supporting our effort is much appreciated! Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.

Grades PreK-5 will meet from 9:45-10:45am.

Grades 6-7 and additional Youth Group (grades 8-12) will meet from 5:30-7pm.

December 12th

Grades PreK-5

Grades 6 -7 plus additional Youth Group (grades 8-12)...Christmas celebration

December 19th

Grades PreK-5...Christmas celebration

December 26th

No sessions: Have a blessed Christmas!

Christmas Caroling:

Faith Formation Families and Youth Group Members

Families and students who are interested in Christmas Caroling should meet in the Coral Social Hall immediately following the 6pm Mass at Coral on Saturday, December 18th (weather permitting).

Caroling will take place in the Coral/Graceton area from 7-8pm followed by hot chocolate and cookies in the Coral Social Hall. Enjoy a joyful celebration of the Christmas season with friends!



Getting to Know you!

Fr. John arrived in the middle of the pandemic when we were all masked and many were not attending Mass in person. He wants to support us and believes he can do that best if he recognizes us by name. It should also help us as parishioners to become closer. You will find name tags at the doors of both churches on the first Sunday of each month. Fill in your first and last name or only your first name if it makes you more comfortable and wear it where it can be seen.

Thank you in advance for participating.



Christmas Wheat Available

Christmas Wheat is available at each entrance of both churches.



Koeze Nut and Candy

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? The Christian Mothers have a few extra Koeze nut and candy items left to sell. If interested, call Jackie at 724-549-

Pathway House Collection

The Pathway House is a local homeless shelter located on Main St., Black Lick. When people are accepted into the shelter they have nothing more than the clothes on their back. Most need a little help to get them started when they leave the shelter. During the holiday season The Christian Mothers are taking donations to help supply their needs. Items can be new or gently used. Cleaning products, paper towels, toilet paper, soaps, hand towels, bath towels, wash clothes, pillows, sheets, blankets, silverware, glasses, dishes, pots/pans, brooms, mops, and buckets are needed. Collection boxes will be located at the Coral Hall and in the back of the Lucerne Church. Please have items in **no later than Wednesday, December 15**. Call Rosemary Perry, 724-915-8044 or Toni Manfredi, 724-248-9091 with any questions.

End of Year Contribution Statements

Just a reminder that as we come to end of the year, all contributions must be received in the office no later than noon on Friday, December 31st for the 2021 tax statement. If you mail your envelope or deposit it at a regional church, we may not get it by December 31st, therefore, the contributions will not be on the tax statement for 2021 but will be included on the statement for 2022.

REGARDING MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 15 TO MAY 1

The ministry schedule for January 15 to May 1 will be run in the coming weeks. All changes **MUST BE** in the office no later than December 16, 2021 or they will not be honored on the schedule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NOVEMBER 27/28	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$4,834.00
Loose Offertory	\$177.25
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	184.00
Maintenance	\$45.00
Flowers Collection	\$30.00
Catholic Accent	\$27.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$57.00
Mission Coop	\$47.00
Retired Religious	\$40.00
Diocesan Poverty Relief	\$83.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$15.00
All Saints	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00
Christmas	\$40.00
Thanksgiving	\$393.00
Cemetery	\$75.00

DECEMBER 4/5	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$5,878.00
Loose Offertory	\$357.06
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$123.25
Maintenance	\$151.00
Flowers Collection	\$523.00
WeShare 11-1 to 11-30, 2021	\$3,223.00
Online 10-24 to 11-4 2021	\$480.00
Catholic Accent	\$176.00
Other Specials	\$688.00
Cemetery	\$372.00

MASS INTENTIONS



For December 11 to December 19, 2021

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass-Third Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm +Dick Farabaugh (Jenny, Karen & David)
(Lucernemines)
6:00 pm Health & God's Blessing for Olivia Vilcek
(Coral) (The Vilcek's)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am - +Stephen Cerovich (Cerovich children)
11:00 am- Pro populo (Lucernemines)
(Lucernemines)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13—NO MASS

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
7pm Penance service, St. Thomas more, Indiana

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14- Coral

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:00 am +Rev. Fr. Elmer Kacinko
(Cil & Leonard Evansic)
7pm Penance Service, Lucernemines

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 – Coral

8:00 am Thanksgiving for prayers answered

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16- Coral

8:00 am +Helen Bender (Jim & Chris Costello)
7pm St. Ambrose, Avonmore
7pm Holy Family, Seward

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 - Coral

8:00 am +Cathy & Steve Polinsky (Stan & Peggy Lucas)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 -

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass-Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm +Louis Guerry (Rose Walters)
(Lucernemines)
6:00 pm Mass+JR Reed (Daughters, Julianne &
(Coral)

Stephanie

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 -

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am - Pro populo (Coral)
11:00 am- + Mary Fucile Laska (Friends of the
Family)
(Lucernemines)

**Host for the weekends of December 12th & 19th
In memory of Mandy Thomas by Peggy
Watkins (Lucernemines)
(Lucernemines) & for the Weekend of
December 12th for Vilcek Family by Marianna
Reed (Coral)**