



# 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.

**Sanctuary Candle for November 26 to December 10**

**Burns in memory  
Anna & David Cusimano  
By Daughters  
(Lucernemines)  
George “Corky” Sabota  
By Marianna Reed  
(Coral)**

**The St. Joseph Candle burns this week for**

**Brian M. Gatskie (Coral)  
By Mother, Patty Call  
& Frank Gatskie by  
Gatskie Family  
(Lucernemines)**



## 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 724-549-8119.



## Volunteers Needed for Cleaning

Volunteers are needed for church cleaning at Lucerne Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 9 a.m. Please bring your own bucket, cleaning cloths & a smile!!

## Youth Group Fundraiser

Our OLOTA youth group will have a table with baked goods at the Homer City Fire Hall on Friday, December 10th for Light Up Night. We are in need of cupcakes, gob or cakes. Baked goods can be dropped off at the office all week. We are raising funds for a bus trip to Saint Anthony's in Pittsburgh.

## 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.



## Watch out for *acedia*!

Dear Parishioners,

Yes, *acedia*. This odd and ancient term rarely comes up in contemporary literature or in addresses to Congress or in classes in educational institutions. Our counselors and professors do not use the word, even if they describe its

features. *Acedia* has been variously defined as “a state of listlessness or torpor,” or of not caring, or of sloth. In ancient Greece *akidia* literally meant an inert state without pain or care. In Christian spirituality, *acedia* seems to be a force that propels us into the *deadly sin* of sloth, a temptation, if you would, to give up hope.

*Deadly sins* earn that title because they **work their worst on us** to kill our lives in the Holy Spirit. The list, developed from the Holy Scriptures, includes these: **lust; gluttony; greed; acedia(sloth); wrath; envy; and, pride.** Any one of these attitudes may thrust us into a pit of depression.

In his first address to the world about Advent 2021, Pope Francis urges us “**not to become sleepy Christians.**” Not describing persons in need of a Sleep-Number-Bed, or a C-Pack device to control snoring, Pope Francis instead speaks of not allowing ourselves to be dragged into burdensome routine, stuck in the “troubles of life.” As a good Pastor, he asks us what is weighing down our hearts and burdening our spirits, so that we feel that mediocrity paralyzes us. He also asks what vices might be “crushing us to the ground and preventing us from raising our heads?”

*Acedia* was described as an “ancient demon whom the early Christians numbered among the most deadly” of Satan’s company. *Acedia* works to make sure we never progress in our lives in the Holy Spirit and that we fail to achieve the greatness for which we are created. St. Thomas Aquinas defines *acedia* as “**sorrow about spiritual good.**” In other words, it is a listlessness and sadness that rises up in the human heart when we recognize an invitation and a responsibility to become a saint, that is, someone cooperating with the working of God in our lives. To put it another way, *acedia* is the demon that whispers in our ear, “That’s too hard” or “Someone like you could never be holy.”

One author says that *Acedia* **immobilizes us in two ways.** First, by **dredging up sins from our past so as to make us ashamed and resentful.** *Acedia* is constantly reminding us of how we messed up in high school or colleges; all the mortal sins we committed and the stupid mistakes we made. The other weapon in his arsenal is to make us unnecessarily anxious about future events. Our minds become consumed with concerns about things that have not happened. These mental gymnastics make us mentally and spiritually fatigued leading to exhaustion and irritability. But *acedia* is not done yet.

Secondly, after *Acedia* has tempted us with shame about our past or anxiety about our future, he then offers an **escape.** Escape can take many forms: technology, Netflix binges, social media, pornography, alcohol, drugs, career... *Acedia* offers all of these things as a means of medicating our wounds, lack of self-worth and fears. **In the end, the meds do not work because they only cover our wounds and we are left empty as we return to the thoughts we tried to avoid and the cycle starts all over again.**

Pope Francis suggests a wholesome and proven way to spin out of the depression: “We should ask ourselves if we are attentive or indifferent to the burdens of our brothers and sisters.” Francis says these questions “are good for us because they help guard our hearts.” **Do not give in, Francis offers, to the negative spirit that “nails the soul down in numbness, robbing its joy.” Advent opens us to deep joy.**

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grades PreK-5

December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Grades PreK-5  
Grades 6 -7 plus additional Youth Group (grades 8-12)

December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Grades PreK-5

December 26<sup>th</sup>  
No sessions: Have a blessed Christmas!

### Our Outstanding Confirmation Candidates 2021

The Rite of Confirmation was performed by Bishop Larry Kulick at a Regional Confirmation Service held at Sts. Simon and Jude in Blairsville on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please keep the following young men in your prayers as they continue their journey of Faith newly strengthened by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Caden "*Francis*" Costello  
Owen "*Sebastian*" Elkin  
Brayden "*Joseph*" Rado  
Michael "*Sebastian*" Zimmerman



Congratulations to Gus Ellis  
for celebrating his First Communion  
on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.  
May you always be united with the  
Holy Spirit at the Lord's table.  
May God bless you as you continue  
your journey of Faith.



### **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. Because of the Covid pandemic, the Pathway may only be open on Wednesday and Friday for individual drop-offs. The shelter's phone number is 724-248-9555.

### **Christian Mothers News**

The Christian Mothers will meet on Tuesday December 7, 7 pm, Coral Hall. No meeting is scheduled for January, but a meeting may be held in February depending upon need. Please watch the bulletin for updates as February approaches.

### **Bake Sale—Dec. 11/12**

The Christian Mothers are sponsoring a bake sale to support our parish after the 6 pm and 9 am Masses the weekend of December 11/12. If you are a baker, please help by bringing your favorite Christmas treats to Coral Hall on Saturday 12/11 between 1pm-3pm so they can be packaged for sale. YUMMMMM!

### **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 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 that date.

<b>11/20-21, 2021</b>	<b>OFFERTORY</b>
<b>Adult Offertory</b>	\$4,482.00
<b>Loose Offertory</b>	\$182.01
<b>Children's Offertory</b>	\$3.00
<b>Votive Candles</b>	\$141.80
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$85.00
<b>Flowers Collection</b>	\$10.00
<b>Catholic Accent</b>	\$9.00
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	\$208.00
<b>World Mission</b>	\$10.00
<b>Mission Coop</b>	757.00
<b>Children/Family</b>	\$20.00
<b>Retired Religious</b>	\$25.00
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	\$10.00
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	\$125.00
<b>All Saints</b>	\$10.00
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	\$10.00
<b>Christmas</b>	\$50.00
<b>Diocesan Poverty Relief</b>	\$415.00
<b>Cemetery</b>	\$80.00

## MASS INTENTIONS



*For December 4 to December 12, 2021*

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 -**

8:00 am+Ethel Bellas (Earl & Bonnie Clawson)  
3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Anticipated Mass—Second Sunday of Advent  
4:00 pm - +Cathy Ondo (Jerry & Cindy Michelone)  
(Lucernemines)  
6:00 pm Mass-+Rev. Fr. Elmer Kacinko (Rura Family)  
(Coral)

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5-**

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00 am - Pro populo (Coral)  
11:00 am- +Anthony Borzcik (Family)  
(Lucernemines)

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 6—NO MASS**

*Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

### **TUESDAY , DECEMBER 7**

*Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
8:00 am +Zoltan A. Bodnar  
(Russell & Carolyn Opalko) (Coral)  
7 pm—Anticipated Mass-Immaculate Conception  
(Pro populo (Lucernemines))

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 – Coral** **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF** **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:00 am +Cathy Polinsky (Monica Rura)  
7 pm+ Geneva Lazor (Dave & Renee Hallow)  
(Lucerne)  
**Parish Office Closed.**

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 - Coral**

*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*  
8:00 am +John “Slugger” Golba (Rosalie Adamson)

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 - Coral**

8:00 am+Maria Mac-Chi Nguyen (Mother, Tieng)

### **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**

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

**Host for weekend of December 4/5 and December 11/12 is in memory of Geneva Lazor by The Palchesko’s (Lucernemines) & for the week of December 5 for Brian M. Gatskie by Mother, Patty Call. (Coral)**