



Our Lady of the Assumption

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Afternoon—by appointment only
Closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASSES

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

**Sanctuary Candle for
February 5 to February 19
burns in memory of
Grandparents (Coral)
By Terri Tedeschi
&
Deceased of the
Gulakowski & Riscinto
Family (Lucerne)
By
Ed & Patty Gulakowski**

Be
the
Light

'Be the Light' with 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

The 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal is offering parishioners throughout the Diocese of Greensburg a chance to "Be the Light" for their faith community. The Lenten season is a reminder that Christ is the light in our lives and this is an opportunity to "Be the Light" for those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone in some way and this includes the faithful of the diocese. There is a way to help by supporting the 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Even a small gift can make a big difference in your parish. Donate to the "Be the Light" campaign to support God's work that is being done in the Diocese of Greensburg. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/BeTheLight.

Overview of Lenten Schedule

Below is a quick overview of the Lenten Schedule.

Wednesdays: (Coral Worship Site)

7:00 pm Lenten Presentations (topics will be included in the bulletin as they are scheduled).

Fridays: (Lucerne Worship Site)

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Confessions

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction



To have, to hold, to honor.

Dear Parishioners,

This third week of February packs in six observances: Valentine's Day/World Marriage Day on Sunday; Mardi Gras on Tuesday; Ash Wednesday; World Day of the Sick on Thursday; and the Ordination and Installation of our new Bishop, also on Thursday.

Since we will have more opportunities to rejoice with Bishop Kulick soon in media and in virtual events, and since Mardi Gras seems like one "last fling with fat" before fasting begins with the stroke of midnight, and since we will focus on a keeping of Lent later, please permit me to comment only upon the *first*.

Happy Valentine's Day! No, Happy Saint Valentine's Day. Whoever he was, Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

A common account of his sanctity describes Saint Valentine as a third-century Christian priest of Rome. While under house arrest for telling others of Jesus, he interacted with a judge, Asterius, and, discussing his faith with him, Valentine defended the validity of Jesus.

The recorded account continues: The judge put Valentine to the test and brought to him the judge's adopted blind daughter. If Valentine succeeded in restoring the girl's sight, Asterius would do whatever he asked. Valentine, praying to God, laid his hands on her eyes and the child's vision was restored. Immediately humbled, the judge asked Valentine what he should do. Valentine replied that he should renounce idols, breaking all of them, that the judge should fast for three days, and then accept faith in Jesus in the Christian sacrament of baptism. The judge obeyed and, as a result of his fasting and prayer, freed all the Christian inmates under his authority. The judge, his family, and his forty-four member household of adult family members and servants were thus evangelized and baptized.

Valentine was later arrested again in another location for continuing to evangelize and was sent to the prefect of Rome, to the emperor Claudius II) himself, where Valentine eventually **suffered martyrdom outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269**. An embellishment to this account states that before his execution, Saint Valentine wrote a note to Asterius's daughter signed "from your Valentine", which, some say, "inspired today's romantic missives."

How this Christian's life and death became associated with romance may be unclear even if his *caritas*, or charity and devotion to Christ is not. *Love, devotion and romance* deserve a day to grab our hearts.

Do people still "send Valentines" to one another? Do you remember in grade school that it was customary to give small cards or greetings to your classmates, very often with some expression of affection? Then there were those tiny candy hearts with one or two words, expressing "love" for another.

The expression of mutual affection and love, even erotic love, in Marriage is considered an essential part of the Sacrament of Marriage in which spouses honor one another in life-long commitment. This year our Church has chosen a theme for this week: ***"To Have, to Hold, and to Honor."***

These observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 14) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Please support one another.

Fr. John

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

After careful consideration, we have decided to resume face-to-face Faith Formation sessions beginning in February. Our safety measures will remain in place: masks are required and will be provided if you need one, temperatures will be taken at the Hall entrance, social distancing will be honored in all classrooms, and the Hall will be disinfected before and after sessions. Please remind your children to bring in their book bags and supplies for each session in order to avoid cross contamination of materials.

Please note that K-5 will return to a weekly schedule as noted instead of bi-weekly. All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

February 14th...NO SESSIONS due to three day weekend

**February 21st...K-5 from 9:30-10:30am
6-7 and Youth Group from 5:30-7pm**

February 28th...K-5 from 9:30-10:30am



The season of Lent is fast approaching and we are excited to offer a great resource to help make this Lent a grace-filled and fruitful season. We invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at formed.org/lent. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life.

Lent starts February 17. Sign up today for free! May God bless you and your family during this special season! formed.org/lent Not yet on FORMED?

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>.
2. Enter our parish's zip code or name. (15731)
3. Enter your name and email.

Knights of Columbus Seminarian Collection

Part of the important works of the Knights of Columbus is to support our seminarians. Many councils, including our own, sponsor a particular seminarian and send him money twice a year to defray some of his personal expenses while he continues his studies. The Knights also give money to the Bishop toward the Diocesan seminary fund. Part of this money is collected in parishes by the councils and part is given by the councils themselves. An envelope is included in this bulletin if you would like to assist the Knights in this endeavor there will be an envelope available in next week's bulletin.

Drive-Thru Lenten Dinners

Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent will be holding a drive-thru Lenten Dinner Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday from 4-7 pm. Full-size dinner, \$13 and half-size dinner, \$7. Payment by cash and check only! You may also purchase frozen Pierogi's at 2 doze for \$13. Menus are available in each worship site.

St. Bernard School, Indiana will be holding a drive-thru Lenten dinner Fridays during Lent, except Good Friday from 4-7 pm. Enter through the school driveway and park in the upper lot of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish. Menu is available at each worship site.

Sign up for Flocknote

Altar Servers, Ministers, ARS, Christian Mothers, Knights of Columbus members, and parishioners. If you would like to receive updates and texts from our church regarding parish events or cancellations due to inclement weather, please sign up for Flocknote.

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Search for parish by zipcode
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St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street

Feb 15-20 SALE:

Men & Women's Slacks 99 Cents

White Tag Sales ½ off

Store Hours: Monday thru Saturday

10AM-2PM

Donations Accepted Monday thru Friday

10AM-12 Noon

**NO SATURDAY DONATIONS WILL
BE ACCEPTED**

| FEBRUARY 6/7, 2021 | OFFERTORY |
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| Adult Offertory | \$4,763.00 |
| Loose Offertory | \$136.00 |
| Children's Offertory | \$3.00 |
| Votive Candles | \$107.10 |
| Maintenance | \$90.00 |
| Catholic Accent | \$37.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$100.00 |
| Mission Co-op | \$130.00 |
| Home Missions | \$65.00 |
| First Offering | \$20.00 |
| Eastern Europe | \$271.00 |
| Ash Wednesday | \$120.00 |
| Cemetery Collection | \$210.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS



For February 13 to February 21, 2021

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass— Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm +Joe & Bobbie Senick (Janice Bell)
(Lucerne)
6:00 pm Pro populo
(Coral)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am +Peg Usko (Leonard & Cil Evansic)
(Coral)
11:00 am +Frank & Mary Gulakowski
(The Gulakowski Family)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15—NO MASS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED-PRESIDENTS DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16- Coral

8:00 am +Mary Herman (Joe & Joy Canton)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Mass w/distribution of ashes
(Coral) +Brother Richard Lubomski (Suffragia)

12:10 pm Liturgy of the Word w/distribution of ashes
(Lucerne)

7:00 pm Mass w/distribution of ashes
(Lucerne) +Ethel Bellas (Jim Yanoscisk)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18- Coral

8:00 am - +James McHenry (Wife & Children)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19- Coral

8:00 am - +Mary Rose Green (Daughter, Holly)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass—First Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Mass - +Zolton (Zoly) A. Bodnar
(Lucerne) (Marsha Hunt Willis)
6:00 pm Mass- Pro populo
(Coral)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation
*9:00 am - +Ronald Vilcek (Galasso Family)
(Coral)
11:00 am- +Rocco & Lena Riscinto
(Lucernemines) (Ed & Patty Gulakowski)