

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

The week of Feb. 19 to Mar. 5
Burns in memory of

Doug Smith

By

Mom & Dad

(Lucernemines)

&

Brian M. Gatskie

By

Mother Patricia Gatskie Call
(Coral)

Host this week is in honor of
Fr. John Pavlik & Joe Petruna
By Carole & Amy Zicha
(Coral Site)



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.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This weekend we will be taking up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions appeal. This year there is “Strengthening the Church at Home.” Through this year’s theme we will share in the good works of promoting priestly and religious vocations; assisting dioceses and individual parishes; safeguarding the life and dignity of the human person; providing faith formation; strengthening marriage and family life, and recognizing cultural diversity. For more information about the collection, please go to www.usccb.org/home-missions/collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



A Hopeful Time Before Us

Dear Parishioners,

Within one week three winter storms developed here in our communities in southern Indiana County, two compounding snow with ice and one bringing warmer conditions with rain. One of our parishioners lost three friends in an icy automobile accident recently. So far, this year’s wintry weather has been memorable but not desirable. **Lent** has begun; the **root meaning of Lent** originally referred to the **lengthening of daylight hours and the coming of springtime**.

Later this Anglo and Germanic rooted word seemed appropriate to describe and to name the period of **forty days** devoted to preparation for Easter. **Forty days imitate Jesus’ forty day “retreat” in the wilderness before he began the mission entrusted to him**. Forty days, a month and bit more than a baker’s dozen, seems to be just **the right amount of time for a person seeking God in Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit to make a decision to believe that God is and to believe in God’s working in and through Jesus to draw us to God as a community of people believing, trusting, and acting together**.

Those of us who aren’t preparing to take the baptismal plunge for the first and only time, nevertheless **re-commit ourselves to the living in companionship with Jesus**. With all of what we have experienced since we last accepted ashes as a sign of penitence, we remember that hope-filled quotation from the Gospel of John: **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”** (3:16) Yes, **we trust that God is faithful** to us in this promise.

The liturgy of Lent describes **three biblical practices** that we undertake each year before we observe Easter to draw us to God and to express our love for God: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**.

As Pope Benedict once wrote, **“Human life without prayer, which opens our existence to the mystery of God, lacks sense and direction... Making time for God regularly is a fundamental element for spiritual growth; it will be the Lord himself who gives us the taste for his mysteries, his words, his presence and action, for feeling how beautiful it is when God speaks with us.”** **Make time to be with God**.

Fasting, mentioned over 70 times throughout Scripture, is a way to grow closer to God, much like we do through prayer. We give up, out of love for God and desire to direct ourselves to God, good things, whether food or drink or entertainments. In the Old Testament, there were two types of fasting: public and private. During Lent we Catholics abstain from meats on Fridays and we fast by limiting ourselves. Self-denial describes a self-chosen discipline not unlike working out to maintain a healthier body. St. Pope Paul VI said that such mortification aims at “liberation.” **Fast to be free to be with God**.

Almsgiving invites us to let go of our own desires and to focus on the needs of those who are less fortunate. Jesus’ cross strongly manifested compassion for us and selflessness. By giving alms in Lent, we sacrifice some temporal comfort for the good of another or others. **Give alms to be compassionate as Jesus is**.

Be hopeful: a new springtime in God will come.

Fr. John

Faith Formation

Class Schedule

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

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

March 7...K-5 - 9:30 am-10:30 am

March 14...K-5 - 9:30-10:30 am

March 21...K-5 - 9:30-10:30 am
6-7 and Youth Group 5:30-7 pm

March 28 - K5– 9:30-10 am



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/>.



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.

Check out other Lenten dinners by visiting the diocesan website at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org, www.theaccentonline.org or by reading the ads in The Catholic Accent.



Christmas Flower Insert

A wreath was purchased in memory of Dick Farabaugh by Annette Farabaugh. This name was eliminated from the insert, we apologize for the omission.

Ministry Schedule

Because we have increased our liturgical event and Mass schedule, the ministry schedule reminder will no longer be posted in the bulletin.

St. Joseph Candle

There are forms in both worship sites for the St. Joseph Candle. However, if you make multiple requests, I will schedule one request per person on the first round, then go back and schedule any weeks that are left. This is the only way that it can be fair for everyone.

Knights of Columbus Seminarian Collection

The envelope for the Seminarian Collection is attached to the bulletin, you may return it via the regular offertory, but please make the check out to the Knights of Columbus and not the parish.

End of Year Donor Statements

The end of year contribution statements were mailed in mid-January, if you didn't receive one or have a question regarding the statement, please call the parish office.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal & Offertory

When making out your Diocesan Lenten Appeal, you may drop it into the offertory basket at the Mass, however, please do not combine the Lenten Appeal and the regular offertory on one check, as they are each processed differently. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at 724-479-9542, ext. 10.

Offertory for February 13/14, 2021

Due to Monday, February 15th being a holiday and the submission time of the bulletin, the offertory for February 13/14 will be posted in the bulletin of February 28th.

MASS INTENTIONS



For February 20 to February 28, 2021

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22—NO MASS

The Chair of Saint Peter the apostle

TUESDAY , FEBRUARY 23- Coral

Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
8:00 am +Teresa Binando (Peg McHenry)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – Coral

Lenten Weekday
8:00 am +Rudy & Julia Stossel
(Therese & Mike Griffith &
Dave Stossel)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25- Coral

Lenten Weekday
8:00 am - +Thu & Lan (Tieng Donahue)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26-

Lenten Weekday
8:00 am - +Erica Lynn Wisor (The Sensale Family)
(Coral)

The following services are at Lucernemines:
6:00 pm— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 pm— Confessions
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 -

Lenten Weekday
3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass—Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Mass - +Donald Potts (Barbara & Gary
(Lucernemines) Welsh)
6:00 pm Mass- +Mary Gnibus (Mark, Veronica & Bryan
(Coral) Buzi)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28-

Second Sunday of Lent
8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am - +Agnes Chutorich
(Coral) (Jerry Chutorich & family)
11:00 am- Pro populo
(Lucernemines)