



# Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
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## PARISH OFFICE

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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  
January 7 to January 21  
Burns in memory of  
Vincent Barbi by  
Norm & Jane Miller  
(Lucernemines)  
&  
Dan Thomas  
By  
Peggy Watkins  
(Coral)**

## Pierogi Planning Meeting

A pierogi planning follow-up meeting will be held in Podowski Hall on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. This meeting is to hopefully finalize the preparations for our project in February. All eligible, interested volunteers are urged to attend. If there are any questions please contact Sara at 724-479-9645.

## 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.



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## Christmas Flowers

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas flower fund. While we did not have a separate insert for each name submitted, please know that your donation was appreciated. Your generosity helped to make both churches beautifully decorated.

## Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped clean, decorate, minister, and plan for the Christmas season! You are appreciated!

## Marks of the Church



Dear Parishioners,

Do you remember learning that the **church of Jesus** can be identified by **four distinctive marks**? We memorized the "marks": **One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic**. Each Sunday or Solemn Feast Day we profess in the Nicene Creed that to belong to Christ Jesus through Baptism is to become one, holy, catholic and apostolic. More than a memorized short-list helpful for Catholic Trivia, even persons young in the faith catch that these marks tell us **much about Jesus and much about ourselves**.

Packing off for college or university or for employment away from home, the world evolves for us from happy, competitive kids breaking down yard-fences and forming teams to test oneself against rivals, into nation and Church building or forming men and women into **community that serves the plan of the Creator**.

**How is the Church and how are we One?** The Catechism says that the church is **one because** of its **source** in the unity of the Trinity, **because** of the **one who founded** the church, and **because** of our **"soul" in the Holy Spirit**. From the first, a **great diversity** arose in response to the living Word of God, "a multiplicity of peoples and cultures is gathered" [CC 814] and each person contributes from gifts, offices, conditions, and ways of life." The text adds that "the great richness of diversity is not opposed to unity." So, God gathers each of us into his life and love and we find a place with one another.

**Is the Church Holy?** Yes, because the Church is nothing and has nothing without Jesus Christ who loved the people the Father sent him to save. Catholic thinkers have followed up on Paul's comments to the people in Ephesus to say that Christ loved us, the Church, as his Bride, **"giving himself up so as to sanctify us."**

**Will we find sin in us?** Yes. The Catechism also says that we are "at once holy and always in need of purification," and that all, including our ministers, "must acknowledge that they are sinners." [CC 827] It's a bit like remembering what St. Matthew recorded about weeds growing with wheat until the end of the world [Matthew 13:24-30].

As a young college student attending a Baptist Sunday service by special invitation, I was surprised to hear the congregation voice in a common prayer that they were **catholic** (although with a small c, as someone pointed out to me). We call ourselves Catholic to identify ourselves as people assembled around Christ Jesus where, as St. Ignatius of Antioch said, "we receive from Christ the fullness of the means of salvation." So, we hold on to something that God intends for all, universally; by that description, **Christ sends us out on mission** to the whole of human race.

Our community of faith must also be **apostolic, founded** on the apostles in **three ways**: 1.) Our church remains grounded in, **cemented to the foundation laid by the Apostles**. We cannot preach novelty but the enduring newness of grace that frees us. 2.) Our community of faith, in the Holy Spirit, **keeps and hands on** to the latest generation the **"good deposit,"** and the salutary words heard from, remembered, and held in respect from the Apostles. 3.) Our community of faith **selects leaders in unity with the Apostles through a continuity of belief and ministry**. January 25 celebrates the feast of the *Conversion of St. Paul*; before that feast day, we pray daily for unity among all believers in Christ. Please pray that novena prayer, "that all may be one" in Christ.

## **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY**

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.**

January 9<sup>th</sup>

Grades PreK-5

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

January 16<sup>th</sup>

Grades PreK-5: *Day of Service*

January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grades PreK-5

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

January 30<sup>th</sup>

Grades PreK-5

### **Adult Bible Study: The Seven Last Words of Christ**

Our next Adult Bible Study session will begin on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The Lenten season will go hand in hand with our next topic of discussion,

*The Seven Last Words of Christ!*

These sessions will be free of charge. Books, materials, and refreshments will be provided for all participants. We will be meeting every other Thursday offering two identical sessions: the first following the 8am Mass in Coral, and the second at 7pm in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines.

Our session dates will be: 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, and 4/7.

The format of these sessions will be similar to the one that we finished in November. This time, we will be able to incorporate special Lenten services to complement our readings and discussions.

Please pre-register for these sessions by calling the Parish Office at 724-479-9542

or by emailing [cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### **YOUTH GROUP/PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Our **Pastoral Council** this year will include two student representatives:

**Beth Shirley** is a senior at Homer Center. This will be her second year on the council. **Caleb Palmer** is a sophomore at Homer Center,

and we welcome him as our new student member.

Congratulations to both students!

Their commitment and enthusiasm will be as asset to the team! Thank you!



#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE**

Located in the Bi Lo Plaza on N. 4th St. (Indiana)

**Get your New Year's resolutions off to a good start—all activewear is Buy One, Get One free (including white tag items) this week**

**Store hours:**

**Monday thru Saturday 10am-2pm  
Donations Accepted 10am-1pm**



#### **Sacred Heart of Jesus Council**

**10960 / Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus meet in the church hall of the Lucerne Worship Site the third Wednesday of the month. Rosary at 7:15 pm followed by the business meeting at 7:30 pm.

DECEMBER 24/25/26, 2021	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$10,683.00
Loose Offertory	\$1,637.00
Children's Offertory	\$15.00
Votive Candles	\$153.00
Flowers Collection	\$60.00
Maintenance	\$68.00
Catholic Accent	\$15.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$10.00
Children/Family	\$1,317.00
Poverty Relief	\$10.00
First Offering	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$106.00
Immaculate Conception	\$35.00
Christmas	\$7,405.00
Thanksgiving	\$10.00
Cemetery	\$95.00

JANUARY 1/2, 2022	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$4,776.00
Loose Offertory	\$185.00
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$180.00
Maintenance	\$105.00
Catholic Accent	\$270.00
Children/Family	\$35.00
Initial Offering	\$700.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$797.00
Christmas	\$570.00
Cemetery	\$207.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

*For January 8 to January 16, 2022*



### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Anticipated Mass—Baptism of the Lord  
4:00 pm+Don Potts (Mimi & Jim Yanoscsik)  
(Lucernemines)  
6:00 pm Mass Pro Populo  
(Coral)

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9- BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00 am - +Aldo Tedeschi (Tom & Terri)  
(Coral)  
11:00 am-+Isabel Silveri (Dick & Susan Yancy)  
(Lucernemines)

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 10 —NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11-** Coral  
8:00 am+Peggy Usko (The Martini Family)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12 –** Coral  
*Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys*  
8:00 am+Anthony Borzcik (Family)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 -** Coral  
*Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
8:00 am+Helen Bender (Jim & Chris Costello)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14 -** Coral  
8:00 am +Joseph F. Pellegrine (The Pierogi Crew)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 -**  
3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Anticipated Mass—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 pm+Vincent & Teresa Flocco (Daughter, Teresa  
Bugey)  
(Lucernemines)  
6:00 pm Mass+Fr. Paul Patlo (Suffragia)  
(Coral)

**SUNDAY JANUARY 16**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00 am Pro populo (Coral)  
11:00 am+Richard Englert  
(Lucernemines)

**The Host for the week of January 9 to January 14  
is in memory of Michael J. & Pauline Gatskie  
By the Gatskie Family  
(Coral)**

**&**

**For the weekends of January 8/9 & 15/16  
Frank & Mary Gatskie  
By The Gatskie Family  
(Lucernemines)**