



Our Lady of the Assumption

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Today is the second week of four weeks which make up the season of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus" meaning coming and this time is about both the coming of Christ at Christmas as in his historical birthday and the Second Coming to bring justice and harmony to the world.

PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Closed 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm
2:00-4:00 pm

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 in this bulletin

Parish Website: www.olaparishpa.org

The Sanctuary Candle
burns in memory of
Gusty Vilcek
by
Family
(Coral)

Host is in memory of
August Bertig
By
Darrick Bertig
(Coral)

What are you thankful for?



Parker is thankful for strawberries, bread, his parents, and his brother!

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 8th

The Knights of Columbus still has some St Ann Calendars available. You can call Al Paratto at 724-388-3998 or ask any K of C member.

Share the Joy has once again placed tags in the back of the churches for those in need in our community this Christmas. Please return the gift with tag attached no later than December 11th. If you have any questions, please call Patty Pavolko at 724 479 2290 or Janice Bell at 724 479 2568. Thank you for your generosity.

The gateway at the St Louis Cemetery in Lucerne will be sandblasted, painted and powder coated. The entry will be as good as new!



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store has been newly stocked with Christmas merchandise -- come in for all your decorating needs. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (as space permits).

Prayer Shawl meets the first Thursday of every month at 9:00am in the downstairs of our Lucerne Church. All are welcome.

Youth Group Workshop

Creative minds at work constructing papier-mâché animals for our nativity.



Dear Parishioners,

All I want for Christmas



At the end of week before Thanksgiving **we wondered at the Parish Office** if it were time to put up at least a door wreath, if not decorate the entry way **to welcome visitors to the Season. Caught between liturgical norms** which oblige us **to keep purple our Advent time**, joined to my memories of our Catholic Slavic heritage in our family life, without bowing to the pressures of beginning Christmas in early December, I am tugged in two directions. **Christmas began with the family assembled for the Holy Supper and gifts were kept few and simple.**

So, my paternal grandparents, although their house was visited every weekend by at least twelve young grandchildren, never permitted any decorations more than some glittered pinecones hung from red ribbon in their windows. **Anticipation characterized the season.** I remember well an Advent "ritual" of learning to wash windows in cold weather (didn't every family do this?), coupled with helping to take down those lace curtains that had to be stretched to restore their length and width, so that preparations for the Christmas Eve Holy Supper amounted primarily **to scrubbing clean the old year** rather than decorating. My more socially adaptive classmates had different Advent traditions, and times have changed.

Only on Christmas Eve in the morning or afternoon did we pull out of the shed that homemade steel tree stand (this one never fell over) that had little room for water, because the tree was up on the 24th and down by the 1st. The three uncles had once purchased an electric train to run around the Christmas tree (no doubt, for the twelve kids), and grandfather always pulled out a minimalist creche scene complete with a wooden, green church he had once constructed, sporting an out-of-proportion cross atop a pointed steeple. **Somehow this all fit together into an appropriate celebration of the gift of God to humanity in the birth of Jesus.**

What do you want for Christmas this year? For many years I didn't know how to answer that query, because as I looked around me, **even a youngster could see that we already had everything necessary for daily life.** By the time I became an adolescent, I already knew that few of my previous "had-to-have" gifts survived long into the New Year and there was always something else to desire. **More critically, I had discovered the joy of giving.**

Last week I read a comment in a national, secular magazine by a **young father who said he never understood joy in giving until his children came along.** Once in my first years after ordination to the priesthood, I preached about the **New Testament admonition** that there is **more joy in giving than receiving (Acts 20:35).** As the conclusion of Mass, as I greeted parishioners at the door of that church, a little boy, may be 4 or 5, proved that he had grasped the meaning of the homily. **He handed me a tiny, yellow, cast-rubber car.** His mom and dad said that he wanted me to have it. Was that the best gift I have ever received? Maybe, yes. I remembered how this little guy got the message that **giving powerfully imitates God in this Holy Season of Christ's Birth. And that God must be very happy in giving so fully and freely to us.**

Please keep a **holy Advent of longing for God anew in our lives.** We **don't need a lot** to keep the meaning of Christmas alive, but we do need one another.

Father John

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)**Next Session:** Tuesday, December 6th @7pm in Podowski Hall**Topic:** Mary and the Saints**Faith Formation 2022***All sessions will be held in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.***December 4th**9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5
Youth Group Field Trip**December 11th**9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5
5:30pm-7:30pm Christmas Caroling (Coral/Graceton)**December 18th**

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Assumption Cinema presents**Little Boy (PG-13 rating)**On the 81st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, this inspirational story focuses on a young boy who is willing to try whatever it takes to end World War II so he can bring his father home safely.

"Little Boy" is also the nickname for the atomic bomb.

Wednesday, December 7th from 6-8pm in Podowski Hall**Refreshments will be available to purchase through our Youth Group or you may bring your own!****The movie is free...all are welcome!****STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**As a member of the Athena Club at Indiana High School, **Madison Apjok** helped to raise awareness and funds to support the IRMC Women's Imaging Center. Thanks for your service to the community!**SNAPSHOTS FROM NOVEMBER 20TH**

Sixth grade students in Ms. Kushner's class learned about and constructed their own Jesse trees to be decorated daily throughout Advent.

Students in Ms. Tedeschi's seventh grade class created Advent chains. Each daily link provides a practical suggestion on how to be of service to others throughout the Advent season.

**Pancake Breakfast**Thanks to everyone for your generous support of our Youth Group's Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 20th. Special thanks to Nicky Todd, Caleb Palmer, Gigi Palmer, Ethan Palmer, Libby Brown, and Joanna and Jillian Howard who volunteered to serve our guests. Also, thanks to Clyde and Christa Palmer, Cindy Michelone, Terri Tedeschi, and Lauren Kushner for their time and talents!**Community Christmas Caroling**Our Faith Formation/Youth Group students and families have been invited to go Christmas Caroling in the Coral/Graceton area on Sunday, December 11th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We will get together at the Coral Social Hall to begin caroling at 5:30pm, and end there at 7:30pm for hot chocolate, assorted goodies, and camaraderie! If you are interested in participating, please contact cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org or our parish office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15 so that we know how many to expect!**Mass Attendance**

11/19/2022	4pm	107
	6pm	44
11/20/2022	9am	102
	11am	58
Total		311

11/26/2022	4pm	83
	6pm	47
11/27/2022	9am	111
	11am	67
		308

**Our Lady of the Assumption Coral Site
Christian Mother's Bake Sale**

Saturday, December 10th after the 6pm Mass
and Sunday December 11th after the 9am
Mass.

Support the Christian Mothers & Our Lady of
the Assumption Parish.

Happenings Around the Diocese

Catholic Relief Services

The global food crisis is getting worse, and communities across the world are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger and malnutrition on an unprecedented scale. The Global Food Security Reauthorization Act helps small-scale farmers access tools and training to produce more food, improves nutrition and reduces poverty. Please urge your members of Congress to preserve the GFSRA Amendment in the final fiscal year 2023 NDAA bill. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

"The Accent On-Air: The Symbols of Christmas," airs on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 11:30 a.m. In this episode, the staff of *The Catholic Accent* explores the popular symbols of Christmas, including St. Nicholas, one of the most recognizable figures in the world. Bishop Larry J. Kulick talks about his visit to the Vatican, his audience with Pope Francis and the importance of the gift of the Eucharist. Plus, learn about the meaning behind the Christmas decorations in your home; the wreath, Christmas tree and luminary lights are all steeped in symbolism. Bells will be ringing this season as churches across the Diocese join together to ring church bells as a reminder to many to celebrate the birth of our Savior. And Bishop Kulick is back in the kitchen with a traditional Slovak Christmas Eve soup. "The Accent On-Air" is always on at TheAccentOnline.org.

Bishop to celebrate Lessons and Carols Dec. 9 at cathedral

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for the annual celebration of Lessons and Carols on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, featuring the Diocesan Choir, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Choir and Diocesan Schools Chorus

Live Nativity Dec. 16-17 at Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent

Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent, will host a Live Nativity Friday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 17, from 6-8 p.m. Drive or walk through and meditate on the birth of Christ and enjoy music by our parish choirs, hot chocolate and other refreshments. For information, call 724-479-3881.

Live Nativity Dec. 9 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will host a live Nativity Friday, Dec. 9, from 4:30-8 p.m. All are invited to walk and experience the beauty and wonder of the Scriptures coming to life with animals, angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus. Family activities are planned, lessons and carols will be performed every 45 minutes, and refreshments will be served. For information, call 724-668-2829.

MASS INTENTIONS

For December 3 thru December 11



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00am +John Pavlik (Amy & Carole Zicha—Coral)
4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +Roland Capitosti (Wife & Daughters)
6:00 pm (Coral) Pro Populo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am (Coral) +Richard Englert (Family)
11:00 am (Lucernemines) +John & Mary Senick (Jack & Janice Bell)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 - NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6- Coral

8:00 am +David Stossel (Therese & Michael Griffith)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

No 8:00 am mass

7:00 pm Anthony Mizerak (Mr & Mrs Pete Plowcha) -Lucerne

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 am Pro Populo—Coral
7:00 pm +Robert Alexander (Diane & Patty Herman)—Lucerne

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9- Coral

8:00 am - +Robert "Bob" Snyder (Mimi Yanoscsik)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +Dick Farabaugh (Jenny & Family)
6:00 pm (Coral) +August Bertig (Family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am (Coral) Pro Populo
11:00 am (Lucernemines) +Joe Gonda (Colette Cippollini & Pablo Moncada)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 10-3:00pm (Lucerne)

Sunday, December 11-8:30am (Coral)

OFFERTORY	NOVEMBER 19-20	NOVEMBER 26-27
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5569.00	\$5385.00
Votive Candles	\$213.00	\$174.00
Maintenance	\$363.00	\$72.00
Poverty Relief	\$450.00	\$120.00
World Mission	\$5.00	
Cemetery	\$91.00	\$40.00
Retired Religious	\$65.00	\$35.00
Thanksgiving	\$405.00	\$633.00
Military	\$65.00	
Catholic Accent		\$23.00
St Vincent de Paul		\$55.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$51.00
Flowers		\$146.00
All Saints		\$35.00
Immaculate Conception		\$36.00
Christmas		\$275.00