



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him,

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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](http://www.olaparishpa.org)**

The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
**Frances Voytek**  
By  
**Cindy, Georgette & Families**  
(Coral)  
**John Zicha**  
By  
**The Zicha Family**  
(Lucernmines)  
**Host in memory of**  
**John Zicha**  
By **The Zicha Family**

### Christmas Decoration Removal St. Francis & St. Louis Cemeteries

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved one graves, please remove the decorations by February 15. Anything left in the cemetery past February 15, as a courtesy to you will be discarded by cemetery staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

There will be a **Pierogi Planning Meeting** on Tuesday, January 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lucerne church hall. We hope to see all who are interested in any capacity. You must have clearances to participate. Plans are moving forward to tackle this project the week of February 18.



**Yoga classes** will resume on Tuesday, January 17th.



**St. Bernard's Catholic Church** is sponsoring the viewing of the documentary **The Matter of Life** on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Hall from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, featuring powerful stories from doctors, women, historians and many more. **The Matter of Life** stresses entering the conversation about life with understanding, love and support. Carolyn Cannizzaro, Director of Pro-Life Advocacy will be present to facilitate discussion. Warning: This content may not be suitable for all audiences, but strongly encouraged for parents and their teenagers, young adults and all interested in being educated on the facts about life issues.

**March for Life** Please join us – The Indiana March for Life Group – For the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as we travel by bus to Washington D.C. The Theme is: Next Steps, Marching in Post-Roe America. For bus reservations and/or further information, please call Bill Ager at 724-465-4522. **Deadline for bus reservations is January 16, 2023.**

**Seating is limited! CALL NOW!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**A Parish Mission for Our Mission: Repent and Believe.** Special guest, Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM, Cap. February 11 thru February 14. More details to come!



Dear Parishioners,

### A giant of a man and a little servant of Jesus

Between the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) on Sunday, December 25 and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (News Year's Day) on Sunday, January 1, **a great man, a true representative of Jesus the Christ passed on to be with the Lord, when Benedict XVI breathed his last on December 31, 2022 at 9:34 AM Roman Time.** He did not live into the New Year. The news media acknowledged his passing but seemed **uncertain how much light to shine on a retired Pope.** A person could have watched a few days of news-watching without hearing much about this amazing man.

You and I will probably **remember Benedict primarily for having had the confidence and courage to admit that he judged himself without sufficient energy to guide and govern the Roman Catholic Church as the Pope should govern and guide as he aged.** On the one hand, his choice may seem the equal of one of us admitting that we ought not drive an automobile any longer out of an abundance of caution, but on the other hand his choice says a great deal more because as Pope **he served us as the one keeping us directly connected to Jesus the Christ as a visible sign of a promise to be with us always.** Benedict's resignation offered us a view of Papal ministry as **a true commitment of one's whole person to the Lord and to the Lord's people.** At ninety-two years, Benedict/Joseph deserved a chance to rest. I recall a prominent tombstone in Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, DC, where I used to walk for exercise; the epitaph reads, *He was tired and lay down to rest.*

Joseph served the Lord and God's People for many years, but he often **coupled his keen perception with clear expression and acted as a teacher for us.** As a young high school student I first learned of his name, Joseph Ratzinger as the author of works as seen on the bookshelves of my teachers. At that time it seemed that many adults serious about understanding their faith and interested in theological reasoning were reading the thoughtful, detailed, and even provocative reflections this youthful German Catholic had composed.

When Councils convene, bishops rely upon learned and insightful men and women who serve the deliberations with both knowledge and wisdom. During the Second Vatican Council Ratzinger showed that he had the depth and breadth of study to offer varied reflections upon having faith in God in the contemporary world or upon how we pray in common at Liturgy to express our belief. One book he authored has stood the test of fifty-years' worth of study and scrutiny, **Introduction to Christianity.** In the words of Cyril O'Regan, a professor of theology at University of Notre Dame, "it has become a classic in David Tracy's sense in that over a period of 50 years **it has spoken in shifting intellectual environments to professors of theology, college students, mothers and fathers of college students, religious searchers, to Catholics in parishes who wish to better know their Christian faith and pass it on, and to Catholics who have lapsed either because of scandals in the Church or the perception that Christian faith is not relevant to their lives.** The book has exercised enormous influence because of its deep rootedness in the Catholic tradition, the simplicity of its faith, the personal warmth that it exudes, and its marvelous clarity and economy of expression." Benedict remains always **more a teacher than an administrator.**

God used this man who also suffered through fascism, world war, relativism, and secularism to speak the Truth, Jesus the Christ. He touched our intellects and our hearts with Faith in a Living God. I suspect he may have been another Pope made Holy, saintly by the Lord.

Father John

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @7pm in Podowski Hall

Topic: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

### Faith Formation 2023

*All sessions will be held in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.*

#### January 15<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

Day of Service

#### January 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-7 (plus Youth Group grades 8-12)

#### January 29<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS: UPCOMING ENRICHMENT SERIES

#### Bible Basics for Catholics

by John Bergsma (author of *Yes, There Is a God!*)

Two identical sessions will be held on the following Thursdays:

1/19, 1/26, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, and 3/16

The morning session will be held immediately following the 8am Mass at the Coral Social Hall. The evening session will be held in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines from 6-7pm. Please note the time change on the evening session. Resources and refreshments provided. Free will offering. To register, please contact [cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or call the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15.

### Congratulations to Landon and Chase Shoup

On Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, **Chase Shoup** received his First Holy Communion, and **Landon Michael Shoup** received his Confirmation by Fr. John Pavlik. Their parents, Kevin and Janelle Shoup, along with family members and friends took part in this special Sacramental celebration. Please keep these young men in your prayers as they continue their journey of Faith!



**ASSUMPTION CINEMA** "The Fourth Wise Man" will be playing in Podowski Hall on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30pm. No charge.

Rated TV-PG starring Martin Sheen and Alan Arkin.

### SAVE THE DATE: Fr. John's 45<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary

On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a reception for Fr. John's 45<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary immediately following the 6pm Mass in the Coral Social Hall. Stay tuned for details!

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Public Rosary Rally – Saturday, 21 January 2023, 10:00 a.m.:** Join local-area Catholics in praying a public Rosary on the sidewalk in front of the **Indiana County Courthouse**, 825 Philadelphia Street, on **January 21st at 10 a.m.** During the month of January, we will give thanks for the gift of life and pray for our nation to value life from the moment of conception until natural death.

The Rally will occur **rain, snow, or shine**, so please come prepared for the weather in modest attire and bring a friend! It will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Call/text Marianne 724-717-3278 with any questions.

*“When people pray the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking him.”*

~ **St. Louis De Montfort**

### Magnificat Breakfast

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat-A Ministry to Catholic Women is holding a breakfast at Rizzo's Banquet Hall in Crabtree on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 9:00am–12pm. Guest speaker is Mallory Hurley, a Catholic artist who finds that art helps her understand her faith and come closer to God.

Cost is \$25.00 (students \$20). To register, please call Brenda by Jan. 23 at 724-836-2094 or visit [www.magnificatgreensburg.com](http://www.magnificatgreensburg.com) to download a registration form. Please note that there is no online registration.

**The Knights of Columbus, Council 10960 proudly present: A Knight at the Races #3.** Our annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the Indiana PA FOE. Doors open at 6 pm. Racing starts at 7 pm. \$25 ticket includes buffet meal and refreshments. Sponsor a horse for \$10 and if your horse wins its race, you win \$50. Fun, food and fellowship!! Basket raffles, door prizes, a great evening out for the adults. All monies are used for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. Contact any Knight for tickets, Norb Rayko at 724.422.1533 or by email at [nmrayk@hotmail.com](mailto:nmrayk@hotmail.com).

### CRS Spotlight

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and join Catholics around the world in mourning this great loss. We greatly appreciate his frequent calls to action to help the poor and the needy, those that we at Catholic Relief Services are dedicated to assisting. We take comfort in the words of this prayer: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**Sacred Heart Parish**, Jeannette, will host a Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance, Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (doors open at 5:30 PM) in the Sacred Heart Church Cafeteria. The cost of the ticket is \$20 and only 200 will be sold. Food will be provided by Rizzo's Malabar Inn, Crabtree. Beer, wine and pop will be available to purchase. There will also be basket raffles and a lottery board. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact John Cramer 724-396-9737 or Kelly Dowd 724-875-2437. For more information, scan the QR Code



# MASS INTENTIONS



*For January 14 thru January 22*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +John Popp, Sr (Jack & Janice Bell)  
6:00 pm (Coral) ProPopulo

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:00 am (Coral) Living & Deceased Members of the Mlinarich Family  
(Gert Mlinarch)  
11:00 am (Lucernemines) +Susan Guerry (Jody Tuscano)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16 - NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17- Coral**

8:00 am +Toby Golba (Ed & Thelma Fabin )

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18- Coral**

8:00 am +Deceased Family & Friends (Barbara Welsh)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19- Coral**

8:00 am +James Bianco (Family)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20- Coral**

8:00 am +Anthony Golba (Carol Short)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ProPopulo  
6:00 pm (Coral) +Jemma Zicha (Family)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

9:00 am (Coral) +Special Intention (Barbara Welsh)  
11:00 am (Lucernemines) +John Pavlik (Christian Mothers)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, January 21-3:00pm (Lucerne)  
Sunday, January 22-8:30am (Coral)

JAN 7 -8, 2022	OFFERTORY	Mass Attendance
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$8930.00	<b>Lucerne</b> Dec 31 4-pm-140
Votive Candles	\$154.00	<b>Coral</b> Dec 31 6pm - 68 Jan 1 10am - 88
Maintenance	\$242.00	<b>Lucerne</b> Jan 7 4pm-101 Jan 8 11am-100
Catholic Accent	\$214.00	<b>Coral</b> Jan 7 6pm-47 Jan 8 9am-107
Children/Family	\$10.00	
First Offering	\$243.00	
Solemnity of Mary	\$45.00	
Christmas	\$745.00	
Cemetery	\$205.00	