

Our Lady of the Assumption

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On the first day of the week,

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."



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 George Voytek

by Cindy, Georgette & Families (Coral)

&

Harry Williams by Daughter, Lauren (Lucernemines)

The Host is in memory of Pauline Checlosky by Connie Diven (Lucernemines)

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James Yanoscsik by Janice Yanoscsik (Coral)

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The Parish office will be closed tomorrow, Monday April 10th and will reopen on Tuesday, April 11th at 9:00am.

Part Time Cemetery Groundskeeper

Mowing & trimming at St Louis & St
Francis Cemeteries, pick
up and cut back tree
branches, maintain the oil
and tire pressure with the

mowers and keep mower decks clean. Equipment will be provided. In addition, mowing the two open fields at the Coral location. Hours are flexible and not to exceed 20 hours per week. Must be dependable and work independently. Call or email the parish office to set up an appointment. 724-479-9542, Ext. 10 or khenry@dioceseofgreensburg.org

ASSUMPTION CINEMA In Podowski Hall

A Man Called Otto-April 12 @ 6pm Jesus Revolution-May 3rd @ 6pm

Due to this weeks bulletin having to be submitted early, the DLA update will be in next weeks bulletin. Although the posters in each church will be current.

SAVE THE DATE—September 17, 2023 for the Assumption Homecoming!

A "homecoming" is being planned for all present and past members of both St. Louis and St. Francis can gather and celebrate together. We will have an afternoon filled with food and fun! Be sure to have your family and friends who are no longer in the immediate area to save the date too!

Christian Mothers will be meeting at 7:00pm on April 13th in Coral.

MARK THE DATE

Our next parish fundraiser will be on Sunday, May 21st. We will have a Taste and Tour with a sampling of various ethnic foods. Tickets will be presold for this event. Watch the upcoming bulletins for details.



Dear Parishioners,

Taking a Walk with the Risen Christ Jesus

Happy Easter! Of all the Holy Scriptures which tell us about Jesus rising from the dead, the one which most grabs my soul is the story that St. Luke recorded in chapter 24 about "two disciples" on the way to a village

named Emmaus, seven miles distant from Jerusalem. The account grabs me because of its decided understatement, as if God wished to reveal something super-natural in a most humane and simple format. The sentences refer to woman "discovering" both that Jesus' tomb is empty on the morning of the first day of the week (our Sunday) and that an angel attests that Jesus has risen from death. If you and I have grown accustomed to this language about resurrection from the dead, two disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus were not at ease with the dialogue, but found the talk astonishing.

In my novitiate year, I learned from my elders to read the scriptures every day and especially to think upon the gospels so as to acquaint myself with Jesus, the Christ. I also began to perceive that in our religious life, we had created customs and practices that flow directly out of the Gospels, out of those encounters with Jesus as the Risen One still living.

Two features of this account astonish us: first that Jesus Christ speaks with disciples who are not counted amount the core leadership of those who followed the "prophet powerful in word and deed." These two voice the disappointment that what they expected to happen played out very differently. Disappointment must have controlled their conversations, their thoughts, and their prayers from Thursday evening forward until they heard news reported by some grieving women at the tomb. Then some confusion entered their musings.

The account holds that they didn't know what to make of the empty tomb let alone of the claim of the women to have met the Risen One outside the tomb. Now we find that the stranger walking along with them allows them to express their disappointment and their confusion. Jesus, the Stranger, speaks to them to explain what troubles them most: we thought he was the Christ, the Messiah....

I wish I could have walked along as Jesus explained what transpired by referencing all the scriptures that explain what happened. One scholar says that if we read ahead into Luke's second book, The Acts of the Apostles, we learn what some of those references were: Joel 2:28-32; Psalm 16:8-11; Psalm 110:1; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 118:22; and, Psalm 2:1-2. But these do not even touch the Prophet Isaiah who "suffering servant" passages so clearly and cleanly refer to Jesus as the Christ. Nor does this list include the Prophets Jeremiah or Ezekiel.

Most telling for me is that Jesus is revealed as the Risen One when he stays for supper and breaks bread just as he had done so many times. Having begun a "Eucharistic Revival" both in our parish and diocese, and in unity with all parishes and dioceses in the United States, I sense that you and I will need to challenge ourselves to leave aside our busy daily duties long enough to allow Jesus to reveal himself.

See, as so many early believers testified, Jesus, having been raised from the dead, never died again. He's still alive to us and for us. At our Masses we fulfill the Lord's command to us. He fulfills his promise to us and walks among us again. Perhaps we should take a physical walk and speak with the Lord?

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, April 11th @7:00pm

Faith Formation 2023

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

April 9th

No Sessions: Have a blessed Easter!

April 16th

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

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

April 23rd

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

April 30th

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

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

ENRICHMENT SERIES: SAVE THE DATES

Our next Bible Study series, <u>The Healing Stories of Jesus</u>, will begin on Thursday, April 20th, and continue on the following Thursdays: 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/25, and 6/1 (whole group).

Note: No sessions on 5/18 due to "The Ascension of the Lord." (Holy Day of Obligation)
Identical sessions will be held in the mornings immediately following the 8am Mass in the Coral Social Hall, and in the evenings beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site. Books, materials, and refreshments are provided.

A \$10 donation will help toward the cost of the program. Hope to see you there!

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS

Wednesday evenings from 6pm-8pm Podowski Hall/no charge/light refreshments served

April 12th "A Man Called Otto"

Family can sometimes be found in the most unexpected places! New release!

May 3rd "Jesus Revolution"

An unexpected revival of radical and newfound love! New release!

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Newspaper in Education Student Contest Winner

Indiana Gazette Publication

Congratulation to Colin Knickle, a junior at Indiana HS/Indiana County Technology Center, who placed second in the category of "Best News Photos!" Also, Maddie Solo's artwork was featured in two separate ads in the "Design an Ad" section for local businesses: Environmental Pest Management and Indiana County Humane Society. Maddie is a fifth grade student at Homer Center.

Living Stations of the Cross

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Living Stations of the Cross presentation on Palm Sunday a very meaningful experience! We are so very proud of our students!

Best wishes for a very blessed Easter season!



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre's 'Moses' planned June 23

St. Paul Parish, Greensburg, is planning a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Lancaster, to see "Moses" Friday, June 23. Cost is \$178. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. The trip will include an Amishstyle dinner at Plain & Fancy. Participants can register, pay the deposit and sign waivers at https://

<u>scholasticatravel.groupcollect.com/go/15477a</u>. For information, call 724-989-6034.

Public Rosary Rally - Saturday, April 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.:

Join local-area Catholics in praying a public Rosary on the sidewalk in front of **St. Thomas More University Parish**, 1200 Oakland Street, in Indiana. In this month of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray to Our Redeemer through His Eucharistic Heart offered in all the Masses of the world for mercy and conversions. The Rally will occur **rain**, **snow**, **or shine**, so please dress appropriately. It will last approximately 45 minutes. Call/text Marianne 724-717-3278 with any questions

Saint James Church, New Alexandria, will host a Spring Breakfast & Bake Sale on Sunday, April 30th, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Menu includes: Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes, Juice, Coffee and Tea. Price is \$10.00 Adults/\$5.00 Child (Ages 6 to 12)/Children (Under 6 - Free). There will also be a basket raffle. Breakfast sponsored by Saint James Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 724-668-2829.

Catholic Relief Services

Every person has the right to sufficient, nutritious food to lead a healthy and dignified life; however, communities worldwide are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger and malnutrition on an unprecedented scale. Please urge Congress to prioritize timely passage of the 2023 Farm Bill and to reauthorize existing international programs that address immediate hunger needs and support long-term solutions. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

The gateway to the St. Louis Cemetery has been refurbished and returned looking magnificent!





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MASS INTENTIONS

For April 8 thru April 16

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:30 pm Easter Vigil-ProPopulo (Coral)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

 $7:00 \ am \ (Lucernemines) + Pauline Checlosky (Daughter, Kathy)$

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo

11:00 am (Lucernemines) ⊕ Ayden Henry (Parents, Siblings & Grandparents)

Blessing of the children's baskets following the 11:00 am mass

MONDAY, APRIL 10- NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 11- Coral

8:00 am ⊕Rev. John Chrysostome VI (Tieng Bui Donahue)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 - Coral

8:00 am 95th Birthday of Mary Amrein (Mike & Kathleen DeSantis)

THURSDAY, APRIL 13- Coral

8:00 am ⊕Susan Guerry (Irene Boltz)

FRIDAY, APRIL 14- Coral

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) ⊕Carmella Clark (Daughter, Patty Ferra)

6:00 pm (Coral) ⊕Dorothy Halmes (Tom & Terri Tedeschi)

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo

11:00 am (Lucernemines) & George Stelma (Daughter, Chris)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, April 15-3:00pm (Lucerne) Sunday, April 16-8:30am (Coral)



Mass Attendance

Lucerne

Apr 1, 4pm—98 Apr 2, 11am—100

Coral

Apr 1, 6pm—74 Apr 2, ,9am—132

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