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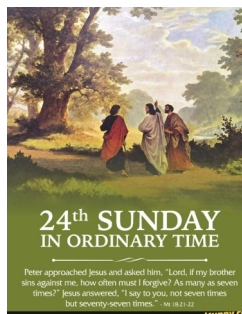
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Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven
times.
That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king
who decided to settle accounts with his servants."



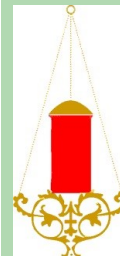
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Closed 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm
2:00-4:00 pm

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

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The Sanctuary Candle burns in
memory of
Joe & Emma Binando—C
by Mel & Shirley Stella
&
Eleanor Borzcik—L
by Bob & Mary Ann Ciranni

The Host is in memory of
Arline & Joe Harkelli —C
by The Yevchak & Bondra
Families
&
Gerald & Marie O'Hara—L
by Dana & Kitty Henry



T-Shirts & Tote Bags are still available for purchase at the Parish Office. Only \$15 each! They would make a great stocking stuffer!!



Be sure to welcome Mark Pavlick as our new Maintenance & Facilities Coordinator!



Newly stocked with fall/winter items, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana is open Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm. The store is

located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street and donations are accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (as space allows).



Don't miss season 2 of *The Chosen* at Assumption Cinema! Beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall. Dates are as follows: 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/8, 11/29, 12/13, 1/3 & 1/10.

Prayer for Saint Pio's Intercession

Gracious God, You generously blessed Your servant, Padre Pio, with the gifts of the Spirit. You marked his body with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, as a powerful witness to the saving Passion and Death of Your Son, and as a stirring inspiration to many people of Your infinite mercy, forgiveness and love.

In the confessional, Padre Pio labored endlessly for the salvation of souls. Through his prayerful intercession, many who suffered were healed of sickness and disease. Endowed with the gift of discernment, he could read people's hearts. From the blood of his wounds came a perfumed fragrance, a special sign of Your Holy Presence. With dignity and intense devotion, he celebrated daily Mass, inviting countless men and women to a greater union with Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Through the intercession of Saint Pio, I confidently beseech You to grant me the grace of (*here state your petition*). Help me to imitate his example of prayerful holiness and compassion, so that I, too, may faithfully follow the Risen Lord, and one day rejoice in the Kingdom, where You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



Our "Spiritual" Lives

Dear Parishioners,

An elderly priest and friar whom I first at St. Fidelis in Herman, Butler County, way back in the early days of my "formation" for the priesthood, Fr. Bede Herman, almost universally greeted new-comers with his standard **question that immediately set the context for his conversations: "How's your spiritual life, my son?"** The question might be modified to suit the person met, say, "my daughter" or "my father." Fr. Bede didn't wait until he met you to ask his question; no, **this question introduced you to Bede's primary concern for you.**

Father would take your arm gently and walk with you around the paths under giant oaks (he liked to point out that these trees were saplings when Europeans discovered North America) where he might pause briefly in front of the second Station of the Cross or a little further on before a natural rock shrine-altar dedicated to Our Lady of All Graces where students and retreatants often paused to pray a rosary.

Women and men, adults and teenagers, would meet Father just by walking to the ballfield or running track or picnic grove. Bede never put off anyone as unworthy of his time or conversation. I heard him once instruct a group of youngsters in how to plant seeds harvested from marigolds, all to bring some patient waiting and a little more beauty to the world. Anyone along the way might end up at the large twelfth-Station of Jesus' Crucifixion when Bede welcomed people to confess their sins and affirm their faith in Christ Jesus.

As Fr. Bede spoke the question to hundreds, "**Just how is your spiritual life?**", some replied that they didn't even know that they had a spiritual life, while others grasped that this priest wanted them to think a little more deeply about their life. In answer to the question, "What is the spiritual life?", one source says that in human life "Spirituality means knowing that **our lives have significance in a context beyond a mundane everyday existence** at the level of biological needs that drive selfishness and aggression. It means knowing that **we are a significant part of a purposeful unfolding of Life** in our universe." If that seems to be a bit "generic" or too broadly applicable to be truly Catholic, you might reflect on this answer by an Australian Catholic: "**To be spiritual means ... to know, and to live according to the knowledge that God is present to us in grace** as the principle of personal, interpersonal, social and even cosmic transformation."

For us Catholics, spirituality has three major movements: There are **three basic stages of the spiritual life (holiness)**, called the **Purgative, Illuminative, and Unitive Ways**. One passes from the lowest (purgative) to the highest (unitive) along a spectrum. Rooted both in the apostolic faith and in the Word of God, **our Catholic spirituality is a Biblical spirituality** that can be defined as **the process of the divine restoration and healing of the broken relation between the Triune God and humanity**. As such, biblical spirituality is **the response of a repentant human heart and mind to the loving heart and mind of God (1 Cor 2:12--13; Rom 8:14)**. One contemporary priest teaches that to talk about spirituality is to talk about an "itinerary" with Christ throughout our lives. Itinerary implies movement, a walking with God in Jesus, just the sort of activity that Fr. Bede began with many retreatants around the woods in Butler County.

In the course of our lives, the living God will purge us before he illuminates us; only afterwards does the Lord of all Life bring us to unity with Him. Whether at the start or late, you have a spiritual life when you know Jesus and accept that God seeks you. Look forward to coming to worship God at Mass to meet the Living God coming to you. "How is your spiritual life?"

Father John

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...Wednesday, September 27th**"God's Not Dead"** movie series (Film #1 of 4)

A college course in Philosophy provides the setting to confrontational presentations between a Christian student and an atheist professor with the class as jury as they debate God's existence.

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be provided.

All movies begin at 6pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.

SAVE THE DATES

Our current Adult Enrichment Series will include both **The Chosen (Season 2)**

AND **New Testament Basics for Catholics** by John Bergsma.

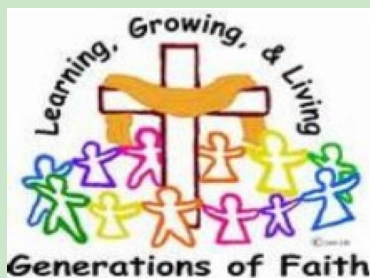
We will be alternating weeks for the video series and the book in order for participants to make it to either study...or both! **Only \$10 covers the donation for one or both of the enrichment selections** which will help to defray the cost of materials/refreshments.

Wednesday Evenings: The Chosen
8 Sessions

Podowski Hall beginning at 6pm
9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/8, 11/29,
12/13, 1/3, and 1/10

Thursday (Morning and Evening): Book Study
7 Sessions

AM Session following 8am Mass (Coral)
PM Session beginning at 6pm (Lucernemines)
9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/16, and 12/7
Final session on 12/21 to be held at 6pm (L)

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBERElementary Grades K-5

9:30am-10:45am at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines)
9/17, and 9/24

Middle School Grades 6-8 and Youth Group/Grades 9-12

5:30pm-7:30pm at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines)
9/24

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to **Caleb Palmer** who was recently named Homer Center High School Senior of the Month for September by the Homer City Kiwanis Club!

Welcome to Faith Formation 2023-24!!!

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE!



WITAMY!

All are welcome to attend a presentation on
POLISH CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Tuesday, October 17th—6:30pm

All Saints Parish Hall-505 Center St, Boswell

The customs, food and decorations are peculiar to the Polish expression of Christmas are unique and developed over many centuries. The presenter will be Fr. Czeslaw Krysa, an author and noted authority of Polish folk culture. The event will include refreshment, is free of charge, and open to all, however participants are asked to register either by phoning the parish office at 814-629-5551 or by emailing Emily Marsh at emarsh@dioceseaj.org.

Prayer and Perfect Pairings registration open

Registration is now open for our Prayer and Perfect Pairings event on Friday, Oct. 20, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. This five-course dinner features delicious recipes from local priests paired perfectly with wine. Reserve your sponsorship and seat today! Seating is limited. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings for tickets and sponsorship information. Proceeds will be used to support Eucharistic Revival efforts in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Diocesan group to attend Pennsylvania March for Life Oct. 16

The Diocese of Greensburg will be attending the third annual Pennsylvania March for Life Monday, Oct. 16, in Harrisburg. Buses will depart from parishes around the Diocese. To learn more about the itinerary and bus locations, or to register online, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/.

Tickets on sale for Catholic Charities' Farm to Table Dinner Oct. 4, Purse Bash Nov. 5

This is your final opportunity to register for Catholic Charities' third annual Farm to Table Dinner, a celebration of bounty and fellowship, set for Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 6-9 p.m. at Cavallo Fields, Pleasant Unity. Cost is \$125 per person. Seating is limited. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities' services in the four counties of the Diocese. Menu and registration information can be found at ccharitiesgreensburg.org. Tickets are also on sale for the seventh annual Designer Purse Bash & Crystal Bake Sale, set for Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org or at the Catholic Charities office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. For information, contact Heather Rady at hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-837-1840

Masses in Spanish in Jeannette

All are invited to Mass in Spanish Sundays at 6 p.m. at Ascension Parish, Jeannette, with reconciliation at 5 p.m.

Todos están invitados a la Misa Espanol en Domingos en Jeannette: La Santa Misa en Espanol, Todo los Domingos a 6 p.m., reconciliación a 5 p.m., Iglesia La Ascensión.

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †Kenneth Friday (Family)
 6:00 pm (Coral) †Steve & Katherine Solo (Sons; Bill & Ed)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 am (Coral) ProPopulo (for the people of the parish)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Jim Yanoscsik (Jim & Chris Costello)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - Coral

8:00 am †Susan Guerry (Judie Sisko & Family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - Coral

8:00 am †Pauline Wilson (Tony & Denise Novak & Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21- Coral

8:00 am †Art Prato (Judie Sisko & Family)

FRIDAY, September 22 - Coral

8:00 am †George Scribe (Sister, Peg)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — Feast of Padre Pio

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) †John Popp Jr (Jack & Janice Bell)
 6:00 pm (Coral) ProPopulo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 am (Coral) †Christine & Jack Zambarnardi (Family)
 11:00 am (Lucernemines) †Stella Yarkowski (Marilyn Crews)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, September 23- 3:00pm (Lucerne)
 Sunday, September 24 - 8:30am (Coral)



SEPT 9 & 10, 2023	OFFERTORY
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$8129.00
Votive Candles	\$89.63
Maintenance	\$289.00
Catholic Accent	\$4.00
Seminary	\$80.00
Cemetery	\$210.00
Assumption	\$15.00

Mass Attendance

Lucerne

Sept 9, 4pm—100
 Sept 10, 11am—84

Coral

Sept 9, 6pm—65
 Sept 10, 9am—115