

## Mass Times

### SATURDAY

4:00 PM at Lucernemines

6:00 PM at Coral

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM at Coral

11:00 AM at Lucernemines

### WEEKDAY

8:00 AM at Coral (Tues-Fri)

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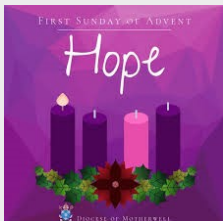
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## Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

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## Prayer for Eucharistic Revival

Lord Jesus, You are the living bread who satisfies the hunger of the human heart. In the Eucharist, the bread and wine become Your Body and Blood, the gift of Yourself to the Church. Deepen our faith in Your Eucharistic presence and strengthen us as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. As we encounter and revere Your Eucharistic presence, open us to the needs of our brothers and sisters here and everywhere throughout the world. Help us to reveal Your love, Your promise, Your presence to them by our lives and in all we say and do. Amen.

### Last Minute Christmas Gift!

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? **Christian Mothers** have extra Koeze Nut and Candy items. If interested in purchasing, contact Jackie at 724-549-8119.

**Christian Mothers** are also selling microfiber cleaning (streak-free) cloths. If interested, call Jackie at 724-549-8119.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 8th.**

**Bake Sale** will be held following the 6pm and 9am masses on the weekend of 12/9 & 10. All are invited to contribute baked goods to support our parish. Goodies can be dropped off on Saturday in the Coral hall on Saturday, Dec 9, between 1pm-3pm.



Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, December 3rd, following the 9am mass in the Coral Hall.

In preparation for the holiday season, the Lucerne Church will be cleaned on Wednesday, December 6th beginning at 9am. All helping hands are welcomed. BYOB—Bring Your Own Bucket!



### New deadline for bulletin announcements

As we begin our new adventure with our weekly bulletin, it was necessary to change our deadline for having announcements turned into the parish office for publication. Announcements will be due on the Monday preceding the Sunday that you are wanting your announcement published.

**Once again Christmas tags will be in the back of the churches for those in our community who are in need.** Please return the item with the tag attached no later than December 10th. If you have any questions please call Patty Pavolko at 724 479 2290 or Janice Bell at 724 479 2568. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Christmas Cash** tickets will need to be turned in no later than Friday, December 8th.

We do have a couple books of tickets available in the parish office. Please stop in and pick up a "last minute Christmas gift".

Dear Parishioners,  
*Christ, the Prince of Peace*



Did you notice that the Indiana Cinema at the Mall is playing a new, epic (170 minutes) bio-cinema on Napoleon Bonaparte? Ah, I thought, a socially redeeming film, dealing with actual historical events – something far better than the steady pattern of cinemas about fantasy and space and werewolves and crime. Well, frankly, yes, and no. "Yes," insofar as the story doesn't flow from a contemporary fantasy life rich in blood and gore and crime and revenge; but "no," insofar as Napoleon's biography in this movie begins with the beheading by guillotine of the last Queen of France, Marie Antoinette. Holding up the severed head may be historically accurate as a sort of "crowd pleaser" as the crowds of Paris understood that royalty lived in grandeur while ordinary folks live in penury. The storied French Revolution unleashed pent-up grudges and unresolved conflicts. The argument in the infamous "**reign of terror**" held that people had been terrorized for generations by kings and queen and nobles (and, even, some held, the Christian church) all of whom kept too much for themselves while allowing starvation and poverty. "Justice" required a strong response.

Nearly every scene of Napoleon risen through his military prowess to be named "emperor" keeps the action on the battlefields or in street rioting true to the practices of the time and **never skips on wounds and blood and dirt and smoke and gunfire and sharp sword hand-to-hand combat**. Eventually, Napoleon will bring some measure of stability to a ravished society.

Beginning this weekend, we will read and sing about "Christ, the Prince of Peace." Of all the titles offered to us and to the world about Jesus of Nazareth and his role in our mixed-up world, **Prince of Peace grabs hold of a forged handle for believers to hold and to push or pull**.

The **phrase itself**, prince of peace, comes from the **Prophet Isaiah (9:6)**, who speaks an ancient longing for power oriented not to personal advancement, but **power pointing to the rule of God over humanity** and especially for Isaiah, power that will keep Israel, the Bride, in a strong relationship governed by love.

When I was in college and graduate school, an elderly priest prayed aloud faithfully and daily, for the end of war in Vietnam. Father Charles didn't care if someone else beat him to this petition; he thought that a second petition was better than none at all. He knew some men and women in the war.

Sheila Alewine believes that you and I have at least **reason that Jesus**, the Messiah, the Christ, **still brings peace**. Isaiah prophesied that the coming Messiah would be the Prince of Peace. Why Prince? Why not King of Peace? A **prince acts under the authority of his father**, the king. While Jesus is fully God, equal with His Father (John 1:1). **He brings peace as the emissary**, or messenger from his Father. Jesus was "sent by God" (1 John 4:9) and "became obedient" by His Death on the cross (Philippians 2:8). Thus, His **role** as Prince of Peace is directly tied to His **role as Savior**, accomplishing the task for which His Father sent Him into our world. Real peace can only be found in Jesus.

**Those five reasons?** These five instances find the voice in our Communion Rite. 1. Jesus provides us with **peace with the Father**. 2. Jesus provided **peace in our circumstances** (listen to the pray after the Lord's Prayer at Mass). 3. Jesus makes **peace within our families**. 4. Jesus provides peace that rules our hearts. 5. Jesus provided **eternal peace** (listen for that as we offer peace at Mass).

I suppose that naming Jesus the Christ as the Prince of Peace may seem nothing more than a pious "wish" or "hope" for many Christians. How much more is the working of Christ **for us**. The name "Prince of Peace" is the Hebrew *Shar Shalom*, which means, "the one who removes all peace-disturbing factors and secures the peace." This instantly sets Him apart from those human rulers whose reigns depend on bloody conquest, for **His rule rests on a bloody sacrifice**. Wish some Peace in Advent and you pray for something far more significant than an absence of arguments in a stressful time.

*Father John*

## Mass Intentions for December 2 thru December 10, 2023

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †Rick Adamson (Mother, Rosalie, Brothers & Sisters)  
Coral 6:00 pm ..... †Ted Medvetz (Coz & Patti Stasio)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Coral 8:30 am ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Coral 9:00 am ..... ProPopulo (for the people of the parish)  
Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Anthony & Eleanor Borzcik (Julie Mills)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Francis “Smokey” Voyten (Cookie & Bob Choma)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Coral 8:00 am ..... †John Park (Theresa Park)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 Vigil - The Immaculate Conception

#### No 8:00 am Mass

Lucernemines 7:00 pm ..... †Stanley Lucas (Peggy & family)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Office Closed

Coral 8:00 am ..... Living & Deceased Members of the Scribe Family  
..... (The California Zoldaks)  
Lucernemines 7:00 pm ..... †Regis Troxell (Maryanne)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Lucernemines 3-3:30 pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †Dick Farabaugh (Jenny & family)  
Coral 6:00 pm ..... †Grassoni Family (Rita & Rick Stipcak)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Coral 8:30 am ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Coral 9 :00 am ..... ProPopulo  
Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Gary Welsh (Mike & Irene Grimes)

#### The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral Rick Adamson by Mother, Sisters & Brothers  
Lucernemines Dick Farabaugh by Jenny & Family

#### The Host is in memory of:

Coral Leonard Evansic by Mike & Irene Grimes  
Lucerne Mary Popp by Zicha Family

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2023

DECEMBER 4, MONDAY, 7:00 PM AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, SEWARD

DECEMBER 6, WEDNESDAY, 7:00PM AT SS SIMON & JUDE, BLAIRSVILLE

DECEMBER 12, TUESDAY, 7:00PM AT ST. THOMAS MORE, INDIANA

DECEMBER 13, WEDNESDAY, 7:00PM AT ST. MATTHEW'S, SALTSBURG

DECEMBER 14, THURSDAY, 7:00PM AT CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD,  
KENT

DECEMBER 16, SATURDAY, 10:00AM AT ST BERNARD'S, INDIANA

DECEMBER 18, MONDAY, 7:00PM AT CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION,  
CLYMER

DECEMBER 19, TUESDAY, 7:00PM AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION,  
LUCERNEMINES

**\*\*LAST CHANCE\*\* DECEMBER 22, FRIDAY, 6:00PM-8:00PM, OUR LADY OF THE  
ASSUMPTION, LUCERNEMINES**

November 25-26, 2023	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$7260.00
Votive Candle	\$137.50
Maintenance	\$30.00
Flowers	\$90.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$60.00
Accent	\$9.00
Diocesan Collections	\$110.00
Special Collections	\$1727.00
Cemetery	\$15.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—229	
Online giving this week—25	

### Thanksgiving, Nov 23rd—94

### Mass Attendance Nov 25-26

Lucerne 4:00 pm—98  
11:00 am—72  
Coral 6:00 pm—136  
9:00 am—72

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Blue Christmas Liturgy Dec. 17 at Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville

Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, will hold a Blue Christmas Liturgy Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m., for those who find the holidays difficult. The liturgy allows people to acknowledge their sense of loss or pain and the shadow it casts over the holiday season.

### Live Nativity Dec. 8 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria

A Live Nativity is planned Friday, Dec. 8, from 5 -8 p.m. at St. James Parish, New Alexandria. All are invited to walk and experience the beauty and wonder of the Scriptures coming to life with live animals and actors. There will be activities for the entire family, plus lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served.

### St. Barbara Parish cookbook available

The St. Barbara Parish Ladies Guild is selling “St. Barbara’s Taste of Heaven Cookbook” featuring recipes created by parishioners and members of the Crabtree parish. Many of the recipes are highlighted on the Ladies Guild Facebook page, What’s Cooking in St. Barbara Ladies Guild? For information, call 724-744- 7474.

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# **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

## **ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...**

### **Special Presentation**

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> (2pm-5pm)**

**Addressing HUMAN TRAFFICKING** We will be hosting a special viewing of **Sound of Freedom (PG-13)** at Podowski Hall of this newly released film based on the true story of Tim Ballard, a former US government agent, whose mission it is to rescue children from sex traffickers in Columbia. The movie will be followed by an update and resources on Human Trafficking by **Sr. Mary Norbert Long**, Sisters of Charity at Seton Hill. Although the movie is not graphic, it is suggestive about Human Trafficking encounters. Parents are encouraged to accompany any teens. Begin the conversation! Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

### **ADULT ENRICHMENT**

Our current Adult Enrichment Series features *Season 2 of The Chosen*. Wednesday Evenings: *The Chosen*, Podowski Hall beginning at 6pm 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20.

### **Special Advent Enrichment Series: The Infancy Narratives**

Join us for a fascinating study on the Infancy Narratives as we prepare to make way for the Lord during the season of Advent! Our sessions are scheduled on the following Thursdays: 11/30, 12/7 (morning session at 9am) and 12/14. We will be meeting for identical sessions immediately following the 8am Mass in the Coral Social Hall, AND at 6pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines site. All are welcome! No charge! Light refreshments and materials provided. *Listen to God's Word in Scripture and reflect on His surprising Presence with us!*

### **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

#### **Elementary Grades K-5**

9:30am-10:45am at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines) 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17 (immediately following 11am Mass)

#### **Middle School Grades 6-8 and Youth Group Grades 9-12**

5:30pm-7:30pm at Podowski Hall (Lucernemines) 12/3, and 12/17 (immediately following 11am Mass)

**Please note:** Faith Formation for both Elementary and Middle School/Youth Group will be held from noon until 2:30pm on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Podowski Hall. We are preparing a very special afternoon focusing on Family Catechesis for all of our students and their families as we explore "Christmas Around the World!"

### **STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**

Congratulations to all of our scholars from Homer Center, Indiana Area School District, and River Valley who made the honor roll for the first quarter! Keep up the great work!

### **Upcoming Service Projects for Youth (grades 6-12)**

If you are interested and available in volunteering for any of the following events, please contact [cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org) at your earliest convenience with the time that you would be available to help out. These service hours will count toward Confirmation for middle school students, and as community service for high school students.

#### **Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Ideal Market in Homer City.**

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-6pm

#### **American Red Cross Blood Drive at Podowski Hall.**

Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> from noon until 6pm

#### **Give the gift of love this holiday season!**

Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive, Noon until 6pm at Podowski Hall, Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767



**American Red Cross**



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### **CRS Spotlight**

Why was a delegation of Catholic leaders from Côte d'Ivoire in Washington, DC last month to talk with decision-makers about the growing violence in the central Sahel region? Because the people of Côte d'Ivoire are directly affected by the violence in at least 3 ways: 1) Threat of terrorist attacks, 2) Influx of refugees and displaced people, and 3) Impact of climate change. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) today to see how you can help!

### **Celebration of St. Nicholas Dec. 15-16 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**

Two special events are planned Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. St. Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist, a free immersive experience, is set for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 15. The event will feature artist Pipka Ulvilden and her St. Nicholas-inspired collectibles, Christmas carols, cookies, vendors and St. Nick's workshop. Register at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival). Breakfast with St. Nicholas, a faith-focused event for children and families, is set for Dec. 16 at 9:30 a.m. The morning will include a buffet, visits from several cultural versions of St. Nick and St. Nick's workshop; Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a prayer, and children will make a craft with Ulvilden. Register at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/StNickBreakfast](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/StNickBreakfast).

### **Christmas Night Market and Mass with Bishop Kulick Dec. 16 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**

The Diocese of Greensburg Christmas Night Market is set for Saturday, Dec. 16, from 3-8 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, complete with dozens of food, craft and gift vendors. Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick starts at 4 p.m., followed by a talk with St. Nicholas-inspired artist Pipka Ulvilden in the chapel. Tickets are now on sale for festive beer and wine tastings and family crafting sessions that connect to our faith. For information, visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/christmas-night-market/](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/christmas-night-market/).

**St Anne Home Lottery Calendars The Knights of Columbus Council #10960** are selling the St. Anne Lottery calendars with chances to win all year! The cost is \$30.00. Contact Norb Rayko at 724-422-1533, other K of C members or call St Anne Home, 724-837-6070

