

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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COLLECT PRAYER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday of the Word of God: Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 21, 2024

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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.





Women's coats (including white tags) are half-priced at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store this week. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street,

the store is open Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Donations are accepted at the back door 10am – 1pm

Think Spring!-Our next ticket fundraiser will be on sale soon, Watch the bulletin for details.

Christmas Decoration Removal St Francis & St Louis Cemeteries

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones 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.

CRS Spotlight

As a new congressional session begins and lawmakers reassess their priorities for the year, now is the time to ensure your members know you care about communities impacted by hunger and climate change. Congress can and must help address global food insecurity and the impacts of climate change by passing a new Farm Bill that strengthens critical international food assistance programs. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!

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Ferguson Funeral Home & Monument Company
Blairsville, PA
724-459-7611



Dear Parishioners,

As the world turns...

While here in Indiana County our first Month of the Year concerns involved the Steelers in the playoff (!), the first bout of frigid temperatures complete with high winds (is that what took down the computer on new boiler in Lucerene?) and with ice and snow that hangs around awaiting another warming. Our young people are returning to classes locally and at various institutions of post-secondary education, while elsewhere in the Church world and Civil world, some big anxieties accost us. Every day at Holy Eucharist, immediately after we pray the Lord's Prayer, the priest prays that we will be delivered from anxieties that will make trusting Jesus "to deliver us" a bit deeper of a walk. This same prayer has been intoned for hundreds of years. I often wonder how the community prayed for deliverance when wars or financial collapse or personal illnesses were on their doorsteps, as someone published recently how one survivor of World War II described her last ordinary morning before leaving home never to see it again.

Elsewhere this week we learn the following: that the reopening of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is reported "to be on track" for December 8, 2024. Because the French people also consider the Cathedral to be a symbol of France and of Paris, the building stands for something more than the Catholic Faith itself and restoration has involved the government and the voice that "protects" the culture of the people. A few days before Christmas, a newly reconstructed spire was installed, complete with the crowning dove which encased relics of two patron saints, St. Denis and St. Genevieve.

In Latin America, in Nicaragua, the government has arrested and detained some priests including two bishops. On the eve of Epiphany, Cardinal Archbishop Leopoldo José Brenes Solórzano presided over the ordination of nine young priests. In his homily, the Cardinal taught that the priesthood isn't power but is service of, with, and for Christ. This country has long experienced disruption, especially regarding the free practice of the faith.

The second largest free-standing Eastern Rite Church in union with us, the Syro-Malabar Church in India, in a tradition that they date to 52 AD when St. Thomas the Apostle arrived to evangelize people in the current Indian state of Kerala, elected their new Archbishop, considered a new "Head and Father," Major Archbishop Raphael Thattil. Photographs show a youngish bright-faced man looking to be 50 or so, who described the 5-million-member church as one that remains migrant and missionary since members of the church have scattered to places like Ireland, Latvia, Great Brittan, United States, Canada, Italy, Germany, Georgia (Asia), and Aremenia. Mar Raphael says that he is proud of this church because it has maintained a missionary spirit since its beginning and now carries the Gospel especially to northern India.

From Jerusalem we learn that the ancient Christian Church in Gaza now exists in an island of debris in the northern part of Gaza with much of its flock scattered. Archbishop Pizzabella, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, expressed his sadness for the people who have also suffered from Hamas' brutal intent to destroy Israel. The Archbishop has had to work with the Jordanians to seek relief for the people remaining in Gaza. Meanwhile, in Qatar, a new huge church for the migrants who work there, the first Christian church built since the seventh century, has opened. The church of the Holy Rosary, built on ground donated by the Emir near the international airport, is part of a complex which includes other Christian churches and schools, for example, the Orthodox and the Protestants. 30,000 persons attend Mass there for the New Year.

The Jewish scholar Claude Montefiore identified the peculiarity of Christianity in this: "While other religions describe humanity seeking God, Christianity announces a God seeking humanity... Jesus taught that God does not wait for the repentance of the sinner; He goes to seek him to call him to Himself." How we do that in union with the Father in our complex world, welcoming but calling to repentance, remains the Gospel commandment for all of us. Pope Francis cautions us not to curse others in God's name, but to bless them.

Stand with us, Lord, deliver us from every evil and grant us peace in our days, as we await your return in glory, that we may speak your words of Salvation.

Father John

Mass Intentions for January 20 –January 28, 2024

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ProPopulo
 Coral 6:00 pm †Dennis Buggey (Wife, Teresa & Children)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Coral 9:00 am †Ron Pozik (The Evanick Family)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Anthony & Eleanor Borzcik (Julie Mills)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22—NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Coral 8:00 am †Edward Horchar (Sam & Betsy Arone)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Coral 8:00 am †Alzira Fernandes (Suffragia)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Coral 8:00 am †Anthony Golba (Carol Short)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Coral 8 am †Jacinra Rodrigues-Gerrero (Suffragia)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm.....Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4 pm †Ron Jones (Alex & Kathy Yarkowski)
 Coral 6 pm †Jemma Zicha (The Zicha Family)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Coral 8:30 amSacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9 :00 am †Mary Ann Barletta (Gloria Williams & Marlene Ondo)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †ProPopulo

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

LucerneminesGeorge Taylor by the Class of 1957

The Host is in memory of:

CoralFrank & Mary Gatskie by The Gatskie Family
 Lucernemines Frances Rado by John & Peggy Caruso

BRIEFS.....

SAVE THE DATE!! We will having a soup and hot sausage sandwich sale on February 9th at our Coral location. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Thank you.....to the many volunteers who helped in the un-decorating of both church locations. Your help is always appreciated.

Recycle.....There will be a red bin at each church location for you to place last years palm. These palm will be burned and will be distributed on Ash Wednesday.

ASSUMPTION CINEMA.....

Route 60, *The Biblical Highway*

The Chosen, Season 3

Times and dates under “Faith Formation News”

St Louis & St Francis Cemetery.....

Please remove Christmas decorations by February 15th

Jan 13-14, 2023	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$
Votive Candle	\$
Maintenance	\$
St Vincent de Paul	\$
Diocesan Collections	\$
Special Collections	\$
Cemetery	\$
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—	
Online giving this week—	

Offertory information will be in next week's bulletin

Mass Attendance Jan 13-14

Coral 4:00 pm—102
 11:00 am—90
 Coral 6:00 pm—46
 9:00 am—87

ALL MASSES WERE HELD IN CORAL, DUE TO NO HEAT AT LUCERNE

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Get Your Clearances and be a Volunteer

An in-person session for the Protecting God's Children Training will be held on Saturday January 27, 2024, at Church of the Good Shepherd. The session will begin at 9:00 am and conclude by Noon. Individuals may sign up via their Virtus Account, or by creating an account if they do not presently have one, at the following link: <https://www.virtusonline.org/>. Individuals may also sign up by contacting the Parish Office at 724-479-3881. All parish volunteers are required to complete the Virtus Training every five years and this session will fulfill the requirement. New volunteers also need to complete. In the event of inclement weather, the session will be rescheduled to the following Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 9:00 am.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

Sunday, January 21st

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

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-12

Sunday, January 28th

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

Sunday, February 4th

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

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-12

Sunday, February 11th

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

Sunday, February 18th

No Sessions

Sunday, February 25th

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

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-12

ADULT ENRICHMENT SERIES

WHAT TO SAY AND HOW TO SAY IT by Brandon Vogt (author of RETURN)

Reflect on how to discuss your Catholic Faith with confidence on the following subjects:

Explaining the Eucharist (January 25th)

Answering Atheism (February 8th)

Trusting the Gospels (February 15th)

Evil and Suffering (February 22nd)

Two identical sessions will be held on each of the above dates. The morning session will begin following the 8am Mass in the Coral Social Hall. The evening session will begin at 6pm in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines. A \$10 donation will help to defray the costs of refreshments and resources.

Recycling Old Palms

A red bin has been placed at each worship site to collect any old palms that you might have. These palms will be burnt and their ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) as we kick off the Lenten season. If you are interested in experiencing the palm burning process, please join us on Saturday, February 10th to participate in this event. We will have a 9am burning at Coral, and a 10:30am burning at Lucernemines.

Sacramental Prep Workshop Reminders

Second grade students are to be accompanied by one parent/caregiver on Monday, January 22nd at 6pm in Podowski Hall as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in February. This session will focus on "The Prodigal Son" and the power of forgiveness. Light refreshments will be provided.

Our Parish will be the host site for a Confirmation Retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg on Wednesday, January 31st from 6-8:30pm in Podowski Hall. This is a mandatory session for all eighth grade students in Deanery 2 as they prepare to receive Confirmation on April 27th. Parents are also invited to accompany their children to this event. Bishop Kulick and his staff will facilitate this retreat which will include prayer, breakout sessions, and a presentation on the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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Bishop Larry J. Kulick is inviting men and women in the Diocese of Greensburg to attend gatherings this month at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. "Transformed," a gathering for men, will be held Monday, Jan. 22, and "Beloved," a gathering for women, will be held Monday, Jan. 29. Both begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature the Bishop speaking on "Created in God's Image." The gatherings will include prayer, reflection, small group discussion, Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with multiple confessors. There is no cost, and no reservations are required.

Save the Date – 2024 Diocesan pilgrimage to National Shrine

Mark your calendar and plan to join in a Diocese of Greensburg pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., Saturday, Sept. 21, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. This will be the first Diocesan pilgrimage to our magnificent National Shrine since 2006, and is sure to be a very holy and special experience. Further information on the itinerary, transportation options and cost will be announced soon.

Immaculate Conception Parish in Irwin, PA is holding Pre-Cana classes on February 9th and 10th, 2024. Anyone in need of marriage prep classes are welcome to attend. Please call the Parish Office at 734-863-9550 for information and/or to register.



Join us for Season 3 of The Chosen, Wednesday evenings at 6pm in Podowski Hall

No charge; light refreshments provided. 1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 4/3