

## 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

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

**Time:** O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FEBRUARY 11, 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.



Join us this Lent as congregations across the Homer City community gather together around the cross of Christ for our **2024 Lenten Luncheons. Each Wednesday at 12:00 noon**, we will gather at a different church for a time of worship. Then stay for a light lunch at 12:35pm each week with fellowship and food for all. All are welcome! **Join us on February 21, 2024**, Homer City United Methodist 12 N. Main Street, Homer City. (Presented by the congregations of the Homer City Area Ministerium. )

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY** will take place on Saturday, February 17, 2024 @10:00AM on the sidewalk in front of the Indiana County Courthouse. Indiana County Catholic faithful will gather publicly to pray in the month of February which honors the Holy Family. Our prayer intentions this month will focus on spreading devotion to the Fatima message and SS. Jacinta and Francisco, whose feast day is celebrated on February 20. The Rosary takes place rain or shine, so please dress accordingly. Rosary prayer guides are available and the public Rosary lasts approximately 45 minutes. Please consider joining especially as we begin the season of Lent. Contact Marianne for further info – 724 717 3278

**Yoga**  
**In the Lucerne Church Hall this Tuesday**  
9am-10am-Yoga  
10:30am-11:30am-Chair yoga

**Think Spring!**  
Our SPRING CASH tickets are on sale .  
Tickets are \$10.00 each with 2 numbers.  
Five lucky winners will each receive \$500.00 the week of April 15th through the 19th.  
Tickets are available at the parish office and after some of our weekend Masses.

**Ferguson Funeral Home  
& Monument Company**  
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Dear Parishioners,

### **One Super Sunday, Feasting and Fasting**

As far as I recollect, in creating our parish calendar for February 2024, we avoided scheduling any events for Sunday evening, February 11, even though western Pennsylvanians have less invested in *The Game* this year than we have had in past games. Although our “regional champions” squeezed into a play-off game this year, we all guessed that their season-long stumbling's would prevent them from rising to the level of champions who have entertained and enthralled us for many years. Oh, they will come back to rivet our attention once again, the attention of both fair-weather fans and of fans who bleed black and gold.

In fifty-eight years, American football has created a **new national holiday**, “**Super-Bowl Sunday**,” and we like this post-Christmas Season winter holiday. Congress need not declare this holiday; this one arises from the devout, faithful fans who are happy to find some wild celebration, exuberance unbridled, before the solemnity of Lent takes hold and the remainder of winter plays out, regardless of what Phil, the Groundhog, declared.

When in college/university I studied ancient Latin culture, literature, language, and Roman history, and I learned that the Romans looked for holidays that rescued them from the daily drudgery of ancient life. One professor pointed out to us that almost very month the Roman culture provided the ordinary citizen with “bread and circus,” or some holiday to keep them satisfied or relieve them of their labors. Truth be told, don't we bear a similar longing?

This weekend here at Mass we pray the scriptures and orations of the *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*, the counting of our Sunday worship that began with the conclusion of the Christmas Season on Epiphany/The Baptism of the Lord on January 7/8. Before *Ash Wednesday* on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Americans will keep *Mardi Gras*, or as the term translates, *Fat Tuesday*, not because we want to admit how large we have become, but because when Christians in western Europe fasted with keener intent than now, they wished to use up the meat fats that they ordinarily consumed in both festive and in ordinary times. Our society may be oblivious to the real intention of the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, but that parties abound.

Because Ash Wednesday coincides with *St. Valentine Day* and we have developed that Saint's feast day as one devoted to romance, red-heart-shaped candy boxes will provide a special temptation not to give up sweets at least for the first day of Lent and will urge such love as to honor one's wife or fiancé with special tokens to demonstrate affection and care.

I'd like to propose that *we take seriously* the invitation to “*do penance*” in the annual season that our Catholic Community of Faith adopts as a preparation for remembering and renewing our personal and communal commitment to Christ. Yes, you have once committed yourself to Jesus as the One Christ, both personally and communally. *Christ Jesus is your personal and communal Savior*. Fasting affirms our commitment to Jesus, the Christ, or the Messiah, who Saves our immortal souls. May I suggest that in your prayers this week you *directly ask Jesus*, who loves you dearly, *how you might fast in penance for yourself, for your family and friends, and for those who have rejected the Love of the Father?* May I also suggest that we intend to abstain from meats at least on Fridays in Lent? Jesus taught the disciples that some works on ministry need fasting and prayer.

Everywhere these days health professionals have discovered the benefits of “intermittent fasting,” saying that evidence shows that however we fast, in *alternate day fasting*, or in *5:2 fasting*, or in *daily time-restrictive fasting*, we may gain better health in as many as eight ways, such as, maintaining our blood sugar, or contributing to weight loss, or to improvements with cognitive or memory retention, with reducing inflammation, and so on.

Above all, for us, fast and abstinence will help us to know the Lord and to contribute to a witness to him whom others attack and ridicule. Please choose to do penance this Lent. The world cries out for Lent.

*Father John*



## Mass Intentions for February 10-February 18, 2024

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †Louis "Skip" Nocco (Len & Carol Black)  
 Coral 6:00 pm ..... †Ed Gaydosh (Patty & Family)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Coral 9:00 am ..... ProPopulo  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Anna Mae Lucas (Peggy & Family)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Stanley Grabowski (Maureen & Christopher Miller)

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Coral** (Mass & distribution of ashes) ..... 8:00 am  
 †Leonard Evansic (Wife, Cecile)  
**Lucernemines** (Liturgy of the Word & distribution of ashes) ..... 12:15 pm  
**Lucernemines** (Mass & distribution of ashes) ProPopulo ..... 7:00 pm

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Stanley Lucas (Ann Marie Dechman)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**Coral** Mass ..... †Margaret Golda (Daughter, Carol) 8:00 am  
**Coral** Stations of the Cross ..... 12:00 pm  
**Lucernemines** Adoration ..... 6:00 pm  
 Confession..... 6:30 pm  
 Stations of the Cross ..... 7:30 pm

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Lucernemines 3-3:30 pm.....Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Lucernemines 4 pm ..... ProPopulo  
 Coral 6 pm ..... †James McHenry (Wife & Children)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Coral 8:30 am .....Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Coral 9 :00 am ..... †Beverly Zoldak (Children, Carolyn, Laura & Johnny)  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Mike Marusa (Wife, Sara)

### The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Lucernemines ..... Mary Popp by Mimi Yanoscsik

### The Host is in memory of:

Coral ..... Stanley & Connie Golinsky by Darrick Bertig  
 Lucernemines ..... Kathe Hood by Barbara Welsh

### BRIEFS.....

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross begin on Friday, February 16 at noon in Coral and at 7:30pm in Lucerne.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19th.

**Thank you to the parishioners who graciously donate towards the printing of our weekly bulletin.**

Hold onto the Lenten flyer which is included with this bulletin. Listed are activities and worship opportunities being held at our Coral and Lucernemines worship sites.

Feb 3-4, 2024	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	10082.00
Votive Candle	\$147.00
Maintenance	\$80.00
Accent	\$53.00
Diocesan Collections	\$488.00
Special Collections	\$85.00
Cemetery	\$232.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—232	
Online giving this week—26	

### Mass Attendance Feb 3-4

Lucerne 4:00 pm—120  
 11:00 am—102  
 Coral 6:00 pm—50  
 9:00 am—106

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Saint Vincent College cordially invites you to attend the 2024 Rabbi Edelstein Lecture, "Lent and Easter through Jewish Eyes: Liturgies of Purification, both Catholic and Jewish," presented by Dr. Ruth Langer, professor of Jewish studies in the Theology Department at Boston College. The lecture is at 7 p.m. in the Fred Rogers Center on Wednesday, February 28 and will be preceded by a reception beginning at 6 p.m. Registration is appreciated, but not required: (724) 805-2814.



**ST. BERNARD SCHOOL LENTEN FISH FRY** \*\*Dine-In and Take-Out Where: St. Bernard Parish Social Hall When: Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) Time: 4:00pm -6:30 pm Proceeds benefit St. Bernard School. Thank you for your support!

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## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**FAITH FORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2024**  
All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
No Sessions

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
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**

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

***Trusting the Gospels (February 15<sup>th</sup>)...both sessions at the Coral Social Hall***

***Evil and Suffering (February 22<sup>nd</sup>)...both sessions at the Coral Social Hall***

Two identical sessions will be held on each of the above dates.  
The morning session will begin following the 8am Mass.  
The evening session will begin at 6pm

***Join us for Season 3 of The Chosen***  
***Wednesday evenings at 6pm in Podowski Hall***  
*No charge; light refreshments provided.*  
*2/21(at Coral Social Hall), 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 4/3*

### **Sacramental Prep Workshop Reminder**

Second grade students are to be accompanied by one parent/caregiver on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Podowski Hall as they continue to prepare for their First Reconciliation. This session will focus on "The Ten Commandments." Light refreshments will be served.



### **PIEROGI SALE**

The annual pierogi sale will be held Friday, February 23rd at Podowski Hall from 4 till 6 p.m. (or sold out).  
\*\* \$12.00 per dozen \*\*



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**PIEROGI**



### **HELP WANTED!!**

Men & women with clearances to help with the annual pierogi project!

Full production will begin Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1:00 pm; it will continue Monday, Feb. 19 at 9:00 am and each day thereafter until completed.

A light lunch will be served on the weekdays.  
Come join the fun!!

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**Ernest/Clymer/Rossiter/Glen Campbell:** Church of the Resurrection Parish, Feb. 16, 4-7 p.m., Ernest site basement; March 1 and 8, 4-7 p.m., Clymer site hall; March 8, 4-7 p.m., Rossiter Volunteer Fire Department Hall; March 22, 4-6:30 p.m., Glen Campbell site hall; takeout only.

### **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.

### **Healing Mass Feb. 12 at St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney**

St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, will hold a healing Mass Monday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### **St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, cookbook available**

The Ladies Guild of St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, is selling St. Barbara's Taste of Heaven Cookbook. For information, call the parish at 724-744-7474.

This month, we begin our Lenten Journey with CRS Rice Bowl. We'll encounter communities in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are overcoming hunger and the impacts of climate change. Your family can participate through prayer, fasting and almsgiving! Please visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more information and to see how you can participate in CRS Rice Bowl!

