

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

First Sunday of Lent: Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 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.





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.

*denotes time change



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!!

Yoga

In Podowski Hall on Tuesdays

9am-10am—Yoga

10:30am-11:30am—Chair Yoga

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



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.



Dear Parishioners,

Reconciled: *Are We Ready?*



As I write this reflection, I see on the desk in front of me a large postcard addressed to the "Lenten Resource Buyer," with the headline banner reading, "*Are you ready for Lent? Share the gift of the Gospel with these faith-full handouts.*" Another plastic-wrapped and sealed packet of material includes 16 separate resources, including two day-by-day calendars, three daily reflection booklets, three bulletin resources beautifully and professionally printed; two booklets for children, "Heroes for Lent" and "Be Like Jesus," and another for adults entitled "Christ in Our Hearts: Praying Through Lent with the Saints," and yet another by a well-known Catholic author, Henri J.M. Nouwen, entitled "Returning to God." Finally, there's a one-page, two-sided, cardstock printing of the "Stations of the Cross," and numerous prayer cards. All these materials seem to be very well-done, impressing me with the commitment made to assisting people like us.

Moving into spring-time traditionally devoted to *penance*, I want to reflect a bit on penance with a small-p and Penance with a capital-P. Dr. Brant Pitre of the Augustine Institute researched the roots of our Catholic tradition of Lent and he noted that for the ordinary Catholic (like ourselves), the first question we raise is "What am I giving up for Lent?" Dr. Pitre says that it seems that we all got the memo or the instruction that **to abstain** from some good things allows us to **become more grounded in things that matter more**. Dr. Pitre says that Lent invites us **to fast**, commenting that the Holy Scriptures, especially in the Old Testament, say more about fasting from food, or from drink, or from sexual activities than about abstaining, for example, from alcohol. Fasting on a given day, or hours or days means that for some hours we do not consume food and/or drink. Brant also refers to the New Testament in which Jesus defends his disciples and apostles against a claim that they do not fast as the disciples of John the Baptist or the disciples of the Pharisees do. But, Jesus, cautions, that when "the bridegroom" goes away, then his men and women will fast. That's us, we ought to fast as a real part of our penance, not just for Lent but also as an expression of on-going relationship to God who wishes our lives to be richly endowed with his presence.

So, our penance with a small-p for Lent can be threefold: **pray more; eat less, give more**. Giving up may be good to all of us.

However, there's another part of Catholicism as lived out that **sees Penance with a capital P** as essential to this season. In 2023, the Bishops of the United States issued a new edition of the instructions that guide us as believers and as ministers in the use of Sacrament. The text has been published anew in **The Order of Penance** and includes a renewed translation of the guiding principles. We do not wish to be pulled asunder or apart, especially in this season. The guiding document teaches that **God worked to reconcile us, to restore us, and to welcome us to a new intimacy**: *The Ministry of Reconciliation in the History of Salvation. The Father has shown his mercy by reconciling the world to himself in Christ, making peace by the Blood of his Cross, with all things whether on earth or in heaven. The Son of God, made man, dwelt among us so that he might free us from the slavery to sin and call us out of darkness into his marvelous light. He therefore began his work on earth by preaching repentance and saying, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."*

Even though I have been a priest for many decades now, I still marvel at the great gift God has entrusted to us in the power of the Sacrament of Penance, an encounter with Christ Jesus that forgives the sins we confess to him and that reconciles us to God. The basic principle holds that God formed us into the church and that we are always in need to purification because we are still tempted into and fall into sin. The reality of God's outreach to us and the work of Jesus on our behalf comes very near in this Holy Encounter.

Lent has much to unfold for us this year. No wonder our prayers name this both a holy and a happy season.

Fr. John

Mass Intentions for FEBRUARY 17—FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ProPopulo
 Coral 6:00 pm †James McHenry (Wife & Children)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19—NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Coral 8:00 am †Joes & Theresa Huseonica (Ed & Patty)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Coral 8:00 am †Anna Mae Lucas (Vince & Pam Gaudio)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Coral 8:00 am †Mike Marusa (Jerry & Cindy Bertig)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Coral Mass 8 am..... †Joseph & Bobbie Senick (Janice & Jack Bell)
Coral Station of the Cross 12:00pm
Lucernemines Adoration 6:00pm
 Confession..... 6:30pm
 Stations of the Cross 7:30pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4 pm †Frances Rado (Butch & Kathy Nanni)
 Coral 6 pm †Ed Gaydosh (Jerry & Cindy Bertig)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Coral 8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9 :00 am †Agnes Chutorich (Son Jerry Chutorich & family)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †ProPopulo

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Lucernemines Mary Popp by Mimi Yanoscisk

The Host is in memory of:

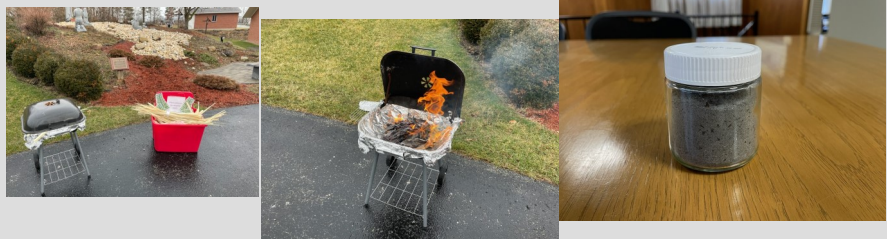
Coral Stanley & Connie Golinsky by Darrick Bertig
 Lucernemines Kathe Hood by Barbara Welsh

BRIEFS.....

Check page 4 for our local Friday Fish Fry's!

Regional Penance Services Update, St Thomas More has changed the date of their penance services. The date is now March 5th at 7pm. Please make the change on your Lenten brochure.

Burning of the Palm last weekend



Feb 10-11, 2024	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5883.00
Votive Candle	\$173.00
Maintenance	\$423.00
Diocesan Collections	\$215.00
Special Collections	\$325.00
Cemetery	\$101.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—196	
Online giving this week—30	

Mass Attendance Feb 10-11

Coral 4:00 pm—110
 11:00 am—91
 Coral 6:00 pm—64
 9:00 am—111

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Attention all ladies 18 yrs. and up! Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court, St Theresa#562 would like to invite you to a movie night at SS. Simon and Jude Marion Hall. Beginning at 6 pm on Thursday February 29, The Miracle Club will be shown. Starring three friends in pursuit of a miracle in a lighthearted adventure. Starring Kathy Bates, Maggie Smith and Laura Linney. Bring a friend and a snack, we will provide refreshment!

Las Vegas Super Bingo Is Returning Next Month!!! St. Bartholomew's Super Bingo will begin again, on Friday, March 1st in Marian Hall, St. Bartholomew Church, Route 119, Crabtree. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Early Bird begins at 6:30 PM. For more information please call Pat Love at 412-298-3628.

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FAITH FORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2024

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

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

Reflect on how to discuss your Catholic Faith with confidence on *Evil and Suffering (February 22nd)*...**both sessions at the Coral Social Hall**

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

Elementary Faith Formation classes kicked off the pre-Lenten season by burying “Alleluia butterflies,” wearing black face tape for Super Bowl Sunday (Tim Tebow style proclaiming *Mark 12:30*), and celebrating Mardi Gras with crowns, beads, and Ms. Grimes’s famous cupcakes! Fourth grader Quinn Garritano was our Mardi Gras Queen!



Sacramental Prep Workshop

In preparation for their First Reconciliation on February 26th, our second grade students participated in a workshop focusing on The Ten Commandments. We discussed the consequences of sin, and the power of forgiveness.



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.

Kent: Church of the Good Shepherd Parish (parish hall), Fridays, 4-7 p.m., dine in or drive-thru. Frozen pierogis’ also for sale. Information: 724-479-3881.

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.

A Lenten Mission will be held at St. Thomas More University Parish in Indiana, PA. The Lenten Mission will be March 4-6 at 6:30pm each evening in the church. Throughout these three evenings, Father Damian Ference—a priest of the Diocese of Cleveland where he serves as Vicar for Evangelization, Secretary for Parish Life and Special Ministries, and as Professor of Philosophy at Borromeo Seminary—will speak on several topics concerning Evangelization and Mission. The Holy Rosary will be prayed each night beginning at 6pm, and a Penance Service will follow the talk on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. A social with refreshments will follow the talk on Monday and Wednesday. All are welcome to attend this mission and enrich their faith journey this Lenten season. Extra parking is available for free in IUP’s parking garage across the street from the church.

