

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

Second Sunday of Lent: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 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.



Our first **Meager Meal** will take place on Monday, February 26th in Coral beginning at 11:30am to 1:00pm. Enjoy a bowl of soup, bread and something to drink and best of all, fellowship. Free-will donations will be accepted and given to charity.

Regional Lenten Penance Services
March 5*-St Thomas More University Parish, Indiana @7pm *denotes date change

February 28th the second 2024 Lenten Luncheon will be held at Homer City United Presbyterian Church. Worship begins at noon followed by a lunch at 12:35pm. Pastor Kyle Rishell will be speaking.

The annual Mission Co-op collection take place next weekend, March 2 & 3. Please use the special envelope that is attached to this week's bulletin.



All clothing is just \$1 this week and all white tag items are half-priced at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, the store is open Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm. Please remember to pack items lightly (i.e. use regular size garbage bags or small boxes) to help protect our volunteers from lifting items that are too heavy.

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.

March 3rd, Coffee and Donuts following the 9am mass in Coral.



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.**



Dear Parishioners,
Stress: Sinning and Sinned Against

Losing your cool this Lent? After many years of pastoring and preaching, I have come to believe that much of **what we describe as sinful in our lives stems from the stresses we sense** in our daily lives. **Feeling impatient?** Many of us describe impatience as a persistent, even daily, or at least a weekly failing that exposes our less good selves, a part of our life in need of change or repentance. **Who or what is the object of your impatience?** Were the impatience manifested only in our internal mental dialogue, we would confess a persistent inner temptation to annoyance or to an attitude of judgment or anger. **Lent tells us to take the impatience directly to God**, and then to climb up to another spiritual level, free from what some older spiritual writers described as **the concupiscence that stagnates**. Quite often we acknowledge that stresses compound our ability to rise above them to the better self we long to be. Our ancient Adversary wishes us to feel trapped, uncertain, confused, and stuck in places where we do not sense the God of Mercy and Forgiveness reaching us.



For over twelve years Dr. Will Joel Friedman, a Doctor of Psychology, has studied the stresses we face in our contemporary life as well as how well we handle them. He writes that "Given that stress has been linked as a co-factor in 95% or all disease processes, a keystone of holistic, alternative health and healing is learning how to effectively manage and **reduce stress**. [He advises us to practice] **Stress management**, a learning process that begins with recognizing or identifying **four specific types of stress** affecting us and how these stressors (that is, what demands a change from you) are showing up or manifesting as symptoms in your life." The doctor goes on to identify **four major areas of stress: physical stress, psychological stress, psychosocial stress, and psycho-spiritual stress**.

My intent here is not to write an article from a psychological point of view alone, but to **write from a spiritual point** as we deal with stresses that compromise our **desire to make Lent a new time of spiritual grounding and growth in the Good News that Jesus offers us**.

When Friedman writes about psychological stress he refers to many **topics that might bring us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation**: "This may include **emotional stress** (resentments, fears, frustration, sadness, anger, grief/bereavement), **cognitive stress** (information overload, accelerated sense of time, worry, guilt, shame, jealousy, resistance, attachments, self-criticism, self-loathing, unworkable perfectionism, **anxiety, panic attacks**, not feeling like yourself, not feeling like things are real, and a sense of being out of control/not being in control), and **perceptual stress** (beliefs, roles, stories, attitudes, world view)." This exhaustive list describes well what many of us might be experiencing in winter of 2024.

Many years ago, a trusted spiritual friend, employed humor to make me aware that even in Lenten ministry, my pace might counter my good intentions and might reveal that stresses attack my willingness, my desire to serve Christ and to assist others. **Perhaps we all need a DOT orange-sign reading, "Slow down now. The Holy Spirit works here."**

One Christian spiritual writer identifies **10 ways Jesus' teaches** that spirituality in the Gospel can **help us manage stress** and promote well-being: **Mindfulness** (Mt. 6:34: "let tomorrow take care of itself"); **Social Support** (Mk. 6:7: "he sent them out two-by-two"); **Meaning and Purpose** (Jn. 14:4-6: "when I am going, you know the way"); **Coping Mechanisms** (Mt. 6:6: "go to your inner room and pray in private"); **Gratitude** (Mt. 6:28-33: "consider the lilies of the fields"); **Connection to nature** (Lk. 5:16: "Jesus withdrew to a deserted place to pray"); **Forgiveness** (Mt. 6:14-16: "forgive and be forgiven"); **Transcendence** (Mt. 17:1-25: "Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain and was transfigured before them"); **Creativity** (Romans 12:2: "be transformed by the renewal of your mind"); and, **Compassion** (Lk. 7:12-13: "the only son of a widowed mother....")

Look for the road signs on the journey of Lent. Their admonition and advice will keep us safe and direct us towards our goals.

Father John

Mass Intentions for February 24–March 3, 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Lucernemines 4:00 pm †Francis Rado (Butch & Kathy Nanni)
 Coral 6:00 pm †Ed Gaydosh (Jerry & Cindy Bertig)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Coral 9:00 am †Agnes Chutorich (Son Jerry Chutorich & family)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... ProPopulo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26—NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Coral 8:00 am †Mary Popp (Carol & Chuck Ceilese)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Coral 8:00 am †Deceased members of the Petro & Sisko Families
 (Joanne & Scott Wellen)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Coral 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Krejocic Family
 (Paula & Joey)

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Coral 8 am †James Solo (Brothers, Bill & Ed Solo)
 Coral Adoration until noon
 11:30am Confession
 12:00pm Stations of the Cross
 Lucernemines 6:00pm Adoration
 6:30pm Confession
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Lucernemines 8:00am †Troy Langham (The Zicha Family)
 Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4 pm †Mike Marusa (Wife, Sara)
 Coral 6 pm ProPopulo

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Coral 8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9 :00 am †Katherine & Aldo Tedeschi (Tom & Terri)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Ron Jones (Donna Zometsky)
 Lucernemines Frances Rado by John & Peggy Caruso

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.....



Ernest/Clymer/Rossiter/Glen Campbell: Church of the Resurrection Parish, 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.

Indiana: St. Bernard Regional Catholic School (St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish hall), Fridays, 4-6:30 p.m., dine in or takeout.

Feb 17-18 2024	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5957.00
Votive Candle	\$180.00
Maintenance	\$151.00
Flowers	\$45.00
Accent	\$4.00
Diocesan Collections	\$399.00
Special Collections	\$923.00
Cemetery	\$137.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—251	
Online giving this week—32	

Attendance on Ash Wednesday

Coral 8:00am—102
 Lucerne 12:15pm—144
 Lucerne 7:00pm—70

Mass Attendance Feb 17-18

Lucerne 4:00 pm—103
 11:00 am—79
 Coral 6:00 pm—61
 9:00 am—128

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Knights of Columbus, Council 10960 presents 'A Knight at the Races' April 6th at the Graceton-Coral Sportsman Club. Doors open at 4 pm. \$25 per ticket includes buffet meal and refreshments. Sponsor a horse for \$10 and if your horse wins its race, you win \$50. Fun, food, fellowship!! All monies are used for the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. Contact any Knight for tickets. For info, contact Norb Rayko at 724.422.1533 or nmrayk@hotmail.com.

Thank you to those parishioners who so generously contribute to the printing of our weekly bulletin.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

Sunday, February 25th

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

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

Sunday, March 3rd

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

Sunday, March 10th

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

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

Sunday, March 17th

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

5:30pm-7:30pm Dress Rehearsal for Living Stations (Grades 6-12)

Sunday, March 24th

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

7:00pm Performance of Living Stations at Lucernemines

Sunday, March 31st

No Sessions: Have a very blessed Easter

ADULT ENRICHMENT SERIES

Mark your calendars for our next study on *The Jewish Roots of Holy Week: The 7 Last Days of Jesus* by Brant Pitre (video presentation/discussion) Two sessions will be held on each of the following dates: 3/14 (Part 1) and 3/21 (Part 2 immediately after the 8am Mass in Coral and beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall. No charge. Light refreshments will be provided.

Join us for Season 3 of The Chosen

Wednesday evenings at 6pm in Podowski Hall

No charge; light refreshments provide

2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 4/3

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to all of our student scholars from Homer Center, Indiana, and River Valley for being named to the second quarter honor roll! Keep up the great work!

Congrats and best wishes to **Collin Dunn, Chase Shoup, Noah Todd, and Eli Turk** as their Homer Center Jr. High boys basketball team travels to State College in March to compete in the PA State Championship Tournament!

Caleb Palmer, a senior at Homer Center, recently committed to play baseball and continue his education at Mount Aloysius. Congratulations and best of luck, Caleb!

Congrats to **Cora Kushner**, a senior at Indiana Area High School, as a member of the swim team who recently won the WPIAL Section 4-AA Championship! They also celebrated an undefeated season!

ASSUMPTION CINEMA presents...

Thursdays at the Coral Social Hall beginning at 6pm

No charge; light refreshments will be served.

February 29th

His Only Son (PG-13, Drama, 1h41m, 2023)

Abraham is called by God to make his greatest sacrifice...the life of his son.

March 7th

After Death (PG-13, Documentary, 1h50m, 2023)

The afterlife is explored based on real near-death experiences conveyed by scientists, authors, and survivors.

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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!

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.

Reserve your seat to join Bishop Kulick for the Diocese of Greensburg St. Joseph Pilgrimage March 19 Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a pilgrimage to the four St. Joseph parishes and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral to dedicate the Diocese of Greensburg to the guardianship and protection of St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19. Each site along the pilgrimage will focus on a different aspect of Joseph as a faithful disciple, helping us to strengthen and rededicate our relationship with Jesus Christ. A \$25 ticket reserves you a seat on the St. Joseph Pilgrimage Bus. Bus pick-up is 8 a.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Continental breakfast will be served at St. Joseph Parish, Derry. Lunch will be served after Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Refreshments will be served at St. Joseph Parish, Everson. Return time to Christ Our Shepherd Center is 9:30 p.m. For more details or to reserve your seat, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/StJoseph.

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