

## 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

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

**Time:** Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4, 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.



## ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Will meet on Wednesday, February 7th at which officers will be installed. Rosary begins at 6:45pm and the meeting will follow at 7:00pm.



Every day is something new – stop in to find out what the Daily Manager's Special will be each day this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store! You can find clothing, glassware, housewares, bedding, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, books – you'll be surprised every day. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Indiana, the store is open Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Donations accepted at the back door 10am-1pm as space allows.

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.



With Father John being away this weekend, we extend a warm welcome and appreciation to Fr. John Euker and Fr. Keon Tu who will be covering our Masses. No confessions will be heard this weekend. Thank you for your understanding.

The Altar Rosary Society will meet on Wednesday, February 7th in the Lucerne Church Hall. The rosary begins at 6:45pm with the meeting to follow.

### Yoga

In Podowski Hall on Tuesdays  
9am-10am-Yoga  
10:30am-11:30am-Chair yoga



Dear Parishioners,

## World Marriage Day

Each year the *World-Wide Marriage Encounter* movement honors and salutes the beauty of every couple's faithfulness in their continuing commitment to love and sacrifice in the joy of daily married life. That "movement" has done much to recapture the "grace" hidden in the living out of a bond that is more than a contract, in a woman loving a man as a husband and a man loving a woman as his wife. If you are married, this world-wide movement invites you to **celebrate your sacrament with the world** on the second Sunday of February every year, this year on Sunday, February 11, the last Sunday before Lent which begins this year on St. Valentine Day, Wednesday, February 14.

World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. **This very Catholic notion salutes the beauty of faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life.** Note that those who conceived this idea as worthy of grand celebration, wished to reference much more than the requirements or obligations that a life-long commitment exacts of us.

This idea of celebrating marriage in this way **began in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1981**, when couples encouraged the mayor, the governor, and the bishop, to **proclaim St. Valentines Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day."** The event was so successful in Louisiana that people there decided to present the idea to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership, who recognized a truly good thing for adoption by others in the United States.

By 1982, the Movement noted that 43 governors officially proclaimed the day, and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day," designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day (WMD). Few other religious leaders, pastors, and teachers, spoke and taught as positively of the unique blessings which God the Father bestows on men and women in and through the Sacrament of Marriage.

From the earliest days of Christians establishing themselves in places far from the Upper Room and Jerusalem Pentecost day, others recognized that **Christians who married one another witnessed to some essential characteristics: mutual love and a deep respect for one another; acceptance of children not as a burden but as a gift; charity flowing from the heart of the marriage; chaste love which honors the partner; and, a commitment to one another that surpassed a contract in which each fulfills certain responsibilities.**

The *Catholic Catechism* attributes the vocation to marriage in a **most fundamental manner to God**, the Creator, who invites persons to "*an intimate community of life and love.*" [1603] The text continues: "The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator."

Perhaps on the evenings we are most fatigued or on those days when loving one other person and our families seems to exact too heavily of us, we may read these lines and take them to our prayers: "God who created **man out of love** also **calls him to love**, the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love.<sup>90</sup> Since God created him man and woman, **their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man.**

Ash Wednesday supplants St. Valentine Day this year. However, the **eve of Ash Wednesday** might be a perfect quiet moment to embrace your marriage if you are married, or to recognize that you live now because of the unity of love of two persons, or that in spite of failings, God brought forth you as one to beloved in your life, and that God expects us all to accept the vocation to love as God loves.

Give the heart-shaped boxes of chocolates before Ash Wednesday and enjoy the sweetness of love chosen and practiced with daily affection.

*Father John*

## Mass Intentions for February 3—February 11

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Lucernemines 4:00 pm .. †Living & Deceased Members of the McQueeney Family  
(Mike & Kathleen DeSantis)  
Coral 6:00 pm ..... ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Coral 9:00 am ..... †Ron Vilcek (Family)  
Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Frank & Mary Gulakowski (The Gulakowski Family)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Dave Stossel (Terri & Michael Griffith)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Ed Horchar (Cindy & Jerry Bertig)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Frank & Mary Gatskie (The Gatskie Family)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Coral 8 am ..... †Mary Popp (Marina Starr & Family)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Lucernemines 4 pm ..... †Louis "Skip" Nocco (Len & Carol Black)  
Coral 6 pm ..... †Ed Gaydosh (Patty & Family)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Coral 8:30 am ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Coral 9 :00 am ..... ProPopulo  
Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Anna Mae Lucas (Peggy & Family)

### The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Lucernemines ..... Kathe Hood by Barbara Welsh  
Coral ..... Joe & Emma Binando by Mel & Shirley Stella

### The Host is in honor of:

Lucernemines ..... Special Intention by Barbara Welsh  
Coral ..... Joe & Emma Binando by Mel & Shirley Stella

### BRIEFS.....

Ash Wednesday, February 14th is a day of fast and abstinence.

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

Ash Wednesday schedule is included in this weeks bulletin.

Don't forget to pick up you "Spring Cash" tickets at the parish office. It's your chance to with \$500.00 a day in April. Get your ticket before they're all gone!

Don't know what to do with last years palm, drop them off in the big red tote. A tote is located in both church locations. Burning of the palm will take place on February 10th, 9am in Coral and 10:30am in Lucerne.

### World Day of the Sick

February 11, 2024

February 11 is *World Day of the Sick*, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

### Jan 27-28 2024

### Offertory

Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$6685.06
Votive Candle	\$143.00
Maintenance	\$117.00
Accent	\$111.00
Diocesan Collections	\$207.00
Special Collections	\$505.00
Cemetery	\$133.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—197	
Online giving this week—25	

### Mass Attendance Jan 27-28

Coral 4:00 pm—90  
11:00 am—84  
Coral 6:00 pm—55  
9:00 am—115

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Vocations Night Feb. 7 at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana** Chosen Youth Ministry will host a Vocations Night Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 6-8 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana. The evening will feature presentations from clergy, religious sisters, married couples and singles, plus games. It is open to young people in grades 6-12, and families are welcome to attend. There is no charge. For information, contact Rachel Digmon at [rdigmon@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rdigmon@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**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.

### Masses in Spanish in Jeannette

All are invited to Mass in Spanish Sundays at 6 p.m. at Ascension Parish, Jeannette, with reconciliation at 5 p.m.

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## **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

### **FAITH FORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

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

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

*Answering Atheism (February 8<sup>th</sup>)*

*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 in the Coral Social Hall.

The evening session will begin at 6pm in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines (Please note location change for 2/15 and 2/22).

### **Join us for Season 3 of The Chosen**

**Wednesday evenings at 6pm in Podowski Hall** No charge; light refreshments provided  
2/7, 2/21(at Coral Social Hall), 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 4/3

### **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 14<sup>th</sup>) as we kick off the Lenten season. If you are interested in experiencing the palm burning process, please join us on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> to participate in this event. We will have a 9am burning at Coral, and a 10:30am burning at Lucernemines.

### **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.



All Saints Parish (Somerset County) will offer a lecture on Italian culture by Sam Patti on Monday, February 5th at 6:30pm at the parish hall (505 Center St), entitled "Understanding Italian American Culture: Reading, Listening, Watching and Googling into Clarity". Sam is the owner of LaPrima Coffee Company and the son of the late Nap Patti of Indiana. He has been a student and teacher of Italian American history and culture for over 45 years. He has done graduate work in the field at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania. All are welcome, Italian refreshments will be served. Contact Boswell parish office at 814-629-5551 for more information and to register.

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## **KNOW HIM**

Save the dates!

This exciting **Eucharistic Revival Event** is coming to St. Agnes!

- Tools of the Crucifixion and their explanation will be on display. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about these relics and venerate them.
- A large copy of Leonardo da Vinci's mural of the Last Supper will be on display. Participants will hear from Vatican art historian, Elizabeth Lev, in a short video dissecting the nuances of da Vinci's work and how it compares and contrasts with other pieces throughout history.
- Enjoy some food and fellowship. Light refreshments featuring various breads, fruits, and olives will be served.

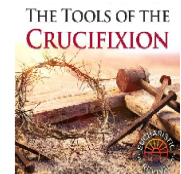
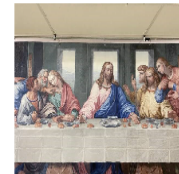
Friday, Feb. 23rd 6:30 - 8:30pm

Saturday, Feb. 24th at 5:45pm (after 4:30 Mass)

Sunday, Feb. 25th 10:00am - 2:00pm (after either AM Mass)

Sunday, February 25th 6:30 to 8:00pm

Monday, February 26th 6:30 to 8:00pm



### **CRS Spotlight**

Your voice is needed now to protect lifesaving international development and humanitarian assistance! The appropriations bills that Congress extended in the fall are now expiring. Foreign assistance accounts for less than 1% of the U.S. budget. Please email your U.S. members of Congress, urging them to support robust funding for poverty and hunger-reducing international assistance in the fiscal year 2024 budget. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

Please keep Ryan Realbuto in your prayers. A volunteer for the Capuchin Franciscan Volunteer Corps., Ryan was shot and killed in Washington, DC on March 18th by a man wanting money. According to the National Catholic Register, "He scrubbed dishes in a soup kitchen, did yard work at a foster home, repainted the chapel at a home for women and helped high school kids figure out their future jobs." Young colleagues described Ryan as an "old soul".

