

## 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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According to the Gospel, Jesus performed a final act of service for his Disciples, following the Passover meal. Arising from the table, He tied a towel about His waist and filled a basin with water. Then, one after another He washed the feet of each disciple, except Judas, who had already departed to betray Him.

When Peter protested that Jesus was about to wash his feet, Christ admonished, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." After washing the Disciples' feet, Jesus explained what He did and why. "You should wash one another's feet," He told them. "I have set an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." (John 13:1-17) The point Jesus was trying to make is already spelled out in the Scriptures, and needs little interpretation. We are to serve our neighbors, even if it means we must do things we might not like to do. Even if the work is dirty or hard, or even if we think it beneath us, we must still do our work. After all, Jesus Himself, the Son of God, washed the feet of His disciples. And we are no greater than Jesus, so surely we too should do the same. In church, the foot washing ceremony is an important call for all people that they too should be willing to serve others. In the Catholic Church, this is called the Holy Thursday Mandatum, and the rite takes place after the homily. Members of the congregation are chosen to sit and have their feet washed by the priest, who plays the role of Christ. One by one, the priest will wash the participant's feet with a basin and a towel.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MARCH 24, 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.



### LAST CHANCE CONFESSIONS

Father John will be hearing confessions on Wednesday, March 27th from 6pm—8 pm in Lucernemines.

The Parish Office will be closed on March 28th, 29th and April 1st.

Blessing of the baskets will be held on Holy Saturday. At 12pm in Lucerne and at 1pm in Coral.

Children's Easter baskets will be blessed at the 11 am mass on Easter in Lucerne.

Easter Egg hunt will be on Easter Sunday following the 9am mass in Coral.

Thank you to everyone who contributed either by making the delicious soups or coming and giving a free-will offering and enjoying those soups. A lot of work is put into the meager meals during the Lenten season.



**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 27** Coral Mass 8:00am

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**  
Coral 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration following mass

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**  
Coral 11:30 am Stations of the Cross  
Lucernemines 3:00 pm Liturgical Service  
Lucernemines 7:00 pm Anointing & Burial of Jesus

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30**  
Lucernemines 12:00 pm Blessing of the Baskets

Coral 1:00 pm Blessing of the Baskets  
Coral 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS, MARCH 31**  
Lucernemines 7:00 am  
Coral 9:00 am  
Lucernemines 11:00 am-blessing of children's baskets following mass

Dear Parishioners,

### Drinking of the Cup



This Holy Thursday evening at the Eucharistic Liturgy officially titled "The Mass of the Lord's Supper," at our parish we will offer Holy Communion under both "species," that is, both the Body and the Blood of Christ. This marks the first opportunity for the congregation at large to receive again from the chalice after the extended hiatus occasioned by the pandemic that so altered many of our religious actions and devotions. At the recent informal "show of hands" at Mass announcements two weeks ago, roughly half-a-dozen at each Mass responded positively when asked who in this congregation will receive from the chalice when offered.

Reception of the Precious Blood of Jesus will be offered to those *who wish to receive it*, it will not be imposed or required. **Nor will the request of so few** mean that the request to receive both species will **be denied**. As we begin anew, we will continue our practice of *distributing the Body of Christ at the front of the side aisles while the Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers will present the Cup with the Blood of Christ at the center aisle* to those who come from either of the side aisles.

In the Roman Missal or official prayer book for the celebration of Mass, paragraph 85 reads: "It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the Priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice, so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated."

Further on the same document, in paragraph 281, instructs us: "**Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds**. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father."

Holy Thursday seems to be an appropriate moment to re-initiate this practice. Some of those seeking to receive from the chalice are enthusiastic for the return of this practice. Others still carry fears that we will cross contaminate one another.

If our fears that we may pick up the germs continue to urge caution, we should remember the teaching by which Pastors pass on a 500 year old official teaching: "Above all, they [pastors] should instruct the Christian faithful that the Catholic faith teaches that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence that as regards the resulting fruits, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation." [282]

A Dominican Friar-Priest, Fr. Paul Keller, writes: Some people wonder if it is wrong if they do not receive both the consecrated host and the Precious Blood at every Mass. Many have been told that they are missing out on the full effects of Holy Communion if they receive only the host. The clear answer is that it is completely proper to receive only one form, or species, of Holy Communion.... The time-honored Catholic practice of receiving only the consecrated host also dispels an old heresy called *Utraquism*. The name comes from the Latin word *utraque*, meaning 'both.' There were people who believed that everyone was obliged to receive both the consecrated host and the Precious Blood to be saved."

Father Keller continues: "One great difficulty with this heresy is that it implies that Christ is not fully present under each of the species. Some in our day believe that they are **receiving only part of Christ. But this is absolutely untrue**. The Church explains that Christ, resurrected from the dead, is indivisible. **Where His Body is, there is also His Blood, as well as His human soul and His divinity.**"

A microbiologist from New Jersey, Anne LaGrange Loving, studied Communion Cups in Christian churches to learn if those cups easily spread germs during the typical flu season. **She found they did not**, especially because churches sharing the Blood of Christ from metal cups, washed well before services, protected from germs at the altar, and wiped carefully after each communicant, and those in charge took ordinary measures to protect. Pastors or congregations also advised members feeling ill to avoid accepting the Cup with the Sacramental species.

In all the materials published, it seems that we must balance our faith practice with prudence.

*Father John*

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## Mass Intentions for March 23-March 31, 2024

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †Stephen, Carolyn & Monica Bondra (Bondra Family)  
 Coral 6:00 pm ..... †Living & Deceased Members of Jednota Br 484  
 (Branch Officers)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Coral 9:00 am ..... †ProPopulo  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Patsy Semelsberger (Jim & Wanda Brown)

### MONDAY, MARCH 25—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Ron Vilcek (The Vilcek Family)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Tom Lieb (Tom & Terri Tedeschi)

### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Coral 7:00 pm ..... †Stanley Lucas (Nick & Mary Jo Bobinets  
 ..... Adoration following mass

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Coral 11:30 am..... Stations of the Cross  
 Lucernemines 3:00 pm ..... Liturgical Service  
 Lucernemines 7:00 pm ..... Anointing & Burial of Jesus

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Lucernemines 12:00 pm..... Blessing of the Baskets  
 Coral 1:00 pm ..... Blessing of the Baskets  
 Coral 8:30 pm ..... Easter Vigil (ProPopulo)

### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Lucernemines 7:00 am ..... †Pauline & Michael Checlosky (Kathy Checlosky)  
 Coral 9:00 am ..... †ProPopulo  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Daniel Thomas (Sister, Peggy)

### The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral . Members of Joseph & Elizabeth Yoschak Family by Monica Rura  
 Lucernemines ..... Stanley Lucas by The Garden Club

### The Host is in memory of:

Coral .....Michael & Pauline Gatskie by The Gatskie Family  
 Lucernemines .....Mike Marusa by Prayer & Garden Club

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### 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of March 16, 2024

Total Pledged: \$48,140.00

Diocesan Goal: \$51,231.00

Number of Gifts: 161

94.0% of Diocesan

Goal

76.7% toward the combined goal of \$62,731.00 (Parish goal of  
 \$11,00.00)

Mar 16-17, 2024	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$6580.00
Votive Candle	\$129.50
Maintenance	\$141.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$40.00
Flowers	\$180.00
Accent	\$104.00
Special Collections	\$476.00
Cemetery	\$181.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—219	
Online giving this week—31	

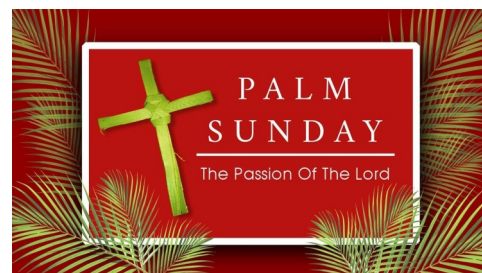
### Mass Attendance Mar 16-17

Lucerne 4:00 pm—66  
 11:00 am—104  
 Coral 6:00 pm—56  
 9:00 am—111

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Novena to St. Anthony through June 11 at Ascension Parish, Jeannette  
 The Thirteen Tuesdays in Honor of St. Anthony will be prayed at Ascension Parish, Jeannette, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. through June 11.  
 The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction also will take place.

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## FAITH FORMATION FOR MARCH 2024

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall.

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

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

7:00pm Performance of Living Stations at Lucernemines

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

No Sessions: Have a very blessed Easter!

Join us for the Finale of Season 3 of The Chosen, Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in Podowski Hall. No charge; light refreshments provided.

Our second grade students completed Communion banners in anticipation of receiving their First Communion on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep Parker Costello, Amelia Farabaugh, and Jonah Todd in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this very special Sacrament of Initiation providing food for their journey of Faith!



**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE PRESENTED BY OUR YOUTH GROUP ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM AT LUCERNEMINES. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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### Join us in July for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress

Join fellow pilgrims from the Diocese of Greensburg at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Ind., July 17-21. The Diocese has reserved 100 five-day adult tickets to the event and a block of hotel rooms. Registration includes one adult five-day ticket, bus transportation to Indianapolis, transportation to the event center each day and a four-night hotel stay.

Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Financial aid is available through the Francis Fund. For more information, contact **Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Formation**, at [vreilly@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:vreilly@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

### 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.

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](mailto:nmrayk@hotmail.com). Tickets are also available at OLOTA parish office.

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