

## 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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The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled?"

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 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.





The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana is now stocked with Spring/Summer items. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N.

4<sup>th</sup> Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (space permitting). We are in need of jeans (both women's and men's) and men's ties.

With joy and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Larry J. Kulick, JCL, has called Deacons **Craig Alexander**, David Slusarick, and John Torres to the responsibility of the Presbyterate. **The priesthood ordination will be celebrated on June 1, 2024, at 10:00 AM in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.**

**Support Ukrainian Refugee Fund**  
Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit [ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/](https://ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/) to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

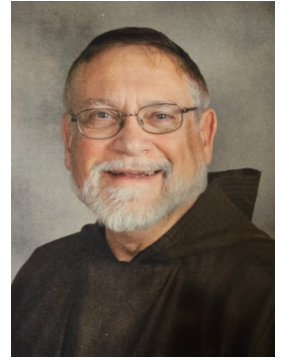
**Magnificat breakfast April 27 at Rizzo's, Crabtree** The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat – A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m.-noon at Rizzo's Banquet Hall, Crabtree. Guest speaker Evelina Sluga will discuss her spiritual journey back to God and the Catholic Church after losing her faith in middle school and beginning a self-destructive spiral. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for students). Visit [MagnificatGreensburg.com](https://MagnificatGreensburg.com) or call Brenda Concannon at 724-836-2094. Postmark deadline is April 18; online registration ends April 20.

**The Knights of Columbus Council 10960** would like to thank everyone from your parish who supported, participated, and attended our fundraiser, Knight at the Races #4. It was a great success, a lot of fun, and great food. This will support our charitable works throughout the upcoming year. Race #5 will be in the planning stages with the date to be announced.

## Our Body and Our Soul

Dear Parishioners,

Since Good Friday in our St. Louis Church, we have had a **facsimile or a replica of the tomb** from which Jesus rose from the dead. **This year's replica is the best we've created** to date because it shows the shelf within a tomb on which Jesus' body was laid, a feature to be seen to this day in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. In Jesus' day, the tomb "loaned" by Joseph of Arimathea provided a space carved out of rock, so that Jesus' corpse was not lowered into a grave, but devoutly placed on a shelf before being shut up in the tomb. This type of tomb we might associate with catacombs in the Middle East or in Rome or Greece. The closest contemporary example might be a mausoleum.



Last weekend I commented on Bishop Kulick's Pastoral Letter wherein he told us that in his opinion, the most pressing adjustment in contemporary thinking from which our faith-life would benefit would come from admitting **that Christians depart from their secular counterparts at the moment when we candidly and honestly admit that our deep way of expressing who and what we are as human beings depends upon our belief that God created us and endowed us with dignity.** Dr. Michael Aquilina authored a study in which he found numerous ways that the first Christians distinguished themselves from their neighbors by the care and respect that they showed towards human persons everywhere. Aquilina points to our Catholic practices regarding the dignity of human beings for the **source of scientific study in medicine and even in psychology.** Think of the Roman Christians rescuing unwanted infants from garbage heaps where the children, often girl-babies, were placed after a formal rejection of the child by the father. Or, think also, in the twentieth century of Mother Theresa rescuing elderly persons in India put out into the streets to die. Or recall St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (as the recent first-run motion picture admirably depicted), a diminutive religious sister, fighting for food, housing, and education for immigrants who were treated as if they were not deserving of the fundamentals for life. The Bishop writes to us to say **"The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society and of all the principles of our social teaching."**

Moreso, in our Catholic faith, we profess that "every human being exists because of a sovereign, loving act of God, which makes every human life sacred." The Bishop continues, "It is a **biological fact** that a unique human being **comes into existence at the moment of conception.**" Scriptures attest that "God has always known and loved us." Hear some of the implications which we accept: **"Each of us is specifically intended by God. Our lives come from God and belong to Him.** And because all life belongs to God, abortion, murder, capital punishment, euthanasia, and all crimes that offend the dignity of the human person are **grave evils that we must combat.**"

Back to our replica of Jesus' tomb, permit me to observe that many contemporary Christians seem keen to accept that Jesus rose from the tomb, but at the same time may be reluctant to accept that our human bodies are integral to Jesus' Redemption. We may sound like the people in Athens who put Paul off when he spoke about resurrection. Many seem to hold that human bodies inconvenience us by their limitations. Not perpetually comely or handsome, **our bodies seem to be too lowly to be caught up into eternal salvation.** Our Bishop notes that "Scripture is telling us that our bodies are not tools to simply use as we please but should be treated as tabernacles of the Holy Spirit. **Christ offered his entire self – body, blood, soul, and divinity – to the Father that our body and soul may be saved."**

This teaching says something about how we ought to treat our bodies in life and in death, does it not? But more on that topic in another reflection.

*Father John*

## Mass Intentions for April 13-April 21, 2024

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †Verna Luscia (Husband & Daughters)  
 Coral 6:00 pm ..... †John Zicha (The Zicha Family)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Coral 9:00 am ..... †Michael & Pauline Gatskie (The Gatskie Family)  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... ProPopulo

### MONDAY, APRIL 15—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Frances Rado (Kathy Yanci)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Ed Horchar (Daisy Farine)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Stanley Lucas (Pat & Jean Lucas)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Coral 8 am ..... †Ron Jones (Amy Bencic)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm.....Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Lucernemines 4 pm ..... †Richard Englert (Wife, Cathy)  
 Coral 6 pm ..... ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Coral 8:30 am .....Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Coral 9 :00 am..... †Deceased members of the Zoldak Family  
 (John Zoldak)  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Living & Deceased members of the Horchar Family  
 (Mimi & Family)

#### The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral ..... Charlotte & Primo Manfredi by Terri Tedeschi  
 Lucernemines .....Mike Marusa by Janice Bell

#### The Host is in memory/honor of:

Coral ..... Rose & Gusty Vilcek by Family  
 Lucernemines .....In honor of the First Communion Class

### BRIEFS.....

**Support students in Catholic schools through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program**  
 Did you know that you can redirect your Pennsylvania state taxes into scholarships for students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Greensburg? It's possible through the Pennsylvania Educational Tax Credit Program (EITC). Select the Catholic school(s) you'd like to support with your contribution and receive 90% of that amount as a tax credit for a two-year commitment. The school(s) will receive up to 100% of your donation to provide tuition assistance for qualified families in the upcoming school year. Visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/EITC) to fill out the interest form or contact Bill Barnes in the Office of Catholic Schools at 724-552-2589.

Apr 6-7, 2024	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$8181.11
Votive Candle	\$176.00
Maintenance	\$207.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$20.00
Accent	\$16.00
Special Collections	\$460.00
Cemetery	\$273.00
Families receiving envelopes—465	
Envelopes used this week—206	
Online giving this week—37	

#### Mass Attendance Apr 6-7

Lucerne 4:00 pm—115  
 11:00 am—77  
 Coral 6:00 pm—51  
 9:00 am—112

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

### CRS Spotlight

There is a longstanding history of violence and chaos in Haiti, but it has recently escalated and reached a breaking point. CRS is providing emergency aid and supplies to Haitians, and we need your support. Currently, nearly 5.5 million Haitians are in need of humanitarian aid. The security situation in Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas has deteriorated significantly as violence by armed gangs against the people of Haiti continues to escalate. Please consider giving a vital gift today at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)!

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2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of April 6, 2024	
Total Pledged:	\$64,885.00
Diocesan Goal:	\$51,231.00
Number of Gifts: 235	126.7% of Diocesan Goal
103.4% toward the combined goal of \$62,731.00 (Parish goal of \$11,000.00)	
All money donated in excess of the Diocesan Goal are returned 100% to the Parish.	



FAITH FORMATION FOR APRIL/MAY 2024  
All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am-10:45am...Grades K-5

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:30am-10:45am...Grades K-5  
5:30pm-7:30pm...Grades 6-12  
Reconciliation for Confirmation students/families at 5:30pm

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am-10:45am...Grades K-5

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Final sessions for this year!  
9:30am-10:45am...Grades K-5  
Special Closing for grades 6-12 (stay tuned for details!)

**Adult Enrichment Series with Brant Pitre (video/discussion)**

Two identical sessions will be held on each of the following dates in the Coral Social Hall. The morning session will begin immediately following the 8am Mass, and the evening session will begin at 6pm. No charge. Light refreshments will be provided along with guides to the presentation.

The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph, April 18<sup>th</sup> (Part 2), and April 25<sup>th</sup> (Part 3)  
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Reminder: First Communion Practice**

Second grade students are reminded to report for First Communion practice at 6pm on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lucernemines church. Older siblings who will be participating as Altar Servers during this special Mass should also report.

**STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**

Over the past few weeks, Spanish/Art students at Homer Center worked on a special project creating alfombras. This is a centuries old religious Guatemalan tradition of making rugs or carpets ("alfombras") which are used symbolically to lay at the Lord's feet as He passes through during Holy Week. Much to our delight, one of the submissions was done by a creative team which included sophomore Caden Costello. Their design is beautifully done! We wish him luck in the competition! Their artwork/imagery is a winner in our book!



Congratulations to Taylor Rado whose team placed first in the group exhibit "Downfall of the Titanic, Raising the Standards" during the History Day competition held at IUP on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Best of luck to Homer Center students Angelo Alexander (junior), Oshen Maratita (junior), and Landon Shoup (sophomore) as they take part in the

Broadcast NOW! Competition. This is a four month program which involves advanced media students participating in real world experiences in the field of media broadcasting. Their technology/media teacher is Mr. Chris Garritano who has been guiding them through this challenging project! Winners of the competition will be announced in late April in Harrisburg.



**Christian Mothers/Altar Rosary Society**

**Scholarship Applications for High School Seniors**

Applications were mailed out on April 8<sup>th</sup> to high school seniors who are currently registered with our Parish. If you do not receive an application by April 15<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Parish Office at 724-479-9542, Ext. 15. The deadline for applications is May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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**New edition of The Catholic Accent TV Show airing now**

*The Catholic Accent* TV Show, *Receive and Share*, is always on at TheAccentOnline.org. On this edition of *The Catholic Accent*, we are reminded of Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fishes and how disciples of Christ, throughout the Diocese of Greensburg, are sharing what they have received. Watch how Ukrainian refugees are making new lives and careers because of the generosity of many through the Diocese of Greensburg Ukrainian Relocation Project.

Rather than accepting the declining participation in the Church, Bishop Larry J. Kulick is seeking support in finding new ways of engaging activities and experiences designed to form disciples who will respond to the needs of our people. And we introduce you to the two men who are being honored at the Catholic Charities Communities of Salt and Light Award Dinner next month.

**Scout Convocation Mass April 28 at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe**

The Diocese of Greensburg's Catholic Committee on Scouting invites all members of the Scouting family to attend the Diocesan Scout Convocation Mass, celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Sunday, April 28, at 3 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Latrobe. Catholic Scouts who have completed work on their religious emblems in the past year will also be recognized. Units are encouraged to attend as a group and bring their unit flags for display. At a light reception afterward, information on the religious emblems program and the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will be available. This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. Registration is not necessary, but units planning to attend are asked to contact Diocesan Scout Chaplain Father E. George Saletrik at 724-539-9751 or gsal-etrik@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

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