

## 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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Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 7, 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.



## Yoga

9am-10am—yoga  
10:30am-11:30am—  
chair yoga  
In Lucerne  
Free-will donations  
are accepted.



If you haven't picked up your Church Directory, you can at the Parish office!

## SPRING CASH TICKETS

We have a few Spring Cash tickets available for purchase in the church office. All sold tickets and ticket money should be turned into the office by Thursday, April 11th. Winners will be awarded \$500.00 each day the week of April 15th through the 19th. Thank you to all of you who sold or purchased tickets for our parish!



## Coffee and Donuts!

Stop in the Coral Social Hall after the 9am mass this weekend for some hot coffee and scrumptious donuts!

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who so graciously volunteered their time during Holy Week, to participate in the celebration of the masses and services, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday and decorating both churches. We could not have made everything happen without all of you!

Don't miss *The Hidden King-The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph*. Part 1 will be shown on Thursday, April 11th, 6pm in the Coral Social Hall.



It's time to think Spring! The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana is now stocked with Spring/Summer items. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (space permitting). Come in to update your wardrobe!



Dear Parishioners,

Our Pastor's Latest Letter to Us,

On **Good Friday evening**, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish had the **privilege to welcome our Bishop** to our special service commemorating the **Anointing and Burial of Jesus**. That service comes to us via the *Church of the Holy Sepulcher* in Jerusalem where Franciscan Friars have ministered to pilgrims and local Christians for nearly eight-hundred years. Our adaptation of the ancient service still held there evocatively and experientially affirms that as Christ, Jesus offered everything for us, paying the ultimate price and that even in death Jesus worked for us as He "descended into hell." As one of our parishioners who anointed commented, I never **thought of the real price Jesus paid** until I massaged oil into the wounds shown on our life-sized image of Jesus dead. At the conclusion of the service Bishop Kulick made some clear connections to important, major components which he addressed in his new Pastoral Letter.

On **March 19**, **Bishop Kulick** promulgated and published that **newly composed letter to us about his vision for us**, especially within the next three years. He says that he's beginning his fourth year as our Bishop, the chief Pastor, for all of us. He **bases his vision on what he saw and heard** from his new perspective as a Bishop (although as a parish priest of our Diocese he knew us well) now responsible for our 78 parishes and the currently somewhat "fluid" number of parishioners as our total numbers slowly shrink from aging, deaths, moves, and departures. You can read the information which seeded the Bishop's Vision of ways to keep our Catholic Faith vibrant in the *Strategic Plan* published on the Diocesan website. Please note that in Pastoral Letter Bishop Kulick presents a **plan that is hopeful for our future** as a church; he **does not conclude pessimistically**, "last one left, turn off the lights," as a strategy for quitting or dying. The Bishop offers studied ways to affirm our faith and our firm up our participation in Catholic life.

Uniting his observations around the person of St. Joseph whose role in the Incarnation according to the will of God the Father uniquely honored both Jesus and Mary, one section of the Bishop's document addresses St. Joseph as the **Protector and Guardian of our Christian Anthropology**. Just to clarify a bit, "**Anthropology**," according to the *American Anthropological Association*, "**is the study of what makes us human** in societies all across the world." With that definition in mind, it doesn't strike us as unusual that we speak about a **Christian Anthropology**.

Bishop Kulick writes that "Christian Anthropology considers **who and what the human person is based on God's revelation in His word and through our bodies**. Indeed, **our body is a revelation** from God, and by and through it He teaches us. Through this divine teaching we understand the full dignity of the human person. God is the creator of our human nature. He has created us, he made us: '**God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them**' (Genesis 1:27. We give **acknowledgement to His plan and the manner in which He fashioned us in the way that we live as individuals** and in the way that we respect the created dignity of the other in all of our interactions with them."

Bishop Larry continues, "I fully believe that a renewed understanding of Christian Anthropology is what is needed most in the Church today. It is through this understanding of how we, as individuals, are created by God, and why the failings of today's culture are totally inconsistent with our faith. We must take an active role in promoting the dignity of all life...."

There's more to say yet, about this important insight about our contemporary life, because the implications are vast. Next week I hope to write a bit about key teachings in this wonderful pastoral focus on our Catholic Life in the Diocese.

*Fr. John*

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## Mass Intentions for April 6-April 14, 2024

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ..... †Harry Williams (Daughter, Lauren)  
 Coral 6:00 pm ..... †Katherine & Aldo Tedeschi (Tom & Terri)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7, Divine Mercy Sunday

Coral 9:00 am ..... †Deceased Members of Joseph & Elizabeth Yoschak family (Monica Rura)  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... ProPopulo

### MONDAY, APRIL 8—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Mike Marusa (Cecile Evansic)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

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

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Coral 8:00 am ..... †Stephen, Carolyn & Monica Bondra (The Bondra Family)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Coral 8 am ..... †Frank & Donna Galasso (Family)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Lucernemines 4 pm ..... †Verna Luscia (Husband & Daughters)  
 Coral 6 pm ..... †John Zicha (The Zicha Family)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Coral 8:30 am ..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Coral 9 :00 am ..... †Michael & Pauline Gatskie (The Gatskie Family)  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †ProPopulo

### The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral ..... George Voytek by Cindy, Georgette and families  
 Lucernemines ..... Mary Popp by Pat Andrascik

### The Host is in memory of:

Coral ..... Candace Bertig by Darrick Bertig  
 Lucernemines ..... Troy Langham by The Zicha Family



Divine Mercy Sunday is a day of reflection on the Christian faith that takes place on the second Sunday of Easter. The feast day honors the gifts of mercy and love that flowed from Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, and how these gifts were freely given to humanity. It also points to the merciful love of God that is made present in the Eucharist through the mystery of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

### 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of March 30, 2024

Total Pledged: \$60,375.00

Diocesan Goal: \$51,231.00

Number of Gifts: 209 117.8% of Diocesan Goal

96.2% 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.

Parish Goal: \$62,731.00

### Mar 28-31, 2024

### Offertory

Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$5679.00
Votive Candle	\$158.00
Maintenance	\$60.00
Flowers	\$40.00
Accent	\$5.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$177.00
Special Collections	\$6472.38
Cemetery	\$11.00

Families receiving envelopes—462

Envelopes used this week—check next week's bulletin

Online giving this week—26

### Mass Attendance Mar 28-31

Lucerne Fri 3:00 pm—122  
 Fri 7:00 pm—no count turned in  
 Sun 7:00 am—78  
 Sun 11:00 am—208  
 Coral Thr 7:00 pm—no count turned in  
 Sat 8:30 pm—125  
 Sun 9:00 am—243

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

**CRS Spotlight** With no safe space left, Gaza has become one of the most dangerous places in the world for civilians. For almost 6 months, the people of Gaza have been subjected to unrelenting deadly violence from which they have no safe haven. Severe access constraints continue to pose a major challenge for people to receive lifesaving aid. More aid must get into Gaza as soon as possible with less restrictions on access and movement. It is inhumane for families to be deprived of water, food and medical care that is just out of their reach. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!



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## **FAITH FORMATION FOR APRIL/MAY 2024**

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### 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!)

### **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.*

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

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

### *The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph*

April 11<sup>th</sup> (Part 1), April 18<sup>th</sup> (Part 2), and April 25<sup>th</sup> (Part 3)

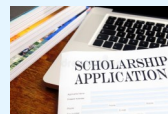
*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Christian Mothers/Altar Rosary Society**

#### **Scholarship Applications for High School Seniors**

Applications are being mailed out on April 8<sup>th</sup> to high school seniors who are 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>.



### **STUDENTS IN THE NEWS**

Congratulations to **Landon Shoup**, a sophomore at Homer Center, whose team participated in the Heritage Conference's Current Events Competition recently. Landon was named MVP for his team for getting the highest score on the individual test portion of the competition!

In the latest edition of the Indiana Gazette's *Newspaper in Education*, check out the artwork of **Mason Arone**, a fifth grader at Homer Center, whose submission for the "Design an Ad Contest" was featured for Bork Farms! Congrats, Mason!

### **ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...**

"Ordinary Angels"

(2024, Drama, 1h57m, PG)

Based on the true story of a struggling hairdresser who discovers a renewed sense of purpose by helping a family in need. An inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles, and ordinary angels.

Starring Hilary Swank, Alan Ritchson, and Nancy Travis.

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Coral Social Hall beginning at 6pm.**

