

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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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.





Coffee & Donuts following the 9am Mass on Sunday, August 4. Hope to see you there!

The Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto in Lucerne on Tuesday, August 13th at 6 pm. All are welcome to participate!

Has your MARRIAGE become cold or unloving? Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? Don't give up -- Give Retrouvaille a try. The next Pittsburgh program begins on September 13th. in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. Please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at helpourmarriage.org

Informal Christian Initiation Session
Interested in becoming Catholic?

Join us for an informal session on the Blessed Virgin Mary! We will also be happy to answer any questions that you may have about the Christian Initiation process (formerly known as RCIA). Tuesday, August 20th from 11am-Noon at the Coral Parish Office.

Materials and refreshments provided. Questions?

Contact: cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org

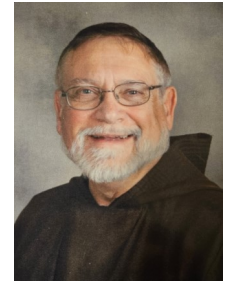
Our Annual End of Summer Bash is right around the corner. Check page 3 for information if you are interested in volunteering for a couple of hours and helping to make our biggest fundraiser a great success! And....get your dancing shoes on!



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Dear Parishioners,

French Behaving Badly, Immaturely and Offensively



Hearing of the raucous, sophomoric, debauched behavior of French *artistes*, “drag queens,” at the opening ceremonies of the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics, **called to mind a less offensive “college prank”** perpetrated by some *college sophomores at the seminary* where a benefactor had donated a large tapestry of the Last Supper for the college student dining room. As I heard the account, a group of guys sitting around for after-dinner coffee, smokes, and conversations noted that, with the tapestry prominently displayed on the back wall, they could all take seats at the table parallel to and below the new tapestry where they assumed the positions and roles of Jesus and the Apostles at the Last Supper. The guys planned the setting and sat for a photograph.

Amazingly, **more than half of the guys** posing for the photograph **suffered some calamity within the week**, beginning with the seminarian who played the role of Jesus. He needed **emergency surgery** the very next day for a ruptured appendix. Another three or four guys managed to land on sports’ fields or indoor courts with **injured limbs**, one breaking his arm, another requiring crutches; a few others developed flu-like symptoms that put them to bed for a few days. Faculty and formators had nothing to do with the post-photo events. Even in an era in the church given to **iconoclasm** of various forms, these guys spoke of the **aftermath** of the photographic posing as **a chastisement**. Were their consciences speaking loudly to them? *Well, they got the point, didn't they?* The point being that they had **come to seminary to become like Jesus** and the Apostles, not to poke even silly fun in imitation of Jesus in a great work of art. **Did this prank offend?**

I missed viewing the opening ceremonies of the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. **Since the time of the French Revolution**, certain French citizens **have mocked Christ** and Christian and Catholic belief in God. These people conducted themselves like spoiled, “enlightened” ones who wanted to tell those with belief that they were misdirected, archaic, duped; that they didn't matter because they were dense-minded and simple; and that only true wisdom and science, along with secularism, could really save the world. **At that time, the grand Notre Dame du Paris Cathedral became a blasphemous stage for new “false gods,”** where they mocked and broke the glorious art created by devout believers. These revolutionaries were not harmless for they practiced tolerance for no one and executed scores of believers, including innocent nuns, brothers, friars, monks, priests, and preachers. The Revolution in France became a blood bath of unbridled murder.

With such a documented history, small wonder that Bishops’ Conferences from around the world have not accepted the lame words, **“we aimed to be inclusive,” saying in effect, too bad you were offended**. As one bishop replied to those responsible for the parody, “We are offended because you clearly intended to offend and belittle Christians everywhere.”

While we protest the blasphemous prank that occurred in Paris, **Jesus had advised us well in advance that some people just would not catch the meaning of his appearance in the world**. In a recent book entitled *Catholics in Exile: Biblical Wisdom for the Journey Home*, Scott Hahn and Brandon McGinley comment: “Many ambitious political revolutionaries of the modern era have tried to restart the clock from the moment of their success, as if the slate were wiped clean and nothing previous mattered. For instance, the French revolutionaries implemented a calendar in which day one of year one was September 22, 1792, the day of the proclamation of the First Republic...We choose to reckon the years today [from the birth of Christ]: by reference to a fixed point when something happened that changed everything forever...Every time we see the present year, we see an acknowledgement, however faint, that through Christ we are living in the age of Grace and nothing more important has happened since the beginning of time.”

Every Good Friday we pray for the conversion of those who do not know God. It's not enough to pray but once a year for these lost souls.

Father John

Mass Intentions for August 3-August 11, 2024

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Lucernemines 4:00 pm †Mary Rose Green (Glenda Lambiotte)
 Coral 6:00 pm †Victor & Teresa Yancy (Children & Grandchildren)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Coral 9:00 am †Ernest Pesci (Mimi Yanoscsik)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... ProPopulo

MONDAY, AUGUST 5—NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

Coral 8:00 am †Anna Mae Lucas (Kathy Checlosky)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Coral 8:00 am †Mike Marusa (Tom & Cindy Marusa & Family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Coral 8:00 am †Thomas F Boske (The Wilden Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Coral 8 am †Robert Ciranni (Jim & Chris Costello)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm.....Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4 pm ProPopulo
 Coral 6 pm †Monica Jones (Jim & Chris Costello)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Coral 8:30 amSacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9 :00 am †Marcella Fetchko (John Fetchko & Sons)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Anna & David Cusimano (Daughters, Joanne, Linda & Rosanne)

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory/honor of:

Coral In honor of the Farkas Family by Theresa Mueller
 Lucernemines In memory of Jenn Walker Myers by Bernadette Palchesko

The Host is in memory of:

Coral Ed Gaydosh by Shelley Nippes
 Lucernemines Gary M Welsh by Wife, Barbara

July 27-28, 2024	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$6599.00
Votive Candle	\$152.50
Maintenance	\$130.00
Accent	\$5.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$10.00
Diocesan Collections	\$10.00
Special Collections	\$85.00
Cemetery	\$95.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—164	
Online giving this week—24	

Mass Attendance July 27-28

Lucerne 4:00 pm—122
 11:00 am—73
 Coral 6:00 pm—62
 9:00 am—111

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

The 2024 Diocese of Greensburg Parish Summer Events Guide

The 2024 Diocese of Parish Summer Events guide has everything from parish picnics to burger bashes and car shows. Visit theaccentonline.org.

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray” focus of Aug. 10 Day of Recollection at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

Join Carmelite friar Brother John-Mary Winter, OCD, for a Day of Recollection titled “Lord, Teach Us to Pray” Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Learn more about the Divine Love Story that God has called us to, and deepen your prayer life. Brother John-Mary will help you along the path of reflective meditation and show you how to overcome obstacles and distractions in prayer. Saturday daily Mass will be offered, and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25. For information or to register, visit www.DioceseofGreensburg.org/carmelite-events.

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Help Needed for End of Summer Bash

Our end of year basket bash is coming up on August 18th. Baskets can be taken to the church office during regular office hours. We need many volunteers to help with the food and to sell various tickets on the day of the event. Please consider helping for at least 2 hours. We also need donations of cookies for the bake sale. We are again accepting donations of bottled water and canned soft drinks. They can be dropped off at the hall in Lucerne. Monetary donations to help defray the cost of food are greatly appreciated.

We are in need of volunteers who are able to lift at least 20 lbs. to assist with setting up and taking down tables and tents before and after the event.

Contact Terri at 724-459-8977 if you are able to volunteer with any of the tasks listed.

Contact Mary Ann at 724-479-3451 with questions concerning the baskets.

Contact Kathy at 724-479-2334 with questions concerning the bake sale.

We will set up the tents and tables on Saturday, August 17th at 11:00 in the morning. Contact Terri if you are able to help us.

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...

Beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall on the following Wednesdays:
(no charge; light refreshments)

THE CHOSEN (Season 4)

August 21st...Episode 7 (The Last Sign)

August 28th...Episode 8 (Humble)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

UPCOMING ADULT ENRICHMENT SESSIONS:

CHURCH HISTORY

Thursday, August 8th..."Major Mistakes"

Thursday, August 22nd..."Monastic Scripts and Libraries"

Thursday, August 29th..."The Eve of the Reformation"

The morning session will begin immediately following the 8am Mass, and the evening session will begin at 6pm. Both sessions will be held in the Coral Social Hall. Materials and refreshments provided. Free will offering.

ANNUAL COLOR RUN

Hosted by our Youth Group and is open to all students entering grades 6-12 on Sunday, August 11th from 5pm-8pm at the Coral Social Hall/Hoodlebug Trail. Almost a 2K run between Coral and Homer City. Followed by a cookout, games, and fun! Bring a friend! Registration deadline is August 4th. cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org



Service Opportunity for Students entering grades 6-12
Basket Bash on Sunday, August 18th

Volunteers needed for:

- Spaghetti Dinner Noon-3pm
- Children's Activities 1pm-3pm
- Basket Distribution 4pm-5pm

If you are interested in helping out with any of the activities, please contact cmarco@dioceseofgreensburg.org or Terri Tedeschi at tmtedeschi@comcast.net with your availability by August 11th.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

As we prepare for the new school year, students are invited to bring their backpacks to Mass for our annual blessing! We will be distributing backpack tags along with the blessing at all Masses during the weekend of August 17th/18th. What a great way to kick off the new year! All students are welcome to participate!

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Register now: Diocesan pilgrimage to National Shrine Sept. 21

Registration is now open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to the magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Sept. 21, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Parish groups and individual parishioners are encouraged to participate in what promises to be a very special experience. For information or to register, visit www.DioceesofGreensburg.org and click on the Events tab.

Save the Date – "Spirited" Women's Conference

Rejoice Always! 1 Thessalonians 5:16
Save the date: The 2024 "Spirited" Women's Conference will be held Nov. 9. All women are invited to be renewed and refreshed by the teachings of Dr. Mary Healy and Jackie Francois Angel. Bring your daughters, mothers and sisters to experience the love of the Father. For information, contact Carolyn Cannizzaro, conference chairwoman, at ccannizzaro@DioceesofGreensburg.org.

All-day Eucharistic Adoration Aug. 6 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will hold all-day Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday, Aug. 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The day will include Mass at 8 a.m., Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m. and Benediction at 6 p.m. For information, call 724-668-2829, option 3.

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