

## 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 at Coral (Tues-Fri)

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon thru Thurs 8am-1pm, 2pm-4pm

Friday 9am-12pm

### Watch Mass

Youtube.com/

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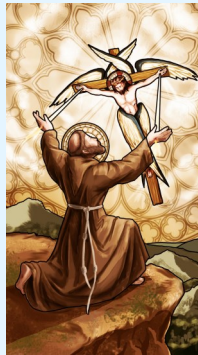
If you don't use online giving for your offertory, please scan the QR code below or on one of our new Pew Cards, and click Create a New Account to get started.



It's "Bag Sale" time – fill our paper bag with clothing and shoes for only \$5 this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. White tag clothing is not included in the bag sale, but is half off. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, the store is open Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Donations are accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (space permitting).

Catholic Relief Services has used its emergency and disaster preparedness experience to develop extensive programming in Central America, South America and the Caribbean. Building upon the large-scale water programming we implemented in response to Hurricane Mitch, CRS has developed an expertise in watershed management, an innovative and holistic approach that empowers communities to protect and better manage their water resources. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

Next weekend, September 20 & 21 is the 2024 Mission Cooperative Appeal. Please use the envelope attached to this bulletin. Your generosity is appreciated.



Tuesday is the 800th Anniversary of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday evening in the church hall, Lucernemines at 7:00pm.

Honor **Our Blessed Mother** & pray for our world & the salvation of souls with the **1st Saturday Devotion!** Don't wait! Learn more: [fatima.org/first-saturday-devotion](http://fatima.org/first-saturday-devotion)



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## Wounded Mystical Saints

Dear Parishioners,

In the New Testament book entitled the *Letter to the Galatians*, St. Paul concludes his address to the "churches of Galatia" (1:2), in what was then known as central Asia, but which we know as contemporary Turkey, with a strong reference to the **saving action of the "Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."** (6:11-17). Woven throughout the letter, Paul has taken issue with people who preached that Gentiles must first become Jewish to participate in that saving activity of Jesus, the Messiah. Paul penned this letter sometime between the late 40s and mid-50s, and he wanted everyone to know that keeping the Torah, the Law, alone will not connect a person to God, neither to the Son of God nor to the Father.

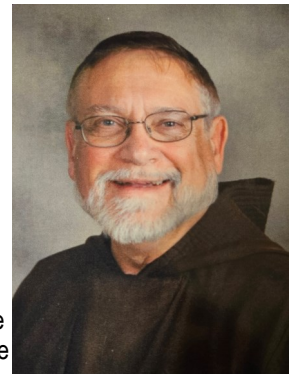
St. Paul eloquently says: *"It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. **May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.** For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. **From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.**"*

Circumcision for each man sealed his acceptance and adherence to the "old" covenant through the shedding of that person's blood, but Jesus gave a new covenant sealed with His Blood. And this new covenant happened at and on the Cross. Paul's teaching helps us to see the Cross at the center of our faith in Jesus.

Fast-forward to 1224 AD (CE) to Tuscany and Umbria in central Italy, where Francis Bernadone from the town of Assisi, has, like a new Saint Paul, preached to people everywhere about salvation in Christ Jesus. Like Paul, Francis recognizes that the Cross has power in human lives, ever since Francis heard the voice of Jesus speak to him from the Cross in the decaying chapel named Saint Damian. Having met Jesus, reigning from the Cross (*"I will draw all to myself"*), Francis always returned to Jesus, the crucified Messiah and Lord. As Francis lived out his invitation from Christ to witness to His Love for mankind, Francis always kept the connection between the Incarnate Lover of Humanity and the Cross. So, in his deep, mystical, passionate love for Christ, Francis wished for nothing more than to love as Christ loved. Those nearby Francis would hear him cry out in sadness that "Love is not loved." In this context, before the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, on September 14 in 1224, Francis felt the burning love of Christ and discovered that he then shared the five wounds of Christ. He bore the brand marks of Jesus. The church keeps memory of this event on September 17. 1224 to 2024 marks 800 hundred years.

Fast-forward to September 20, 1918, when another man like St. Francis of Assisi, a Capuchin-Franciscan, Pio, became another wounded mystic, when his passionate love for God in Jesus, brought him bodily marks corresponding to the wounds suffered by the crucified Jesus. Pio died in 1968 and became the most popular saint in Italy.

To many of us the appearance of wounds along with the suffering they entailed make the Stigmata so unusual as to appear nothing short of weird. Why would God send to such holy persons a gift of Stigmata? Perhaps to make the unloved-Love visible in a new way through another generation of believers who chose to love like Christ loved us.



*Father John*

## Mass Intentions for September 14-September 22

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Lucernemines 4:00 pm..... †Father Gilmary Tallman, OFM Cap. (Suffragia)  
 Coral 6 pm..... †Mildred Thomas (Daughter, Peggy)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Coral 9:00 am..... †John J Fetchko, Jr (John Fetchko, Father & family)  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... ProPopulo

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16—NO MASS

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17-800th Anniversary of the Stigmata of St Francis of Assisi

Coral 8:00 am..... †Mary Popp (Becky & Martin Medvetz)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Coral 8:00 am..... †Monica Jones (Indiana County Tax Collector Assoc)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Coral 8:00 am..... †Dolores Morgan (Mimi Yanoscsik)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Coral 8 am..... †Martha & Joe Benamati (The McHenry Family)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Lucernemines 3:00-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Lucernemines 4 pm..... †Mike Marusa (Sam & Betsy Arone)  
 Coral 6 pm..... ProPopulo

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Coral 8-8:30 am..... Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 Coral 9 :00 am..... In honor of the 100th birthday of Sophia Smrek Dillon  
 (Nephew Jerry Bertig)  
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †John Popp Jr (Janice & Jack Bell)

### The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral ..... Goose Vilcek by The Vilcek Family  
 Lucernemines ..... Penner & Rachel Tuscano by Brynn & Emilia Simko

### The Host is in memory of:

Coral ..... In Honor of Faith Formation Students & Families  
 Lucernemines ..... In Honor of Faith Formation Catechists

### 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@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:ccannizzaro@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

### Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

The loss of a spouse is a traumatic experience. The **Beginning Experience®** ministry provides a weekend program to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women of all faiths to work through their grief and move forward on their life journey with hope. The next retreat is Oct. 4-6, 2024 at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Ave., West View, PA 15229. Cost is \$210. Financial assistance may be available. Visit [www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com](http://www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com) to register or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 for details.

September 7-8	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$7036.00
Votive Candle	\$215.00
Maintenance	\$274.00
Christmas flowers	10.00
Diocesan Collections	\$30.00
Special Collections	\$100.00
Cemetery	\$90.00
Families receiving envelopes—461	
Envelopes used this week—170	
Online giving this week—31	

### Mass Attendance Sept. 7-8

Lucerne 4:00 pm—101  
 11:00 am—85  
 Coral 6:00 pm—68  
 9:00 am—107

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Salt & Light Awards nominations now being accepted

Nominations for the 25th annual Communities of Salt & Light Awards will be accepted through Thursday, Oct. 31. The awards dinner will be held Thursday, April 24, at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. For a nomination form, visit [ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org) or call 724-837-1840. Completed forms can be sent to the Director of Community Relations and Special Events, Catholic Charities, 711 E. Pittsburgh St. Greensburg, PA 15601.

### 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.DioceseofGreensburg.org](http://www.DioceseofGreensburg.org) and click on the Events tab.

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ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...

Beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall...

(No charge...light refreshments...free will offering)

Wednesday, September 18th

THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK (Not Rated, 1983, War/Drama, 2h23m). *Based on a remarkable true story, this movie recounts the Vatican's efforts to save allied POWs and downed allied airmen as the Nazis invade Rome. Starring Gregory Peck and Christopher Plummer.*

Wednesday, September 25th

SIGHT (PG-13, 2024, Drama/History, 1h40m) *The inspiring true story of Ming Wang who flees Communist China to become a pioneering eye surgeon in America. Starring Greg Kinnear and Terry Chen.*

UPCOMING ADULT ENRICHMENT

A JOYFUL NOISE: PRAYING THE PSALMS

WITH THE EARLY CHURCH

by MIKE AQUILINA

Thursday sessions will continue from September 19th through November 21st (no sessions on 10/17 and 10/31) in the Coral Social Hall. Morning sessions to begin immediately following the 8am Mass; evening sessions to begin at 6pm. A \$10 donation will help to defray the cost of resources and refreshments. *"In the Gospels and the Psalms, grace builds on nature, completes it, elevates it, and fulfills it."* (Scott Hahn) Come join us for an elevating experience!

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS THIS WEEKEND!!!

Welcome back to all of our students and families as well as those new students and families who will be participating in our Faith Formation program this year!

We are all very excited to get started!

Our elementary session will be held from 9:30am-10:45am in Podowski Hall in Lucernemines. For this week ONLY, our middle/high school session will begin with a social in the Coral Hall from 4:15pm-7:30pm to coincide with the Steeler game!

Catechists for 2024/25

Kindergarten...Christina Bell/Libby Brown (assistant)

First Grade...Ashley Hafera

Second Grade...Irene Grimes

Third Grade...Cora Kushner

Fourth/Fifth Grade...Mary Kay Yarchak

Sixth Grade...Lindsey and Steve Holt

Seventh Grade...Lauren Kushner

Eighth Grade...Terri Tedeschi

Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)...Cindy Marcoline

Interested in supporting our Faith Formation program by becoming a classroom assistant/substitute catechist/youth ministry team member? Clearances and a love of working with children in a Faith filled environment absolutely necessary! Questions? Please contact cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father,

We pray today for our catechists.

We thank you for their gift of ministry in Your church.

Grant them the wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of Your Word. Grant them also Your love that they may be fruitful heralds of Your Word

and lead others to love You. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Families

Dear God,

We long to know You and to love You.

Help us to recognize the ordinary daily ways that our family can learn about You and grow closer to You.

We know that You are with us, leading us and guiding us on our way.

We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**"The Gift of the Eucharist" featured on The Catholic Accent TV Show Sept. 15 and 22**

"The Gift of the Eucharist" will be featured on The Catholic Accent TV Show airing on WPXI, Channel 11, at 11:30 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 15 and 22, and a half dozen more times on MeTV. On this edition, we take you to Indianapolis, Ind., where 60,000 Catholics, including many from the Diocese of Greensburg, joined Bishop Larry J. Kulick for the National Eucharistic Congress. The National Eucharistic Procession makes a stop at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Greensburg, bringing the Blessed Sacrament with them. We travel to Armstrong County for the dedication of the Diocese's newest vocations chapel showing support for our future priests. The Catholic Accent TV Show will introduce you to the three newest priests in our Diocese and the very different paths that led them to Christ. And we are in the kitchen with seminarian Mario Porreca and Father Tyler J. Bandura as they make a delicious dessert that has the important ingredient of faith. The Catholic Accent is always on at theaccentonline.org.

**KNOW HIM: Pilgrimage to Christ**, set for Sept. 26 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, is an experiential event that invites participants to form a relationship with Jesus through pilgrimage, whether it is in Rome, the United States or in our own backyard. Sample foods that ancient, medieval and modern pilgrims would eat on their travels, discover how pilgrimages change our worldview and our relationship with Jesus, immerse yourself in a digital pilgrimage experience, and realize that we are a pilgrim people. Keynote presenter Jill Alexy, founder of See the Sacred, will make you a witness to the awe-inspiring, effective beauty of the Church's treasures and show you how pilgrimage is good for the soul. Register for a session today at DioceseofGreensburg.org.

