

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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Mon thru Thurs 8am-1pm, 2pm-4pm
Friday 9am-12pm

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Buy One Get One on Ladies' tops (white tags excluded) this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. The store is located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street with store hours Monday thru Saturday 10am-2pm. Donations are accepted 10am-1pm at the back door (as space allows).



The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on January 15, 2025 in the church basement at the Lucerne site.

Rosary at 7pm, meeting to follow, and of course, refreshments. New members are always welcome.

Chris Stefanick is coming to Indiana, PA! The parishes of the Indiana Region are excited to announce that **Chris Stefanick will be our keynote speaker for our 2025 Regional Lenten Mission.** Tickets are on sale now for REBOOT on Wednesday, March 12, where Chris will bring a message of joy and a life of prayer. Get your tickets now before they sell out! Use the QR Code found on the posters throughout the church or visit

www.reallifecatholics.givevirtuous.org/Event/st-bernard-of-clairvaux-reboot-indiana-pa to purchase tickets. Tickets must be purchased in advance as we will not be selling tickets at the door the night of the event. Children under 12 enter FREE. All attendees will leave with FREE online access to Chris Stefanick's book *Living Joy* along with a study guide.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

What are you thankful for?

"I am thankful for Jesus and God!"

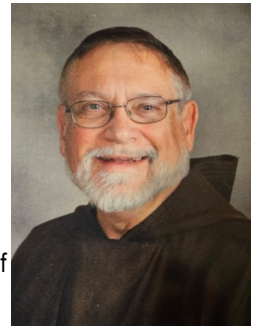
Joshua, Kindergarten



The Power in Example

Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago, probably on a night when I awoke midway through the night's sleep and couldn't return to rest, fumbling with my cellphone, I found a positively entitled site, "**The Blessing Boys.**" Like many of us, I, too, grow fatigued of "bad news" stories, so the prospect of discovering a "site" devoted to blessings intrigued me. Watching one episode, the site hooked me; I have returned at least every couple of weeks to learn the latest news of a **youthful-looking father working with his three adolescent sons.**



This self-employed young family man runs a **lawn care maintenance business**, complete with all the equipment necessary to provide superior service. **One day each week he donates his sweat equity** to assist a person or a family whose property has become grossly unkempt, the owner often earning a citation and fines for not meeting municipal standards. Think of high grass and weeds; litter, trash, and downed branches; bushes crying out for pruning; houses unsafely hidden from view; wildlife and vermin; and neighbors reporting vandalism and break-ins. Think, too, of residents without functioning machinery; or see men and women recovering from surgeries; or elders widowed without children nearby to assist them.

At some point, this **working-dad invited his sons to come along on the one day each week devoted to charity.** It's obvious that this family attends church and allows Christ to direct them. The sons accepted the invitation, and from all appearances, the boys genuinely enjoy being with their dad and appear grateful for the chance to help dad and to help other people.

Many of the nearly hour-long episodes, include the story of **searching for the "right" property where the need seems to be the greatest.** This business owner meets the residents or the property owners: a care-giver for another person deprived of health or of employment or of physical movement might be central to the story. Some "clients" appear to be totally worn-out, exhausted, and even a bit "down-in -the dumps," or clinically "depressed." Prayers are never far from this youthful father's lips, although the primary blessing imparted comes first and last. This past week's episode included an outreach to a homeless man looking for day work. The man worked well alongside the four-person crew. At the end of day, he's rewarded wages, food, and new sturdy portable suitcase for his meager belongings.

Comments by viewers of these episodes say things like: "**I felt miserable today until I watched this good example of charity.**" Or "These sons are learning a work ethic with a strong and caring dad." Others add that this good example helps not just fathers and their children, but all of us **to see how we might bring something good to our world.** Still others say that this example **answered a prayer** they had voiced.

Jesus tells us that we can be **light in a dark world** for others [Matthew 5:16]. In St. John's account of the Gospel [1:5], we hear that the **darkness will not overcome the light.** Jesus speaks to us about being like a **city set upon a hill** for all to see [Matthew 5:14]. He says we can **season the world and change its flavor** [Matthew 5:13]. All this by way of **asking how you and I value good example?** Can you and I become blessing men, blessing women, blessing boys, blessing girls to others in 2025?

To do so we must do the following: (1) Believe that **Jesus wants us to shine our light** to assist others; (2) Resolve to **become an advocate for and a doer for someone in real need;** (3) Invite **others to join you and work along with them,** respecting them and honoring them, too..

Father John

Mass Intentions for January 11—January 19, 2025

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Lucernemines 4:00 pm †Gloria Bartek (Mimi & many friends)
 Coral 6:00 pm †Living & Deceased Members SR. Br. 317, F.C.S.L.A.
(SR. BR. 317)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Coral 9:00 am †Ellio & Jean Bertig (Darrick Bertig)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Edward & Lizzie Pluchinsky & brothers &
 Sisters (Daughter, Rosalie)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 — No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Coral 8:00 am †Gloria Bartek (OLOTA Altar Rosary Society)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Coral 8:00 am †Patricia Buzi (Amy Bencic)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Coral 8:00 am †Sarah Bruno (The McHenry Family)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Coral 8 am †Joe Golba (George & Nancy Nadzadi)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm.....Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4 pm †Teresa & Vincent Flocco (Daughter, Teresa Buggey)
 Coral 6 pm †Beverly Zoldak (Children, Carolyn, Laura & Johnny)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Coral 8:30 amSacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9 :00 am ProPopulo
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... †Monica Jones (Monica Rura)

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral Ellio & Jean Bertig by Darrick Bertig
 LucerneminesScott Golinsky by Mom & Dad

The Host is in memory of:

Coral Rick Adamson by Mom, Rosalie

The Wine is in memory of:

Coral Joe & Emma Binando by Mell & Shirley Stella
 Lucernemines Mike & Patricia Buzi by Veronica & Mark Buzi

Jan 4-5, 2025	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$7485.00
Votive Candle	\$166.00
Maintenance	\$160.00
Diocesan Collections	\$25.00
Accent	\$178.00
Special Collections	\$1665.00
Christmas	\$250.00
Cemetery	\$167.00
Families receiving envelopes—468	
Envelopes used this week—not yet calculated	
Online giving this week—35	

Dec 31, 2024	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$840.00
Votive Candle	\$5.00
Maintenance	\$75.00
Accent	\$32.00
Special Collections	\$835.00
Cemetery	\$80.00

Mass Attendance Jan 4 & 5


Lucerne 4:00 pm—119
 11:00 am—77
 Coral 6:00 pm—52
 9:00 am—99

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE
CRS Spotlight
 Meet Jorgina. She works for our partner, Red Cross, in Timor Leste. She supports adolescent girls and young women by teaching them about the importance of proper nutrition, helping to reduce malnutrition.
 "From the nutritional information provided to the students, when they go home they share it with their parents. This helps them understand about nutritious food and so they try to consume it at home. Some changes in families are they've started to cook breakfast based on the three groups of food, such as in the morning they not only consume bread, but also cassava, sweet potatoes or taro (root)." ~ Jorgina. Visit www.crs.org for more information!
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ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...

*****Beginning at 6pm in Podowski Hall*****

Light refreshments provided; free will offering.

Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 AVERAGE JOE (PG-13, 2024, Drama, 1h40m)

Based on the true story of Joe Kennedy, an ex-Marine who becomes a high school coach, who takes a legal stand to defend freedom and religious liberty for everyone.

Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 FINDING FAITH (2024, Drama, 1h39m)

A Christian advice columnist begins to lose her faith after a series of life events.

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025 THE FORGE (PG, 2024, Family Drama, 2h4m)

A powerful tale about a young man's transformation as he finds his purpose through prayer, faith, and mentorship.

Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 JESUS THIRSTS: The Miracle of the Eucharist (Not Rated, 2024, Documentary, 1h30m)

Explores the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist through biblical origins, expert insights, and personal testimonies, revealing the Eucharist's transformative power for those who believe.

FAITH FORMATION FOR JANUARY

All sessions are held in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines

January 12th

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

January 19th

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5 (Day of Service)

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-12 (Byzantine Church Tour)

January 26th

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

ADULT ENRICHMENT

God is for Real by Todd Burpo (author of Heaven is for Real)

The Coral Social Hall will be the location for our upcoming enrichment sessions on the following Thursdays: 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27. The morning sessions will begin immediately following the 8am Mass; the evening sessions will begin at 6pm. A \$10 donation will help to cover the cost of resources and refreshments. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Faith Formation Snapshot

Thanks to Ms. Yarchak's students for blessing Podowski Hall for 2025!



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"Beloved" gathering of women Jan. 20 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

All women in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to "Beloved – Living the Eucharist," an evening of prayer, reflection, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, Monday, Jan. 20, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon. Guest speaker will be Dr. Helene Paharik, associate professor of theology at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, who has served in ministry in the Dioceses of Greensburg and Pittsburgh and is an accomplished writer. For information, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Buses, local prayer planned for March for Life Jan. 24 in Washington, D.C.

The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be held Friday, Jan. 24. Two parishes are planning buses and can be contacted for information: St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, departing at 6:30 a.m. from Indiana Alliance Church (Bill Ager, 724-465-4522); and Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, departing at 5:30 a.m. (Barb Koury, barbkoury@gmail.com or 412-480-6490). Those attending the march on their own are invited to attend Mass in the morning with Bishop Larry J. Kulick at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 10:30 a.m., and to march with the Bishop beginning at the corner of Constitution Boulevard and 12th Street around 1 p.m. Locally, the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women will "Pray for Life" that day at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The schedule includes rosary for priests at 11:30 a.m., Mass celebrated by Father Eric J. Dinga at noon, rosary for life at 1:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m., Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., litany for life at 3:30 p.m., and closing prayer and benediction at 4 p.m. A free-will offering and donations of diapers and baby items, for distribution to pregnancy centers in the Diocese, will be collected. Attendees can drop in or stay all day.

BLESS YOUR HEART! (Do you remember Fr. John's sermon?)

