

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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MARCH 9, 2025

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The Lenten Regional Mission will take place at St Bernard of Clairvaux

March 10-6:30pm: Rosary

7:00pm: Dr Tom Octave

March 11-6:15pm-7pm: Reconciliation

6:30pm: Rosary

7:00pm: Prepare Blessing Bags

March 12-6:30pm: Rosary

7:00pm: REBOOT w/Chris Stefanick

Lenten Luncheon Series begins at noon on March 12, Homer City Methodist Church. Pastor Jon Ditter will be speaking.

Lenten Series: "Light Unto my Path; A Personal Journey of One's Faith" St Francis Church, 6:30pm -7:30pm.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who stepped up and supported the **Altar Rosary Society Pierogi Sale**. Your hard work, dedication, and generosity made this event a tremendous success! Whether you volunteered your time, donated ingredients, or simply spread the word, your efforts truly made a difference. Together, we've not only created delicious pierogis but also strengthened our community spirit. Thank you for your unwavering support – we couldn't have done it without you!

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the following families who have recently joined our parish.

Mark & Susan Zilinskas

William & Pauline Maday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We will be preparing stuffed cabbage on **Wednesday, March 12th**, starting at **9:00 AM** in **Coral Hall**. We would greatly appreciate any help you can provide, even if it's just for a few hours. Remember, many hands make light work! Thank you for your support!

We will also need help on the day of the dinner, March 30th. If you're available to assist us that day, please contact Terri at 724-459-8977.

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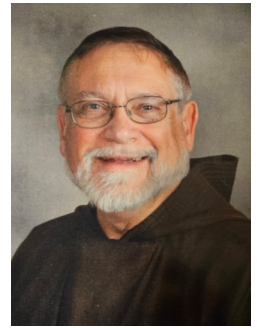
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Dear Parishioners,

Health and Wholeness in Lent, 2025

Today, March 3, Pope Francis suffered two episodes of decline in his ability to breathe freely. According to the Holy See or Vatican Press Office, the communication offered the following statement: "Today, the Holy Father suffered two episodes of acute respiratory insufficiency, caused by a significant accumulation of endobronchial mucus and consequent bronchospasm. Two bronchoscopies were therefore performed, with the need to remove large secretions. In the afternoon, non-invasive mechanical ventilation was resumed. The Holy Father remained alert, oriented and cooperative at all times. The prognosis remains guarded."



The statement assures us Pope Francis is a cooperative patient and that his mental faculties seem to be unhindered. "Guarded" tells a lot as it cautions us that our eighty-eight-year-old "Chief Pastor" of Catholicism might not shake this bout of illness.

The word "**salus**" in Latin, the word associated with "Salvation," can also mean "**safety**" or "**health**." In our Catholic and Christian thinking about Jesus of Nazareth and what He did as well as what happened to Him, "salvation" lands at the center, a cornerstone concept, as one person says, "deeply rooted in the biblical" story or narrative. Keep the simpler definitions of "Salus" as safety and health in mind.

In Lent we systematically bring to mind that "salvation" symbolizes **deliverance from and restoration to** something we deeply desire, namely, **God's desire to bring humanity back to a right relationship with Him**. In the narratives of the Old Testament, in the accumulated stories recorded there, we learn about our **God as one who repeatedly reaches out to us** to keep us truly safe or thoroughly healthy in body, mind, soul, and spirit. Often the stories refer to salvation as physical deliverance from danger, or harm, or oppression. For example, *Exodus 14:13-14*, reads that Moses reassured the people as they fled Egypt, "Fear not, stand firm, and see that salvation of the Lord, which He will work for you today." God worked to deliver the people from slavery in Egypt. But, God had more in mind for us, His beloved ones.

Page ahead in your bible to the New Testament where the narrative or story shifts to what one author calls "**spiritual**" **salvation**, or a welcome to another type of **wholesome "health" that God desires for us**. The *Letter to the Ephesians* says in 1:7, that in Jesus we find the one who welcomes us to **true, soul-reaching health or wholeness**. How did Jesus fulfill what He and His Father had in mind for us? "*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.*"

Lent is a great time to remember that **what God works out for us**, He works out for us as a people, not just as individuals. **Our whole community's well-being hinges** on our newly rediscovered or re-affirmed right relationship with God.

Salvation, safety, health, redemption extend beyond intellectual understanding. Salvation, *Salus*, has **profound implications** shaping **our identity** (*who we are before God*), **our purpose** (*what God has in mind for us this Lent of 2025*), and **our eternal destiny** (*where to hope to rest in the end*). Expressing our belief that God really does love and desire us, and that Jesus is God the Father's outreach, true and trustworthy, amounts to the "faith" we admit. **Lent 2025** invites another moment **to live what we believe**, both **to confirm our innermost conviction that we are truly loved and made worthy of God by Jesus' healing**, and to allow that Divine Love to work powerfully in us and for others.

Pope Francis **long ago committed himself to the working of God within his soul** by accepting Jesus as the only Way to the Father and by choosing to serve Jesus Christ as a Jesuit and as a priest. Everything points out to us that Pope Francis now stands much closer to meeting the Living Savior in a passing from this life. I suspect that Francis would ask us to accompany him with our own voices reaching out to Jesus, to the Father, and to the Holy Spirit, asking for the fullness of "Salus" to open to him.

Father John

Mass Intentions for March 8-March 16

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Lucernemines 4:00 pm (Fr. Joseph) †Mary Jean Novak (Rita Turk)
 Coral 6:00 pm (Fr. John) †Angelo & Mary Lorelli (Toni, Fred & Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Coral 9:00 am (Fr. John) †John Bencic, Jr. (Pat Andrascik)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am (Fr. Joseph) †Ernest Pesci (Wife, Carol)

MONDAY, MARCH 10 — No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Coral 8:00 am †Patricia Presto (John & Wendy Presto)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Coral 8:00 am †Mary Lou Solo (Ann Marie Dechman)

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Coral 8:00 am †Monica Resek (Barbara Welsh)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Coral 8 am †Nancy Baron (Cecile Evansic)
 11:30am Confession
 12:00pm Stations
 Lucernemines 6:00pm Adoration
 6:30pm Confession
 7:30pm Stations & Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Lucernemines 3-3:30pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4 pm (Fr. John)..... †Mary Arone (Sam & Betsy Arone & family)
 Coral 6 pm (Fr. Joseph) ProPopulo

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Coral 8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9 :00 am (Fr. Joseph) †Beverly Zoldak (Husband, John)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am (Fr. John) †Genevieve Kogut (George & Carol Pisula)

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of:

Coral Nicole Clark by Theresa Mueller
 Lucernemines Ernest Pesci by Wife, Carol

The Host is in memory of:

Coral Michael & Pauline Gatskie by The Gatskie Family

The Wine is in memory of:

Coral John & Susan Cha by Theresa Park
 Lucernemines Stanley Greczek by Darrick Bertig

March 1-2	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$10924.00
Votive Candle	\$254.50
Maintenance	\$165.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$515.00
Flowers	\$793.00
Diocesan Collections	\$140.00
Accent	\$13.00
Special Collections	\$410.00
Cemetery	\$201.00
Families receiving envelopes—467	
Envelopes used this week—256	
Online giving this week—28	

Mass Attendance

Lucerne 4:00 pm—112
 11:00 am—90
 Coral 6:00 pm—57
 9:00 am—110

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

KNOW HIM: *Go to Joseph* will be offered on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Wednesday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. There are two free sessions at 2 and 6 p.m. This experiential event invites participants to form a relationship with Jesus through the protection and guidance of his foster father, St. Joseph, Protector of the Eucharist and Patron of the Universal Church. Chef Rizzi DeFabo, owner of Rizzo's Malabar Inn in Crabtree, will give a presentation on the St. Joseph Altar. DeFabo he will share this family treasure with the faithful, along with treats for St. Joseph Day. Those attending will also learn about the importance of creating a space in the home for a family altar and have the opportunity to create the items needed for a home altar. The event will also include a unique and immersive adoration experience, allowing attendees to travel to Nazareth and imagine they are in the Holy Family's living space, plus a presentation on St. Joseph as depicted in art. Registration is free but space is limited. Information is available at DioceseofGreensburg.Org/KNOWHIM. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable item (pasta, canned goods, cereal or diapers) to place at the St. Joseph Altar as a work of mercy and charity in this Jubilee Year.

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Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus repairs offenses against God! Learn more about its power in our troubled times: <https://holysfacedevotion.org>



ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...
Light refreshments provided; free will offering.

Wednesday, March 26th IN THE CORAL SOCIAL HALL
HEART OF A SERVANT: THE FATHER FLANAGAN STORY
(Not Rated, 2024, Documentary/Faith and Spirituality, 1h25m)

Narrated by Jonathan Roumie (The Chosen), Fr. Edward J. Flanagan's greatest devotion was to children. Admired by Presidents, CEO's, and celebrities alike, he was known as America's #1 War Dad in WWII because many of the former Boys Town residents listed him as their next of kin!

FAITH FORMATION FOR MARCH

All sessions are held in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines

March 9th

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

5:30pm-7:30pm Grades 6-8 ONLY

March 16th

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

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

March 23rd

NO SESSIONS (3-day weekend)

March 30th

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

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

UPCOMING MANDATORY WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS:

SACRAMENTAL PREP

Confirmation Workshop for 8th grade students

Monday, March 24th from 6pm-8pm in Podowski Hall

Students are to accompanied by one parent.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SPECIAL EVENT

SECOND ANNUAL IGNATIUS BOOK FAIR AT PODOWSKI HALL

Fill your Easter baskets with beautiful books!!! Quality children's literature, faith based literature, and selections for all ages! March 15th through March 18th in Podowski Hall (see insert for details).

SAVE THE DATES!!!

NEW Lenten Enrichment Series

"A Light Unto My Path: Personal Journeys of Faith" Thursdays during Lent: 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, and 4/10, 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Coral church. Be inspired through music, prayer, reflection, and witnessing.



Congratulations to Christian Strawcutter (Kindergarten)
Mardi Gras King for 2025!

Our second grade families attended a sacramental prep workshop on the Ten Commandments on Monday, March 3rd. The students will be receiving their First Reconciliation on March 19th.



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Fish Fry Friday's



Kent: Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, 4-7 p.m. Information: goodshepherdkent.org.

Church of the Resurrection Parish. March 14, 4-7 p.m., Rossiter Volunteer Fire Co. Hall; March 21, 3-6 p.m., Clymer site; April 11, 4-6:30 p.m., Glen Campbell site.

Saltsburg: St. Matthew Parish: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. (also Ash Wednesday, 4-6:30 p.m.). Takeout only. Orders: 724-639-0338 or 724-468-5794 (after 9 a.m. for lunch, after 1 p.m. for dinner).

Indiana: St. Bernard Regional Catholic School, 4-6:30 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Hall. Takeout available.

Catholic Memes

