

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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 13, 2025

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A KNIGHT AT THE RACES



The Knights of Columbus are

having their annual fundraiser, **Knights at the Races. #5 on April 26, 2025** at the Graceton-Coral Sportsman's Club. Tickets are \$25 and includes a buffet meal and refreshments. Tickets are available from any Brother Knight. They are seeking donations of Baskets for the raffle. This is an evening of great food and great fun! For further information, contact Norb Rayko 724.422.1533 or Nmrayk@hotmail.com, or the Church office.

Last Chance Confessions will be held at Lucerne on Wednesday, April 16th from 6pm to 8pm.

There will be no Assumption Cinema this week. The next movie will be on April 23rd at 6pm, Lucerne. Don't miss *Carlos Acutis*. on April 23rd.

The parish office will be closed on April 17th, 18th and 21st.

April 27th is Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a chaplet and benediction at 3:00pm at Lucerne.

The **Christian Mothers** would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who donated and purchased baked goods last weekend. Your generosity and support are truly appreciated and made the event a wonderful success.



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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the **"second" Passion Sunday**, the one named **after what we bless and hold aloft**, Palm Sunday. The prayers and worship we offer today point out a day and a time when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and **people acclaimed in Jesus what they wanted to find there: a leader** who might bring them to new and a better place as a people.

St. Matthew writes of this day and time with **a conviction that people welcomed Jesus in fulfillment of an ancient prophecy.**

Matthew even quotes the prophet directly, saying, "This happened to fulfil what was said through the prophet, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, "See, your king comes to you in all gentleness, astride a donkey and a colt, the foal of a draft animal.'"

The prophet quoted is **Zechariah**, chapter 9, verses 9-10. A commentary says that Jesus comes on a **donkey instead of on a warhorse** connoting a military leader. This donkey **symbolizes peace**. The line quoted above, "Tell the daughter of Zion..." joins **another prophet** to Zechariah, namely **Isaiah** in chapter 62, verse 11. "Daughter of Zion" is language that refers to both to Jerusalem itself and to its residents.

Since the late 300s, Christians kept a vibrant memory alive of the totality of **both the active and the passive circumstances associated with Jesus' last days**, almost like you and I might keep our memory alive about our families when we recall a birthday or an anniversary of death or of some significant thing. Here people recalled those events over which Jesus presided. Numerous antiphons, or prayer refrains, tell us what they remembered about this special day: *The children of the Hebrews, bearing olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying aloud and saying, "Hosanna in the highest."*

Another antiphon or refrain sings *The Hebrew children spread their garments in the way – and shouted, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Yet another refrain reads: **With flowers and palms** the multitudes run to meet the redeemer, and they give becoming honors to the triumphant victor; the nations utter the praises of the Son of God, and their voices thunder through the clouds in praise of Christ: Hosanna. The Christian people in Jerusalem voiced one additional antiphon, *The whole company of those descending began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the miracles that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is he who comes as king, in the name of the Lord! Peace on earth and glory in the highest!**

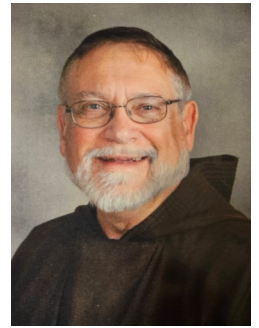
Cloaks were spread as an act of homage to a king. What excitement must have fun through the crowd in Jesus' day, **that finally a worthy, strong king had arrived**, in the likeness of David who first shepherded the people well. "**Hosanna**" at first use meant "**Help**" or "**Save, I pray,**" but by Jesus' day became a traditional greeting for pilgrims arriving in Jerusalem for the great festivals.

When you come to the St. Louis Church this weekend and again on Good Friday, please enter the main doors and bear to the left to the old baptismal font area where you will have an opportunity to view a display about Jerusalem which shows us the sites associated with Jesus as they appear now once made over into interior spaces where pilgrims may worship. You will see the place of Jesus' execution on Calvary now covered over and made to look richly sacred. Off to either side you may see the rough stone exposed of the uplift called the place of the skull. Then you may see how architects incorporated steps to a lower level. So, the body of the dead Jesus was brought down to a level place to the anointed and prepared for a quick burial. A television monitor will show how mourners today spread anointing oil and wipe it with cloths to take home as a sacred relic.

A bit further on, one enters a large domed space in which architects and builders one chipped away at the surrounding stone to leave just one Tomb, the only One that really Mattered, because the women search and God's messenger said He was not there, but Risen.

We hope our little display helps us to visualize with our prayers and liturgies reveal to us about God working repeatedly in miracles. Please join your fellow believers for these precious days of prayer.

Father John



Mass Intentions for April 5-April 13

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Lucernemines 4:00 pm-Fr. John †Verna Luscia (Husband & Daughters)
 Coral 6:00 pm-Fr. Joseph †Mary Lou Solo (Tom & Terri Tedeschi)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, APRIL 13

Coral 9:00 am-Fr. Joseph †Michael & Pauline Gatskie
 (The Gatskie Family)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am-Fr. John ProPopulo

MONDAY, APRIL 14 — No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 15-

Coral 8:00 am †Michael McHenry (Mom& Siblings)
Lucernemines 6:00 pm—8:00 pm..... Last Chance Confessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Coral 8:00 am †Nancy Baron (Mary Kay Yarchak)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Coral 7:00 pm-Fr. John Living & Deceased Members of the Horchar
 Family (Mimi & Family)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Coral 11:30 am-Fr. Joseph Stations
 Lucerne 3:00 pm-Fr. Joseph Liturgical Service
 Lucerne 7:00 pm-Frs. John & Joseph..... Anointing & Burial of Jesus

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Lucernemines 12:00 pm-Fr. Joseph..... Blessing of the Baskets
 Coral 1:00 pm-Fr. Joseph Blessing of the Baskets
 Coral 8:30 pm-Fr. John Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Lucerne 7:00 am- Frs. John & Joseph..... †Richard Englert (Wife, Cathy)
 Coral 9 :00 am-Fr. Joseph ProPopulo
 Lucernemines 11:00 am-Fr. John ProPopulo

Apr 3-4, 2025	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$9585.00
Votive Candle	\$247.10
Maintenance	\$165.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$40.00
Diocesan Collections	260.00
Flowers	\$130.00
Accent	\$35.00
Clergy Assistance	\$310.00
Cemetery	\$369.00
Families receiving envelopes—462	
Envelopes used this week—243	
Online giving this week—21	

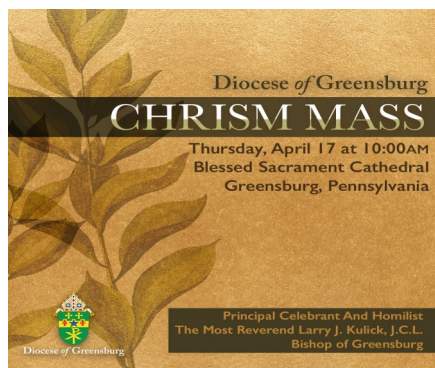
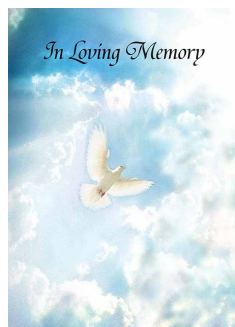
Mass Attendance

Lucerne 4:00 pm—119
 11:00 am—85
 Coral 6:00 pm—61
 9:00 am—119

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Camp Virtue is coming to Indiana, PA! Camp Virtue is a day camp that allows 6th-8th grade youth the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith and grow in virtue. Camp includes morning sessions of dynamic talks on the virtues, praise and worship, prayer, Mass, small group sharing, games, and much more. After lunch we will depart via school bus for an EPIC EXPEDITION!!! Camp will take place July 28-31, 2025 from 8:30am-5:30pm at St. Bernard School & Church. We are in need of adults, college students, and high school counselors to help with Camp Virtue. High Schoolers will be joining in on all the fun activities, but will have the responsibility of helping lead small groups. This is a great way to gain leadership skills and obtain volunteer hours. Registration for Camp Virtue is now open! Visit <https://forms.gle/R6VvkMTdoRiF31nPUA> to register as a camper or volunteer. Contact Jessica Thompson at jthompson@dioceseofgreensburg.org for more information.

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The Sanctuary Candle burns 4/7-4/20 in memory of:

Coral Ronald Vilcek by The Vilcek Family
 Lucernemines Richard Englert by His Wife, Cathy

The Host 4/7-4/20 is in memory of:

Coral Goose Vilcek by The Vilcek Family

The Wine for April is in memory of:

Coral Goose Vilcek by The Vilcek Family

ASSUMPTION CINEMA PRESENTS...

Light refreshments provided; free will offering.

Wednesday, April 23rd in Podowski Hall @ 6pm Carlo Acutis (2021, Documentary, Not Rated, 35m) An intro to the extraordinary story of Blessed Carlo Acutis who will be canonized on April 27th. PLUS "This is My Body, This is My Blood: Miracles of the Eucharist" (30m)

Wednesday, April 30th at the Coral Social Hall @ 6pm Between Borders (2024, Drama, Not Rated, 1h30m) The incredible true story of an Armenian family forced to flee their home during the collapse of the Soviet Union, and embark on a journey to find a community to call their own. Starring Elizabeth Tabish (Mary Magdalene) from The Chosen.

Wednesday, May 14th at the Coral Social Hall @ 6pm Bonhoeffer (2024, Historical Drama, PG-13, 132m) Dietrich Bonhoeffer gets swept into the epicenter of a plot to assassinate Hitler. He must choose between upholding his moral convictions as a German theologian or risking it to save millions of Jews from genocide. Based on a true story.

FAITH FORMATION FOR APRIL/MAY All sessions are held in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines

April 13th

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

April 20th

NO SESSIONS: Have a blessed Easter!

April 27th

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

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

May 4th

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

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

May 11th

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

Faith Formation Snapshot

Special thanks to Fr. Joe for meeting with our Youth Group to discuss his calling to the priesthood. We appreciated his time and insights!



Sacramental Prep Workshop

Second grade students will be meeting for their final mandatory workshop prior to receiving First Holy Communion. "The Eucharistic Prayer" workshop will be held on Monday, April 14th from 6-8pm in Podowski Hall. Students are to be accompanied by one parent/caregiver.



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THE CATHOLIC ACCENT TV SHOW: "A Time to Share" is the focus of the next The Catholic Accent TV Show airing on WPXI, Channel 11, at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 13, and a half-dozen more times on MeTV. We tell you about the Jubilee Year of Hope in the Diocese of Greensburg. See how the Jubilee Year kicked off in the Diocese of Greensburg and how the faithful can participate in their own pilgrimages, including a special pilgrimage in our Diocese. Learn how your support of the Diocesan Lenten Appeal is critical to the mission of the Church – including Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg. Also, meet our newly hired Regional Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Directors who share the Gospel message with the young Church in the Diocese. The Catholic Accent is always on at theaccentonline.org.

LATROBE: CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH: A spring craft and vendor show is set for Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Food will be available for purchase, and 50/50, vendor and basket raffles are planned.

STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE: The Diocese of Greensburg will attend the Steubenville Youth Conference as a diocese July 18-20 at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Cost is \$325, with a non-refundable \$50 deposit. The price includes room and board and three T-shirts. For information, email ffd@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

Enlighten! for the Permanent Diaconate
If you are interested in serving the Church of Greensburg as a permanent deacon and are ready to take that initial step in formation, discerning God's call, this fall the next cohort of men will begin the *Enlighten!* program. This is the program's official first step, which all candidates for the permanent diaconate must complete. Two informational sessions will be offered in May for those interested. Sunday, May 4 @ 1:00 pm Zoom only and Thursday, May 29 @ 7:00 pm in person or Zoom. For more information or questions, contact Deacon Bill Newhouse at wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

2025 Diocesan Lenten Appeal as of 4/7/2025
Total Pledged: \$30,986.00
Diocesan Goal: \$51,740.00
Number of Gifts: 106 59.9% of Diocesan Goal
49% toward the combined goal of \$63,240.00 (Parish goal of \$11,500.00)
628 Households registered 105 Donors 16.7% Participation
All money donated in excess of the Diocesan Goal are returned 100% to the Parish
Parish Goal: \$63,240.00

