

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)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00pm-3:30 at Lucernemines

Sunday 8:30am at Coral

OFFICE HOURS

Mon thru Thurs 9am-1pm, 2pm-4pm

Friday—Closed

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES-All beginning at **7pm

Dec.15- Church of the Good Shepherd & ****Holy Family at 6:30pm**

Dec.16- Our Lady of the Assumption (Lucerne)

Dec.17- St Bernard of Clairvaux

Dec.18- Church of the Resurrection (Clymer)



Christian Mothers Bake Sale!

Following the 6pm Mass on December 13th

and following the 9am Mass on December 14th in the Coral Social Hall.

Parish Office Christmas Schedule
December 22-9am-4pm
December 23-9am-4pm
December 24-Closed
December 25-Closed
December 26- Closed

Christmas clothing and merchandise are half-priced this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (as space permits).



LIVE NATIVITY
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD,
100 GOOD SHEPHERD DRIVE, KENT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 :
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 :
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

DRIVE THRU OR PARK AND JOIN US FOR THE LIVE NATIVITY, BONFIRE, MUSIC, HOT COCOA AND REFRESHMENTS

FREE ADMISSION
A FREE-WILL OFFERING
WILL BE COLLECTED TO
BENEFIT THE CATHOLIC
CHARITIES' ANNUAL
CHILDREN & FAMILY
SERVICES APPEAL

PLEASE CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE AT 724-479-3881 WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIVE NATIVITY

Dear Parishioners,
 Of many things....



With our attention linked into our Thanksgiving holiday, followed by the National Patronal Feast Solemnity, perhaps we have missed some of the following stories in our international Catholic community?

Pope Leo made his first visit as Pope to countries outside of Italy when he traveled to Turkey and Lebanon. In both countries, Christians number few professed members, and Catholics number a small percentage of those. Why did the Pope choose to visit these two places?

Leo answered broadly to the journalists' questions, but in summary noted two reasons to visit: the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicea that composed a statement of unity that stands even today, *the Nicene Creed*, by which Catholics and Orthodox and other ancient churches, as well as denominations formed as late as the Protestant Reformation, might express faith distinctly and correctly, so preserving the Apostolic Faith. Leo stated that this anniversary commemoration urged him to visit so that he might express the same desires for unity that drove that last three popes to pay respectful and fraternal homage to the other ancient churches. Pope Leo certainly knew the inherent danger in traveling in and out of places so recently distraught as war zones.

Leo want to follow up on the legacy of the past Popes, reaching back as far as Pope Paul VI, because Leo is convinced that unity of Christians is essential in these times.

At the same time, Pope Leo came to offer hope to young people, whom he often describes as both the present and the future of the church and of civil society. He also bluntly described those who use violence as a primary means of engagement as being opposed to God and to God's plans for our world. Reporters asked Leo if he had read a statement issued by Hezbollah regarding Leo's visit and the state of Lebanon. Leo replied that he had read the statement but added that reporters' questions were not the place for diplomatic conversation. The reporters commented that Leo described the Vatican as being "a friend of Israel," and the journalists wanted to know if Leo had also condemned the aggressive response of Israel to the people in Gaza. Leo clearly did not want to create an atmosphere of ongoing suspicion but sought to speak positively about abandoning weapons of war for reconciliation in which all persons treat one another as they wish to be treated. Yes, he condemned the destruction of Gaza.

Leo spoke multiple languages on this trip, easily slipping between Italian, English, Spanish, and French. It wasn't discernible with which language Leo favored. Leo also answered that he has two pilgrimage dream journeys, the first to Africa, both those areas that have accepted the Gospel and are thriving, and the second to Latin America, mentioning some of the poorest states in South America.

And would Leo return for a visit to the United States? That remains to be seen, but the 250th Anniversary of the United States might give him a credible rationale. Clearly the Pope from Chicago sought to avoid any statements that seem to favor the United States and its government leaders over others. The Papacy doesn't exist to affirm one leader or government over another, since a Pope must come to show Christ and to speak Christ's Word.

Father John

Mass Intentions for December 13 –December 21

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Lucernemines 4:00 pm Fr John ProPopulo
 Coral 6:00 pm Fr John †Joseph Pavolko (Michael, Taylor & Ava Pavolko)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Coral 9:00 am Fr Joseph..... †Steve & Nancy Cerovich (The Cerovich Children)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am Fr John †William Wensell (Wife, Shirley)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 — No Mass

Kent 7:00 pm.....Advent Penance Service
..... Church of the Good Shepherd

Seward 6:30 pm.....Advent Penance Service
..... Holy Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Coral 8:00 amSpecial Intention
Lucernemines 7:00 pm.....Advent Penance Service
..... Our Lady of the Assumption

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Coral 8:00 am †Fr. James Goldberg (The Zicha Family)
Indiana 7:00pm.....Advent Penance Service
..... St Bernard of Clairvaux

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Coral 8:00 am †Rita Jones (The Troxell Family)
Clymer 7:00 pm.....Advent Penance Service
..... Church of the Resurrection

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Coral 8:00 am In honor of Parker Holt (Lorrie & Todd Snoby)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Lucernemines 3-3:30 pm..... Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4:00 pm Fr John †Jeanne Kogut Wardrop (Homer Center Class of 1973)
 Coral 6:00 pm Fr John †Mike Buzi (Marge Mitchell)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Coral 8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9 :00 am Fr John †John R Fetchko (Shelly Angelini)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am Fr Joseph..... ProPopulo
Lucernemines 6:00 pm..... Last Chance Penance Service

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory /honor of:

CoralRick Adamson by his Mother, Rosalie
 LucerneminesDick Farabaugh by Jenny & family

The Host is in memory/honor of:

CoralSpecial Intention
 LucerneminesSpecial Intention

The Wine is in memory/honor of:

CoralJames Clark by Theresa Mueller
 LucerneminesSpecial Intention

Dec 6-7

Offertory

Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$10,355.00
Votive Candle	\$289.05
Maintenance	\$145.00
Flowers	\$633.00
Diocesan Collections	\$55.00
Accent	\$127.00
Special Collections	\$2365.00
Cemetery	\$387.00
Families receiving envelopes—458	
Envelopes used this week—341	
Online giving this week—37	

Mass Attendance

Lucerne 4:00 pm—98
 11:00 am—95
 Coral 6:00 pm—91
 9:00 am—118

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

Our Youth Group will host their annual Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on **Monday, December 29th from 12pm–5pm at Podowski Hall.**

To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **Assumption**, or call **1-800-733-2767**.

“Be a part of the lifesaving cause!”



Christian Initiation: Becoming Catholic
 If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please contact our Parish Office at 724-479-9542 ext. 15 for more information.

ASSUMPTION CINEMA

Coral Social Hall beginning at 6pm on Wednesday evenings
Refreshments provided; free will offering.

TRIUMPH OF THE HEART December 10th (2025, Doc/Drama, 1h58m, Not Rated)

The powerful true story of St. Maximilian Kolbe’s unbreakable hope during the Holocaust as a prisoner at Auschwitz. More than a movie, it is a reminder that Koble’s life serves as a witness to the truth that love conquers hate, sacrifice redeems suffering, and holiness is demanded of us all!

BROKEN MARY: The Kevin Matthews Story December 17th (2025, 1h35m)

Discover how a popular Chicago radio personality in the 80’s/90’s found purpose and faith when he stumbled upon a broken statue of the Virgin Mary. This true story portrays a powerful moment of spiritual awakening, inviting all of us to reflect upon what matters most.

GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SERVICE...

Special thanks to Libby Brown for manning our crafts table for Homer City’s Light Up Night on Friday, December 5th. Also, despite the weather, our bell ringers for the Salvation Army showed up in full force at Ideal Market on Saturday, December 6th. Thanks to Nolan Orr, Brody and Carter Cortazzo, and Chloe and Carter Coleman for weathering the cold! We saw many familiar faces who donated to the cause...thank you all for your support!

Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love will be on display for our upcoming Advent workshop thanks to the creative efforts of Libby Brown, Joanna Howard, Ethan Palmer, Carter Cortazzo, and Noah Todd! Thanks for your time and talents!



Faith Formation for December

Grades PreK-5 will meet from 9:30am-10:45am
Grades 6-12 will meet from 5:30pm-7:30pm

December 14th-Advent Family Workshop from noon until 2pm
PreK-5

December 21st

PreK-5
Grades 6-12

Please note:
Students in grades 6-12 will meet from 2pm-4pm for a special holiday celebration

NO SESSIONS ON DECEMBER 28th and JANUARY 4th
Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful holiday season!

FAITH FORMATION SNAPSHOTS

Special thanks to Terry Carnahan for introducing our middle and high school students to an introductory course in yoga on Sunday, December 7th. Our students were amazingly flexible as they practiced poses, breathing techniques, and meditating on scriptural passages. We are already looking forward to a follow up session in the spring!



STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Sofia Costello, a freshman at Homer Center, who was recently recognized as the Wildcat Student of the Month for November! Keep up the great work!

Camp Virtus

What do you give a middle schooler who already seems to have *everything*? How about an experience where they can encounter Christ, build real friendships, and have an unforgettable adventure this summer at Camp Virtus?

Camp Virtus – June 15–18, 2026, is a Catholic day camp for rising 6th–8th graders that combines faith, fun, and epic adventures. Each morning includes dynamic talks on the virtues (this year’s focus is Faith), praise and worship, prayer, Mass, small group sharing, games, and more. After lunch, we head out by bus for an EPIC EXPEDITION—this year’s plans include kayaking, a ropes course, a day of service, and a return to 814 Lanes. Camp Virtus helps youth discover that they can live each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God.

Consider registering your child or grandchild as a Christmas gift and give them something that will last far beyond the wrapping paper—an encounter with Christ and memories they’ll never forget.

Cost & Registration:
\$150 if paid in full by March 1
\$185 from March 1–April 30
\$225 from May 1–15

Registration closes at the end of the business day on May 15.

Visit <https://forms.gle/NoSmN4gg6tzQYfsDA> to register. For more information, contact Jessica Thompson at jthompson@dioceseofgreensburg.org



Father John’s wisdom for the week.....

“Charity enters heaven when humility opens the door.”

.....María Natividad Venegas de la Torre



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
Our Lady of the Assumption
Lucernemines
December 16
7:00pm

SAINT VINCENT BASILICA PARISH invites
you to our annual
EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE
on SATURDAY JANUARY 3, 2026
from 1:00PM to 3:00PM



All are welcome to visit and tour the historic Basilica
decorated for the Christmas season.

Featured during the Open House will be
a demonstration of the recently added organ pipework.

No reservations are needed.

Contact Erin Colcombe, Director of Faith Formation, at 724-539-8629 ext. 16 or
erin.colcombe@stvincent.edu with any questions.

Echoes of a Polish Christmas

All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy) on:

Sunday, January 4th – at 2:00 PM

All Saints Church

325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell

– Somerset County



Following the singing of hymns by the parish's Polish choir, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as refreshments.

Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ.



Wesołych Świąt!

All are Welcome to Attend!

