

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

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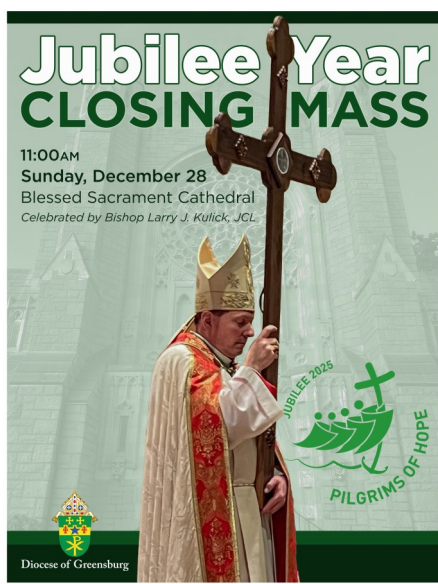
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Parish Office Christmas Schedule
December 22-9am-4pm
December 23-9am-4pm
December 24-Closed
December 25-Closed
December 26- Closed

Merry Christmas to all from the volunteers at the Indiana St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store. **The store will be closed from Wednesday, December 24th until Friday, January 2, 2026.** We wish you a very blessed Christmas season and look forward to serving you in the new year.



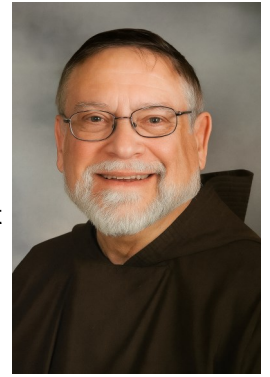
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“Heavenly Father, we thank You for this day and the many blessings You’ve given us. Grant us a restful night of sleep as we await the celebration of the birth of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.”
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Dear Parishioners,

The media news this past week has reported more **ugliness and sorrow** over a guilty verdict in the trial of a Catholic gentleman in Hong Kong, Jimmy Lai (a British citizen, by the way), who advocated through his print media for freedom and democracy **in Hong Kong**. At seventy-seven years of age, this good man may die in prison. A **second ugly and horrific sorrow** transpired **in Sydney, Australia**, on a peaceful Bondi Beach when groups often gathered for refreshment and in celebration. Two men shot with high-powered rifles as Jewish community members came to commemorate the Festival of Lights, “Chanukah by the Sea,” which in the Sydney metro area remembers in festive holiday spirit the miracle of oil not running out at the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem; although two Muslim men, “motivated by Islamic State ideology,” opened fire; another hero took down and bravely tackled a shooter and disarmed the terrorist. A **third episode of ugliness** occurred at a prestigious New England university, Brown University, **in Providence, Rhode Island**, where a shooter began to eliminate students as they prepared for final examinations before the Christmas Holy Days.



These events share in a kingdom of darkness, pain, and hatred where God is not welcome or found. Deacon Adrian Marchi writes about this, our world, that “Jesus is the Light of the World (John 8:12), the Messiah to Whom Isaiah is referring. “And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **But he who does what is true comes to the light,** that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.” (John 3:19-21)

For four weekends now we have focused on the two wreaths in our two churches, even asking parishioners to light the latest candle. Deacon Marchi comments that the Advent wreath with which we decorate our churches and homes at this time of year is representative of the light coming into the world. The Good News is that salvation has come. This is the “glad tidings to the poor” mentioned in the gospel.... And we aren’t just talking of their financial status; we are talking about those who are poor in spirit.”

No surprise that we, our western world, have seen a decline in church attendance and in the spiritual condition of the nation. Our families struggle to keep godly words and deeds before ourselves and our children. Deacon adds that “As a nation we have a spiritual deficit.” How can we make up the deficit?

An antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Advent speaks with an urgent plea to the Lord: “Come, O Lord, and delay not; forgive the sins of your people....” Did the scholars of the liturgy who cemented these texts know too well that in December 2025 we would need to practice “patient endurance” in order to welcome Jesus again in his First Coming and to anticipate Jesus in a Second Coming? A further promise of the Holy Scriptures tells you and me that “the Lord is near to all who call upon him in truth.”

An old Missal text for this fourth Advent weekend, says that “There is an urgency in our prayers and readings of today. ... But the Savior we seek to possess and love, is also our Judge and Judge of ALL, who will judge us by our love for our neighbors and our impartial zeal for their welfare.” Not only does the Savior judge us; but He also restores us to Light that manifests the Love of God for the world. Stand fast against the ugliness, sorrow, and hurt. Stand next to the manager and wonder anew.

Father John

Mass Intentions for December 20—December 28

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Lucernemines 4:00 pm †Jeanne Kogut Wardrop (Homer Center Class of 1973)
 Coral 6:00 pm †Mike Buzi (Marge Mitchell)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Coral 9:00 am †John Fetchko (Shelly Angelini)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am ProPopulo
Lucernemines 6:00 pm Last Chance Confession

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22— No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Coral 8:00 am †Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, Christmas Eve

Lucernemines 4:00 pm ProPopulo
 Coral 10:00 pm †Scott Golinsky (Geary & Carol Short)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

Coral 10:00 am †ProPopulo



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Coral 8:00 am †Michelle Dodge (OLOTA Catechists)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Lucernemines 3-3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Lucernemines 4:00 pm †Christine & Jack Zamberardi (Family)
 Coral 6:00 pm †John Fetchko (Ted Dechman)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Coral 8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Coral 9:00 am †John & Magdalene Baird (Son & Family)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am ProPopulo

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory/honor of:

Coral Joseph Greczek by Darrick Bertig
 Lucernemines Harry L Williams by his daughter, Lauren

The Host is in memory/honor of:

Coral Delphina Fiyesh by The Worcester Family
 Lucernemines Harry L Williams by his daughter, Lauren

The Wine is in memory of:

Coral James Clark by Theresa Mueller
 Lucernemines Special Intention

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

"The Lord has called us from different nations, but we must be united with one heart and one soul."

.....Maria Elizabeth Hesselblad



Dec 13-14	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$11,350.50
Votive Candle	\$157.00
Maintenance	\$1,239.00
Flowers	\$620.00
Diocesan Collections	\$5.00
Accent	\$4.00
Special Collections	\$1,121.00
Cemetery	\$20.00
Families receiving envelopes—459	
Envelopes used this week—186	
Online giving this week—36	

Mass Attendance

Lucerne 4:00 pm—130
 11:00 am—58
 Coral 6:00 pm—40
 9:00 am—63

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites all the faithful from the Diocese to join him as he celebrates the **Solemn Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope on the Feast of the Holy Family**, Sunday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

WATCH THE CATHOLIC ACCENT TV SHOW: On *The Catholic Accent* TV Show, we prepare for the birth of Christ during the season of Advent. Learn why we celebrate this season of hope and how your family can participate. What do we know about Mary, the Blessed Mother and her place in the Nativity and her travel around the Diocese? Plus, see how we provide for those in need during this season of preparation. **The Catholic Accent** is always on at the theaccentonline.org.



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ASSUMPTION CINEMA

Coral Social Hall beginning at 6pm on Wednesday evenings
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Faith Formation for December/January
Grades PreK-4 will meet from 9:30am-10:45am
Grades 6-12 will meet from 5:30pm-7:30pm

December 21st
PreK-4
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!

January 11th
PreK-4
Grades 6-12

January 18th
PreK-4

January 25th
PreK-4

Note time change: NOON until 2pm
Circle of Grace Workshop
Grades 6-12 (regular time)

**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!"



The 2026 March for Life is set for Friday, Jan. 23, at 1 p.m. on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The **National Prayer Vigil for Life** will begin Thursday, Jan. 22, with the opening Mass at 5 p.m. in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. At 7 p.m., a national Holy Hour for Life will take place in the Crypt Church of the Basilica, including recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. The closing Mass will be at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23 in the Great Upper Church. The Masses will be televised on EWTN and livestreamed at www.nationalshrine.org/event/2026-national-prayer-vigil-for-life/.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will concelebrate the opening Mass and will also celebrate **Mass at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the basilica's Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel**. All pilgrims from the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to join him. During the march itself Bishop Kulick will be greeting participants at the corner of Constitution Avenue Northwest and 12th Street Northwest as they rally towards the Supreme Court building.

Two parish-based groups are **sending buses to the march:**

· Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, with departure at 6:30 a.m. from Indiana Alliance Church. Contact Bill Ager, 724-465-4522, for reservations or details.

· Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, with departure at 5:30 a.m. from the church. Cost is \$35 (\$25 for students), payable by cash or check to the parish on the bus or in the parish office (separate cash tip for bus driver). Contact Barb Koury barbkoury@gmail.com or 412-480-6490, for reservations or details.

Locally, the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women is inviting all those who cannot attend the march to **"Pray for Life"** in Saint Joseph Chapel at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg (**graphics attached**). The day will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a Rosary for Priests, followed by Mass at noon celebrated by Father Eric J. Dinga, 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 Benediction at 4 p.m. Admission is free; donations of money, diapers, baby wipes and similar supplies are welcome and will be distributed to pregnancy resource centers in the Diocese. Attendees are welcome to come and go or stay all day.



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**Homer City Community
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**Monday, December 29
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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