

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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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 29, 2026**

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Newly stocked with Spring items! The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana is located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street and open Monday thru Saturday 10am to 2pm. Donations are accepted at the back door from 10am until 1pm (space permitting). Please use regular size garbage bags or small boxes to help protect our volunteers from lifting items that are too heavy.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts to individual parish endowments are a meaningful way to honor the life and faith of a loved one. These gifts ensure that their memory continues to bless the parish by providing lasting support for worship, ministries, and outreach. Through an endowment memorial, a loved one's legacy becomes part of the ongoing life of the church—strengthening our parish community for generations to come. Please speak with your financial advisor and/or legal representative about remembering **Our Lady of the Assumption**.

Spring Cleaning Reminder

Are you spring cleaning? Remember to save your items for our **Annual Indoor Yard Sale!**

Please note, we cannot accept the following items:

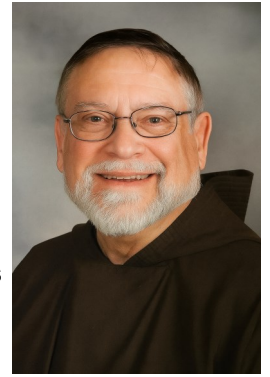
Clothing or shoes, baby furniture (including car seats & highchairs, TV's, computers or computer equipment, exercise equipment, knives, large appliances, medical equipment or items with stuffing such as pillows, stuffed animals, comforters or chairs.

Your generous donations help support our mission here at **Our Lady of the Assumption**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

We are grateful for all offerings for our Easter flower collection, to offset the cost of beautifying our churches for Easter and the Easter Season. **If you are interested in memorializing one of the flower rings that adorn the Paschal candle, please contact the office.** A number remain available for St. Louis church. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners,

The Book of Numbers in chapter 21, verses 4 -9, recounts an unusual exchange between God and Moses with the people God was leading to back to their home in Israel. The account says that the people has "set out on the Red Sea road to bypass the land of Edom. But with their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses." The account states the complaint thus, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in the desert, where there is not food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"



God responded with a punishment: "The Lord send among the people seraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died." The Lord obviously expressed his displeasure with the people who had forgotten the many ways God had acted to care directly for the people and to provide for them. If Eucharist means thanksgiving, and, therefore, the recognition of God's saving actions on our behalf, even when we do not deserve it, then this outburst diametrically opposes God's loving goodness.

With burning wounds, from which many died, the people recover their religious transcendence, and recant their complaints and repent. As Moses prayed for the people, the Lord instructed Moses how to heal the people. The restoration occurs in a way that refers directly to Jesus. Moses is told to "Make a seraph and mount it on a pole, and whoever looks at it after being bitten will live." The reference to Jesus occurs in John's Gospel in chapter 8:21-30, when Jesus says that "when you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he."

Now, Jesus was lifted up on the Cross at Calvary on the Friday we call "Good" because of what Jesus did there. In this passage of John's Gospel, Jesus refers to himself as the "Son of Man." Jesus thus will act in judgment upon the people because "God the Father" instructed him to do so. In the Old Testament, the Son of Man judges us.

The symbols of this Old Testament healing became the symbols of physicians and medicine, even up to now as the formal Oath in medicine promises to work healing for everyone. The serpent is mounted on a pole with vertical and horizontal arms. The directions of the mounting mimic the crucifix, or the suspension of Jesus raised up for us. We gaze upon Jesus as the complaining people gazed on the bronze serpents mounted on the poles.

Camilia Klein writes that Christians first used the cross as a symbol of sacrifice and salvation as early as 100 A.D., a remarkable finding given that the Romans still used crucifixion as a means of execution for criminals. She adds however that they preferred to use the *fish* symbol that was a shorthand means of identifying themselves as people who have chosen to stand with Jesus; the Greek word for fish accomplished that with the letters standing for *Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior*. It would not be until the Emperor converted to become a Christian in 313 that Christians would begin adorning themselves with crosses. However, early art did not focus on the battered body of the Savior, but upon the glory.

This same scholar suggests that for early believers the empty Cross is analogous to the empty Tomb in that both point out that the evidence and testimony convinced them that Jesus emerged from the Tomb glorious, bright, and revealing more about God's plan for the world to overcome the "wages of sin" that brought death to all humankind.

Bless us, Lord, in our Holy Week, to accept your workings in us, too.

Father John

Mass Intentions for March 28—April 5

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Lucernemines 4:00 pm †Troy Langham (Wife, Rosemarie)
 Coral 6:00 pm †Joseph "Don" Lucia (Rob & Lisa Nymick)

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Coral 9:00 am †Eleanor Ciranni (Bob, Mary Ann & family)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... ProPopulo

MONDAY, MARCH 30— No Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Coral 8:00 am †Louis & William Lucas (Greg & Chris Mitchell)
 Lucernemines 6:00pm-8:00pm **Last Chance Confessions**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Coral 8:00 am..... †Joseph Park (Theresa Park)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Greensburg 10:00am..... Chrism Mass
 Coral 7:00 pm †James Solo (William Solo)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Coral 11:30 am..... Stations of the Cross
 Lucernemines 3:00 pm Liturgical Service
 Lucernemines 7:00 pm Anointing & Burial of Jesus

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Lucernemines 12:00 pm..... Blessing of the Baskets
 Coral 1:00 pm Blessing of the Baskets
 Coral 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Lucernemines 7:00 am Sunrise Service ProPopulo
 Coral 9:00 am †Aldo & Katherine Tedeschi Tom & Terri)
 Lucernemines 11:00 am..... ProPopulo

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory/honor of:

Coral Angelo & Mary Lorelli by Toni, Fred & family
 Lucernemines Pauline Krupa by daughter, Cathy

The Host is in memory/honor of:

Coral Don Lucia by Tom & Debbie Lester
 Lucernemines Marie Yanoscsik by children & grandchildren

The Wine is in memory/honor of:

Lucernemines Don Lucia by Chris & Jim Costello

Previous week's

The Host is in memory/honor of:

Coral.....Michael & Pauline Gatskie by family
 Lucernemines.....Don Lucia by Peggy Watkins

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

Easter reminds us that God's love is stronger than any suffering or darkness we may encounter. - Saint Padre Pio



Janv10-11	Offertory
Adult, Loose, Children & Online Giving	\$9621.00
Votive Candle	\$154.01
Maintenance	\$75.00
Easter	\$140.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Accent	\$57.00
Special Collections	\$160.00
Cemetery	\$75.00
Families receiving envelopes—459	
Envelopes used this week—194	
Online giving this week—32	

Mass Attendance

Lucerne 4:00 pm—117
 11:00 am—107
 Coral 6:00 pm—67
 9:00 am—117

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

CHRISM MASS APRIL 2 AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites the faithful to attend the Diocesan Chrism Mass Thursday, April 2, at 10 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. During the Mass Bishop Kulick will consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick, oils used in parishes for sacraments such as baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocesan Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE – DIOCESAN ANNI-VERSARY PILGRIMAGE:

Save the date and plan to attend our next Diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It will be led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick on Saturday, Sept. 19, and is one of the special events planned to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our Diocese. Further information will be forthcoming this spring.

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American Red Cross

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our Youth Group will be hosting a blood drive on Easter Monday!

When: Monday, April 6th from noon until 5pm

Where: Podowski Hall

To register, go to redcrossblood.org
Enter 15754 as the zip and click on "find drive."
PLEASE GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!!!



CIRCLE OF GRACE

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Circle of Grace Family Workshop on Sunday, March 22nd! Special thanks to Jennifer Hinkle Stanley from Catholic Charities for an engaging presentation to our parents on "Bullying!"

Awesome Anglers:

Appreciating God's Creation

The father and son team of Joe and Steve Renosky (of Joe Renosky Lure and Yellow Creek Trout Club, Inc. fame) presented to our middle and high school students on the many aspects of the fishing industry. As Steve quipped, "If you don't fish, what are you waiting for?" Check out their website at JoeRenosky.com. "Tight lines!"



Sacramental Prep Workshop for Second Grade

A workshop on "The Table of the Lord" will be held on Monday, March 30th from 6pm-8pm in Podowski Hall for our second grade students in preparation for their first Holy Communion.

Faith Formation for March/April

Grades PreK-4 will meet from 9:30am-10:45am

Grades 6-12 will meet from 5:30pm-7:30pm

March 29th

PreK-4

April 5th

No Sessions: Have a blessed Easter!

April 12

PreK-4

Grades 6-12

April 19th

PreK-4

Grades 6-12 will host a special guest speaker

from 3pm-5pm (details forthcoming)

April 26th

PreK-4

Grades 6-12

ASSUMPTION CINEMA

Coral Social Hall beginning at 6pm on Wednesday evenings

Refreshments provided; free will offering.

THE DROP BOX April 8th (2015, 1h19m, Doc)

This documentary tells the true story of South Korean pastor Lee Jong-Rak and his heroic efforts to embrace and protect abandoned children.

PERSEVERANCE April 15th (2023, 1h10m, Docudrama)

This Holocaust themed play details survivor Melvin Goldman's journey of healing. This play is adapted from his daughter's (Lee Kikel) memoir of the same name.

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DESERT DIARIES – BISHOP'S

PODCAST Follow Bishop Larry J. Kulick throughout Lent with his special podcast, *Desert Diaries*. If you hear the word "desert" and think of emptiness, struggles or something you'd rather avoid, you're not alone. But in Scripture, the desert isn't a place God abandons people – it's often where he meets them most deeply. As we continue our journey through Lent, Bishop Kulick explores how Jesus' time in the desert can help us understand our own struggles and questions, and the places in our lives that God is asking us to grow and intentionally change the way we walk toward Easter. You can watch or listen to *Desert Diaries* at theaccentonline.org or download from where you download your podcasts.

WATCH THE CATHOLIC ACCENT

TV SHOW: On the current edition of *The Catholic Accent* TV show, we hear from Father Anthony Onoko, Pastor of Saint Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon, The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen, and Saint John the Baptist Parish, Perryopolis, with advice for the faithful on our Lenten journey. Our Diocesan Lenten Appeal kicks off with a look at how you are helping to form the faith, support our schools and serve our communities. *The Catholic Accent* is always on at the theaccentonline.org.

THE CATHOLIC ACCENT PODCAST – STUNNED DISCIPLES, SEASON

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31

Morning Mass 8:00am-Coral

Last chance confession, 6:00pm-8:00pm-Lucernemines

Wednesday of Holy Week

Morning Mass 8:00am-Coral

Holy Thursday

Chrism Mass 10:00am, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm-Coral

Good Friday

11:30am, Stations of the Cross, Coral

3:00pm, Liturgical Service-Lucernemines

7:00pm, Anointing & Burial of Jesus-Lucernemines

Holy Saturday

12:00pm, Blessing of Baskets, Lucernemines

1:00pm, Blessing of Baskets, Coral

8:30pm, Coral-Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

7:00am, Sunrise Mass-Lucernemines

9:00am, Mass-Coral (Easter egg hunt following Mass)

11:00am, Mass-Lucernemines (Blessing of the Children's baskets)



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