



Our Lady of the Assumption

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SACRAMENT SCHEDULING

Members must be registered and attending the parish for six months before scheduling a baptism, marriage, or requesting a sponsor certificate. Further details inside.

PARISH OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
9:00 am—1:30 pm
Afternoon—by appointment only
Closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm - Lucernemines
Sunday 8:00 am - Coral

Schedule for daily Masses, Holy Days, & other services can be found inside.

LISTENING SESSION

Bishop Edward C. Malesic invites everyone to join him a Listening Session on **Thursday, November 29 at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Please attend and allow your input to help him guide our church as we go forward from this moment in our history as the People of God.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3:00 pm (consult bulletin for any changes in the schedule.)

Baptism:

All arrangements, including confirmation of the date, must be made with the parish office.

Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. Sponsors, if married, must either be married in the Church or with the Church's permission. Parents must attend Baptismal Preparation, which is regularly scheduled throughout the year.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made directly with the pastor at least 6 months before the date of the wedding. Marriage preparation is required and couples are asked to speak to the priest first before setting a date. Couples, rather than parents, should contact the priest. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

First Sunday of Advent

A New Beginning

First Reading

~ Jeremiah 33:14-16 ~

Jeremiah's prophecies announced judgment and curses upon Israel for her unfaithfulness and ultimately led to his imprisonment. While in prison, he prophesied that "days are coming" when Israel would be renewed and restored. God would fulfill his promises and "raise up for David a just shoot." The "shoot" of David refers to a descendant of David who would inherit the Davidic throne. His prophecies were fulfilled almost six hundred years later with Jesus' birth. Jesus is the reestablishment of the Davidic Kingdom in Israel. Advent is a time when we remember how the Jews waited for hundreds of years for the fulfillment of God's promise and Israel's restoration. That began with the birth of Christ. Like Israel, we, too, await Christ's birth in the hope of being renewed and restored. © *Augustine Institute 2012/ 2015*



Second Reading

~ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 ~

Having received a good report from Timothy about the virtues of the Christians of Thessalonica, Paul isn't satisfied, however, that they've remained as he left them. He prays fervently that they might "increase" and "abound in love" (3:17) and insists "we urge you brothers, to progress even more" (4:10). That is the mandate the Church gives to us at the beginning of the Liturgical Year. There's no standing still in the spiritual life; one is either making or losing progress; there's no middle ground. Each new year presents us with the chance to make progress. If we don't gain more in the year to come than we did in the last, we will have lost ground. Paul's words ought to move us to give special attention to where we are going as we enter into the Advent season and new Liturgical Year. © *Augustine Institute 2012/ 2015*

Gospel

~ Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 ~

This week's Gospel reading is frightening in many ways. We have a presentation of the Second Coming of Christ that sends shock waves through all of creation. We're told that "[men] will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the earth." Our first inclination is to ignore the stronger language in this reading. But our faith includes the whole of the Gospel, which means "good news." This doesn't mean that we should live in fear of God, but rather it reminds us that fear of the loss of God is the beginning of real living. Jesus promises that whoever seeks will find. If we seek sin we get sin; if we seek God we find him. We ought to fear offending God because it can only bring us harm. Keeping God's commands is an important part of seeking and loving God. Jesus is saying that those who haven't used their capacity to fear properly by fearing sin will be incapable of using that emotion properly at the Second Coming. They'll fear him whom they should love: God. All the frightful events that Jesus mentions in connection with his Second Coming will be greeted with joy by those who seek him. © *Augustine Institute 2012/ 2015*

Sympathy & Prayers ...

To the family of Stephanie Chesonis who was buried from our parish on Monday, November 26. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



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Advent Penance Services

Monday, December 10, 7 pm, Saint Thomas More University Parish, Indiana

Wednesday, December 12, 7 pm, Church of the Resurrection, Clymer

Thursday, December 13, 7 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent

Saturday, December 15, 1 pm, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana

Monday, December 17, 7 pm, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Lucernemines

Tuesday, December 18, 7 pm, Saint Sylvester Parish, Slickville

Wednesday, December 19, 7 pm, Saints Simon & Jude Parish, Blairsville

Oplatki

Oplatki, the traditional Christmas Wafer is available at each worship site or in the parish office. Donation is \$3.00 per package.



Cleaning of the Worship Sites



Volunteers are welcomed to help clean either worship site. Thursday, December 6 at Coral and/or Wednesday, December 12 for the Lucernemines Site starting at 8:30 a.m. . BYOB (Bring your own bucket)! All volunteers must have clearances, please check with Connie Diven in the parish office at 724-479-9542, ext. 10 to make sure you are up to date.

March for Life

Please join the Indiana March for Life group as we travel by bus to Washington, D.C. on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v Wade* decision. We will petition Congress to protect the right to life of every born and pre-born human being. For bus reservations and/or further information, call Bill Ager at 724-465-4522. Deadline for bus reservations is January 10, 2019. Seating is limited! CALL NOW!

Share the Joy

Christmas will soon be here and that means it is time for the Share the Joy program. Our parish will once again be donating clothing, gifts and gift cards to needy children and adults in our community. Tags are available at the back of both sites. Select a tag and purchase the item. Wrap the gifts and attach the tag to the packages. Return to either site by Sunday, December 16. Questions can be directed to Patty Pavolko at 724-479-2290 or Terri Tedeschi at 724-459-8977. Thank you in advance for helping to make the holidays brighter for our neighbors in need.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Council 10960 / Knights of Columbus

The December meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19 in the church hall, Lucernemines Site with Rosary at 7:15 pm and business meeting at 7:30 pm.

Pathway House

The Pathway House is a local homeless shelter located on Main Street in Black Lick. When homeless people come there (individuals or families) they have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Sometimes all they need is a little help when they leave to get them started. During this holiday season The Christian Mothers are taking donations to help supply their needs. These items can be new or slightly used. Here is a short list of things that the residents are in need of when they are getting ready to leave the shelter: Cleaning products, paper towels, toilet paper, soaps, hand towels, bath towels, wash clothes, pillows, sheets blankets, silverware, glasses, dishes, pots and pans, brooms mops, and buckets. Collection boxes will be located at the Coral Hall and at in the basement of the church at the Lucerne site. Final collection will be on Sunday, December 9. Any questions please call Rosemary Perry at 724-915-8044 or Toni Manfredi at 724-248-9091. Donations can be taken directly to the Pathway House at any time during the year. Their phone number is 724-248-9555.

Koeze Nuts & Candy

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? The Christian Mothers have a few extra Koeze Nut and Candy items left. If interested in purchasing any, please call Jackie at 724-479-8885.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

Located in the Bi Lo Plaza on N. 4th St. (Indiana)

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10am—4pm;

Tues. 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am—3pm



Sweaters \$1

Faith Formation News

Classes

K-5 Faith Formation will meet on Sunday, December 2 from 9:30 am—11:15 am in Podowski Hall.

Mandatory Parent/Child Retreat

There will be a mandatory parent/child retreat on Monday, December 3 from 6 to 8 pm in Podowski Hall for children who receiving First Communion this year.

Come join the fun!!!

We will be having a Youth Group Pizza and Movie Night which is open to all grades 6-8 on Sunday, December 16 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Podowski Hall, Lucernemines Worship Site. Pre-register with your teacher on December 9 or by email to Michelle Dodge at mdodge@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Attention Faith Formation and Parish Families

Our 6th grade class is having a non-perishable food item collection for our local food bank to help people in need for the Christmas holiday. It is a project that they thought of to help people less fortunate and your help is greatly appreciated. Bins are located in both worship sites and also in Podowski Hall.

NOVEMBER 17/18/2018 OFFERTORY

Adult Offertory	\$5,581.00
Loose Offertory	\$205.00
Children's Offertory	\$0.00
Total Ordinary Income	\$5,786.00
Votive Candles	\$114.30
Maintenance	\$92.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$517.00
World Mission	\$10.00
Dio. Pov. Relief/CRS	\$366.00
Retired Religious	\$90.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
All Saints	\$63.00
Christmas	\$10.00
Thanksgiving	\$120.00
Catholic Accent	20.00
Cemetery	90.00

MASS INTENTIONS*For December 1-9, 2018*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 - Lucernemines
 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 3:30 pm Rosary for Peace
 Anticipated Mass-First Sunday of Advent
 4:00 pm Mass - +Deceased parents & family
 members (*Gary & Karen Welsh*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 - Coral
 First Sunday of Advent
 8:00 am - Pro Populo

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 - Lucernemines
 8:00 am - +Joseph L. & Nellie L. Arone
 (*Joseph & Brenda Arone*)
 & +Gil Braga (*Wife, Marcy Murray Braga*)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 4 - Coral
 8:00 am - +Alfred Tedeschi
 (*Tom & Terri Tedeschi*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - Lucernemines
 8:00 am - Connie Thomas
 (*Mike & Sherry Tedeschi*)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 - Coral
 8:00 am - +Cynthia J. Huntley (*Marion Mester*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 - NO MASS
 ~**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Lucernemines
 9:00 am - **FEAST OF THE
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - Coral
 Pro Populo
 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 3:30 pm Rosary for Peace
 Anticipated Mass-Second Sunday of Advent
 4:00 pm Mass - +Emma Diaz
 (*Cousins, Linda Baran & Joanne Appleton*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 - Coral
 Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00am - +John (Jack) Henry
 (*Nephew, Darrick Bertig*)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—DECEMBER 8/9, 2018

	Sat, Dec 8 4:00 pm - Lucerne	Sun, Dec 9 8:00 am - Coral
Altar Servers	Julieann A. Caleb P.	Jonah A. Keven P.
Lector	Brenda A.	Ann Marie E.
E.M.H.C.	Joseph A., Terry O. Patti R.	Patty G., George H., Mary Kay Y.
Ushers	Sam A., Tony A.	Cheryl W. & Ken W.