JANUARY 8, 2006: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

14 E WOOD ST. VERSASILLES OH 45380-1440

THE CALENDAR:

Monday, January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Mark 1:7-11

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sally Borchers 3:15-4:15 p.m. CCD (D) Grades 1-6 7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. (D)

Tuesday, January 10: First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Don Berger 6:00 p.m. D of I Christmas Party (D) 7:00 p.m. Finance Commission Meeting (D) 7:30 p.m. Bereavement Meeting (D)

Wednesday, January 11: First Week in Ordinary Time

I Samu el 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Florence Groff 6:50 p.m. CCD (D): Grades 7- 12 7:00-8:00 p.m. CCD (HF): Grades 1-12

8:00 p.m. Worship Commission Meeting (D)

Thursday, January 12: First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Audrey Hilgefort Exposition after Mass until Benediction (8:30 p.m.)

3:00-4:00; 7:00-8:00 Sacrament of Penance

Friday, January 13: First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D) 8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Gary Bey 12:00 Noon Prayer (HF)

Saturday, January 14: First Week in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17 3:45 – 4:45 Sacrament of Penance

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Ed and Margaret Pleiman

Sunday, January 15: Second Sunday

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20;

John 1:35-42

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners 9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Parishioners 11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners 8:00 – 12:00 Youth Breakfast (D) 1:00 p.m. Baptismal Session (D)

Sunday: Samuel listens to the Lord as he speaks (1 Samuel 3). The psalmist likewise accepts the Lord's invitation (Psalm 40). God has called us, not to immorality, but to join ourselves to Christ (1 Corinthians 6). Jesus invites the first disciples to his home (John 1).

WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES

Marriage Encounter, the weekend of **January 27-29**, can enhance your marriage. Please call 1-800-547-1251 Code 00. *Retrouvaille* (French for Rediscovery) can help you save your marriage. Please call 1-800-470-2230 for more information.

PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

The Archdiocese sponsors Project Rachel for healing after abortion. Call 937-492-4449 for more information.

BAPTISMS

Pre-baptismal program required (January 15 or May 7). Please call the office to egister. We schedule baptisms during Mass offers the Sacrament of (almost any Sunday) and after Mass (January 22, February 26 [last one until Easter]).

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS Jan. 14 & 15, 2006

5:00 p.m. Mass (D):

Ushers: Group 2; Lector: Don Brocious

Eucharist: Dave Huelskamp, Cheryl Huleskamp, Meghann Heft (P) Betty Jutte, Sharon Kramer, Diane Martino, Brittany McMaken, Ryan McMaken, Katie Mestemaker, Kim Murphy, Bonnie Phlipot (C)

Servers: Eric Huelskamp, Stephanie McMaken, and Brian Kramer

Gifts: Ralph & Cindy Dapore Family

8:00 a.m. Mass (D):

Ushers: Group 9; Lector: Bobbie Joe Mangen

Eucharist: Jerry Elsas, Diane Elsas, Rich Schwieterman (P) Justine Raterman, Joseph Schmitmeyer, Linda Schmitmeyer, Brian Schwieterman, Reyna Shardo, Lynette Stauffer, Mary Ann Gump, George Kuether (C)

Servers: Casey Rismiller, Joshua Paulus, and Ann Borchers

Gifts: Bob and Michelle Dircksen

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF):

Ushers: John Grilliot and Lewis May

Lector: Ken Hartke Eucharist: Melvin Stucke (P) Jeff

Wuebker and Deacon Jack (C)

Servers: Josh and Neil Didier and Alex Dirksen Gifts: Delbert and Janice Dirksen Family

11:00 a.m. Mass (D):

Ushers: Group 12 & 16; Lector: Ron Gehret

Eucharist: Erin Keiser, Matt Harman, Julie Schrader (P) Maria Goubeaux, Robert Goubeaux, Amanda Borchers, Katie Schrader, Jeff Keiser, Karen Keiser, Brian Griesdorn, Kristen Smith (C)

Servers: Jason Marchal, Matthew Stover, and Joe Gehret

Gifts: Pat Eilerman Family

VOCATION VIEWS

God's glory continues to shine in our world. You need to carry the light of Christ. Consider serving as a light for the world as an ordained minister.

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Limit the amount of alcohol you consume. **Mind:** Make one day a week a "no television" day. **Spirit:** Pray everyday.

EPIPHANY

Epiphany does not last very long this year; the Baptism of the Lord comes tomorrow. The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, however, carries over the theme of Epiphany. The Lord reveals himself to the Magi, at his baptism, and in calling his first disciples.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00 and from 7:00 to 8:00 (D) Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45 before the five o'clock Mass (D) Wednesdays at 8:00 on the first and fourth weeks (D) Wednesday of third weeks from 6:30 to 7:00 and at 8:00 (HF) Other times by appointment.

CCD NEWS

CCD resumes this week in both our parishes. Father now offers the Sacrament of Penance at both parishes in conjunction with our class schedules.

FATHER DAVE

I cannot keep track of all the volunteers we have in the parishes. If I would publish a list of volunteers to thank them, I would probably miss quite a few of them. For this reason we have started having an annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. I know we have people praying for us, giving service at Mass and in our various apostolates, activities and groups. Because you take part in theses in many ways, I hereby solemnly invite you and your family to our annual dinner on Sunday evening, January 29 at 5:00. Thanks to you, our volunteers, we have a parish.

DARKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

The annual bus trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life will leave Sunday, January 22 at 8:00 p.m. from St. Louis church in North Star. It costs \$75 for students and adults. For more information call 419-336-7724.

The Darke County Right to Life will hold a Fish Fry Saturday January 14 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Goat Farmers in Yorkshire.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Someone asked why we replaced, "This is the Word of the Lord," with "The Word of the Lord". We did it to draw attention to the proclamation of the Scriptures and to draw attention away from the book. The Word of the Lord comes to us in the act of proclaiming the word, not in the printed page. We felt the earlier translation drew attention to the book and away from the proclamation and did not reflect the official Latin text faithfully.

We say, "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" without adding "This is" to the formula, because the addition would tend to restrict the fullness of the Eucharist we share in communion. The bold proclamation calls us to the bold reality of the Eucharist.

SOUP AND SALAD

The pastor will host the next Soup and Salad on Wednesday, January 18, from 11:30 to 1:00. He invites all parishioners and including high school students. He says you can bring guests. Ruffles the clown will join us for an added treat.

HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY: SEXTON NEEDED

The sexton arranges for opening and closing graves, and brokers lots for burial. Contact the office at 526-4945.

STEWARDSHIP

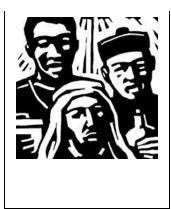
Using envelopes will challenge your stewardship. Those who used envelopes or checks for the Christmas collection gave on the average over five times more per person than those who gave anonymously. Last Sunday 224 people anonymously gave on the average \$4.83, while 273 envelopes averaged \$17.93. Using envelopes helps you pull your weight in the parish.

JOURNEY HOME

The next Journey Home will tonight at 7:00~p.m. in St. Denis church. Come join us for an hour of song and praise to God.

WELCOME

We extend our hands and hearts in fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents, newly arrived in the parish or not Catholic whether interested in the Catholic Church or not. If you have not registered, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the



COLLECTIONS Jan. 1, 2006

Holy Family:

Sunday: \$ 1026.25

St Denis:

Sunday: \$5977.34

????

Thank You

YOUTH MINISTRY /

Steubenville Youth Conference: We have booked extra spots for Steubenville. If you would like to go, you should turn in a \$30.00 down payment to Mike as soon as possible. We will find out if we got selected in the lottery sometime in the next two weeks.

Winter Pancake Breakfast: The youth ministry winter pancake breakfast will be next Sunday, January 15, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please come down for a great breakfast; support our youth ministry. Don't Stop: The next Don't Stop Steubenville Follow-up is tonight, 6:00 p.m., Russia High School. All high school students are invited. Christmas Programming: Thanks to all who participated with the youth choir on Christmas Eve and who put on a costume for the live nativities. We would like to especially thank Linda Meyer, Donna Kueterman, Donna Huelskamp and Jean Grieshop who helped coordinate. The nativities were a great success providing a visual image of the greatest gift of Christmas, the gift of Jesus in our hearts.

FORGIVENESS

We all need forgiveness. Others have hurt us and we, at times, have hurt others. Sometimes we find it hard to forgive because someone has hurt us deeply. I have asked Jean to offer a series on forgiveness. She will do this on the four Thursdays of January from 10:00 to 11:30 in the morning.

If someone has hurt you or if you find yourself angry over hurts that you have suffered, you may have to face the question of whether or not to forgive. This series will look at the meaning of forgiveness and the possibility of forgiveness with the help of a video presentation. Please call the office for more information.

MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Next breakfast meeting: January 21 at 7:00 a.m. at the Inn.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

St. Ann Sodality will have its Christmas party at Holy Family parish hall tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 p.m., the Daughters of Isabella will have a carry-in dinner with meat and table service furnished.

Canned goods and other staples will be collected for the Versailles Food Pantry at both parties.

JEAN'S CORNER

Grief Ministry Training: At present there are three more parishioners interested in joining the Bereavement Ministry. If interested in joining this ministry please come to the first training session on January 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Babysitter needed: A family with twins would like to have someone to baby sit in their home starting by end of January. Contact Jean for further information.

Blood Pressure Screening: Blood pressure screening will be available after all the Masses this weekend. Stop down in the basement at St. Denis and in the Rectory at Holy Family. Know your numbers.