

FEBRUARY 12, 2006: SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE CALENDAR:

Monday, February 13: Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Mary & Urban Berger Family
 12:00 Noon Prayer Hour (HF)
 3:15-4:15 p.m. CCD (D) Grades 1-6
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (D)

Tuesday, February 14: Sts. Cyril and Methodius

James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Gasson/Dapore Families
 7:00 p.m. Finance Commission Meeting (D)
 7:30 p.m. D of I Meeting (D)
 7:30 p.m. Bereavement Meeting (D)

Wednesday, February 15: Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Helen and Ernst Platfoot
 11:30 a.m. Soup and Salad (D)
 6:50 p.m. CCD (D): Grades 7-12;
 7:00-8:00 p.m. CCD (HF): Grades 1-12; Sac. of Pen. 6:30 & 8:00

Thursday, February 16: Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Juanita and Ken Booher
 Exposition after Mass until Benediction (8:30 p.m.)
 3:00-4:00; 7:00-8:00 Sacrament of Penance

Friday, February 17: Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-9:1

6:30 a.m. **No Communion Service (D)** No School today
 8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Elsie Grillot

Saturday, February 18: Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13

3:45 - 4:45 Sacrament of Penance
 5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Raymond Berger Sr. Family

Sunday, February 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners
 8:00-12:30 Annual Mission Breakfast (Fr Mangan) at KC Hall
 5:00 p.m. Appreciation Dinner (at St Denis Church basement)

Sunday: The Lord promises to remember our sins no more (Isaiah 43). We pray for healing (Psalm 41). God keeps all his promises in Christ (2 Corinthians 1). Jesus boldly forgives sins (Mark 2:1-12).

WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES

Marriage Encounter, the weekend of **February 17-19**, 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.

BAPTISM

Next pre-baptismal program: Sunday, March 12, 1:00 to 3:00 for expectant parents and parents of newborns.

Baptisms: (at Mass) almost any weekend; (after Mass): February 26. We do not ordinarily schedule them during Lent.

Dominic Ethan Meyer was baptized and welcomed into the church last week.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS February 18 & 19, 2006

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

Ushers: Group 3; *Lector:* Robert Paulus
Eucharist: Beth Schwieterman, Leroy Cordonnier, Cheri Subler (P) Brian Schwieterman, Diane Martino, Bryant Ahrens, Ben Dapore, Shirley McMaken, Ryan McMaken, Eric Batty, Cody Bruns (C)

Servers: Marisa Coons, Stephanie McMaken, Kelsey Schlater

Gifts: Dave & Cheryl Huelskamp Family

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

Ushers: Group 9; *Lector:* Ron Stauffer
Eucharist: Joe Schmittmeyer, Linda Schmittmeyer, Mike McClurg (P) Jeff Keiser, Lynette Stauffer, Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer, Karen Keiser, Paul Meyer, Mary Jean Meyer, Dale Meier (C) *Servers:* Chad Knapke, Matt Knapke, Tyler Knapke; **Gifts: Bob and Michelle Dirksen**

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

Ushers: Alan Stammen and William Baltes
Lector: Dena Wuebker *Eucharist:* Marie Heitkamp (P) Doris and Joyce Kremer (C); *Servers:* Mindy Heitkamp and Josh and Neil Didier

Gifts: Paul and Marsha Nieport

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

Ushers: Group 13 & 14; *Lector:* Julie McDeldowney
Eucharist: Curt Gubeaux, Ted Schmittmeyer, Reyna Shardo (P) Doris Gubeaux, Matt Harman, Michael Schmittmeyer, Kristen Smith, Katie Schrader, Marvin Luthman (C); *Servers:* Dan Schrader, Danielle Condon, Jason Marchal

Gifts: Kevin Grilliot Family

VOCATION VIEWS

God has done great things for you. Spread the good news. Consider a church vocation.

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: If you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated. Drink 6-8 glasses of water daily. **Mind:** Try to have a positive attitude. **Spirit:** Be truthful.

CONFIRMATION

The second of six programs to prepare our ninth graders for Confirmation will take place at 6:00 p.m. tonight in St Denis church basement.

CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH

We have had a good response to the campaign for the *Catholic Telegraph*. Please use the special envelope to help defray our costs. The Archbishop uses the *Catholic Telegraph* to give out official information.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning offers an effective and moral way to plan for pregnancy or postpone pregnancy. Call 526-3305 or 492-3761 for more information.

REST IN PEACE

Marie Grogan and Dorothy Mumaw received Christian burial here two weeks ago. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

D OF I MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. in Church basement.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday comes on March 1. Please bring your blessed palm to church by February 19 so that we can prepare the ashes for the first day of Lent.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Please call Versailles Elementary School at 526-4681 to register your child for kindergarten. Do this by March 17.

FATHER DAVE

I try not to fall for Internet hoaxes. I even try not to fall for hoaxes of Internet hoaxes. I did, however, come upon an email recently that I want to pass on to you. It concerned a scam where the caller tries to get you to reveal the three-digit security code on the back of your charge card. The caller claims to call from your credit card company. Do not ever reveal this code or any part of your credit card number to anyone who calls you. The credit card companies will never ask for this information since they have it already. Anybody who calls you and asks for credit card numbers has a scam going. If you initiate a call, then you can probably give out the numbers, but not to someone who calls you.

LENT

The Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults, also called the RCIA, shows us the true meaning and discipline of Lent. Lent deals with baptism, the preparation for baptism and the preparation for the renewal of baptism. Lent concerns repentance for sin. The catechumens, the non-baptized, repent as they prepare to receive baptism. The baptized repent as they prepare to celebrate the anniversary of their baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The RCIA has three elements. It gives information about the Church. It helps form the participants into the Catholic-Christian way of life. It brings people into the community of the Church.

On March 5, the Archbishop will enroll our catechumens in to the ranks of the Elect, those chosen by God for the three sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. We shall send them off to this ceremony at the 5:00 Mass on March 4. On March 18 and 25 and on April 1, we shall celebrate the Scrutinies for the Elect at the 5:00 Mass. On Monday evenings, March 20 and April 3, we shall present them with the Creed and Our Father at Mass.

JOURNEY HOME

Journey Home, a monthly time for song and praise, will take place tonight at St Denis Church from 7:00 to 8:00.

VOCATION INFORMATION

Juniors, Seniors and College age men: Try a typical day at college with seminarians. Go to classes, meals, swimming and recreation. On Presidents' Day, February 20, the Josephinum College Seminary will host a "College Day" for young men who are interested in knowing more about seminary life. There is no charge. For more, go to www.cincinnati vocations.org.

The Precious Blood Sisters invite women 18-45 to "Listening for the Lord's Voice, a Lenten Retreat" March 3-5 at Maria Stein Center. E-mail Sister Carolyn Hoying at cpps vocation@salem heights.com.

The Franciscan Sisters invite women over 18 to *Journey with the Oldenburg Franciscans* March 4-5 at the convent in Oldenburg, IN. For more information e-mail joann@oldenburgosf.com.

SOUP AND SALAD

Come to Soup and Salad this Wednesday at 11:30 in the basement at St Denis. The pastor provides the soup and you bring something for a "salad".

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 office.

Name: _____ Address: _____
ZIP: _____ Phone: _____



COLLECTION Feb. 5, 2006

Holy Family (need \$1500):

Loose (29) \$ 173.00
Envelopes (34) \$ 462.00
Total: \$ 635.00
Catholic Telegraph \$ 110.00

St Denis (need \$6500):

Loose (203) \$ 976.64
Envelopes (197) \$ 2670.00
Total: \$ 3646.64
Catholic Telegraph \$ 296.00

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Midnight Madness Snow Skiing: We will go midnight madness snow skiing on Sunday night February 19 to Monday morning, February 20 (Presidents Day). Flyers and forms are available at the church exits or at the youth office.

Junior High Retreat: R.O.C.K.S. is the theme of the Junior High Retreat, which will be February 25-26. Interested seventh and eighth grade students can pick up forms and flyers at the church exits or at Youth Group or CCD. The cost is \$20.00 per person and should be turned in with a signed consent form to the youth office by Wednesday, February 22. Forms and money can also be turned in at Youth Group or CCD on Wednesday nights.

Steubenville Youth Conference: We have filled all 102 spots for Steubenville but I have requested 15 more. If you want to go, please get your \$30.00 down payment in as soon as possible and we will try to get a reservation for everyone.

Next Subs for Lunch: Monday, February 27.

LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY

Would you like to learn more about sacred scripture, doctrine and theology? The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program can help you. To learn more about this program, call 937-277-0116. The Maria Stein Center will explain the program March 5 at 1:00 and March 9 at 7:00. The Sidney archdiocesan office will explain it March 8 at 7:00.

GOOD READING

You can get *Parish Life*, *The Catechist's Connection* and *The Reflecting Community* free at www.celebrationseries.org. Click the Parishioner-Participant Email Registration button and use our code 511599. You will receive them via e-mail every month. If you cannot get on the Internet, we shall have printed copies each month.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

If you will celebrate fifty, sixty, seventy or seventy-years of marriage this year, please call us at 526-4945 this week.

JEAN'S CORNER

Spiritual Renewal Program: We shall offer "New Beginnings" in the fall for a parish renewal program. An opportunity to view the Introduction to New Beginnings will take place in the basement of St Denis Church at 7:30, Tuesday, February 21. In addition to those who have already agreed to view it, we welcome all others who may have an interest to view the introduction also.

Journeying through the Season of Grief: This program offers support and guidance for adults grieving the death of loved ones. It has six weekly sessions with presentations and group sharing. Winnie Kemper of Troy will present these sessions on Tuesday evenings February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 in the church basement. Call Jean at the office (526-4945) to register.

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CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Our candidates for Confirmation in the ninth grade have started to learn more about the Holy Spirit's working in their lives. They now ask your prayers. If you did not take an envelope last Sunday, you can take one after Mass today. Each envelope contains a picture and a brief biographical sketch of a candidate and a letter explaining the program. Each parish has candidates from both parishes.

Courtney Barlage, Scott Bensman, Tyler Bey, Brian Bohman, Ann Borchers, Christine Borchers, Samantha Borchers, Danielle Condon, Aaron Coons, Kelsey DeMange, Matthew DeMange, Dylan Didier, Josh Didier, Kreg Echman, Nick Eilerman, Jacqueline Francis, Jason Francis, Emily Frey, Mindy Heitkamp, Mindy Henry, Taylor Hutchinson, Matthew Knapke, Stephanie Kramer, Charles Krueger, Joshua Langston, Ryan Langston, Olivia Liette, Mackenzie Mayer, Brittany McMaken, Lindsey Melling, Jacob Monnin, Betsy Moorman, Jonathan Murphy, Clayton Nieport, Jesse Paulus, Alex Pohlman, Mary Prakel, Brittany Reed, Jon Richard, Ryan Rose, Stephen Ruhe, Joshua Schellhase, Nicole Schlater, Kristen Schulte, Kelly Schwieterman, Karen Smith, Lyndsay Stucke, Brad Subler,

Elizabeth Subler, Jennifer Subler, Kristopher Subler, Michael Treon, Brian Voisard, Shelby Wakefield and Aaron York will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this April 20.

"SNOW" DAYS

When school closes because of weather, we cancel all meetings except Mass.

LENTEN-EASTER SCHEDULE, 2006

Ash Wednesday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Fr Dave will try to visit our shut-ins to bring them communion and ashes.

RCIA:

March 4, at 5:00 Mass: Rite of sending the Catechumens to the Bishop.

March 5: Enrolment with the Bishop at Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton.

Monday, March 13: Penance Service at 7:30 p.m.

March 18, at 5:00 Mass: First Scrutiny (A cycle of readings)

Monday, March 20: Mass at 7:00 p.m. (Creed)

March 25, at 5:00 Mass: Second Scrutiny (A cycle)

April 1, at 5:00 Mass: Third Scrutiny (A cycle)

Monday, April 3: Mass at 7:00 p.m. (Our Father)

Holy Saturday, April 15, 1:00-3:00 Retreat for the Elect and their sponsors and the rest of the community.

EASTER VIGIL: MASS AT 9:00 (April 15)

Repentance:

We have not finished scheduling the Sacrament of Penance for Lent. The Sacrament of Penance should play a major part in helping us celebrate the spirit of Lent.

Thursdays: 3:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 8:00

Wednesdays in conjunction with CCD:

First and fourth Wednesdays: 8:00

Third Wednesday: 6:30-7:00 and 8:00 (HF)

Saturdays: 3:45-4:45 before Mass

Other times: pending

Eucharist:

Daily Mass: 8:00 (with some exceptions)

Weekday Communion services (not on Ash Wednesday):
before school at 6:30 a.m.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

This year during Lent we will again be having intercessory prayer for youth. Envelopes can be picked up at the church exits beginning Ash Wednesday. Each envelope will contain five names of various students in grades 7-12. Follow the guidelines in the envelope. This is an opportunity for us to strive to grow in our commitment to intercede for others. Thanks so much for all who have participated in this program the past five years. Your prayers have made a tremendous difference in the lives of the youth of St. Denis and Holy Family parishes.

FAITH SHARING

Jean will host sessions for faith sharing on the Mondays of Lent from March 6 through April 10. She will have two sessions each day, one from 10:00 to 11:30 and one from 7:00 to 8:30 in the church basement at St Denis. She will discuss the question, "How can I better follow in Jesus' footsteps as we explore Jesus' passion, death and resurrection through the way of the cross. Please call Jean to sign up.

MISSION BREAKFAST

The annual Mission Breakfast sponsored by the Russia and Versailles K of C will be held from 8:00 to 12:30 p.m. next weekend at the Versailles K of C Hall.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' FOOD BANK

We invite all to donate to the area food pantry at the Christian Church. Items needed at this time are meat products, crackers, soap, diapers and toilet paper. Please do not give corn, peas or beans, as they have an over abundance of them.

ANSWER THE CALL

The Catholic Men's Conference "Answer the Call" will be held on Saturday, March 4 at the Cincinnati Music Hall. Pick up a flyer at the entrances to our church for more information.

PARISH RECOGNITION DINNER

We invite all of you to our third parish recognition dinner next Sunday at 5:00 in the basement of St Denis Church. The Grandmas and Grandpas will entertain us. If you failed to turn in a reservation, you may call the office by noon tomorrow.

BLESSINGS

The Church revised her ritual for blessing in 1985. The former Ritual included the ceremonies for all the sacraments as well as blessings for many other occasions. The Ritual, called in English *The Book of Blessings*, has only blessings since the Church published the rites for the sacraments in separate volumes. The former Ritual did not have readings from the Sacred Scriptures in them; the new one makes good use of the Sacred Scriptures.

Both rituals have blessings for women before childbirth. The older one had a blessing of a woman in labor; the present one has a blessing during pregnancy. The ritual sees this new form as something done within the family on an individual basis or in something of a hospital for more than one woman. The former had a blessing after childbirth, the present one has that blessing incorporated into the liturgy of baptism.

I offer the blessing before childbirth to any woman who asks for it. I should do it in the presence of her family at a time we can schedule it.

WHY A PARISH-NURSE PROGRAM

When I first came here from Springfield in 2001, I knew of the work of parish nurses. I wanted the same service for our people in Darke County.

I know from the Sacred Scriptures that Jesus went about healing bodies as well as spirits. Our reading this weekend from Mark 1:40-45 shows us Jesus healing someone of leprosy. Last week we heard how he healed a woman of fever.

I know from the sacraments that the Church wants healing of body, mind and spirit. In the Sacrament of the Sick we pray for healing of body as well as for healing from sin.

I know from the prayers at Mass, the Opening Prayer and the Prayer after Communion especially, that we pray for health of mind and body.

As we pray, we cannot expect God to bring healing if we do nothing to live in a healthy manner. As we pray to God, we also make use of the medical profession. If for no other reason than to remind us to take care of our bodies as the Temple of the Holy Spirit, we can use the services of a parish nurse. We have more reasons than this as I shall try to show below.

I know at times of catastrophic illness, families often need someone to interpret the medical information given by doctors and nurses to the family. Someone on staff who could ask the right questions for the family would prove very valuable.

At times of death, especially sudden death, a family may need a friendly medical person as well as a priest.

Often people who bring communion to the shut-ins do not notice deterioration in the physical health of the people whom they visit. At times they may not know how to interpret what they see. A parish nurse or medical person knows what to look for and can interpret what she sees and make recommendations. While a nurse cannot diagnose, she can report to a physician what she sees and suggest to the parishioner that he or she get medical attention.

Casual blood pressure screenings have often alerted a healthy person to something unhealthy going on inside. When we have a blood pressure program we often catch the unhealthy trend before it takes over the whole person. Our blood pressure program has often referred people to medical attention for high blood pressure.

We have a mandate from God to care for our bodily health as well as our spiritual health. If we do not care for our health we shall find ourselves unable to do the work God calls us to do. The parish nurse can help us have better health and so serve God and the Church better.

Times change and personnel change. We now have a person on staff with forty years of medical experience. I rely on her to coordinate the many things that tend to fall under the broad title of health. Of necessity these tend to embrace the spiritual and sacramental side of life. This happens because the life of our soul and spirit has a direct link to the life of our bodies. We live in this world with both a body and a soul. We shall enjoy heaven with both a body and a soul. The spiritual person needs the physical person.

Because of the close and necessary connection between body, spirit and soul, I wanted to have someone on staff specifically charged with working with parishioners in their struggles for healthy living. With Cindy Henderson and Jean Grieshop we have fulfilled my hope in this regard.

-- Fr Dave

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next Men's Christian Fellowship Breakfast will be at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 18 at The Inn at Versailles.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

We observe two days as obligatory fast days, and a third when we recommend fasting. Fasting means we cut down on the amount of food we eat. The Church does not prescribe how we fast in detail. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Holy Saturday (recommended)

We observe abstinence of Ash Wednesdays and Fridays. Abstinence means not eating meat.

On each Friday throughout the year if we make the day a special day of charity and penance we may eat meat.

On Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday we must abstain from meat. Our bishops explain that this obliges those over the age of 14 substantially. This means that it admits of some exceptions.

Exceptions include the following:

Your host serves meat, not knowing the day or the rules for Catholics. Eat the meat.

You order meat in a restaurant. Eat the meat rather than waste it.

You eat in a cafeteria with only meat dishes offered, such as at school. Eat the meat.