

MARCH 5, 2006: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

THE CALENDAR:

Monday, March 6: Lenten Weekday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Herman Meyer
10:00 & 7:00 Sharing our Faith
3:15-4:15 p.m. CCD (D) Grades 1-6
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (D)

Tuesday, March 7: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Karla Borges
7:00-9:00 Seasons of Grief (D)
7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council & Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 8: Lenten Weekday

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Barbara Bernhold
6:50 p.m. CCD (D): Grades 7-12;
7:00-8:00 p.m. CCD (HF): Grades 1-12

Thursday, March 9: Lenten Weekday

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Herman Hoying
Exposition after Mass until Benediction (8:30 p.m.)
3:00-4:00; 7:00-8:00 Sacrament of Penance

Friday, March 10: Lenten Weekday (Day of Abstinence)

Ezra 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Don Rismiller

Saturday, March 11: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

9:00 a.m. Bundle Day for St Vincent de Paul (at HF)
3:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance
5:00 p.m. Mass (D): John and Juanita Henry

Sunday, March 12: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners
1:00 p.m. Baptismal Program (D)
7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship (D)

Sunday: Abraham loves God enough to sacrifice his only son to him (Genesis 22:1-18). The Lord's servant will walk in the land of the living (Psalm 116). God did not spare his Son for us (Romans 8:31b-34). Elijah and Moses speak with Jesus in his glory (Mark 9:2-10).

WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES

Marriage Encounter, the weekend of **March 31-April 2**, can enhance your marriage. Please call 1-800-547-1251 Code 00.

Retrouaille (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 & parents of newborns. Call the office to register.

Welcome to Kailey Ann Jenkinson, baptized here last Sunday.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS March 11 & 12, 2006

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

Ushers: Group 2; *Lector:* Mike Rose

Eucharist: Sandy Pierron, Shirley McMaken, Cheri Subler (P) Therese Pohlman, Becky Schwieterman, Diane Martino, Dan Subler, Beth Schwieterman, Katie Mestemaker, Brittany McMaken, Tim Subler (C); *Servers:* Laura Subler, Marisa Coons, Brooke Pierron

Gifts: Dave and Cheryl Huelskamp

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

Ushers: Group 7; *Lector:* Elaine Bohman

Eucharist: Sharon Pepiot, Reyna Shardo, Lynette Stauffer (P) Betty Poly, Justine Raterman, Joe Schmitmeyer, Linda Schmitmeyer, Linda Schmitmeyer, Mary Jean Meyer, Joanna Puthoff, Dan Saintignon, Paul Meyer (C); *Servers:* Matt Knapke, Tyler Knapke, Chad Knapke

Gifts: Jim and Mary Lou Nerderman

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

Ushers: Bill Goettemoeller and Eugene Kramer

Lector: Louise Grilliot *Eucharist:* Mary Ann Stucke (P) Jamie Stucke and Deacon Jack (C); *Servers:* Craig and Jason Bergman and Rick Mayo

Gifts: Ken and Mary Hartke

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

Ushers: Group 12 & 16 *Lector:* Robert Goubeaux

Eucharist: John Fischer, Doris Goubeaux, Krista Harman (P) Maria Goubeaux, Michael Schmitmeyer, Matt Schmitmeyer, Ted Schmitmeyer, Matt Harman, Abbey Schlater, Lori Griesdorn, Katie Schrader (C) *Servers:* Jason Marchal, Danielle Condon, Dan Schrader

Gifts: Jeff and Kathy Walters Family

VOCATION VIEWS

The Lenten season reminds us of God's everlasting covenant with us. Believe in the Good News!

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Stretch you muscles after every workout. **Mind:** Share you feelings with a friend. **Spirit:** Sacrifice for a cause you believe in.

PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee will meet together Tuesday. They will work on the budgets of the parishes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood Pressure Screening: after all the Masses this weekend, in the basement at St. Denis and in the rectory at Holy Family.

Lions Club Breakfast: today, 8:30-12:30 (church basement)

Health Care Center Open House: today, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church Spaghetti Dinner: next Sunday, 11:00-1:00 p.m. in their church basement.

Bundle Sunday: The St. Vincent DePaul truck will be at Holy Family parish hall from 9:00-6:00 p.m. next Saturday and Sunday to collect clean usable clothing, linens and kitchenware. Please bag or box items.

TRAINING FOR SERVERS, LECTORS AND DISTRIBUTORS

We have scheduled training programs for Servers, Lectors and Distributors for Saturday, March 18.

Servers: 9:00 to 11:00 in St Denis Church

Lectors: 11:00 to 1:00 in St Denis Church

Distributors: 1:00 to 3:00 in St Denis Church

If you cannot make training on March 18, please contact Fr Dave to schedule another time.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our next program to prepare our ninth graders for Confirmation will take place tonight at 6:00 p.m. at St Denis.

FATHER DAVE and LENT

Physical fasting or giving up a bodily pleasure often creates a psychological hunger. This psychological hunger seeks satisfaction, often by making life harder for other people. This means that we tend to compensate for a physical hunger by filling a psychological void. When this happens we make other people suffer or put up with us. How we treat others has a greater importance than what food or pleasure we give up. We should use Lent to make life easier for others. We should make others feast because of our fast.

Fasting, eating less food, obliges those 18 to 59 on Good Friday. We recommend it also for Holy Saturday.

Abstaining from meat obliges all over 14 on the Fridays of Lent and on the fast days.

If your host graciously offers you meat, or have no choice, or if you order it by mistake, eat it gratefully.

LITURGY

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA for short, calls us into Lent. It also guides us to understand Lent. It calls us all to renewal and conversion from sin. It tells us to look to the Easter Vigil and its emphasis on baptism as the true character of Lent.

At the Vigil we baptize those Chosen for Baptism and renew the baptismal commitment of the rest of us. Only the last days of Lent have any emphasis on the passion of the Lord. Lent ends at supper on Holy Thursday. From supper on we celebrate the Three Days of the Paschal Mystery that comes to a climax on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil.

The RCIA guides us this Lent. Today we send our catechumens to the Bishop who will rename them the Elect, those chosen for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. We send our candidates for full union with the Catholic Church to him and he will approve of their admission at the Easter Vigil. The RCIA challenges us to welcome newcomers and to imitate their examples of repentance and commitment.

INEXPENSIVE THINGS FOR LENT

Celebrate daily the Eucharist with us more during Lent. We have daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. most of the time. We have daily communion services before school at 6:30 a.m.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance during Lent.

Share your Faith with Jean on the Mondays of Lent at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Use the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary on Sundays.

FIRST ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL FUND

Our annual Lenten fund drive for the archdiocese has several new elements. It asks for less money. It does not help fund the archdiocesan offices. It focuses on services.

It continues to provide for retired diocesan priests, Catholic Social Services, Education of priests and lay pastoral ministers and students attending St Rita School for the Deaf. It also helps us support the Catholic Home Missions and scholarships to The Catholic University of America.

We have a goal for Holy Family of \$3,600 dollars and one of \$16,000 for St Denis.

WELCOME

We welcome all 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 or if you have changed your address, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.

Name: _____ Address: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____



Noah and the Flood

COLLECTION Feb. 26, 2006

Holy Family (need \$1500):

Loose (43) \$ 240.10

Envelopes (38) \$ 691.00

Total: \$ 931.10

Catholic Telegraph \$ 22.00

St Denis (need \$6500):

Loose (201) \$ 814.30

Envelopes (207) \$ 2663.35

Total: \$ 3477.65

Catholic Telegraph \$ 88.00

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Intercessory Prayer for Youth: This year during Lent we will again have intercessory prayer for youth. You can pick up envelopes at the exits of church Ash Wednesday and next Sunday. Each envelope contains the names of five students, chosen at random, from grades 7 through 12. Follow the guidelines in the envelope. Your prayers, your example and your teaching help our teenager very much. Thank you for supporting them.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Tickets: We have begun selling BBQ chicken dinner tickets for Sunday, March 19. Contact Mike or participating youth to purchase tickets. They are \$5.00 per dinner.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: There will be a weekend Life in the Spirit Seminar at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein on March 24-26. All high school students are welcome to attend. Forms and flyers are available at the youth office.

Cincinnati 2000 Youth Conference: This Eucharistic centered conference is on the weekend of March 24-26. This is a collaborative effort of various parishes across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Detailed information can be picked up at the youth office in the rectory. All high school age youth are welcome to attend.

READING FOR LENT

If you can get on the Internet you can get good reading material at www.celebrationseries.org. Click the Parishioner-Participant button and use our code 511599. You will receive them via e-mail.

JOURNEY HOME

Jill Swallow will speak at "Journey Home" next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Denis. She will tell the story of her call to follow Christ as a consecrated woman at Mater Ecclesiae. She will sing a song from a CD she has made. You can get her CD's by calling 526-5528. Join in giving glory and praise to God next Sunday at 7:00.

FAITH SHARING

Jean will host sessions for faith sharing on the Mondays of Lent from March 6 through April 10, one at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and one from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church basement at St Denis. Discussion will be on, "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.

JEAN'S CORNER

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.

Welcoming Committee Meeting: Friday, March 10, 11:00 a.m. in church basement