

MARCH 18, 2007: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, March 18: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 19: St. Joseph

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy

8:00 a.m. **No Mass (D):** Communion Liturgy

3:13-4:15 CCD (D) grades 1-6

7:00 p.m. RCIA (D):

Tuesday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Harold and Mary Bey

7:00 p.m. Musicians Meeting (D)

Wednesday, March 21: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy

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

Bible Study: 1:00-2:00 & 7:00-8:00 (D) Rectory

7:00-8:00 CCD (D) grades 7-12; (HF) 1-12

7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Service (Methodist Church)

Thursday, March 22: Lenten Weekday

Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy

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

No Exposition today

3:00-4:00 Sacrament of Penance

7:00 p.m. Penance Service with eight priests (D)

Friday, March 23: Lenten Weekday (Day of Abstinence)

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy

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

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

3:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance

9:00-6:00 Bundle Day (St. Vincent DePaul) (HF)

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

Sunday, March 25: Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

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

9:00-6:00 Bundle Day (St. Vincent DePaul) (HF)

11:00-1:00 BBQ Chicken Dinners (garage)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Session #5

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Cycle C)

The Lord destroys sin, our enemy (Isaiah 43:16-21). The Lord continues to do great things (Psalm 126). Consider everything a loss unless you know the Lord Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14). The Lord Jesus does not condemn the woman taken in adultery (John 8:1-11).

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Cycle A)

The Lord promises to open our graves for resurrection (Ezekiel 37:12-14). The Lord continues to show us his mercy (Psalm 130). We can only please God if we have the Spirit of Jesus in us Romans 8:8-11). The Lord Jesus raises Lazarus to life (John 11:1-45).

PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

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

BAPTISM

The next pre-baptismal program for new or expectant parents will take place on June 10, at 1:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS March 24 & 25, 2007

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday (Deacon Jack) (Cycle A readings)

Ushers: Group 1; *Lector:* Michael Rose

Eucharist: Judy Pierron, Therese Pohlman, Brian Schwieterman (P)

Ryan Rose, Sandy Pierron, Beth Schwieterman, Becky Schwieterman,

Cheri Subler, Dan Subler, Tim Subler, (C)

Servers: Jessica Barga, Katie Schwieterman, Laura Subler

Gifts: Pat Eilerman Family

8:00 a.m. (D): Sunday (Cycle C for the readings)

Ushers: Group 8 *Lector:* Jane Pierron

Eucharist: Jim Nerderman, Mary Lou Nerderman, Joanna Puthoff (P)

Michael Liette, Sharon Pepiot, Justine Raterman, Dan Saintignon, Reyna

Shardo, Ron Stauffer, Linda Schmitmeyer, Joe Schmitmeyer (C);

Servers: Eric Huelskamp, Ann Borchers, Tom Borchers

Gifts: Steve Puthoff Family

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): (Cycle C for the readings)

Ushers: Rick Heitkamp and Mike Kramer *Lector:* Louise Grilliot

Eucharist: John Grilliot (P) Ken Hartke and Mary Hartke (C); *Servers:*

Alex Dirksen, Mindy Heitkamp and Luke Kremer

Gifts: Brad and Penny Henry Family

Cleaning: Irene Broering, Mary Hartke, Barb Heckman

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): (Cycle C for the readings)

Ushers: Group 15; *Lector:* Lori Griesdorn

Eucharist: Mary Prakes, Abbey Schlater, Marlene Schmitmeyer (P)

Kristen Phlipot, Matt Schmitmeyer, Ted Schmitmeyer, John Schmitmeyer,

Jennifer Treon, Michael Schmitmeyer, Katie Schrader, Kristen Schulte

Servers: Kelsey Treon, Margaret Prakes, Samuel Prakes

Gifts: Mike and Christy Prakes Family

SERVICE HELP DURING HOLY WEEK

If you can serve as Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Acolyte during the services of Holy Week, please call the office.

Holy Thursday (5:30 and 7:30): 1 lector, 12 distributors, 4 servers

Good Friday (1:30 and 7:30): 1 Lector, 1 distributor, 4 servers

Holy Saturday 8:00: 8 lectors, 12 distributors, 4 servers

VOCATION VIEWS

God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: To strengthen your chest, shoulders, and arms, do a set of push-ups 3 times a week. **Mind:** Make a list of solutions to a challenge in your life. **Spirit:** Volunteer your time to those less fortunate.

WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES

Marriage Encounter, the weekend of March 23-24, 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.

RCIA & BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

Father Dave will conduct two Bible Studies during Lent on Wednesdays: 1:00 to 2:00 and 7:00 to 8:00 in the rectory.

RCIA: Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

CONGRATULATIONS, BASKETBALL TEAMS

A large number of you have come to the communion liturgies before school. I appreciate this. If your Lenten resolution had you playing to your best to praise God who has given you talent, you have done well. Although I cannot come to many games, I have followed your trail and approve of your accomplishments.

We still have communion liturgies until Wednesday of Holy Week. Come and join us.

Some have noticed that I no longer mention St Denis in the Eucharistic Prayer. The prayer allows us to mention the patron saint of the place, but, after having considered the matter more fully, I have decided not to do this. I have done so for this reason. Although we have two parishes here, nevertheless parishioners of each use the church of the other parish. By omitting the name, I hope to make all who come to Mass in either parish feel more welcome wherever they celebrate Mass. In this way, each of our parishes has four Masses on the weekend, three in one location and one in another.

LENT AND PENANCE

I thank all who came to Church this past Thursday to pass on to those Chosen for baptism the creed, the ancient symbol of our faith. I hope you can come to Mass March 29 when we pass on to them the Lord's Prayer.

Lent calls us to conversion. Thursday we have a Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. with eight priests to give individual absolution from your sins. St Mary's in Greenville has one Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00. Please plan to attend with your families.

PENANCE SERVICES AND EVENING MASSES

We have the sacrament of penance scheduled at 7:00 this Thursday with eight priests helping at the service. Please join us.

On Thursday, March 29, at 7:00, we shall present the Our Father, to those preparing for baptism. Please join us.

FOOD, EATING, MEALS

Community Suppers: Wednesdays at 5:30 (Lutheran Church);
Friday, March 30: Fish Fry (St. Teresa Church) 4:00-7:00;
BBQ Chicken (Take-out) March 25 11:00 to 1:00: garage (D);
Soup and Salad (D): (Lenten Bean Soup) 11:30, March 28;
Sausage and Pancake Breakfast: April 1, 8:30-12:30 (HF)

2007 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL FUND

Holy Family has had eighteen percent of the people give 37% towards our goal of \$3,300. St Denis has had eighteen percent give 77% toward our goal of \$16,000. All gifts, even small ones, help.

ST. ANN & D OF I NOTICES

The St. Ann Sodality will meet Tuesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the parish hall. Spring cleaning of Holy Family church will take place on Wednesday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. Bake Sale (3 items each) during the annual Youth Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 1.

D of I dues (\$8.50) can be paid care of Irene Broering at 12631 Conover Rd., Versailles, OH 45380-9450.

ST VINCENT DEPAUL COLLECTION

The Sixth Grade classes of Holy Family and St. Denis CCD are sponsoring a collection for St. Vincent DePaul. The trailer will be parked at Holy Family Hall from 9:00 to 6:00 p.m. March 24 and 25. Please bring clean used clothing, baby equipment and small household goods. For more information call 419-582-3302.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Good Friday: Upkeep of sacred places in the Holy Land.

Kristen Schlarman Benefit: March 24, 7:00 p.m. Osgood Legion. Call 526-9744 for more information.

WELCOME

We welcome all here, whether longtime residents or newly-arrived, whether Catholic or not, whether interested in the Catholic Church or not. If you have a comment or would like to register or give a change of address, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.

Name: _____ Address: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____



We must rejoice because your brother was dead and has come to life again. Luke 15:32

COLLECTION March 11, 2007

Holy Family

Loose (29)	\$ 203.01
Envelopes (43)	\$ 639.00
Total	\$ 842.01
AAF (5) [44%]	\$ 230.00

St Denis

Loose (215)	\$ 1045.57
Envelopes (215)	\$ 3231.00
Total	\$ 4276.57
AAF (30) [92%]	\$ 2500.00

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MANY THANKS

YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior High Retreat: The Junior High Retreat has been re-scheduled for Friday, March 30 overnight to Saturday morning. All junior high students are welcome to attend. Forms and flyers are available at the church exits or from Mike at the youth office at 526-4945 or at mikem@stdenishf.org. If you have already registered we will change the date on the form. If you cannot attend the new date and have registered, your money will be refunded

BBQ Chicken Dinners: Both junior and senior high youth have BBQ chicken dinner tickets for Sunday, March 25 (from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the rectory garage). Pre-sale tickets have been distributed to the youth and can be purchased from any youth ministry student or by contacting the youth office. The tickets are \$6.00 a piece and you get a half chicken, applesauce, chips and a roll.

Senior Citizen's Prom Planning Meeting: There will be a senior citizen's prom planning meeting immediately following CCD Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. in the elevator room for the Leadership Team.

CCD NEWS

Next week until Holy Thursday at St Denis we shall have a display in the back of church of all the Lenten activities that the students have done in CCD. We shall display Holy Family's Lenten activities in the Community Hall during the Youth Breakfast on April 1. Please stop and observe the work of our CCD students. The lessons build on what they have learned at home. Please keep us all in your prayers.

The fifth confirmation session will take place March 25 from 6:00 to 8:00. Please encourage your child to attend.

MUSIC LESSONS

Pam Beisner offers free lessons to anyone interested in learning how to play the guitar Wednesday night after CCD during Lent, (8:00 - 8:45). Call her at 526-3806.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

The Versailles Council of Churches have Lenten Services each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Versailles United Methodist Church.

EASTER TRIDUUM: APRIL 5 TO APRIL 8

Holy Thursday, April 5 Masses:

5:30 p.m. St. Denis with adoration until 10:30

7:30 p.m. Holy Family with adoration as long as people remain.

Good Friday, April 6, Services:

Liturgy: 1:30 at St Denis

Liturgy: 7:30 at Holy Family

Stations of the Cross at 12:45 (D) and 6:45 (HF)

Holy Saturday, April 7:

RCIA retreat 1:00 to 3:00 (D)

EASTER VIGIL MASS: 9:00 (D)

“Create in me, O Lord, new Life”

This has been our theme during Lent in CCD. Lent is the time to turn to God away from sin. We ask God what changes we need to make in our life. He assures everyone, that when we ask him, he will enable us to improve. Therefore, when Easter arrives we should have done away with some of our old sinfulness, bad habits, and have become more like Christ. This change needs to stay with us the rest of our lives and should not be forgotten. We have been praying that God will “Create in all of us, O Lord, new life”. Each grade has a different project to do according to their abilities. They are as follows:

- 1st Grade – They are making placemats. On one side of it, they will write the changes they are making, such as, saying morning and evening prayers, doing what parents ask them to do, making beds, doing homework on time or being a good friend (not saying bad things about them) etc. On the other side of the placemat they will draw and decorate their image of Easter. They will be laminated so they can use them at home as reminders.**
- 2nd Grade – They are planting seeds to show how new life is formed by dying to self. Each teacher is explaining this to her class so the students can grasp this concept. They also have been looking for changes that they can make this Lenten season. The seeds have already been planted and the decoration on the pot will reveal the changes they are making.**
- 3rd Grade – Our third grade are learning how to pray for others. They are making a Spiritual Bouquet for their parents and family. Each day they will pray for them and when they come to class they will tell the teacher how many prayers they prayed for them during the week. At the end of Lent they will make a card with this information in it to give to their family. They pray while they decorate their cards.**
- 4th Grade – This grade is “Creating a recipe for life.” They are making recipes’ for overcoming obstacles in their life. Part of the ingredients is the changes they are making during Lent. Each child will receive a book with his or her fellow classmates’ recipes in it. We already have several classes that have completed this activity and are working on the changes.**
- 5th Grade - The activity for this class is “Measuring up to what God wants us to do”. Students will have yard sticks of their own and each week they will decide the changes they are making. They will write them on cards, laminate them and attach them to their yard sticks. When Lent is finished they will take them home so they can be reminded of the changes they have made.**
- 6th Grade – They are making a “Tapestry for Christ”. The children received square pieces of material and wrote on them the changes they were making for Lent. They tied the corners together with yarn and created a tapestry. It shows that as a class and individually they can make a difference for Christ.**

- 7th Grade** – They are doing an activity called, “God’s direction is always best.” They are using a map of the United States and putting in roads that leads to Jesus. They are putting in detours (disappointments and such) on the roads of their lives to get around temptations. They will also have roads that need repair and these are the changes they are making in their life. They already have begun this project.
- 8th Grade** – Their activity is called “Equation for my life with Jesus.” At this age they have been introduced to Algebra so they were to pick Saints, read about their lives and create equations that would represent them. Then they were to make an equation that represents their life. They were also to include the changes they are making during Lent.
- 9th Grade** – This class is reflecting on the Scripture, “I am the Vine; you are the Branches.” What is keeping them from being securely attached to Jesus, the Vine? What is disconnecting them from Jesus? They will be making leaves and writing on them the changes they are making. These leaves will be attached to a long vine and each class will have their own. They will be used around their prayer table each week in their classroom.
- 10th Grade** - They are “Making the rocky road to Jesus smooth.” They are thinking about the sharp stones they are meeting in their lives and the pot holes that lead them to sin. They will be taking large stones, writing on them the changes they are making. They may also decorate them.
- 11th Grade** – They are reflecting on “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” They reflect on about what their treasure is, where God is in their lives, what keeps them from a good or great relationship with God, how money, work, sports and other things become more important than God and what changes they can make. Each class is given a treasure chest and will collect money for the Food Pantry. The class will be given the opportunity to purchase items or give the money to this charity.
- 12th Grade** – They are reflecting on, “Take up your cross, and follow me,” identifying their crosses, what God calls them to do, improving their relationship with God, the obstacles that keep them from God? Each student is asked to think about this scripture and write an individual paper on what this verse means to them.

Each class is very busy during Lent. We shall display all these projects before Easter. At Holy Family we will display them in the upper room at the Community Hall when the Youth have their annual breakfast. We will display the projects at St. Denis in the back of church as soon as they are completed. Please support this program by stopping by to see these Lenten activities.