

# MARCH 19, 2006: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## THE CALENDAR:

### Monday, March 20: St. Joseph

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 23a

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)  
8:00 a.m. No Mass (D); Mass at 7:00 p.m. See below  
10:00 & 7:00 Sharing our Faith  
3:15-4:15 p.m. CCD (D) Grades 1-6

### 7:00 p.m. Mass (D): Robert Bulcher (RCIA)

### Tuesday, March 21: Lenten Weekday

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Pat and Richard Wuebker  
7:00 –9:00 Seasons of Grief (D)  
1:00 p.m. Workshop on Sacraments for Young People (D)

### Wednesday, March 22: Lenten Weekday

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Edward and Margaret Pleiman  
6:50 p.m. CCD (D): Grades 7- 12  
7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Service (Methodist Church)  
7:00-8:00 p.m. CCD (HF): Grades 1-12

### Thursday, March 23: Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Eleanor Hartzell  
No Exposition today; Penance Service at 7:00  
7:00 p.m. Penance Service (D)

### Friday, March 24: Lenten Weekday (Day of Abstinence)

Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Eugene and Josephine Dirksen

### Saturday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

3:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance  
5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Roger Barga

### Sunday, March 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21  
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners  
11:00-1:30 Schutz Benefit Dinner at Willowdell Luth. Ch.  
7:00 p.m. Aspects of Drinking (D)

**Sunday (5:00 Mass):** Samuel goes to anoint David king (1 Samuel 16:1b, 67, 10-13a). We proclaim the Lord as our shepherd (Psalm 23). St Paul calls us once children of darkness but not children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14). Jesus gives sight and insight to the man born blind (John 9:1-41).

**Sunday (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Masses):** The prophet gives the reasons for the exile and describes the return under Cyrus (2 Chronicles). We can only sing the Lord's songs in the Lord's land (Psalm 137). God has raised us up with Christ (Ephesians 2). God sent his Son to save us (John 3:14-21).

## 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.

## LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS March 25 & 26, 2006

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

*Ushers:* Group 4; *Lector:* Jeff Keiser

*Eucharist:* Tom Watren, Diane Elsas, Jerry Elsas (P) Don Brocious, Cheryl Huelskamp, Dave Huelskamp, Karen Keiser, Peggy Borgerding, Betty Jutte, Sharon Kramer (C); *Servers:* Jessica Barga, Eric Huelskamp, Brian Kramer

**Gifts: Joe and Lynn Schlater Family**

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

*Ushers:* Group 9; *Lector:* Kim Borchers

*Eucharist:* Rich Schwieterman, Mary Ann Gump, Mike McClurg (P) Elaine Bohman, Lil Borchers, John Harman, Michael Liette, Orville Borchers, Ryan Borchers, George Kuether, Dale Meier (C); *Servers:* Casey Rismiller, Margaret Prakel, Mary Prakel

**Gifts: Bob and Michelle Dirksen**

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

*Ushers:* Bill Goettmoeller and Eugene Kramer

*Lector:* Joyce Kremer *Eucharist:* Jeff Didier (P) Kari Didier and Alena Barga (C); *Servers:* Elizabeth and Jay Heitkamp and Alex Dirksen

**Gifts: Jeff and Dena Wuebker Family**

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

*Ushers:* Group 15 *Lector:* Katie Goubeaux

*Eucharist:* Janet Turner, Aaron Condon, Robert Goubeaux (P) Amanda Borchers, Kim Borchers, John Fischer, Lori Griesdorn, Jennifer Francis, Joe Gigandet, Curt Goubeaux, Jean Grieshop (C) *Servers:* Joe Gehret, Jason Marchal, Dan Schrader

**Gifts: Ron and Mary Gehret Family**

## VOCATION VIEWS

God's commandments lead us on the path to life. What path will you choose to walk? Pray for wisdom.

## WELLNESS TIPS

**Body:** To strengthen your upper body, 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.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Bring your dues (\$8.50) to a meeting or mail them to Irene Broering at 12631 Conover Road, Versailles OH 45380.

## WE HOST A DEANERY WORKSHOP

**Sacraments for Young People:** This workshop will explain the new guidelines and principles for the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, eucharist and penance within the parish. Our CCD programs will host this program at St. Denis on Tuesday, March 21 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

## BAPTISM

We shall hold our next pre-baptismal program on May 7 from 1:00 to 3:00. We invite expectant parents & parents of newborns. We can baptize at almost any Sunday Masses, except during Lent. We baptize outside of Mass once a month usually, next on April 30.

## MARK AND LINDA SCHUTZ

Mark and Linda Schutz lost their home and one son to a fire July 29. Our Council of Churches sponsors a benefit dinner with Willowdell Lutheran Church for the family next Sunday from 11:00-1:30 at Willowdell. Please come and support the family.

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

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

## WEDDING BANNES

Rebecca Didier and Ted Bruns plan to marry April 1 at Holy Trinity, Coldwater. Kerri Dirksen and Benjamin Starkey plan to marry at St. Denis on April 8.

#### FATHER DAVE

This week we do the first of three scrutinies for the Elect. The first scrutiny examines or scrutinizes both the Elect and us. It asks that the Elect receive freedom from a spirit of deceit and gain a purity of heart as they advance to baptism. It forces us to look at ourselves, as the women at the well looked at herself. The Elect look to us for support and example. We gain from them as we notice their sincerity in preparing for baptism.

On Monday evening we shall present to the Elect the Creed. We shall expect them to learn it and give it back to us on Holy Saturday as they prepare for the Easter Vigil. We shall do this at Mass in the evening.

You probably noticed that we cancelled the 8:00 morning Mass on Monday. We did this for several reasons. I have a meeting overnight Sunday and Monday and cannot make the 8:00 Mass. I want to celebrate the most important saint of March, St Joseph, with you. I want to present the Creed to our Elect, those chosen for baptism. Mass on Monday evening at 7:00 suits these purposes well.

#### LENT

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 Good Friday. We also recommend it on Holy Saturday.

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

#### BASKETBALL

Boys CYO Basketball, Team A: Congratulations on a 14-2 record for the year. Members of the team are: Brian Francis, Joe Luthman, Brent Pepple, Andy Francis, Don Brocius, Eric Wood, Curtis Wourms, Craig Bergman and Jeff Brandon. Play well at the state tournament in Akron this weekend. Congratulations!

Girls Varsity: Congratulations on your good record for the season and tournament. Thank you for your good sportsmanship.

Boys Varsity: Congratulations on your record during the season and post-season. We hope you have to play more games. You likewise have good sportsmanship.

#### INEXPENSIVE THINGS FOR LENT

Daily Mass (8:00 a.m. most of the time); daily communion services before school at 6:30; the Sacrament of Penance; Share your Faith with Jean on the Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and e-series on line at [www.celebrationeseries.org](http://www.celebrationeseries.org) (Parishioner-Participant button and code 511599).

#### FIRST ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL FUND

Please put your donations and pledges in the collection today. If you did not bring it, please mail it to us this week.

The fund 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.

This week's total for Holy Family was \$600 or 17% of their goal of \$3,600. St. Denis collected \$4,743 or 30% of their goal of \$16,000. Thank you for your generosity. Please return your card and donation as soon as possible.

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



#### YOUTH MINISTRY

**BBQ Chicken Dinner Tickets:** BBQ Chicken dinners are available this Sunday, March 19 at the rectory garage. If you do not have pre-sale tickets, extra dinners are available for \$5.00.

**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.

**Spring Retreat:** "Spring Break, Party with God", is the theme the high school youth leaders have selected for this year's Spring Retreat. The retreat is April 1-2. Flyers and forms are available for pick up at the church exits.

**H. S. Youth Leader's Meeting:** Monday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

**Confirmation Retreat Planning Meetings:** Wednesday, March 22, 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. All team members need to attend.

**Coming in April:** Spring Retreat April 1-2; Confirmation Preparation Retreat, April 5; Senior Retreat, April 8-9.

#### NEEDING TO ADVERTISE?

Phil Rawlins will visit us soon to solicit advertising for our bulletin. Your ads reach parishioners and can help your business. They also make the weekly bulletin available at no cost to the parish.

#### FAITH SHARING

Faith Sharing: Mondays of Lent from 10:00 to 11:30 or from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church basement. Theme: Following in Jesus' footsteps to the glory of the Easter Vigil.

#### JEAN'S CORNER

**Journeying through the Season of Grief:** This program offers support and guidance for adults grieving the death of loved ones. Winnie Kemper of Troy will present these sessions and lead group sharing on Tuesday evenings March 21, 28 and April 4 in the church basement.

**Aspects of Drinking:** Next Sunday, March 26, at 7:00 in St Denis Church basement. A panel of experts and parents will make a presentation and lead a discussion. Judge McClurg, Gail Whittington and Carol Frey will make up the panel.

#### HAVING PROBLEMS SEEING?

The Max is a powerful, portable, hand-held digital magnifier, about the size of a computer mouse. It connects directly to any TV or monitor in seconds, and allows you to read newspapers and magazines. We have information available and can arrange a demo for you. Call Jean at the Rectory for more information.

#### COLLECTION

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#### Holy Family (need \$1500):

Loose (46)	\$ 132.00
Envelopes (31)	\$ 860.00
Total:	\$ 992.00
Catholic Telegraph \$	22.00

#### St Denis (need \$6500):

Loose (195)	\$ 933.85
Envelopes (208)	\$ 3119.00
Total:	\$ 4052.85
Catholic Telegraph \$	22.00

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