

MARCH 26, 2006: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE CALENDAR:

Monday, March 27: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Rodney & Dorothy Martino
10:00 & 7:00 Sharing our Faith
11:30 Subs for Lunch
3:15-4:15 p.m. CCD (D) Grades 1-6

Tuesday, March 28: Lenten Weekday

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

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Edward Schieltz
7:00 –9:00 Seasons of Grief (D)
7:30 p.m. St. Ann Meeting (HF)

Wednesday, March 29: Lenten Weekday

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

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Constant Brunswick
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 30: Lenten Weekday

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

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Cecilia Monnin
Exposition after Mass until Benediction (8:30 p.m.)
7:00-8:00 Sacrament of Penance (**No Penance at 3:00 today**)

Friday, March 31: Lenten Weekday (Day of Abstinence)

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Pat & Richard Wuebker

Saturday, April 1: Lenten Weekday

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

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

Sunday, April 2: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Session (D)

Sunday (5:00 Mass): The prophet Ezekiel sees a return from exile (Ezekiel 37:12-14). From the depths of despair the psalmist prays with hope (Psalm 130). Only living in the Spirit pleases God (Romans 8:8-11). Jesus raises the dead Lazarus to life (John 11).

Sunday (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Masses): The Lord will make a new covenant with his people (Jeremiah 31:31-34). We pray for a clean heart (Psalm 51). We need to learn obedience (Hebrews 5:7-9). The grain of wheat that dies bears much fruit (John 12:20-33).

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING: After all the Masses next weekend.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS April 1 & 2, 2006

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

Ushers: Group 1; *Lector:* John Davis

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

Gifts: **Dave & Cheryl Huelskamp Family**

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

Ushers: Group 10; *Lector:* Randy Gump

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

Gifts: **Jerry & Joann Wilker**

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

Ushers: Delbert and Adam Dirksen

Lector: Bob Mayo *Eucharist:* Urban Gehret (*P*) Irene Gehret and Pat Bergman (*C*); *Servers:* Mindy Heitkamp, Luke Kremer and Justin May

Gifts: **Alan and Sarah Wuebker Family**

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

Ushers: Group 11 *Lector:* Schmitmeyer Family

Eucharist: Schmitmeyer Family (*P*) Schmitmeyer Family (*C*) *Servers:* Schmitmeyer Family *Gifts:* **Schmitmeyer Family**

VOCATION VIEWS

God loves the world so much and blesses us with the gift of his son, Jesus. Receive and share this gift of love.

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Swimming is good for overall cardiovascular and muscular conditioning. **Mind:** Keep a memory book with pictures quotes and letters from events that are special to you. **Spirit:** Learn to live a simple life with simple pleasures.

ST. ANN MEETING

The St. Ann Sodality will meet on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the parish hall at Holy Family.

MODERN MOTHERS CLUB

The modern Mothers will host Dr Ray Guarendi at the K of C Hall at 7:00 p.m. on March 31. He will talk on "You Are a Better Parent Than You Think". Liz McClurg and Ryan McNeilan will also speak. Tickets cost ten dollars (\$10.00). Contact Mary at 526-5752, Theresa at 526-3493 or Lori at 526-5598. Come for dessert and a good talk.

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

Our Council of Churches will sponsor a benefit dinner with Willowdell Lutheran Church for the Mark and Linda Schutz family today 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 next Sunday 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BRADFORD

Fish Fry, next Friday, 4:00-7:00, ICC Parish Hall, Buckneck Rd.

FATHER DAVE

The RCIA forms us even as it forms the elect, those chosen for baptism at the Easter Vigil. I appreciated the many parishioners who came last Monday to help us present the Creed to our elect. On April 3, we shall have another evening Mass at 7:00, during which we shall present these elect with the Our Father.

We tend to take our weekly rituals and prayers for granted. Monday we recited the Creed in such a way that the elect could follow by hearing. We slowed the pace and listened to ourselves as we recited it. The elect learned and so did we. We dismissed the elect after the creed so that they could reflect on what they have heard. We also dismissed them because only the baptized have a right to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If we do not dismiss them on Sundays, we do not do it because we have no ready place to send them.

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.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENTEN SERVICES

The Versailles Council of Churches invites you to the last of our weekly Lenten Services this Wednesday evening at 7:00 at the Methodist Church in town. The Methodist Church also has a Soup and sandwich Supper from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. prior to the Service.

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 (Parishioner-Participant button and code 511599).

FIRST ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL FUND

I think you have responded very positively to the Archdiocesan Annual Fund. Please continue your good work. You can make a pledge or give cash or check.

The fund provides for retired diocesan priests, Catholic Social Services, Education of priests and lay pastoral ministers and students attending St Rita School for the Deaf.

So far 29 Holy Family parishioners have given \$1,215 or 34% of their goal of \$3,600. St. Denis has received \$9,355 or 59% of their goal of \$16,000 from 146 parishioners. No donation is too small.

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.

CONGRATUALIONS

Congratulations to Ted and Connie Schmitmeyer who will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary at the 11:00 Mass next Sunday. Fr. Jim Schmitmeyer will be here for the 8:00 and 11:00 Masses.

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: _____



"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." John 3:14

COLLECTION

March 19, 2006

Holy Family (need \$1500):

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| Loose (36) | \$ 152.00 |
| Envelopes (43) | \$ 740.00 |
| Total: | \$ 892.00 |
| Catholic Telegraph \$ | 22.00 |

St Denis (need \$6500):

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| Loose (195) | \$ 861.75 |
| Envelopes (208) | \$ 2614.00 |
| Total: | \$ 3475.75 |
| Catholic Telegraph \$ | 90.00 |

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YOUTH MINISTRY

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 27, 7:00 p.m.

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

Senior Retreat: Connect 4 the young adult ministry team for the northern Archdiocese, is hosting it's annual Senior Retreat for the 2006 graduates. This is a great opportunity for seniors to discuss the issues that come up when transitioning for high school to college or the work force. The retreat will be led by young adults and will be at Camp Brookside east of Sidney. Get forms and flyers at the youth office in the rectory and in the back of church.

Confirmation Preparation Retreat: This retreat is Wednesday night April 5, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All Confirmation students should attend as part of their preparation. The retreat is planned and led by volunteer high school youth leaders.

Coming in April: Spring Retreat April 1-2; Confirmation Preparation Retreat April 5, Senior Retreat April 8-9, Spiritual Survivor for Junior High April 19, Junior High lock-in April 21, and the High School Lock-In April 29.

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: Today, March 26, at 7:00 in St Denis Church basement, a panel of experts and parents will make a presentation and lead a discussion on drinking. Judge McClurg, Gail Whittington and Carol Frey will make up the panel.

MOTHER'S DAY RETREAT

A Mother's Day Retreat "Come to the Water" will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 8:30-4:00 at Spring Hill. Sister Maureen Mangen will be the presenter and Khriissy and Jane Bowman will provide entertainment, with lunch at noon. Tickets will be available beginning on April 7 from Judie Stauffer and Karen Raterman and from Jean at the rectory. Tickets are \$15 and only 35 will be sold. They will be made available to the public and to other parishes after April 28.