

AUGUST 27, 2006: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CALENDAR:

Monday, August 28: St. Augustine

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

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

10-11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Heritage Park)

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting for New Beginnings (D)

Tuesday, August 29: St. John the Baptist

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mark 6:17-29

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Herman and Corrine Mangen

Wednesday, August 30: Weekday

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23: 27-32

7:00 a.m. Mass (D): Laurene Drees (Note: Time change)

Thursday, August 31: Weekday

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

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

Exposition after Mass until Benediction (8:30 p.m.)

3:00-4:00; 7:00-8:00 Sacrament of Penance

Friday, September 1: Weekday

1 Corinthians 1:17:25; Matthew 25:1-13

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Gasson/Barga Family

Saturday, September 2: Weekday

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

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

Sunday, September 3: Twenty-Second Sunday

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

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday: The Lord's statutes and ordinances teach us how to live (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8). The one who lives justly lives in God's presence (Psalm 15). St James exhorts us to welcome God's word humbly so that it save us (James 1:17-18, 12b-22, 27). We must do more than others can see (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)?

BAPTISM

Next pre-baptismal program: Sunday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. for new or expectant parents. We baptize at any Sunday Mass.

WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES

Marriage Encounter, the weekend of September 22-24 can enhance your marriage. Please call 1-800-547-1251 Code 00. On November 3-5 the Marriage Encounter weekend will take place at Maria Stein.

Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery) can help you save your marriage. Please call 1-800-470-2230 for more information.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Megan Rue and Tyler Espenschied who were married here yesterday and to Kim Parin and Scott Ward who were married at St. Remy. Olivia Krickenbarger and Tyler Subler plan to marry at St. Denis on Saturday, September 16.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

The Archbishop appreciates our generous response to the victims of Katrina last year. The Catholic Church still has many needs in to two dioceses hit worst by the storm, New Orleans and Biloxi. This collection will go for rebuilding and recovery (forty percent for Biloxi and sixty percent for New Orleans). We shall take up this collection this week-end. Please use the envelopes in the pews.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Know your numbers. There will be blood pressure screening after all the Masses next weekend.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS: September 2 & 3, 2006

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

Ushers: Group 4; *Lector:* Zita Henry

Eucharist: Eric Batty, Danielle Condon, John Davis (P) Tom Watren, Barb Monnin, Kim Murphy, Christine Borchers, Ben Dapore, Katie Mestemaker, Phyllis Guillozet, Melissa Heft (C); *Servers:* Marisa Coons, Michael Heft, Jessica Barga

Gifts: Pat Eilerman Family

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

Ushers: Group 7; *Lector:* Randy Gump

Eucharist: Janice Schwieterman, Jerry Wilker, Cyndi Bey (P) Rick Schwieterman, Brittany Reed, Mary Ann Gump, Ryan Borchers, Lil Borchers, Kim Borchers, Ann Borchers, Deacon Jack (C); *Servers:* Tyler Knapke, Joshua Borchers, Chad Knapke

Gifts: Jim and Mary Lou Nerderman

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

Ushers: Lewis May and William Baltes

Lector: Jeff Wuebker; *Eucharist:* Connie Schuette (P) Bill Schuette and Barb Marshal (C); *Servers:* Elizabeth and Jay Heitkamp and Luke Kremer **Gifts: John and Louise Grilliot Family**

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

Ushers: Group 15; *Lector:* Brittany Drees

Eucharist: Nicholas Eilerman, Jennifer Francis, Maria Goubeaux (P) Renee Eilerman, Joe Gigandet, Lori Griesdorn, Matt Harman, Bob Goubeaux, Doris Goubeaux, Jean Grieshop, Krista Harman (C); *Servers:* Joe Gehret, Joanna Cruz, Margaret Prakel

Gifts: Michael and Christy Prakel Family

VOCATION VIEWS

Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Choose to follow and serve God with your whole life.

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Eat tofu to increase HDL cholesterol and reduce your risk of breast cancer. **Mind:** Complete a crossword puzzle. **Spirit:** Send someone a letter to brighten their day.

BULLETINS BY E-MAIL

Read the bulletin away from home, on-line at www.stdenishf.org or directly from us by e-mail if you give us your e-mail address.

PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

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

NEW BEGINNINGS

We will meet weekly to pray, read scripture and sing to God for the success of our parish renewal program, New Beginnings, each Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement at St. Denis.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH NEEDS A NEW ROOF

It will cost \$12,036 to replace the roof. As of August 21, we have received \$7675.00 for it. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA, INITIATION INTO THE CHURCH

We resume our series on the Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults and children of school age. Please invite non-Catholic spouses and friends and others to check us out. We meet Mondays, starting September 11 at 7:00 p.m. No strings attached.

REST IN PEACE

Laurene Drees died on August 17 and received Christian burial on Tuesday. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

FATHER DAVE

RCIA stand for The Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults and Older Children. The process involves leading people toward initiation into the Church. It does not try to teach a person all he or she could possibly know about the Church. It does, however, introduce the participants to Christ in his Church and in his sacraments. It leads to full initiation into the Church through baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist.

The RCIA program has no strings attached. Those merely interested in the Catholic faith, checking it out, or wanting to joint will find themselves welcomed equally.

Some people wait until someone else invites them. I know of one man who went to Mass with his family, helped at Catholic events, but only fully entered the Church after someone asked him. Whom should you ask and invite? Would you come with someone to help that person feel more comfortable about looking into the Church? You could serve as a godparent or sponsor for this person if this person should decide to enter the Church.

SILENCE IN THE LITURGY, PART 4

We use silence for several purposes. Silence can help us ponder our sinfulness and appreciate God's forgiveness, as it does during the Penitential Rite. It can help us organize what we want to ask God for, as it does in the silence before the Opening Prayer, or Collect. It can help us reflect on the message God gives us in the readings. It can also enable us to praise God.

We usually do not think of praising God in silence, but we can and we should. We use silence after the communion before the Prayer after Communion to praise God together in silence. We provide this silence for praising God, not for getting gear together to go home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2006 Russia Homecoming Festival, Saturday, September 2, 1:30-10:00 p.m., Sunday, September 3, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm.

Women's Retreat – Saturday, September 23: Mrs. Johnnette Benkovic will lead a retreat, "Women Called and Gifted", at Transfiguration Church in West Milton. Call 937-698-4520.

Attention Engaged or Married Couples. A new series of classes on the symptom-thermal method of fertility awareness begins on Friday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary & Harold Schmiesing in Sidney. Register at 526-3305 or 492-3761.

CCD NEWS

St Denis needs teachers on Monday afternoons. We need one for second, one for fifth and two for sixth grade. Holy Family needs one teacher for eighth grade. Please contact Linda at 419-582-2451 or 526-3957. CCD classes begin on Monday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 13.

Extra registration forms and CCD schedules can be found at the entrances to church. Please return them as soon as possible.

There will be an "Open House" for the CCD programs on September 17 after the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses. Meet your child's teachers and see the projects being displayed. Coffee, juice and donuts will be served.

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: _____



Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life." John 6:68

COLLECTION

August 20, 2006

Holy Family (need \$1500):

Loose (41)	\$ 214.25
Envelopes (43)	\$ 645.80
Total	\$ 860.05
Church Roof	\$ 3550.00
Holy Day	\$ 467.00

St Denis (need \$6500):

Loose (163)	\$ 766.25
Envelopes (212)	\$ 2819.09
Total	\$ 3585.09
Holy Day	\$ 1720.35

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior High Youth Group: Junior high will have youth group this fall once a month. We will schedule these at the first Junior High Youth Leaders. They will tentatively be the first Wednesday of each month.

Fall Retreat: We have set a date for the annual Fall Retreat. It is Saturday and Sunday September 23-24. So mark your calendars early. You will not want to miss this retreat! Flyers and forms will be available in September.

Youth Group: We will begin youth group meetings on Wednesday, September 13, from 6:15 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. All high school students are welcome to attend. The group will meet every week throughout the school year that we have CCD.

WEST OHIO HEALING FIELD

A large field of flags commemorating those who are fallen soldiers, veterans, current military, law enforcement, firefighters and EMS personnel will be at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, September 9-12. To purchase a flag, volunteer, or for a schedule of events call 419-925-5707.

STRESS SERIES

Family Health offers three sessions entitled "Stress Happens: Chew It Up and Spit It Out" in the hope that participants can learn tools to combat stress and enhance their overall health. The programs will be on September 14, 21 and 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Greenville. See the flyers on the bulletin boards or call 548-9680 for more information.

DISTRIBUTORS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please give communion to the shut-ins you visit even if you think the persons do not comprehend the Eucharist. The Church has given the Eucharist to infants and babies at times, and does this as a matter of course in the Eastern Catholic Churches. Only if the person cannot receive by mouth or cannot receive without spitting up the Eucharist, you should not give him communion. When in doubt, favor the shut-in.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

We need two volunteers to join the Health and Wellness Commission. You do not have to have a medical background. What is important is a caring heart. If interested call Diane Swallow at 526-5528 or Jean Grieshop at 526-4945.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The monthly meeting of the grief support group will resume in September. We invite you to a ten-week program starting September 19, and continuing on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. It costs \$15.00. Call the office by September 1 to register.