

SEPTEMBER 3, 2006: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CALENDAR:

Monday, September 4: Labor Day

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30

9:00 a.m. Mass (D): Charles Morris (Note: Time change)

Tuesday, September 5: Weekday

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): N J and Eleanor Vincent

Wednesday, September 6: Weekday

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

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

Thursday, September 7: Weekday

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Robert and Bernard McEldowney

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

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

Friday, September 8: Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Thanksgiving (R.P.)

Saturday, September 9: St Peter Claver

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5

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

Sunday, September 10: Twenty-Third Sunday

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday: The Lord comes to strengthen frightened hearts (Isaiah 35:4-7a). We praise the Lord; he keeps faith forever (Psalm 146). St James exhorts us to accept the shabbily dressed as well as the stylishly dressed (James 2:1-5). The Lord wants people to hear well and speak well (Mark 7:31-37).

BAPTISM

Next pre-baptismal program: Sunday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. for new or expectant parents. Please call the office at 526-4945 to register. 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

Olivia Krickenbarger and Tyler Subler plan to marry at St. Denis on Saturday, September 16.

LABOR DAY MASS

Join us for Mass on Labor Day at 9:00 a.m. Please note the time of the Mass. We pray that God bless our work and labor.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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

PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

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

WELCOME GUESTS TO THE VHS ALL CLASS REUNION

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS: September 9 & 10, 2006

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

Ushers: Group 1; *Lector:* Jeff Keiser

Eucharist: Cheryl Huelskamp, Dave Huelskamp, Betty Jutte (P)

Jerry Elsas, Diane Elsas, Sharon Kramer, Diane Martino, Brittany McMaken, John Davis, Kim Murphy, Aaron Condon (C);

Servers: Brian Kramer, Stephanie McMaken, Eric Huelskamp

Gifts: Joe and Lynn Schlater Family

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

Ushers: Group 8; *Lector:* John Harman

Eucharist: Orville Borchers, Krista Harman, Jeff Keiser (P) John Fischer, Nicholas Harman, Karen Keiser, George Kuether, Michael Liette, Jennifer Paulus, Michael McClurg, Lester Monnin (C);

Servers: Kristen Schulte, Matt Stover, Joshua Paulus

Gifts: Bob and Michelle Dirksen

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

Ushers: Lewis May and William Baltes

Lector: Judy Barga; *Eucharist:* Jamie Stucke (P) Mary Ann

Stucke and Deacon Jack (C);

Servers: Justin May, Brandon Rethman, Jason Bergman;

Gifts: Brad & Penny Henry Family

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

Ushers: Group 11; *Lector:* Katie Goubeaux

Eucharist: Curt Goubeaux, Brian Griesdorn, Marvin Luthman (P) Joe Gehret, Dale Meier, Betsy Moorman, Ken Moorman, Caitlin Liette, Mary Praker, Abbey Schlater, Joanna Puthoff (C);

Servers: Dan Schrader, Kelsey Schlater, Jason Marchal

Gifts: Rick and Jackie Voisard Family

VOCATION VIEWS

You are called to be a person of integrity. Live in a way that shows that God is your center.

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Get immunized. **Mind:** Be an optimist. **Spirit:** Live as though it is your last days on earth.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, 2006

Next Sunday we celebrate Stewardship Sunday. We take time to thank God for his many gifts and to show this gratitude by sharing our time, talents and treasures with others in our church and the community. Stewardship recognizes that God owns all we have and that he gives it to us to use well.

FATHER DAVE

We have the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 to celebrate the origin of Mary's life in the womb of her mother. Nine months later, we celebrate the feast of her birth. This puts the celebration of Mary's birth on September 8. We also celebrate the Sorrows of Mary September 15, the day after we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Last month, we celebrated the assumption of Mary on August 15. A week later, we celebrated the feast of Mary our Queen. We try to celebrate feasts of Mary according to some logical order. We do the same thing with the ordering of Christmas to December 25, nine months after we celebrate the conception of Jesus, on March 25. (The dates for September and December come on the same days of the week, except for the last day, for some strange reason.)

THE LITURGY

Shall we give thanks to God or not? Every week I ask the same question, and every week I hear you give the same answer that, "We do well to give him thanks and praise." This dialogue has great importance; it introduces the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer. This dialogue between priest and people invites the people to join in the song of Thanksgiving, during which the Lord will change bread and wine into his Body and Blood. Eucharist means to give thanks; it comes from the Greek word for thanking. I really ask you if you want to join the Church and me in giving thanks to God in this solemn ritual we call the Mass.

When I hear you responding as you do, I have my faith reaffirmed and supported by your faith. You have come, as I have come, to praise and thank God for all his goodness, especially for that of sending his Son into our lives. If you want to prepare for this moment next week, spend this week finding things for which you thank God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Holy Family has its teachers ready for all twelve grades.

St Denis needs teachers on Monday afternoons for grades two, five and six. Please contact Linda at 419-582-2451 or 526-3957. The education of our young people in our faith is very important. Please help us. 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 our 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: _____

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes sections for Holy Family (need \$1500) and St Denis (need \$6500) with sub-totals for Loose, Envelopes, Total, and Katrina. Includes a 'Thank You' note with a question mark.

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 the annual Fall Retreat for Saturday and Sunday September 23-24. Mark your calendars. You will not want to miss it. 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. at St Denis. All high school students are welcome to attend. The group will meet every week throughout the school year that we have CCD.

Youth Ministry Bake Sale: We will have a youth ministry bake sale on the weekend of September 17 after all the Masses. Donated baked items can be dropped off from Thursday, September 14 through Sunday morning, until 10:30 a.m.

Youth Leader's Training: We will have youth leaders training this Wednesday, September 6, 6:30 p.m., at Holy Family Hall. All high school youth leaders need to attend.

WEST OHIO HEALING FIELD

A large field of flags commemorating our fallen soldiers, veterans, law enforcement, firefighters and EMS personnel will be at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, September 9-12. To buy flags, volunteer, or get a schedule of events, call 419-925-5707.

FALL HARVEST HAPPENINGS TRIP

We have arranged a bus trip to Bearcreek Farms in Indiana for Friday, October 6. We shall leave at 11:30 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. Activities available that day will be quilt workshops, quilt and scarecrow displays, a straw maze, many specialty shops, a musical review and dinner. Bus fare costs \$30; the musical review and dinner cost \$23 more. Call the office at 526-4945 by September 21 to reserve your seat.

JOURNEY HOME

Come join us at Journey Home next Sunday, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Denis Church.

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

This ten-week program starts September 19, and continues on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. It costs \$15.00. Call the office this week to register.