

# DECEMBER 10, 2006: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THE CALENDAR:

### Monday, December 11: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

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

3:15-4:15 p.m. CCD (D) Grades 1-6

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

### Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47

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

7:30 p.m. D of I Meeting (D)

### Wednesday, December 13: St Lucy

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

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

11:30 a.m. Soup and Salad (D)

7:00-8:00 p.m. CCD (HF and D)

8:00 a.m. Worship Commission (SD)

### Thursday, December 14: St John of the Cross

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Baltes and Dues Families

3:00-4:00 Sacrament of Penance (No exposition)

7:00 Communal Sacrament of Penance (2 priests or more)

### Friday, December 15: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19;

8:00 a.m. Mass for (D): Tess Subler

### Saturday, December 16: Advent Weekday

Sirach 48:1-4.; Matthew 17:0a, 10-13

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

### Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

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 has removed the judgment against his people (Zechariah 3:14-18a). The prophet reminds us that we have God among us (Isaiah 12). St Paul reminds us that we should have no anxiety because the Lord comes to us (Philippians 4:4-7). John the Baptist tells us to do our daily work well (Luke 3:10-18).

## BAPTISM

Next pre-baptismal program will take place in January for new or expectant parents. Baptized and welcomed into the church last Sunday: Shelby Elizabeth Marchal, Nicholas Raymond Gehret and Megan Rose Wood.

## WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES

**Marriage Encounter**, the weekend of February 16-18, 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.

## WEDDINGS

Jessica Pepiot and Tyler Sousser plan to marry here on December 29. Congratulations to Denis and Judy Francis, celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on December 12.

## PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

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

## SOUP AND SALAD THIS WEDNESDAY 11:30-1:00

The pastor proposes homemade cream of celery soup for this month's offering. Please invite your friends and come in for an informal meal with pleasant people.

## LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS December 16 & 17, 2006

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

*Ushers:* Group 1; *Lector:* Don Brocious

*Eucharist:* Christine Borchers, Jerry Elsas, Diane Elsas (P); Eric Batty, Deacon Jack, Ben Dapore, John Davis, Brittany Drees, Phyllis Guillozet, Melissa Heft, Betty Jutte *Servers:* Jessica Barga, Laura Subler, Tyler Knapke

**Gifts: Joe and Lynn Schlater Family**

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

*Ushers:* Group 8; *Lector:* Elaine Bergman

*Eucharist:* Cindi Bey, Elaine Bohman, Ann Borchers (P); Rich Schwieterman, Janice Schwieterman, Kim Borchers, Lil Borchers, Aaron Condon, John Harman, Ryan Borchers, Ron Stauffer (C); *Servers:* Katie Schwieterman, Casey Rismiller, Kelsey Treon

**Gifts: Paul and Mary Jean Meyer**

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

*Ushers:* Delbert Dirksen and Adam Dirksen

*Lector:* Sharon Stammen *Eucharist:* Linda Pohlman (P) Doris Kremer and Joyce Kremer (C); *Server:* Jason Bergman, Brittany Bruns and Alex Dirksen

**Gifts: John and Louise Grilliot Family**

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

*Ushers:* Group 15; *Lector:* Ron Gehret

*Eucharist:* Janet Turner, Tom Watren, Nicholas Eilerman (P); Russ Beisner, Peggy Bernholt, Alena Barga, Jennifer Francis, Joe Gehret, Joe Gigandet, Bob Goubeaux, Doris Goubeaux

*Server:* Danielle Condon, Michael Heaton, Daniel Schrader

**Gifts: Anna Cruz Family**

## VOCATION VIEWS

John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Promote the gospel in our community. One member of the ordination class of 2006 used to play guitar in a Rock ad Roll Band. Another coached football. A third has his medical license and taught at two medical schools. A fourth practices Aikido and Tai Chi. Another flew fighter jets as a weapons officer.

## WELLNESS TIPS

**Body:** Eat foods rich in antioxidants, such as fruits and vegetables. **Mind:** Read a book you've always been interested in. **Spirit:** Meditate daily.

## RCIA, INITIATION INTO THE CHURCH

We enroll Beth Marshal into the order of catechumens at the 5:00 Mass today, to prepare her for baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, we welcome Wendy Brenner among those seeking full communion with the Church. We have several candidates for baptism from among our children; these we shall welcome at a later date in the presence of their classmates.

The Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for both parishes meets on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

## CHRISTMAS CD

Jill Swallow sings on a new CD from Regnum Christi, "And the Word Became Flesh". CD's are \$15 and can be ordered from John and Diane Swallow at 548-2435.

## BENEFIT BREAKFAST FOR FOOD PANTRY

The Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club thank you for supporting their breakfast for the Food Pantry. The pantry needs food, paper and cleaning products and funds, but it has more than enough corn, peas and beans.

### FATHER DAVE

Someone asked what RCIA stands for. It stands for The Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults. It describes the process of learning how to live, believe and act as a Catholic. It involves learning session, ritual experiences, and practical applications. It means a walk into deeper communion with Christ, a walk taken, not alone, but with a sponsor, the Church's gift to the candidate. The Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults tells us that the Church takes seriously the commitment of people to the Church. The Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults also applies to children of catechetical age, those old enough for school.

### LITURGY

Since the Second Vatican Council we have celebrated the sacraments in the conjunction with a Liturgy of the Word. This holds even for the sacrament of penance. This sacrament has two common forms, individually and communally. The mentioning of sins and the absolution from sin we also do quietly, one on one. The communal form emphasizes that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. In the communal form, we celebrate this forgiveness together. In the communal form we can see better the divisive nature of sin and the bonding power of forgiveness and love.

During Advent and Lent we use communal penance services to call us all back to the Lord with ready hearts. This Advent we have scheduled penance services with absolution for the next two Thursdays, December 14 and 21. This Thursday we shall have at least two priests available; the week after we shall have at least four. I encourage all of you to use the sacrament of penance during Advent. We have listed a schedule elsewhere in the bulletin.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING ADVENT

Monday: St Mary, Greenville: 7:00 p.m. with four priests;  
 Tuesday: St John the Baptist, Tipp City: 6:30 p.m.  
 Transfiguration, West Milton: 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: St Denis: 7:00  
 December 19: St Christopher, Vandalia: 7:00 p.m.  
 December 21: St Denis: 7:00 p.m.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The annual Christmas party will be on Tuesday, January 9.

### VERSAILLES FFA and TOYS FOR TOTS

The Versailles FFA again collects new or good used toys for Toys for Tots. Put toys in the barrel in the back or send donations to the FFA at VHS, 459 S. Center St, Versailles, OH 45380.

### HOLY FAMILY: BOOK OF THE DEAD

I hope to have a Book of the Dead for each parish. I want it to list all who have died, each calendar date on its own page. Jean Grieshop has made a good beginning of this work by deciphering and typing all the names from our records. We have inserted them with the bulletin this week and hope you can get your family together to proofread spellings, dates and omissions. We ask you to return it by January 14. Meanwhile Jean tells me she has only 600 more to go for St Denis' book.

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



A voice crying in the wilderness,  
 "Prepare the way of the Lord."  
 -- Luke 3:4

### COLLECTION

December 3, 2006

### Holy Family (need \$1500)

Loose (42)	\$ 228.75
Envelopes (36)	\$ 635.00
Total	\$ 863.75

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

Loose (230)	\$ 987.51
Envelopes (236)	\$ 4196.30
Total	\$ 5183.81
Human Dev.	\$ 282.00

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Thank You

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Giving Tree (Versailles and Kentucky):** Thanks to all who have taken ornaments. Please return your gifts on or before December 17.

**Kentucky Food Drive:** When we go to Kentucky with gifts, we also take food for holiday meal gift baskets. We ask that each family donate food for one gift basket. We need these things: box of instant potatoes, cake mix or brownie mix, canned fruit or cranberry sauce, package of gravy, muffin mix or biscuit mix, 2 packages of jello, mini marshmallows, canned yams, and box of stuffing. Drop off food items in the back of church between November 26 and December 19. Item slips are available in the back of church.

**Kentucky Clothing Drive December 17-19:** We will begin accepting used clothing, household items and appliances on Sunday, December 17. There will be a Classic Carriers truck in the church parking lot. Please drop off your items and put them directly onto the truck. We will accept items up to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20.

**Kentucky Christmas Trip:** We will be bringing gifts, food and used donations down to Kentucky on December 21-22. We will leave on Thursday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. We will return on Friday, December 22 around 6:00 p.m. All high school youth are welcome to go. Forms and information sheets can be obtained from Mike. During this trip we will distribute new gift items and food to families of the Appalachian region. This is a wonderful experience. Any adults who would like to go and help chaperone, drive and distribute should contact Mike at church.

**Live Nativities:** This year we will be having live nativities at all of the Christmas liturgies beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. High school and junior high youth can participate at the Mass they are planning on attending. Mass times are 10:30 Christmas eve, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Christmas day at St. Denis, and 9:30 a.m. Christmas day at Holy Family. The 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve is already covered. Contact Mike if you are interested.

**Youth Choir Practice for Christmas:** Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. If you are interested in participating, we will be singing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

**High School Youth Leaders Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

**Coming up in January: Junior High Snow Tubing, Right to Life March in Washington D.C., and the Winter Pancake Breakfast.**

### JEAN'S CORNER

**Advent Bible Study:** Advent Bible Study: December 7, 14, and 21 from 7:30 in St. Denis Church basement. It costs \$8.50. Please call Jean at 526-4945 as soon as possible.

### HELP WANTED AT MASS

We need new servers, lectors, distributors, ushers and gift bearers at Mass. Please fill out this form and return it to the office or turn it in through CCD:

I want to help at Mass as ( ) a Mass server (Sixth grader and older);  
 ( ) a Lector (Eighth grade through adult); ( ) Distributor (Eighth grade through adult); ( ) Gift bearers (families or individuals);  
 ( ) Greeters and Ushers

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_