

DECEMBER 11, 2005: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

THE CALENDAR:

Monday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Raymond Berger Sr. Family

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

7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. (D)

Tuesday, December 13: St. Lucy

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

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

12:00 Noon Prayer Hour (HF)

7:30 p.m. Finance Commission Meeting (D)

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Wednesday, December 14: St. John of the Cross

Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23

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

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

6:50 p.m. CCD (D): Grades 7-12

7:00-8:00 p.m. CCD (HF): Grades 1-12

8:00 p.m. Worship Commission Meeting (D)

Thursday, December 15: Third Week of Advent

Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

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

3:00-4:00 Sacrament of Penance

7:30 p.m. Penance Service with several priests (D)

Friday, December 16: Third Week of Advent

Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36

6:30 a.m. Communion Service (D)

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

Saturday, December 17: Third Week of Advent

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

3:45 - 4:45 Sacrament of Penance

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Paul J. Barga

Sunday, December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

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

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

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

Sunday: God promises David a house and royal family (2 Samuel). God will confirm David's posterity for all generations (Psalm 89). God manifests his mystery hidden for generations (Romans). Gabriel announces that Mary has found favor with God (Luke).

WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES

Marriage Encounter, the weekend of **January 27-29**, 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.

BAPTISMS

Parents should attend a baptismal program before they arrange for baptism. We have scheduled the next program for January 15.

REST IN PEACE

Edward Schieltz died and received Christian burial on Friday. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS December 17 & 18, 2005

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

Ushers: Group 4; *Lector:* Dennis Mestemaker

Eucharist: Ryan McMaken, Sandy Pierron, Tom Watren (P) Betty Poly, Becky Schwieterman, Beth Schwieterman, Cheri Subler, Dan Subler, Tim Subler, Jennifer Treon, Therese Pohlman (C) *Servers:* Laura Subler, Kelsey Schlater, Brooke Pierron

Gifts: Joe and Lynn Schlater Family

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

Ushers: Group 9; *Lector:* Gary Huelskamp

Eucharist: Michael Liette, Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer (P) Mary Jean Meyer, Paul Meyer, Jim Nerderman, Mary Lou Nerderman, Sharon Pepiot, Jane Pierron, Justine Raterman, Dan Saintignon (C) *Servers:* Ryan Borchers, Joshua Borchers, Kristen Schulte

Gifts: Jerry and JoAnn Wilker

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

Ushers: Pat Bergman and Craig Bergman

Lector: Jeff Wuebker *Eucharist:* Joyce Kremer (P) Doris Kremer and Deacon Jack (C)

Servers: Alex Dirksen and Elizabeth and Jay Heitkamp

Gifts: Roger and Barb Heckman Family

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

Ushers: Group 11; *Lector:* Brad Luthman

Eucharist: Joanna Puthoff, Abbey Schlater, Kristen Smith (P) Ryan Schlater, John Schmitmeyer, Ted Schmitmeyer, Reyna Shardo, Matt Schmitmeyer, Michael Schmitmeyer, Julie Schrader, Katie Schrader (C) *Servers:* Dan Schrader, Danielle Condon, Jason Marchal

Gifts: Kevin Grilliot Family

VOCATION VIEWS

God gives you a mission. Respond! Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you.

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Eat food rich in antioxidants, such as fruits and vegetables. **Mind:** Read a book you've always wanted to read. **Spirit:** Meditate daily.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18* Too often we get lost in the desert instead of being a voice in the desert. Our baptism calls us to take an active part in being Christ to each other and celebrating new life. What needs to change in my life in order for me to "make straight the way of the Lord"?

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursdays, from 3:00 to 4:00, and from 7:00 to 8:00.

December 15 (Thursday) and 20 (Tuesday) we shall have a Penance Service with several priests giving absolution. During the CCD year:

On the first and fourth Wednesdays: St Denis, 8:00 p.m.

On the third Wednesdays: Holy Family 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the hall; 8:00 p.m. in the church itself.

All parishioners may use these times, no matter the place.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Our local FFA will again collect Toys for Tots and use our church buildings for drop-off points. Bring good and usable toys from now until December 14 to the drums inside of church.

FATHER DAVE

I understand some cannot understand me when I make announcements. I have to work on this. I have a tendency to use a more conversational voice for announcements to distinguish them from the liturgy. I shall try to improve on this. As a general rule I only announce things that take place after Mass or that we missed in the bulletin. The rest I leave for you to read in the bulletin.

My nephew invited me out to baptize his daughter next weekend. I shall go. A visiting priest will cover me in my absence.

Someone mentioned something about people leaving early. I know some leave to avoid getting crushed by those who can walk faster. Those who leave after the dismissal, when I leave actually leave on time and not early. Those who leave after communion will receive no judgment from me even though I want them to stay until the dismissal. Those who judge them adversely perhaps should rethink their judgment.

DECORATIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Giving for our decorating for Advent and Christmas will help defray the expense. You can use the special envelopes in the pews.

LITURGICAL NOTES

If I had to pick one book that would help the lectors function better, I would choose a good dictionary. Sometimes we speak words we have not spelled and do not recognize them when spelled. Lectors, anytime you come upon a word you do not recognize, look it up the dictionary. You can also consult the pronunciation guides we have at the ambo and in the sacristy.

SOUP AND SALAD

We have our monthly Soup and Salad on Wednesday the fourteenth at 11:30 a.m. in the church basement. Bring whatever you define as salad and come. Bring a friend. High schoolers may come during their lunch breaks. The After School Choir from the elementary school will entertain us.

CCD NEWS

Living the Christian Life: An Introduction to Morality. St Henry Church offers this course January 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Father Larry Wyen will serve as the instructor. Catechist will receive credit on their requirements for certification. Call 937-498-1192 to register.

HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY: SEXTON NEEDED

Delbert Dirksen has served as sexton for the cemetery for many years. The time has come for him to retire from this position. We thank him for the many years of service he and his family have provided. We need to replace him. Please contact Fr. Dave at 526-4945 for more details on the open position.

Many thanks to Carolyn Bruns and the Mark Stucke family for their generous donation of approximately one acre of land at the south side of the cemetery.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please use the special envelope and respond generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious this weekend for the retired religious sisters and priests of the country. You can read the 2004 Retirement Fund for Religious Annual Report at www.usccb.org/nrro.

MEETINGS

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.: Finance Commission meeting in Rectory at St. Denis.

Tuesday at 7:30 at St. Denis: The Daughters of Isabella.

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.: Worship Commission meeting in St. Denis basement.



COLLECTIONS Dec. 4, 2005

Holy Family:

Sunday: \$ 798.05

St Denis:

Sunday: \$ 4286.25

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Thank You

YOUTH MINISTRY

Kentucky Christmas Trip: We will go down to Kentucky December 17 to unload the truck, distribute the new gift items, make the gift baskets and distribute them and bring Christ's love to those in need. Any high school youth who would like to go should contact Mike for information sheets and parental consent forms. Any adults who would like to help out should volunteer by contacting Mike.

Kentucky Giving Tree: Thanks to all who have already taken ornaments! All the ornaments were taken by last week Friday.

Kentucky Clothing Drive: There will be two days to drop off clothing items. They are Thursday, December 15, and Friday, December 16. We will load on Friday night, December 16. Please bring large items to load directly onto the truck between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. December 16.

Kentucky Food Drive: Please take a food items list in the back of church. Purchase the food items and return them to the back of church sometime before Wednesday, December 14. We shall use the items for holiday meal gift baskets for poor families in Appalachia.

Versailles Area Giving Tree: Thanks to all who have taken ornaments. Please return gifts to the designated area in the back church as soon as possible.

Craft and Candy Sale: Thanks to all who patronized the craft and candy sale. It was a success and will help the youth ministry financially. Special thanks to Joan Wilker and her family for supplying the craft items and helping out with the sale. Thanks to the youth who volunteered to help!

Youth Choir: The youth choir will be practicing for Christmas on this Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, December 23 from noon to 3:00 p.m. We will be singing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Live Nativity: This year we will have a Live Nativity that will greet parishioners at all the Christmas Masses. Each nativity will consist of parishioners in biblical costumes to make up the entire manger scene as people come to Mass. This is one more way that we hope to bring Christ into the lives of everyone this Christmas season.

JOURNEY HOME

Come; join us in song and praise to God this evening at St Denis at 7:00 p.m.

JEAN'S CORNER

Prayer Chain: Respecting your privacy is important to us, so please give us only the information you wish to have released. Thanks.

Flu Shots: We have flu shots will be available from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in St. Denis Church basement today. They cost \$20.00 and will be available only for people aged eighteen and over.

Truth and Error: God is truth and light. The more we get to know Him, the better we know the truth. Check the message; test the claims.