

DECEMBER 24, 2006: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 25: Christmas

See the next page for the readings

5:00 p.m. Mass (D) Dorothy & Rodney Martino (Live Nativity)

10:30 p.m. Mass (D) Robert Borgerding (Live Nativity)

Monday, December 25: Christmas

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Doug and Craig Meier (Live Nativity)

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

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): The Vincent Family (Live Nativity)

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10: 17-22

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Frantz & Liette Families

Wednesday, December 27: St. John the Evangelist

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a and 2-8

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

Thursday, December 28: Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

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

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

Friday, December 29: Fifth Day of Octave of Christmas

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

4:00 p.m. Mass (D): Pepiot/Slusser Wedding

Saturday, December 30: Sixth Day of Octave of Christmas

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

3:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance

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

Sunday, December 31: Solemnity of Holy Family

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

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

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

Monday January 1: Solemnity of Mother of God

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Joe & Bertha Voisinet

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday: Hannah dedicates her son Samuel to the Lord in his temple (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28). The psalm proclaims blessed those who live in God's house (Psalm 84). God the father has made us his children (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24). The parents of Jesus take Jesus to the temple (Luke 2:41-52).

BAPTISM

The next pre-baptismal program will take place January 21 for new or expectant parents. We baptized and welcomed Brooke Lee Briscoe into the church last Sunday.

WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES

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

WEDDINGS

Jessalyn Pepiot and Tyler Slusser plan to marry here on December 29.

PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

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

RCIA, INITIATION INTO THE CHURCH

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

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS Dec. 30 & 31, 2006, & Jan. 1, 2007

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

Ushers: Group 1; *Lector:* Zita Henry

Eucharist: Dan Subler, Tom Watren, Bryant Ahrens, (P) Tim Subler, Christine Borchers, Cody Bruns, Kate Bruns, Danielle Condon, Ben Dapore, John Davis, Brittany Drees (C)

Servers: Brooke Pierron, Laura Subler, Tyler Knapke

Gifts: Pat Eilerman Family

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

Ushers: Group 6; *Lector:* John Harman *Eucharist:* Rich Schwieterman, Janice Schwieterman, Michael Liette (P) Deacon Jack, Brian Schwieterman, Cyndi Bey, Elaine Bohman, Ann Borchers, Kim Borchers, Lil Borchers, Orville Borchers (C);

Servers: Ryan Borchers, Joshua Borchers, Casey Rismiller

Gifts: Bob & Michelle Dirksen

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

Ushers: Delbert Dirksen and Adam Dirksen *Lector:* Jeff Wuebker *Eucharist:* Melvin Stucke (P) Mary Ann Stucke and Jamie Stucke (C); *Servers:* Justin May, Brandon Rethman and Jason Bergman

Gifts: Lewis and Alma May Family

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

Ushers: Group 13 & 14; *Lector:* Emily Pitsenbarger *Eucharist:* Kathy Wood, Aaron Condon, Jennifer Francis (P) Russ Beisner, Peggy Bernholt, Nicholas Eilerman, Joe Gigandet, Bob Goubeaux, Curt Goubeaux, Lori Griesdorn, Jean Grieshop (C); *Servers:* Laura Condon, Matt Stover, Jason Marchal

Gifts: Bob Goubeaux Family

Monday January 1, 2007: Solemnity of Mother of God

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

Ushers: Group 15; *Lector:* Brittany Drees

Eucharist: Diane Elsas, Jerry Elsas, Doris Goubeaux (P) Deacon Jack, Maria Goubeaux, Krista Harman, Nicholas Harman, Caitlin Liette, Marvin Luthman, Dale Meier, Matt Hileman (C);

Servers: Michael Heaton, Joanna Cruz, Danielle Condon

Gifts: Jack and Kathy Wood

VOCATION VIEWS

Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you.

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Do abdominal and lower back exercises 3 times a week to support your spine. **Mind:** Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. **Spirit:** Keep a gratitude list of things and people you are grateful for.

ST ANN'S SODALITY NEWS

St Ann's Sodality annual Christmas dinner will take place on the feast of the Epiphany, January 7, at 7:00. Please bring a guest; a covered dish and an item for the Food Pantry (please no corn, green beans or peas).

JANUARY 1: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

We observe Monday, January 1, as a holyday without obligation this year. We shall have Mass at 11:00 in St Denis Church to allow people to sleep late and still get to church. This day celebrates the oldest festival honoring Mary as Mother of God. I hope many of you will choose to celebrate at Mass this year.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare is a series of talks on divorce and recovery topics beginning on January 25 at Holy Redeemer parish in New Bremen, OH. Call 937-492-4449 to register and for more information.

FATHER DAVE

I want to thank Jean Grieshop for all the help and service she has given us the past year and a half. With the end of this year she moves on to another phase in her life. I ask you to keep her in your prayers and to keep the parish in your prayers; she has worked in many areas that I want to see continue. We have a reception for her scheduled for January 7 after the 11:00 Mass.

LITURGY

We respect the season of Advent by refraining from decorating for Christmas before the end of Advent. We respect the season of Christmas by decorating to enhance our primary symbols, altar, ambo (or pulpit) and chair. This year, because of our limited time, we shall try to decorate more simply than in the past without neglecting to enhance our space for worship. As usual, we want to respect the liturgical season and the place where we celebrate the liturgy.

HOLY FAMILY: BOOK OF THE DEAD

We have good response from you regarding the Book of the Dead. We did overlook one thing, those buried in the cemeteries from other parishes, including St Denis. Let us know the names we have missed so we can add them.

THE READINGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

MASS OF THE VIGIL (5:00): Isaiah 62, 1-5; Psalm 89; Acts 13, 16-17. 22-25 and Matthew 1, 1-25.

MASS AT NIGHT (10:30): Isaiah 9, 1-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2, 11-14 and Luke 2, 1-14.

MASS AT DAWN (8:00): Isaiah 62, 11-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3, 4-7; Luke 2, 15-20.

MASS DURING DAY (9:30 and 11:00): Isaiah 52, 7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1, 1-6 and John 1, 1-18. [11:00 Mass: signed in ASL]

LIVE NATIVITY

The senior high and junior high youth groups of both parishes will present the annual Live Nativity both before and after the five Masses of Christmas. Youth in costume will welcome you before Mass.

D OF I NEWS

The D of I will have its annual Christmas dinner Tuesday, January 9, at 6:00. Please bring a covered dish and canned food (except green beans, peas and corn) or paper products for the food pantry. The D of I will provide the meat and table service.

The D of I wants whoever borrowed the large mixing bowl from St Denis' kitchen to return it.

May God bless you this Christmas.
Father Dave Deacon Jack Jean Grieshop
Ginny Moorman Mike Meyer
Linda Meyer Louie Huber

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: _____



Who am I that the mother of my Lord should visit me? -- Luke 1:43

COLLECTION

December 17, 2006

Holy Family (need \$1500)

Loose (41)	\$ 224.15
Envelopes (45)	\$ 779.00
Total	\$ 1003.15
Religious Retire.	\$ 255.00

St Denis (need \$6500):

Loose (214)	\$ 957.31
Envelopes (214)	\$ 3866.00
Total	\$ 4823.31
Religious Retire.	\$ 418.00

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Versailles and Kentucky: Thanks to all who have taken ornaments, given food, donated used articles and, in general, provided for the needs of others through this project of our youth.

Youth Choir: We will sing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

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

Steubenville Youth Conference: We will go to Steubenville next year on the weekend of July 13-15 for the youth conference. A \$30.00 deposit is required to register students and adult chaperones. The total cost of the conference this year will be between \$190.00 and \$200.00. Anyone who will be a freshman or older during the 2007-2008 school year is eligible to go. I need to send in the registration forms Friday, January 5, to ensure our reservations for July. If you need information sheets, please call Father Dave at the office this week. I have to have your deposit money by Wednesday, January 3. Don't miss this Youth Conference this year.

JEAN'S CORNER: A New Year a New Beginning

New beginnings are about change in our lives, and change can be scary, and often times it seems easier to stay where we are than to change. New beginnings always have "old endings", which bring grief, excitement, concern, sprinkled with a huge dose of trust. As we think about old endings and new beginnings, maybe pondering these questions will help with direction. (1) What old ending are you or have you experienced? (2) What do you miss about the old? (3) What is the new that you have experienced? (4) What concerned you about the old and the new? (5) What do you see now that you didn't see then? Change has come upon me and I have experienced these! Grief, concern, excitement and trust, "this is where my hope lies". My plans at present are to take about a month off, and then start working in the nursing field once again. However, I will continue to keep my ears and eyes open for a ministry position. Meanwhile, know that change is not a bad thing, matter of fact its necessary, so that God can move in our lives.

I want to take this opportunity once again to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year, a "New Beginning"

Health Care Center: Would you like to lead the rosary and read the Scripture of the day on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m.? If so, please, please call the office.

Blood Pressure Screening: Barb Monnin will take over arranging for blood pressure screenings on the first full weekend of the month.

Automatic External Defibrillators: These have saved at least one life this year, but we need to monitor them. Call the office if you want to monitor these devices.

Welcome Committee: If you would like to coordinate this group in making newcomers welcome, please call the office.