

# DECEMBER 25, 2005: CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY FAMILY AND DENIS CHURCHES. 14 E WOOD ST. VERSAILLES OH 45380-1440

## THE CALENDAR:

### Monday, December 26: St. Stephen

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

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

7:30 p.m. No R.C.I.A. (D)

### Tuesday, December 27: St. John

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

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

### Wednesday, December 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents

I John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Mary E. Bey and Stan Stover

### Thursday, December 29: Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas

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

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

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

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

### Friday, December 30: Solemnity of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14, Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

6:30 a.m. No Communion Service (D)

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Sick & Shut-ins of St. Ann Sodality

### Saturday, December 31: Seventh Day in Octave

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 1:67-79

3:45 – 4:45 No Sacrament of Penance

4:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

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

### Sunday, January 1: Solemnity of the Mother of God

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

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

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

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

**Sunday:** The blessing Aaron gives asks for peace from God (Numbers 6). The psalm picks up the prayer for peace (Psalm 67). God sent his Son, born of a woman (Galatians 4). Luke recounts the circumcision and the naming of Jesus (Luke 2).

## 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. Last Sunday we welcomed Dylan Tyler Stump, son of Tyler Stump and Brittany Kemper; and Lauren Olivia Wietholter, daughter of Mitchell Wietholter and Audra Dues into the church through baptism.

## NEW YEAR'S / FEAST OF MARY / PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dec. 31: 4:00 Rosary for Peace & Evening Prayer; Mass at 5:00 (D); Jan. 1 (D): 8:00 Mass (7:30-8:45 Rosary) & 11:00 Mass (10:30-10:45 Rosary); 9:30 Mass (HF) (9:00-9:15 Rosary). (Joyful Mysteries). Please join us.

## MEETING CANCELLATIONS

If school closes because of weather, we cancel all meetings and activities at church except Mass.

## LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

### 5:00 p.m. Mass (D): New Years Eve

*Ushers:* Group 4; *Lector:* Zita Henry

*Eucharist:* Shirley McMaken, Bonnie Philipot, Therese Pohlman (P) Judy Pierron, Marvin Pierron, Sandy Pierron, Cheri Subler, Betty Poly, Beck Schwieterman, Beth Schwieterman (C)

*Servers:* Brooke Pierron, Kelsey Schlater, Jessica Barga

*Gifts:* Steve and Judy Cordonnier Family

### 8:00 a.m. Mass (D): New Years Day

*Ushers:* Group 7; *Lector:* Elaine Bohman

*Eucharist:* Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer, Dan Saintignon (P) Kim Murphy, Mary Pepiot, Sharon Pepiot, Jane Pierron, Don Brocious, Paul Meyer, Mary Jean Meyer, Karen Keiser (C)

*Servers:* Matthew Knapke, Tyler Knapke, Chad Knapke

*Gifts:* Jim and Mary Lou Nerderman

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

*Ushers:* John Grilliot and Lewis May

*Lector:* Judy Barga *Eucharist:* Linda Pohlman (P) Alan Stammen and Barb Marshal (C)

*Servers:* Ryan and Brandon Rethman and Rick Mayo

*Gifts:* Bob and Lisa Mayo Family

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

*Ushers:* Group 15; *Lector:* Robert Goubeaux

*Eucharist:* Caitlin Liette, Michael Schmitmeyer, Ted Schmitmeyer (P) Brad Luthman, Marvin Luthman, Abbey Schlater, John Schmitmeyer, Joanna Puthoff, Ryan Schlater, Matt Schmitmeyer, (C)

*Servers:* Jason Marchal, Mary Prakes, Margaret Prakes

*Gifts:* Jeff and Kathy Walters

## VOCATION VIEWS

How do you see God as having good news for you today? O, announce the good news.

## WELLNESS TIPS

**Body:** Abdominal and lower back exercises will support your spine. **Mind:** Introduce yourself to someone you do not know. **Spirit:** Keep a list of people and things for which you give thanks.

## CHRISTMAS

Just as Advent continues the celebration of Christ the King, so also does the Christmas and Epiphany. We celebrate the arrival of Christ the Lord, the Redeemer and King.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

This week: Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 and from 7:00 to 8:00. Other than these times we have the sacrament only by appointment.

## God bless you with many gifts this Christmas.

Father Daniel  
Linda Meyer  
Louis J. Hulse  
Jean Grisham  
Jack Borge Sin.  
Shirley Moorman  
Peggy Borge Sin.  
Mildred Meyer  
Mary Hartke

#### FATHER DAVE

My nephew appreciated having me come to baptize his daughter. I enjoyed going out. Every time I go someplace for Mass I come home appreciating my home parishes more. Much as I liked celebrating Mass for my nephew's parishioners, I enjoy celebrating here more. My nephew goes to a small church that seats about 60 people. I counted about 40 people in two Masses. The collection the week before came to \$900 for the parish and \$300 for the retired religious, not bad for a small parish. I counted two babies and six other children. Some probably could not make it because of the weather. (At one time the people of the area received permission from the Pope to celebrate Christmas on July 25, when they could travel the roads better. The road above my nephew's place closes for the winter.) I enjoyed the people there and they enjoyed me, but I enjoy you of Holy Family and St Denis better.



#### COLLECTIONS Dec. 18, 2005

##### Holy Family:

Sunday: \$ 805.00  
Rel. Retire.: \$ 65.00

##### St Denis:

Sunday: \$ 3517.40  
Rel. Retire.: \$ 368.00

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Thank You

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 2005

**THIS FRIDAY**

**AT 9:30 A.M.**

#### HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

We, the parishioners of Holy Family Parish, invite all of you to join us in our celebration of our patronal feast. It comes on a Friday this year, not a Sunday. We shall celebrate with Mass on Friday, December 30, at 9:30 a.m. We shall have refreshments afterwards, compliments of the St Ann Sodality. We invite all our friends from St Denis to come.

#### LITURGICAL NOTES

Sometimes we skip the Penitential Rite. When we baptize at Mass, the introduction to the baptism takes the place of the Penitential Rite. The blessing of palms and the welcoming of the body in a funeral Mass do the same thing.

The Penitential Rite prepares us to listen to the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist. When other rites do the same thing we do not repeat the Penitential Rite.

#### 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. Catechist will receive credit on their requirements for certification. Call 937-498-1192 to register.

#### HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY: SEXTON NEEDED

Anyone who would like to serve as sexton for the Holy Family Cemetery should contact the office at 526-4945. The sexton arranges for opening and closing graves, and brokers lots for burial.

#### STEWARDSHIP

We have finished our Christmas shopping. We have also prepared a gift for our Church. Gifts reflect the love we have for the receiver. We give more to those whom we love more. We give less to those whom we love less. What gift have we prepared for our Church? Giving according to love, or proportionate giving, describes what we mean by stewardship.

#### WELCOME

We extend our hands and hearts in fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents, newly arrived in the parish or not Catholic whether interested in the Catholic Church or not. If you have not registered, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Steubenville Youth Conference:** It is already time to start collecting down payment money for the Steubenville Youth conference. This year we will be going on July 14-16. All students who are going to be freshmen next year and older are welcome to attend. The total conference cost is \$160.00 per student, which includes T-shirt. A \$30.00 down payment should be turned into Mike by Wednesday, January 4.

**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.

**Winter Pancake Breakfast:** The youth ministry pancake breakfast will be on Sunday, January 15, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please come down for a great breakfast and support the youth ministry.

**St. Vincent DePaul:** The next trip to St. Vincent DePaul is on New Year's Day, January 1. We need an adult volunteer and 5 youth to go down to Dayton and serve the evening meal to the homeless. This is a wonderful experience! Please contact Mike if interested.

**Don't Stop:** The next Don't Stop Steubenville Follow-up is Sunday, January 8, 6:00 p.m., Russia High School. All high school students are invited.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Sunday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. the St. Ann Sodality will have its Christmas party at Holy Family parish hall. Please bring a covered dish. Your husband or a guest is invited. Canned goods and food staples will be collected for the Versailles Food Pantry.

Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 p.m., the Daughters of Isabella will have carry-in dinner with meat and table service furnished. Your husband or other guest is invited. Canned goods and other staples will be collected for the Versailles Food Pantry.

#### FORGIVENESS

We all need forgiveness. Others have hurt us and we, at times, have hurt others. Sometimes we find it hard to forgive because someone has hurt us deeply. I have asked Jean to offer a series on forgiveness. She will do this on the four Thursdays of January from 10:00 to 11:30 in the morning.

If someone has hurt you or if you find yourself angry over hurts that you have suffered, you may have to face the question of whether or not to forgive. This video-series will look at the meaning of forgiveness and the possibility of forgiveness. Please call the office for more information.

#### JEAN'S CORNER

**Spiritual Renewal Program:** The Pastoral Council has given its support for a spiritual renewal program. We have selected, "New Beginnings." We shall present this program to the parish in the fall. We have started the planning process already.