

JUNE 24, 2007: THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF) Parishioners (Plaque Dedication)
1:00 p.m. Baptismal Program (D)

Monday, June 25: Weekday (Twelfth Week)

Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Ralph Francis
3:00-9:30 Olan Mills Pictures (D)

Tuesday, June 26: Weekday

Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Cramer and Marchal Families
3:00-9:30 Olan Mills Pictures (D)

Wednesday, June 27: Weekday

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Ralph Mescher
3:00-9:30 Olan Mills Pictures (D)

5:00-6:30 Community Supper: (Lutheran Church)

Thursday, June 28: St. Irenaeus

Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Dan Kissinger
3:00-9:30 Olan Mills Pictures (D)

8:45-8:30 p.m. Exposition (Benediction at 8:30 p.m.)

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

Friday, June 29: Sts. Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Bob and Winifred Davidson
3:00-9:30 Olan Mills Pictures (D)

Saturday, June 30: Weekday

Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17

3:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Ed and Laurene Drees

Sunday, July 1: The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Lord provides for the continued presence of his word among us (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21). We claim the Lord, not wealth, for our inheritance (Psalm 16). Christ set us free so that we could have freedom (Galatians 5:1, 13-18). Jesus resolutely sets his face for Jerusalem and calls on us to follow (Luke 9:51-62).

PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

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

WEDDINGS AND MARRIAGES

Marriage Encounter, the weekend of July 13-15, 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.

BAPTISM

The next pre-baptismal program for new or expectant parents will take place today at 1:00 p.m. We welcomed Morgan Elizabeth Schutz into the church through baptism at Mass last Sunday.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS

We have a dedicated group of people who lead the rosary before each weekend Mass. If you can help at any of the Masses please call the office with your name. We especially need more volunteers for the 7:30 rosary on Sunday mornings.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS July 1, 2007

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

Ushers: Group 4 *Lector:* Elaine Bergman

Eucharist: Sharon Kramer, Diane Martino, Shirley McMaken (P); Michael Kramer, Melissa Heft, Brittany McMaken, Ryan McMaken, Katie Mestemaker, Kim Murphy, Bonnie Philipot, Judy Pierron

Servers: Brian Kramer, Stephanie McMaken, Jessica Barga

Gifts: Dave & Cheryl Huelskamp Family

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

Ushers: Group 8 *Lector:* Elaine Bohman

Eucharist: George Kuether, Jennifer Paulus, Mike McClurg (P); Dale Meier, Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer, Mary Jean Meyer, Paul Meyer, Lester Monnin, Barbara Monnin (C);

Servers: Joshua Paulus, Ann Borchers, Casey Rismiller

Gifts: Jim and Mary Lou Nerderman

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

Ushers: Pat Bergman and Craig Bergman

Lector: Ken Hartke *Eucharist:* John Grilliot (P); Susan Grilliot and Margie Heitkamp (C);

Servers: Josh Didier, Neil Didier and Jason Bergman

Gifts: Brad and Penny Henry Family

Cleaning: Betty Baltes-Spring, Mary Lou Topp, Evelyn Frantz

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

Ushers: Group 12 & 16 *Lector:* Julie McEldowney

Eucharist: Brian Griesdorn, Krista Philipot, Kathy Phillips (P); Krista Harman, Nicholas Harman, Betsy Moorman, Ken Moorman, Therese Pohlman, Mary Prakes, Joanna Puthoff, Abbey Schlater (C)

Servers: Samuel Prakes, Joanna Cruz, Michael Heaton

Gifts: Ron and Mary Gehret Family

VOCATION VIEWS

Following Jesus demands carrying the cross and walking in his steps. Have the courage to be a follower. Trust that Jesus will give you what you need. (See Luke 9:18-24)

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Wear sun-block when in the sun to protect your skin from the sun's rays. **Mind:** Use your brain to do calculations. **Spirit:** Make peace with a loved one.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH

Do you have a non-Catholic spouse? Do you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or joining it? If so, plan to join us July 10, a Tuesday evening, at 7:00 in the rear of the church. We shall have a tour of the church and explore things visible and things in the back rooms.

Anyone may join us. Our first meeting included Catholics interested in learning more about the Church, baptized non-Catholics and unbaptized people interested in looking at the Church. We have welcomed them, with no strings attached.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION—TODAY

The theme for this year is *Let us make sure that none of God's children ever feels alone.* The proceeds fund works of the Holy Father and offer relief assistance to those who suffer from war, oppression, disease or natural disasters around the world. Please be generous.

RIGHT OF LIFE GARAGE SALE

Thanks to all who helped with the annual Darke County Right of Life garage sale. It was a success because of your donations of time and treasures.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The July Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m. instead of on Tuesday, June 10 as scheduled.

FATHER DAVE

The Priests' Convocation last week focused on change. It listed three ages of congregational life, the Age of Consensus (1950s), the Age of Differences (1970s) and the Age of Diversity (1990s). To put it another way, we have gone from the age of the group or community through the age of individualism to an age of subgroups and cultural diversity. In general the Church has experienced these phases in the past fifty years. Gil Rendle from the Alban Institute led our discussions. Close to two hundred priests, active and retired, came to the convocation. We also learned that Bishop Moeddel has vascular dementia (not enough oxygen to the brain) and cannot return to active work: please pray for him.

LITURGY

The Archbishop consecrated the new church in McCartyville last Sunday. The rite follows the Rite for baptizing adults. First the Archbishop baptized the church by sprinkling the building and us with baptismal water. Then, after the readings, he anointed the altar and the walls of the church with Sacred Chrism. Finally he celebrated the Eucharist in it for the first time. We walked into an empty structure and left with a full-fledged church with altar, celebrant's chair and ambo ready for the next Eucharist. The Archbishop also inaugurated the Blessed Sacrament Chapel before Mass ended. We had a good crowd at our own RCIA meeting last Monday. We meet next, on July 10, for a tour of the church.

DEDICATION OF PLAQUE

Holy Family Church has the distinction as the oldest church building in continuous use in Darke County. We have a plaque celebrating this fact and we shall have the official recognition of the plaque after 9:30 Mass today.

WEDDINGS

Kristine Blakeley and Brian Happy plan to marry on June 30 at Holy Trinity, Coldwater.
Megan Brown and Wesley Subler plan to marry at St. Denis on Saturday, July 14.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

Community Suppers: Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 at the Lutheran Church; everybody invited. Invite others to the meals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maria Stein County Fest, Maria Stein, OH: this weekend. For more information go to www.mscountyfest.com. A Knights of St. John Pilgrimage begins at 1:00 p.m. today at St. John Church and ends at Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics.

Produce Stand: The parishes of St. Nicholas and St. Louis are operating a produce stand to benefit the poor at the corner of St. Rt. 705 and Us Rt. 127 (Happy Corner Garage parking lot). It will be open every Saturday from 9:00 to noon beginning July 7.

Versailles Community Vacation Bible School: July 23-27, 8:45-11:45 at Versailles Christian Church for children between age 4 or going into the 6th grade. \$5.00 per child or \$15 per family of 3 or more. Deadline to register is June 30. Call 526-4391 for more information, to help, or to donate cookies or juice.

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: _____



Zechariah asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name."

**COLLECTION
June 17, 2007**

Holy Family
Loose (33) \$ 178.00
Envelopes (52) \$ 706.00
Total \$ 884.00

St Denis
Loose (139) \$ 713.00
Envelopes (206) \$2984.00
Total \$3697.00

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MANY THANKS

??? YOUTH MINISTRY ???

Kentucky Work Camp: Please pray for our youth and leaders at the Kentucky Work Camp this week.

National Catholic Youth Conference: This year the National Catholic Youth Conference is in Columbus, Ohio, on November 8-11. All high school youth may attend. We want to send a group of ten or more students and adults. Contact Mike for more information.

Country Concert Clean-Up Fundraiser: We will participate in the Country Concert Clean-Up on Monday, July 8. World Youth Day Australia participants can work toward their trip expenses. Others can work for either the youth ministry or for a friend or relative that will be going on the trip. We will meet at 6:30 a.m. at St. Denis and travel to Newport. We usually work until 4:00 p.m. This is a reminder for those who have already signed up, or if you have not yet signed up, please contact Mike right away.

Junior High Whitewater Rafting and High Ropes: The junior high is invited to go whitewater rafting and do a high ropes course on July 30-31. This overnight event will be in Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania. Forms are available at the youth office. There is a limit of twenty people including adults and we will take reservations on a first come first serve basis.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: SIGN UP NOW

Olan Mills has given us July 23, 24 and 25 in addition to the dates we already have. We have also asked Olan Mills to phone those of us who have not yet made appointments and to remind us of our appointments. If someone from Olan Mills calls you, please listen to him; he calls you on our behalf. We have turned off our registration by Internet to enable phoning. You may change your date or schedule a time by calling Olan Mills at 1-800-855-2263 between 9:00 and 5:00 p.m. Use our contract number 19624 or our phone number 937-526-4945.

We shall take pictures June 25 through June 29 and July 5 through 14 and July 23 through 25, except Sundays.

If you need a ride to your appointment, please call Betty Baltes-Spring at 419-582-2148 or 419-852-0566.

GROUP PICTURES

June 23 and 24 (after each Mass): All Ushers, Leaders of the Rosary (after 5:00 and 9:30 Masses) and the second group of church cleaners at Holy Family. (This is for all in these groups, so please come after one of the Masses even if you are not assigned this day.)

MILITARY PICTURES

Any one with a family member in the military may submit a picture for the special military section in the new church directory. Bring the picture to the office or contact Jane Huber at 526-4712 or Betty Baltes-Spring at 419-582-2148.

CCD REGISTRATION

Thanks to all who have registered for CCD this year. Please continue to fill out and return the registration forms soon. If you need more forms or have a child beginning CCD this year, you can find registration forms at all the entrances to church.