

DECEMBER 2, 2007: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 2: First of Advent (Blood Pressures)

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF) Parishioners (50th Wedding Anniversaries)

Monday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier

Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11

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

3:13-4:15 CCD (D) grades 1-6

Tuesday, December 4: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

8:00 a.m. Mass: Margaret "Peg" Baltes

7:00 p.m. RCIA (D)

Wednesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Norma Jean Gigandet

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

7:00-8:00 CCD (D) grades 7-12; (HF) 1-19

Thursday, December 6: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Evelyn and Edgar Smith

3:00-4:00, and 7:00-8:00: Sacrament of Penance

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

Friday, December 7: St. Ambrose

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

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

8:00 a.m. No Mass (D):

7:30 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

Saturday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

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

10:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Parishioners

3:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance

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

6:00 and 7:30 Show Choir in basement

Sunday, December 9: The Second 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 WEEKEND

How do you react to the challenging words of John the Baptist? How do you need to hear the words, "Stay awake"? The readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12.

BAPTISM

The pre-baptismal programs for new or expectant parents will take place in 2008 on January 20, April 20, July 20 and October 19. Please call the office to register. We welcomed Eli Craig Dirksen into the church through baptism at Holy Family this past Sunday.

PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

The Archdiocese sponsors Project Rachel for healing after abortion. Call 937-492-4449 for more information. Call 513-588-0080 or email pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com for more information.

Marriage Encounter, February 15-17, 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.

DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Leroy and Almareda Bruns and Lewis and Wilma Didier who will celebrate fifty years of marriage at the 9:30 a.m. Mass today. Best wishes to them and their families.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS December 7, 8, & 9, 2007

7:30 p.m. Mass (D): Friday, December 7: Immaculate Conception

Ushers: Group 4 *Lector:* Lori Griesdorn

Eucharist: Kim Murphy, Jennifer Paulus, Betty Poly (P); Bonnie Phlipot, Jane Pierron, Marvin Pierron, Judy Pierron, Sharon Pepiot, Therese Pohlman, Sandy Pierron, Ryan Rose (C);

Servers: Zachary Grilliot, Eric Huelskamp, Stephanie McMaken

Gifts: Volunteers

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

Ushers: Group 7 *Lector:* Jennifer Treon

Eucharist: Jim Nerderman, Mary Lou Nerderman, Justine Raterman (P); Mary Prakel, Joanna Puthoff, Kathy Grilliot, Dan Saintignon, Abbey Schlater, John Schmitmeyer, Marlene Schmitmeyer, Matt Schmitmeyer (C)

Server: Jessica Barga, Jacquie Moorman, Samuel Prakel

Gifts: Jim & Mary Lou Nerderman

10:00 a.m. Mass (HF): Immaculate Conception

Ushers: Mark and Luke Kremer

Lector: Louise Grilliot *Eucharist:* Urban Gehret (P), Irene Gehret and Barb Marchal (C); *Servers:* Josh and Neil Didier and Alex Dirksen

Gifts: Gary and Denise Heitkamp Family

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday: December 8 (Sunday of Advent)

Ushers: Group 1 *Lector:* Michael Rose

Eucharist: Katie Mestemaker, Barbara Monnin, Tom Watren (P); Michael Kramer, Dan Subler, Tim Subler, Cheri Subler, Danielle Condon, Brittany Drees, Phyllis Guillozet, Christine Borchers (C); *Servers:* Joe Gehret, Brian Kramer, Laura Subler

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, December 9

Ushers: Group 8 *Lector:* Elaine Bergman

Eucharist: Michael Liette, Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer (P); Mary Jean Meyer, Paul Meyer, Lester Monnin, Dale Meier, Rich Schwieterman, Kelly Schwieterman, Renee Shardo, Jerry Wilker *Servers:* Ryan Borchers, Casey Rismiller, Joshua Paulus

Gifts: Jerry & JoAnn Wilker

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

Ushers: Mark and Luke Kremer

Lector: Ken Hartke *Eucharist:* John Fischer (P), Margie Heitkamp and Deacon Jack (C); *Servers:* Elizabeth, Jay and Mindy Heitkamp **Gifts: Bob & Lisa Mayo Family**

Cleaning: Alma May, Sharon Stammen, Marilyn Bergman (Call the rectory for directions to the key.)

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

Ushers: Group 12 & 16 *Lector:* Brian Voisard

Eucharist: Janet Turner, Ted Schmitmeyer, Michael Schmitmeyer, (P); Krista Phlipot, Kristen Schulte, Matt Stover, Kathy Wood, Krista Harman, Bryant Ahrens, Russ Beisner, Peggy Bernholt (C) *Servers:* Mitchell Stover, Joanna Cruz, Bailey DeMange **Gifts: Doug & Lori Davidson Family**

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in St Denis Church basement
Everybody welcome.

Catholics, non-Catholic spouses, others.

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Exercise for 30 minutes 4-6 days per week. **Mind:** Learn how to say "No". **Spirit:** Value spiritual things.

VOCATION VIEWS

We need leaders as we climb to mountain of the Lord. How does the Lord call you to leadership in his Church? See: Isaiah 2:1-5.

FATHER DAVE

I want to thank the St Ann Sodality for orchestrating fifty casseroles for the St Vincent de Paul Homeless shelter in Dayton. The Sodality could not have done it without you. Thank you all for helping with this project.

I want to thank all of you who cooked, served and cleaned up for our Thanksgiving Supper November 21 at the Lutheran Church. You helped feed 247 people.

LITURGY, FROM START TO FINISH

I expect all our parishioners to celebrate Mass with us each weekend. I expect that parishioners will arrive on time and stay until the end. Our ministers of the Eucharist have noticed many people receiving and continuing out the door. To leave after having received communion means to walk out on the community we celebrate at communion. I expect all of you to stay until the dismissal (The Mass is ended, go in peace. Thanks be to God). Anything less means cheating God and the community, something we ought not to tolerate except for serious reasons. I do not think that getting to the car before everyone else does makes a good excuse.

ADVENT BOOK WRITTEN BY FATHER SCHMITMEYER

This Advent, we offer you copies of Father Jim Schmitmeyer's *Jacob Junction*. Please take copies and use them.

COMMUNITY SUPPER – ALL WELCOME
Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:30
At Trinity Lutheran Church
We cook for December 19

NOTICES

Blood Pressure Screening: Have your blood pressure checked by parish nurses after all the Masses this weekend.

Toys for Tots Program: The Versailles FFA members will collect new and used toys, in excellent condition, for the Darke Co. Toys for Tots. Put your donations in the containers in back of church until December 13. Make checks out to the Darke County Toys for Tots, sent to VHS (FFA), 459 S. Center St., Versailles, OH 45380.

Council of Churches Benefit Breakfast: Today, 8:00-12:30 at the K of C Hall on Rt. 47. This event is co-sponsored by the Versailles K of C and the Versailles Lions Club. All proceeds go the Council of Churches' Food Pantry.

HOLYDAY DECEMBER 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Even though the feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Saturday, we still celebrate it as a holy day of obligation since we honor Mary under this title as our national patroness. To celebrate it on a Saturday requires some change in the holy day schedule. We shall have holy day Masses Friday evening, December 7, at 7:30 (D) and Saturday morning at 8:00 (D) and 10:00 (HF).

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24: Masses at 5:00 (Vigil at D) and 10:30 (Night at D)
 December 25: Masses at 8:00 (D), 9:30 (HF) and 11:00 (D)

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: _____



They shall beat their swords into plowshares not train for war again.

COLLECTION	
November 25, 2007	
Holy Family	
Envelopes (46)	\$ 607.00
Loose (50)	\$ 195.00
Total	\$ 802.00
Human Develop.	\$ 75.00
St Denis	
Envelopes (214)	\$ 3062.40
Loose (201)	\$ 918.25
Total	\$ 3980.65
Human Develop.	\$ 168.00
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MANY THANKS	

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Giving Trees, food and clothing drives:

a. Versailles: Please pick up the larger ornaments for our local needy people and follow the instruction of the back.

b. Kentucky: Gifts: Please pick up the smaller ornaments from the giving tree for the poor families in Appalachia and follow the directions on them. **Food:** We ask that each parish family donate one gift basket with the following items: box of instant potatoes; cake or brownie mix; canned fruit or cranberry sauce; package of gravy; muffin or biscuit mix; 2 packages of jell-o; mini marshmallows; canned yams and a box of stuffing. Please put these things in the back of church between now and December 19. **Clothing:** We shall have a truck in the St. Denis church parking lot on December 17-19 for used clothing and household items in good condition, including furniture and working appliances. You can put them directly onto the truck. Thanks so much for the wonderful response we have gotten for these apostolates in the past. **Kentucky Trip:** We will deliver all these items to Kentucky on December 20-21. We will need help putting together food baskets and distributing these items to families in need. High school students and adults can help. Pick up a form after Mass.

Live Nativities: We will have a Live Nativity at all the Christmas Masses. We are inviting youth, young adults, and families. If your family would like to do a live nativity at any of the Christmas liturgies, contact Mike.

High School Youth Leader's Meeting: There will be a high school youth leaders meeting this Monday, December 3, 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Connect 4: There will be a Connect 4 meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Denis Rectory Living Room.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Thanks to all who helped out with the Life in the Spirit Seminar. We had our last session last Monday. Thanks also to everyone who attended. God has blessed us. See article on prayer meetings.

Subs for Lunch: Next on Monday, December 10.

Breakfast with the Lord: Next on Friday, December 14.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Please check the schedule on the insert for the sacrament of penance during Advent and for the Mass schedule for December. Please save this for reference.

SERVERS PRACTICE

Practice for new servers: Monday afternoon, December 10, after CCD at 4:15 in the church at St Denis.

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meetings can help us praise God and prepare for the liturgical worship of Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. Prayer meetings also provide a good way of following up on the experiences of the Life in the Spirit Seminars. A person does not have to have gone to a Life in the Spirit Seminar to praise God in a prayer meeting.

We have our first Prayer Meeting Monday, December 10, 7:00 p.m. in the church basement at St Denis. The church sponsors, supports and promotes this meeting. We invite all of you.

BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT FOR DECEMBER 2, 2007

ADVENT PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

We invite all adults and parents to a program on immigration on the three Wednesdays of Advent from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

If you have children in CCD, drop them off and stay for the program. The program will focus on the fact and fortunes of immigration and emigration. Just as Mary and Joseph had to migrate from Nazareth to Bethlehem and then to Egypt before returning to Nazareth, people of the world migrate despite dangers and obstacles. We shall use the DVD, *Endless Exodus*, written by Gerard Thomas Straub and published by the San Damiano Foundation, as a basis for discussion and prayer.

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS

Please call the rectory or have someone else call us when you go into the hospital. We cannot visit you unless we know when you go into the hospital. Hospitals may no longer call us without the patient's express permission. If you notify us, we shall make every effort to visit you. You may receive the sacrament of the sick before you go in, if you know beforehand that you have to go.

REST IN PEACE

Lawrence Barton, son of Frank and Laura Barton, died recently and received Christian burial in Holy Family Cemetery between his parents. Please keep him and his nephews and nieces in your prayers.

Floyd (Red) Echeman died November 27 and received Christian burial Saturday. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

LECTORS

The new Workbooks are in. Please pick your up in the sacristy after Mass.

MOVIES

To find ratings on movies, both new releases and older releases, check with out United States Bishops official website, www.usccb.org/movies. To see trailers of movies, you can go to www.movies.aol.com/movie/. These two sites can help you decide whether you or your children ought to see a particular movie.

The Motion Picture Guild rates both these movies PG-13, but I stand by my recommendation about *Bella* (recommended) and *The Golden Compass* (not recommended). I need say no more about these.

ENCORE DINNER SHOW

The Versailles High School Music Department will present their first ever Dinner Show, "Santa's Frosty Follies" on Saturday December 8 in St. Denis church basement. There will be two seatings at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with dinner after each show. Adults, \$10, kindergarten through age 10, \$8; under age six free. Call 526-3871 for reservations by December 3. All proceeds will benefit this winter's trip to Chicago by the high school choir.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Next weekend, we take up our annual collection for the retired religious sisters and brothers. The average religious sister, brother or priest remains active until the age of 74. Today 37,870 women and men religious over the age of 70 need our help with the high cost of living and health care. For this collection we only count donations specifically marked for the retired religious. Please use the special envelopes in your boxes for this collection.

ADVENT PROGRAM

Wednesdays during Advent
(December 5, 12, 19)

7:00 to 8:00

Upstairs in St Denis Church

A look at
Immigration and emigration
An Advent perspective

(Biblical migrants include:

Adam and Eve

Cain

Noah

Abraham

Isaac and Ismael

The twelve Patriarchs

Moses

The Israelites from slavery and exile

The Holy Family

Paul the Apostle)

(Migrants to the Americas include:

English

French

Portuguese

Spanish

Germans

Chinese

Irish)

A Hearty
Welcome to All

Penance Service

(communal celebration
with individual confession and
absolution)

Thursday, December 13, 2007
7:00 p.m.

for our four (4) parishes
with ten (10) priests
at St Mary Church in Greenville
Come, bring your families and
friends

Penance, Form 1

(individual celebration
with individual confession and
absolution)

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 and 7:00 – 8:00
(none from 7:00 to 8:00 Dec. 13)

Saturdays from 3:45 to 4:45;

Tuesday, December 18
from 1:00 to 2:00;

Thursday, December 20
from 3:00 to 5:00;

Friday, December 21
from 3:00 to 4:00;

Saturday, December 22
from 2:45 to 4:45.

At other times, we celebrate the
sacrament only by appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Immaculate Conception:

Friday Evening, December 7:
7:30 (D)

Saturday morning, December 8:
8:00 (D)
10:00 (HF)

All Sundays:

Saturday eve:
5:00 (D)

Sunday morning:
8:00 (D)
9:30 (HF)
11:00 (D)

Christmas:

December 24:
5:00 (Vigil) (D)
10:30 (Night) (D)
December 25:
8:00 (Dawn) (D)
9:30 (Day) (HF)
11:00 (Day)(D)

Motherhood of Mary (New Years):

December 31:
5:00 (D)
January 1:
8:00 (D)
9:30 (HF)
11:00 (D)