

DECEMBER 9, 2007: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 9: Second of Advent (Retired Religious)

Monday, December 10: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

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

11:30 a.m. Subs for Lunch (D)

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

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (D) Church basement

Tuesday, December 11: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

8:00 a.m. Mass: Paul Goubeaux

7:00 p.m. RCIA (D)

7:30 p.m. D of I Meeting (D)

Wednesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Richard J. Marchal

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

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

7:00-8:00 Adult Advent Program (D) (Church)

Thursday, December 13: St. Lucy

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Beatrice Barga; No Exposition today

12:00 Prayer Hour at HF

3:00-4:00 Sacrament of Penance (D)

7:00 p.m. Penance Service at St. Mary, Greenville (10 priests)

Friday, December 14: St. John of the Cross

Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

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

6:50 Breakfast with the Lord

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

Saturday, December 15: Advent Weekday

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

3:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance

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

Sunday, December 16: The Third 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

Who first taught you about the faith? Who challenges you, like an ancient prophet, to faithful action? The readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

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 Landon Matthew Subler into the church through baptism this past Saturday.

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. **Retrouaille** (French for Rediscovery) can help you save your marriage. Please call 1-800-470-2230 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS, VERSAILLES SCHOOL

U.S. News and World Report named Versailles High School one of the six best in the area. It gave the school a bronze rating for serving all its students' needs, high marks on proficiency scores and preparing students for college. Congratulations.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS December 16, 2007

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday: December 15

Ushers: Group 2 *Lector:* Cindy Subler

Eucharist: Kate Bruns, Cody Bruns, Danielle Condon (P); John Davis, Brittany Drees, Diane Elsas, Jerry Elsas, Phyllis Guillozet, Cheryl Huelskamp, Dave Huelskamp, Betty Jutte (C); *Servers:* Jessica Barga, Eric Huelskamp and Bethany Huelskamp

Gifts: Steve & Judy Cordonnier Family

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, December 16

Ushers: Group 9 *Lector:* Elaine Bohman

Eucharist: Ron Stauffer, Cyndi Bey, Kim Borchers (P); Lauren Subler, Ann Borchers, Lil Borchers, Orville Borchers, Ryan Borchers, Krista Harman, Mary Ann Gump, Brittany Reed *Servers:* Ann Borchers, Ryan Borchers and Andrew Smith

Gifts: Paul and Mary Jane Meyer

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

Ushers: Mark and Luke Kremer

Lector: Sharon Stammen *Eucharist:* Bob Mayo (P), Bill and Doris Goettemoeller (C); *Servers:* Rick and Jeff Mayo and Justin May

Gifts: Jim and Linda Pohlman

Cleaning: Judy Longenecker, Lisa May, Irene Gehret (Call the rectory for directions to the key.)

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

Ushers: Group 13 & 14 *Lector:* Todd Schmitmeyer

Eucharist: Nicholas Eilerman, Jennifer Francis, Joe Gigandet (P); Peggy Borgerding, Bob Goubeaux, Curt Goubeaux, Joe Gehret, Connie Grillot, Matt Hileman, Caitlin Liette

Servers: Laura Condon, Samuel Praker and Kirstie Hartzell

Gifts: Bob & Jenny Paulus Family

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Eat foods rich in antioxidants, such as fruits and vegetables. **Mind:** Read a book you've always been interested in. **Spirit:** Meditate daily.

VOCATION VIEWS

Those who seek the Lord's wisdom and strength do well with their lives. How does God's wisdom call you? (Isaiah 11:1-10)

D OF I MEETING

The Daughters of Isabella will meet on Tuesday at 7:30 p. in the church basement at St. Denis.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in St Denis Church basement

Everybody welcome.

Catholics, non-Catholic spouses, others.

ADVENT PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

Come to Part Two of a series of three, a program on immigration, this Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

You can drop off children at CCD and stay for the program. The program will focus on the fact and fortunes of immigration and emigration. Mary and Joseph, with Jesus, had to migrate during the childhood of Jesus. They form the background for our venture into immigration this Advent. We use the DVD, *Endless Exodus*, written by Gerard Thomas Straub and published by the San Damiano Foundation, as a basis for our discussion and prayer.

ADVENT BOOK WRITTEN BY FATHER SCHMITMEYER

I see you have picked up all our copies of Father Schmitmeyer's book. Please use them well.

FATHER DAVE

I have reached a point where my friends tell me to slow down in my speech. They think I talk too fast at times. We all tend to speed up at times and need reminders. Just as I need reminders, I need to remind you to slow down during the common prayers we say, such as the Creed. Please slow down so that you can give some attention to the words of our profession of faith. Please slow down.

LITURGY, FROM START TO FINISH

Advent has a twofold character. It comes as a time to prepare for the solemnity of the Nativity. It also comes as a time when, by remembering the first coming, we await the second coming of Christ at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent shows itself to us as a time of devoted and pleasant expectation. Despite this expectation, however, we reduce the use of musical instruments so it only sustains the singing.

If you plant grass seed on the memorial of St Lucy, December 13, it should sprout by December 25. This can help the children wait better for the coming solemnity of the Nativity.

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

NOTICES

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.

Boneless Pork Loin Dinners: today, 11:00-1:00 p.m. at K of C Hall on Rt. 47. Cost: \$6. Carry out only.

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)

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Today, 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.

SOUP, SALAD AND SANDWICH

Our next Soup, Salad and Sandwich will be on Tuesday, December 18. We shall serve chicken noodle soup, made from real chicken and real noodles. Join us for our soup luncheon of the month Tuesday, December 18, at 11:30 in the church basement. Come as you are; no need to bring anything except an appetite. If you high school students can get out of school, feel welcome to join us.

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: _____



I am not worthy to carry the sandals of the one coming after me.

COLLECTION	
December 2, 2007	
Holy Family	
Envelopes (42)	\$ 647.00
Loose (53)	\$ 322.75
Total	\$ 969.75
St Denis	
Envelopes (207)	\$ 3809.50
Loose (175)	\$ 801.25
Total	\$ 4610.75
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MANY THANKS	

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Giving Trees, food and clothing drives:

a. Giving Tree Ornaments: Please follow the instructions on the back of the ornaments as to wrapping or not wrapping and delivery date.

b. Kentucky: 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 received for these missions 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.

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

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Taking part in the prayer meeting scheduled for Monday at 7:00 can help you keep the seminar alive in your life.

Subs for Lunch: Tomorrow, December 10.

Breakfast with the Lord: This Friday, December 14.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

We expect to see all of you Thursday at St Mary Church in Greenville for our Advent Penance Service with ten priests. Please check last week's bulletin for the schedule for the sacrament of penance and for Mass. We put extra copies of these schedules at the exits of church.

SERVERS PRACTICE

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

PRAYER MEETING

At prayer meetings, we praise God and prepare for the liturgical worship of Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. We can also follow up on the experiences of the Life in the Spirit Seminars. We can come even if we have not gone to a Life in the Spirit Seminar.

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