

DECEMBER 23, 2007: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 24: Advent Weekday

2 Samuel 7:1-16; Luke 1:67-79

5:00 pm. Mass (D): Rodney and Dorothy Martino

10:30 p.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas

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

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

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

Wednesday, December 26: St. Stephen

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

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

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

Thursday, December 27: St. John

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

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Luella and Ken Berger

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

3:00-5:00; 7:00-8:00 Sacrament of Penance (D)

Friday, December 28: Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

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

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

Saturday, December 29: Fifth Day of Christmas

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

3:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance (D)

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Scott Shappie

Sunday, December 30: Feast of the Holy Family

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

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

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

Monday, December 31: Seventh Day of Christmas

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

5:00 pm. Mass (D): Owen Kissinger

Tuesday, January 1: Solemnity of the Virgin Mary

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 does God call us to protect the children of our community, our nation and our world? What can we do to respect life in all its stages? The readings: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

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.

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.

VOCATION VIEWS

Open your mind and heart and listen to God's wisdom spoken in dreams, signs and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. Trust in God and let Him work through you. See: Matthew 1:18-24

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS Dec. 30-Jan. 1, 2008

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday: December 29

Ushers: Group 2 *Lector:* Zita Henry

Eucharist: Cheri Subler, Diane Elsas, Jerry Elsas, (P); Kate Bruns, Cody Bruns, Danielle Condon, John Davis, Brittany Drees, Dan Subler, Tim Subler, Betty Jutte (C); *Servers:* Jessica Barga, Brian Kramer, Zachary Grilliot

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, December 30, Feast of the Holy Family

Ushers: Group 7 *Lector:* John Harman

Eucharist: Joe Schmitmeyer, Linda Schmitmeyer, Justine Raterman (P); Cyndi Bey, Elaine Bohman, Ann Borchers, Kim Borchers, Lil Borchers, Orville Borchers, Ryan Borchers, Phyllis Guillozet

Servers: Casey Rismiller, Adam Borchers, Joshua Borchers

Gifts: Gerald and Rose Mary Paulus

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

Ushers: Mark and Luke Kremer

Lector: Dena Wuebker *Eucharist:* Brittany Bruns (P), Brad Bruns and Connie Schuette (C); *Servers:* Elizabeth Heitkamp, Jay Heitkamp and Mindy Heitkamp

Gifts: William and Rita Baltes

Cleaning: Doris Kremer, Mary Ann Stucke and Mary Ann Stucke (Call the rectory for directions to the key.)

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

Ushers: Group 12 & 16 *Lector:* Ron Gehret

Eucharist: Joe Gigandet, Krista Harman, Joe Gehret (P); Peggy Borgerding, Bob Goubeaux, Doris Goubeaux, Nicholas Harman, Matt Hileman, Caitlin Liette, Marvin Luthman,

Servers: Katey Wendel, Bailey DeMange, Samuel Prakesl

Gifts: Jeff and Kathy Walters Family

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Mary Mother of God (Holyday of Obligation)

Ushers: Group 3 *Lector:* John Davis

Eucharist: Dave Huelskamp, Cheryl Huelskamp, Diane Martino (P); Sharon Kramer, Stephanie Kramer, Brittany McMaken, Ryan McMaken, Shirley McMaken, Kim Murphy, Bonnie Phlipot, Katie Mestemaker *Servers:* Eric Huelskamp, Stephanie McMaken, Joe Gehret

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Mary Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Ushers: Group 8 *Lector:* Gary Huelskamp

Eucharist: John Harman, George Kuether, Michael Liette (P); Michael McClurg, Dale Meier, Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer, Mary Jean Meyer, Paul Meyer, Barbara Monnin, Lester Monnin *Servers:* Ryan Borchers, Ann Borchers, Emily Harman

Gifts: Paul and Mary Jean Meyer

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

Ushers: Brad Bruns and Mike Kramer

Lector: Jeff Wuebker *Eucharist:* Jamie Stucke (P), Mary Ann Stucke and Alan Stammen (C); *Servers:* Brandon Rethman, Rick and Jeff Mayo

Gifts: John and Louise Grilliot Family

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

Ushers: Group 13 & 14 *Lector:* Bob Paulus

Eucharist: Brian Griesdorn, Jean Grieshop, Krista Phlipot (P); Curt Goubeaux, Maria Goubeaux, Connie Grillot, Betsy Moorman, Ken Moorman, Jennifer Paulus, Kathy Grilliot, Therese Pohlman

Servers: Laura Paulus, Joshua Paulus, Jacquie Moorman

Gifts: Robert Goubeaux Family

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Do abdominal and lower back exercises three 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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH

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

Catholics, non-Catholic spouses, others.

FATHER DAVE

Many ask about missing Mass after a major snowstorm, such as happened last week. You do not need to put yourself, your family or others in jeopardy by traveling roads made dangerous by ice and snow. If you cannot get to Mass, you do not have to come to Mass. If you cannot come to Mass, gather the family and read the Scriptures for the day and pray together. If you discuss the Scriptures at home both the older and the younger will have something positive to contribute to the experience of prayer. This will help the family prepare to attend the liturgy the next weekend. Many people have told me that they feel guilty about missing Mass on such occasions. I can appreciate the guilt feelings. I should have them also if I should miss Mass, but these feelings would flow from my disappointment, not from sin.

We should not equate guilt feelings with guilt. Guilt does not necessarily make us feel guilty. Disappointment and other factors can make us feel guilty when we have no guilt.

LITURGY

The liturgy at Christmas gradually unfolds the mystery of the incarnation. The vigil celebrates the human ancestry of Jesus. The Mass at Night celebrates the birth of Jesus using Luke's account. The Mass at Dawn celebrates what this birth means for the poor of the world. The Mass at Day celebrates how the Word of God, which existed from before time, entered time as the Word of God became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We decorate for Christmas after the last Mass of Advent. This year we shall decorate on Monday, December 24, at 9:00 unless we have a funeral, in which case, we shall do it at 1:00 p.m.

For information, please call Barb Marshal (526-3783) for Holy Family. Please call Bob Paulus (526-5352) for St Denis.

COMMUNITY SUPPER – ALL WELCOME
Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:30
At Trinity Lutheran Church
We cook next on January 16.

LIFE

Goat Farmers: Fish Fry on Saturday, January 12 at Goat Ranch from 5:00 to 8:00 with carry-outs available.

Bus trip to Washington for March for Life: Leaving Monday, January 21 at 7:30 from St Louis Church in North Star. Youth Rally and Mass on Tuesday at the Verizon Center followed by a march to the Mall. Cost: \$75.00. Call Jane Selhorst at 419-336-7724 for more information.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Elaine Bergman will sign the 11:00 Mass on Christmas. The deaf appreciate the opportunity to celebrate in their language and thank you for welcoming them.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, our patronal feast for Holy Family Parish.

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: _____



Joseph awoke and did as the angel told him; he took Mary into his home.

COLLECTION	
December 16, 2007	
Holy Family	
Envelopes (25)	\$ 419.00
Loose (24)	\$ 144.00
Total	\$ 563.00
Rel. Retirement	\$ 20.00
St Denis	
Envelopes (159)	\$ 788.50
Loose (128)	\$ 2963.00
Total	\$ 3754.50
Rel. Retirement	\$ 822.70
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MANY THANKS	

YOUTH MINISTRY

Steubenville Youth Conference: We are collecting down-payments for the Steubenville Youth Conference which will be this summer, July 11-13. Anyone currently in grades 8-12 may go. The total cost for the conference will be approximately \$215.00 per person. The youth ministry usually pays a portion of it. A down payment of \$30.00 will guarantee you a spot. Please turn in your reservations by Friday, January 4.

Giving Trees, food and clothing drives:

Thank you for your support of our programs to help other people at this time of the year. Thank you for the toys for tots, the gifts for our local needy and all the varied gifts you have given for those who live in poverty in Kentucky.

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.

CCD NEWS

On January 12, the second grade students from Holy Family and St. Denis will receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. The program will begin at 8:45 a.m. with registrations and will end around 1:00 p.m. after a light lunch in the basement of the St. Denis Church. Mark you calendars.

We need a Fourth Grade Teacher at St. Denis on Monday, beginning the first of the year. Please contact Linda to volunteer to fill this position (526-3957 or 419-582-2451). Thanks!

PRAYER MEETINGS

The parish sponsors, supports and promotes these meetings. We shall start these meetings weekly on Monday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of St Denis Church. We invite you to come even if you have never attended one before or gone through a Life in the Spirit Seminar. Mark the date and time: January 7 at 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS AND DINNERS

St. Ann Sodality: Sunday, January 6, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family in the parish hall.

Daughters of Isabella: Tuesday, January 8, 6:00 p.m. in St. Denis church basement.

Meat and table service are provided. Please bring a guest; a covered dish and an item for the Council of Churches food pantry (please no peas, corn or green beans).

God bless you this Christmas.
The staff of St. Denis and Holy Family
greet you.