

DECEMBER 30, 2007: SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 30: Holy Family

Monday, December 31: Christmas Weekday

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

4:00 pm Rosary for Peace (D) (no rosary at 4:30)

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

Tuesday, January 1: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 2: Sts. Basil and Gregory

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

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

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

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

Thursday, January 3: Christmas Weekday

1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34

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

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

3:00-5:00; (**No 7:00-8:00 today**) Sacrament of Penance (D)

Friday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

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

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

Saturday, January 5: St. John Neumann

1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

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

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Larry Subler

Sunday, January 6: The Epiphany of the Lord

Blood Pressure screening after all the Masses

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

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

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

6:00-8:00 Confirmation Program

7:00 p.m. St. Ann Christmas Party (HF)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

What signs show you where to find God among us today? What gifts will you offer the Lord this year? The readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

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.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Pastoral Council will meet be on Tuesday, January 15 (not January 8) at 7:30 p.m. in St. Denis Church basement.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Have your blood pressure checked next weekend. Parish nurses will be available in the basement at St. Denis or the parish rectory at Holy Family. Know your numbers.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS Jan. 6, 2008

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday: January 5 Deacon Jack

Ushers: Group 4 *Lector:* Jane Pierron

Eucharist: Michael Kramer, Judy Pierron, Betty Poly (P); Betty Jutte, Marvin Pierron, Sandy Pierron, Ryan Rose, Cheri Subler, Dan Subler, Tim Subler (C); *Servers:* Andrew Kramer, Baleigh Reed, Laura Subler

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, January 6 The Epiphany

Ushers: Group 9 *Lector:* Roberta Mangen

Eucharist: Mary Ann Gump, Brittany Reed, Sharon Pepiot (P); Jeff Keiser, Karen Keiser, Jim Nerderman, Mary Lou Nerderman, Joanna Puthoff, Dan Saintignon, Reyna Shardo, Justine Raterman

Servers: Casey Rismiller, Joshua Borchers, Adam Borchers

Gifts: Bob and Michelle Dircksen

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

Ushers: Brad Bruns and Mike Kramer

Lector: Judy Barga *Eucharist:* Melvin Stucke (P), Jeff Wuebker and Pat Bergman (C); *Servers:* Justin Bruns, Brittany Bruns and Jason Bergman

Gifts: Brad and Penny Henry Family

Cleaning: Betty Baltes-Spring, Mary Lou Topp, Evelyn Frantz (Call the rectory for directions to the key.)

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

Ushers: Group 15 *Lector:* Bob Goubeaux

Eucharist: Tom Watren, Abbey Schlater, Janet Turner (P); John Schmitmeyer, Marlene Schmitmeyer, Ted Schmitmeyer, Michael Schmitmeyer, Kristen Schulte, Jennifer Treon, Matt Schmitmeyer, Mary Prakel

Servers: Kirstie Hartzell, Samuel Prakel, Danielle Condon

Gifts: Mike and Christy Prakel Family

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Have your blood pressure checked. **Mind:** Practice good time management skills. Make a to-do list and prioritize. **Spirit:** Learn to love yourself.

VOCATION VIEWS

Honor your father and mother, your wife, your husband, your children, your brother, your sister. Family ties bind us in love and root us in faith. Take time to strengthen your family ties. See: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

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).

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH

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

Catholics, non-Catholic spouses, others.

FATHER DAVE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the parishes at Christmas. Your financial support on major feasts and throughout the year helps keep us solvent and in the black; your prayers help us even more.

Thanks to all who worked together to get the churches ready for Christmas or who helped make the liturgies run smoothly for Christmas.

Thanks for all the cards and gifts I received.

LITURGY

When Christmas comes on Tuesday, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord on its usual day, Twelfth-day, January 6. We also celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the thirteenth of January, its normal day.

The Advent and Christmas seasons together usually total seven Sundays with six weeks between the first and the last Sunday.

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

NOTICES

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

GriefShare: a weekly support group for people grieving the loss of a close personal relationship will be offered at St. Michael Church, Ft. Loramie, from 10:30-12:00 noon, Wednesdays, January 9 through February 27. The cost for the series is \$25. Call 937-295-2891 for more information.

HOLY FAMILY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

You may pick up your new collection envelopes in the back of church at Holy Family this week and next. You should find them in alphabetical order. Thank you

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Connect Four, a young adult ministry leadership team for the northern area of the Archdiocese will lead a retreat for young adults (ages 18-35) at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center on January 26 & 27. The theme is "Can You Handle the Truth? Satan's Lies vs. God's Truth." Starting time is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, ending at 12:00 noon on Sunday. Cost: \$35 (includes dorm and two meals). Mail registration forms and checks made out to Connect Four to 3240 Redmond Rd., Russia, OH 45363 or call 937-726-6782 or 937-638-1054 for more information. Posters and registration forms are available at the entrances to church.

REST IN PEACE

Norbert Beyke died last week and received burial the Saturday before Christmas. Please pray for him and his family.

May you all have a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

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: _____



The angel of the Lord said to Joseph in a dream, 'Rise, take the child and his mother to Egypt.' Matthew 2:13

COLLECTION	
December 23, 2007	
Holy Family	
Envelopes (48)	\$ 766.00
Loose (48)	\$ 248.50
Total	\$ 1014.50
Christmas	(next week)
St Denis	
Envelopes (208)	\$ 3212.00
Loose (186)	\$ 1345.75
Total	\$ 4557.75
Christmas	(next week)
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MANY THANKS	

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March for Life, Washington D.C.: We plan to go on the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 21-23. We will meet at 5:00 a.m. on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21. We will travel to a parish just outside of D.C. which will host us overnight. While there we will go to a Christian concert featuring Steve Agrisano and Tony Melendez. The next morning we will go to the MCI Center for Mass and then march from the White House to the Capitol. Any youth wanting to go will miss school on Tuesday, January 22. Forms and information sheets are available by contacting Mike at the youth office. We would like to know who wants to go by January 4.

Winter Pancake Breakfast: We will have our annual winter pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 20. Please come and support the youth ministry.

Steubenville Youth Conference: We are now collecting down-payments for the Steubenville Youth Conference 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.

Breakfast with the Lord: The next Breakfast with the Lord is Friday, January 4.

Subs for Lunch: The next Subs for Lunch is Monday, January 7.

CCD NEWS

On January 12, 2008, the second grade students from Holy Family and St. Denis will receive the sacrament of their First Reconciliation. This will begin at 8:45 a.m. with registrations, and will end around 1:00 p.m. after a light lunch in St. Denis Church basement.

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!

CONFIRMATION

In January we will start our Confirmation Sessions for Holy Family and St. Denis candidates. We have six sessions. Each starts at 6:00 and ends at 8:00 in the St Denis Church basement. We do welcome parents and we hope some of you will chaperone. The dates are as follows:

January 6; January 13; January 27 (parents attend);

February 24;

March 2; March 9 (sponsor's attend; practice follows at 8:00)

Confirmation Retreat: March 26; Confirmation: April 3

We expect all the candidates to attend all sessions. Thanks for all your help and support. Please turn in your Confirmation Information sheet by the first session.