

JANUARY 6, 2008: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 6: The Epiphany of the Lord

Blood Pressure screening after all the Masses

6:00-8:00 Confirmation Program (D)

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

Monday, January 7: Christmas Weekday

1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

8:00 pm. Mass (D): Floyd Echeman

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

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

Tuesday, January 8: Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

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

6:00 p.m. D of I Christmas Party (D)

Wednesday, January 9: Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

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

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

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

Thursday, January 10: Christmas Weekday

1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

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

No Exposition or Sacrament of Penance today (D)

Friday, January 11: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:4-13; Luke 5:12-16

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

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

Saturday, January 12: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

8:45-1:00 First Penance (D) Church basement

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

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Herman and Rosetta Baltes

Sunday, January 13: The Baptism of the Lord

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

How do you understand your baptismal call? Do you know how God has called you to be priest and prophet in the world today? What does it mean to you that God calls you his beloved? Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17.

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. Recently we welcomed Cloe Lynn Snider, Coleton Anthony Longenecker, Zachary Michael Mangan and Harrison Lee Bergman into the church through baptism.

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.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS Jan. 13, 2008

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday: January 12

Ushers: Group 1 *Lector:* Michael Rose

Eucharist: Diane Elsas, Jerry Elsas, Danielle Condon (P); Christine Borchers, Bryant Ahrens, Kate Bruns, Cody Bruns, John Davis, Brittany Drees, Phyllis Guillozet, Nicholas Harman (C); *Servers:* Brian Kramer, Jessica Barga, Zachary Grilliot

Gifts: Judy and Steve Cordonnier Family

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, January 13 *Deacon Jack*

Ushers: Group 10 *Lector:* Ron Stauffer

Eucharist: Joe Schmitmeyer, Marlene Schmitmeyer, Barbara Monnin (P); Kelly Schwieterman, Rich Schwieterman, Lauren Subler, Jerry Wilker, Cyndi Bey, Elaine Bohman, Orville Borchers *Servers:* Ann Borchers, Joshua Borchers, Ryan Borchers

Gifts: Jim and Mary Lou Nerderman

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

Ushers: Brad Bruns and Mike Kramer

Lector: Louise Grilliot *Eucharist:* Kari Didier (P), Margie Heitkamp and John Fischer (C); *Servers:* Josh Didier, Neil Didier and Alex Dirksen

Gifts: Paul and Marsha Nieport

Cleaning: Louise Grilliot, Barb Marshal, Edna Grilliot (Call the rectory for directions to the key.)

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

Ushers: Group 11 *Lector:* Todd Schmitmeyer

Eucharist: Kathy Wood, Matt Stover, Russ Beisner (P); Nicholas Eilerman, Jennifer Francis, Joe Gehret, Connie Grillot, Peggy Bernholt, Joe Gigandet, Bob Goubeaux, Doris Goubeaux *Servers:* Mitchell Stover, Katey Wendel, Laura Condon

Gifts: Jack and Kathy Wood

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Limit the amount of alcohol you consume. **Mind:** Make one day a week a “no television” day. **Spirit:** Pray everyday.

VOCATION VIEWS

Look about you! Look for the glory of God. Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you. See: Isaiah 60:1-6

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RITE OF WELCOME

Chris Arden has asked to enter into fuller union in the Catholic Church. He has already received baptism. We shall welcome as a candidate for fuller union through the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Denis Church basement.

The agenda will include reports on the Vocations Committee and the septic system at Holy Family. A small committee from Holy Family will have met with Joe Miller from the EPA and will have a recommendation to make.

The regional Penance Service on December 13 brought about 100 people to St Mary Church for the forgiveness of sins.

This highlights part of the agenda for the January meeting. We have a very early deadline for copy. If we have more, we can publish that next week.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH
Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in St Denis Church basement
Everybody welcome.
Catholics, non-Catholic spouses, others.

God grant you a blessed Epiphany
and new year.

FATHER DAVE

Today I return to the ministry I have enjoyed for many years, that of giving sacramental ministry to our military personnel at the 178th Fighter Wing of the Ohio Air National Guard in Springfield. I had to suspend this after I broke my collarbone, ribs and head in 2005. I try to make the Church present to the National Guard on their weekends of duty.

I offer this for your instruction. Of all the people who approached me for the sacrament of penance and the forgiveness of their sins, one hundred percent showed me more good about themselves than bad. They confessed their sins and embraced better behavior. In this they showed God's goodness in them.

LITURGY

In the days before we had calendars universally available, the Church would take the occasion on the feast of Epiphany to publish the notable dates on the calendar as follows:

- February 6: Ash Wednesday and the start of the holy fast of Lent
- March 23: the sacred Pasch of our Lord Jesus Christ
- May 4: the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ
- May 11: the feast of Pentecost
- May 25: the feast of the most sacred Body and Blood of Christ
- November 30: the first Sunday of Advent

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

NOTICES:

Goat Farmers: Fish Fry next Saturday at Goat Ranch from 5:00 to 8:00 with carry-outs available. The proceeds benefit the Darke County Right to Life.

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, Wednesday, 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. You should find them in alphabetical order. Save the church postage by picking up your box. 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." It starts at 2:00 p.m. Saturday and ends 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.

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: _____



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother.

COLLECTION	
December 30, 2007	
Holy Family	
Envelopes (40)	\$ 630.00
Loose (34)	\$ 177.00
Total	\$ 807.00
Christmas (61)	\$3083.00
(Loose 35)	\$ 181.00
Total:	\$3261.00
St Denis	
Envelopes (200)	\$ 2964.60
Loose (192)	\$ 944.91
Total	\$ 3509.51
Christmas (259)	\$12434.30
(Loose 351)	\$ 2993.52
Total:	\$15427.82
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MANY THANKS	

??? YOUTH MINISTRY ???

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. We need your reservations now.

Subs for Lunch: The next Subs for Lunch tomorrow, 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. This will be 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

Today we expect all of our candidates for confirmation to attend the first of seven sessions from 6:00 to 8:00 in the basement of St Denis Church. We welcome parents and we hope some of you will chaperone. The dates are as follows:

- January 6 (today);
- January 13 (next Sunday);
- January 27 (parents attend);
- February 24;
- March 2;
- March 9 (sponsors attend; practice follows at 8:00);
- Wednesday, March 26: Confirmation Retreat;
- Confirmation: Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. (D).

We expect all the candidates to attend all sessions. Thanks for all your help and support.