

JANUARY 13, 2008: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, January 13: The Epiphany of the Lord

12:00 Noon Prayer Hour at Holy Family
6:00-8:00 Confirmation Program (D)

Monday, January 14: First week in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Jacque Barga
3:13-4:15 CCD (D) grades 1-6
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (D) Church basement
7:00 p.m. Vocations Committee (D)

Tuesday, January 15: Weekday

1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Ann Schmitmeyer
7:30p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (D)

Wednesday, January 16: Weekday

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Edna Wilt
5:00-6:30 Community Supper (Lutheran Church)
7:00-8:00 CCD (D) grades 7-12; (HF) 1-12

Thursday, January 17: St. Anthony

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Paul Goubeaux
8:45-8:30 p.m. Exposition (Benediction at 8:30 p.m.)
3:00-4:00 and 7:00-8:00 Sacrament of Penance

Friday, January 18: Weekday

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy (D)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Deceased of Gehret/Bensman Family

Saturday, January 19: Weekday

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17
8:45-1:00 First Penance (D) Church basement
3:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance (D)
5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Norma Jean Gigandet

Sunday, January 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Mass (HF) Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Nathan Condon
8:30-12:30 Youth Breakfast
1:00 p.m. Baptismal Program

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

How do you see yourself as holy? How and where do you experience grace and peace in your life? The readings: Isaiah 49:35-6; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.

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.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS Jan. 20, 2008

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday: January 19

Ushers: Group 2 *Lector:* Cindy Subler
Eucharist: Sharon Kramer, Stephanie Kramer, Katie Mestemaker (P); Cheryl Huelskamp, Dave Huelskamp, Jeff Keiser, Karen Keiser, Diane Martino, Brittany McMaken, Shirley McMaken, Ryan McMaken (C); *Servers:* Eric Huelskamp, Stephanie McMaken, Joe Gehret

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, January 20

Ushers: Group 6 *Lector:* Jennifer Treon
Eucharist: Ron Stauffer, Ryan Borchers, Brittany Reed (P); Ann Borchers, Lil Borchers, Kim Borchers, Mary Ann Gump, John Harman, Nicholas Harman, Betty Jutte, George Kuether

Servers: Emily Harman, Casey Rismiller, Joshua Borchers

Gifts: Gerald & Rose Mary Paulus

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

Ushers: Brad Bruns and Mike Kramer
Lector: Bob Mayo *Eucharist:* Irene Gehret (P), Urban Gehret and Deacon Jack (C); *Servers:* Elizabeth Heitkamp, Jay Heitkamp and Mindy Heitkamp

Gifts: Lewis and Alma May Family

Cleaning: Betty Hess, Mary Lou Bornhorst, Madonna McEldowney (Call the rectory for directions to the key.)

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

Ushers: Group 15 *Lector:* Katie Goubeaux
Eucharist: Curt Goubeaux, Maria Goubeaux, Marvin Luthman (P); Brian Griesdorn, Jean Grieshop, Matt Hileman, Jennifer Paulus, Caitlin Liette, Ken Moorman, Betsy Moorman, Therese Pohlman *Servers:* Jacquie Moorman, Joshua Paulus, Laura Paulus

Gifts: Rick Voisard Family

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Do yoga to increase flexibility, kinesthetic awareness, strength and alertness. **Mind:** Set goals that are reachable. **Spirit:** Say "thank you".

VOCATION VIEWS

At his baptism Jesus is supported by the presence of the Spirit and his Father. We, too, are affirmed in our baptism and called to holiness. You are being called to live your baptismal commitment as a priest or religious. See: Matthew 3:13-17

SOUP, SALAD AND SANDWICH

Our next Soup, Salad and Sandwich will be on Tuesday, January 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the church basement. Chili soup will be the featured soup this month. Come and bring a friend. High school students are welcome to come eat lunch with us.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Denis Church basement. The agenda for the January meeting will include the septic system at Holy Family and the new Catholic Ministries Appeal to begin this year.

IMMIGRATION AND CATHOLIC TEACHING

The Bishops have issued a statement on immigration for national immigration week that was held this week. A copy is enclosed with the bulletin.

CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH

It is that time of year to renew your subscription to *The Catholic Telegraph*. Use the envelope in your box. For \$22 you receive 51 issues of the official newspaper of the Archdiocese.

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

FATHER DAVE

I left Monday for the 2008 Regional Forum for pastoral Leadership in Ann Arbor, Michigan, sponsored by the dioceses of Michigan and Ohio. The conference always focused on the prophetic spirituality of Jesus and featured presentations by John Carr and Joan Rosenhauer. I had heard John Carr speak once before and liked his message. About twelve from our archdiocese attended. We had some time to relax, meet each other informally and attend the presentations.

Going away gives me pleasure, but coming back to home gives me more pleasure. Ann Arbor represents oasis; Versailles and Frenchtown mean home.

LITURGY

Our three-minute catechesis last week spoke of the Lord's presence in the readings at Mass. In conjunction with this one asked if we could ever use non-biblical readings in place of the Scripture readings. The answer comes back as a resounding no. It makes as much sense to use non-biblical readings as it does to use Necco wafers and Koolaid or tuna salad and iced tea for the eucharist. God speaks to us in his word in the Scriptures; we should not confuse his word with the human word. The homily tries to open the word of God for us, not replace the word of God. We must not replace the Word of God and the Food of God with lesser things.

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

NOTICES:

DONATE BLOOD: Monday, January 21, 11:00-7:00 p.m. at Versailles K of C Hall on Rt. 47. Call 1-800-388-4483 to schedule an appointment. Bring your donor ID card or a photo ID with your full name.

"I Can Quit" Stop Smoking Program: Wednesdays, January 16 through February 13, 6:30-8:30 at Grand Lake Regional Cancer Center, Celina, OH. Fee: \$50. Register at 419-678-5196 or visit www.mercer-health.com

An Evening for Family Farmers: will be held at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein on Saturday, January 26. Fr. Louis Schmit, C.P.P.S., will share reflection on what it means to trust in God and our neighbor. Registration is at 6:30, dinner at 6:45. Single donation \$15. Couples-\$25. Register at 419-925-7625 by January 18.

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 start 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: _____



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and the heavens were opened

COLLECTION	
January 6, 2008	
Holy Family	
Envelopes (52)	\$ 699.00
Loose (41)	\$ 189.30
Total	\$ 858.30
Total Christmas	\$3264.00
St Denis	
Envelopes (227)	\$3445.00
Loose (195)	\$ 913.66
Total	\$ 4358.66
Total Christmas	\$18037.82
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MANY THANKS	

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Junior High Ice Skating: The junior high youth ministry is sponsoring ice skating at Hobart Arena on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21, from noon to 4:00 p.m. We will meet at the St. Denis Church parking lot. We will need adults to volunteer to drive and chaperone. Forms and flyers are available at youth ministry, CCD, youth office and church exits.

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 as soon as possible.

Winter Pancake Breakfast: We will have our annual winter pancake breakfast next Sunday, January 20. Please come and support the youth ministry. We need adults to help out with the breakfast. Any adults wanting to volunteer should contact Mike at the youth office.

Steubenville Youth Conference: We are now registered for the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer, July 11-13. I have booked extra spots. 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 as soon as possible.

Apologetics Course: There will be a course on Apologetics offered to seniors first and then juniors until we have a total of 15 participants. The course will run for six weeks on Wednesday nights in the church basement, immediately following CCD, 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The following will be the dates of the course: January 16, 23, February 13, 20, March 5, 12.

World Youth Day Meeting: There will be a re-grouping informational meeting for all World Youth Day Australia participants on this Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m. in the rectory living room. The meeting should last about one hour.

CCD NEWS

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 second 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 13 (today)
- 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.