

MARCH 16, 2008: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

THE CALENDAR:

Sunday, March 16: Palm Sunday

8:00-12:30 Youth Breakfast and Bake Sale (HF)

Monday, March 17: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 18: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38

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

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Agnes Bornhorst

7:30 p.m. Chrism Mass at Cincinnati (leaving at 3:30)

Wednesday, March 19: Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

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

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Doug and Craig Meier

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

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

7:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

Thursday, March 20: Holy Thursday

Exodus 2:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

5:30 p.m. Mass (D):

7:30 p.m. Mass (HF): Margarette Drake

Friday, March 21: Good Friday (Fast and Abstinence)

Collection for the upkeep of sacred places in the Holy Land.

12:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross (D):

1:30 p.m. Liturgy (D):

6:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross (HF):

7:30 p.m. Liturgy (HF):

Holy Saturday, March 22: (optional Fast and Abstinence)

1:00-3:00 RCIA Retreat, all welcome

9:00 p.m. Mass (D): Parishioners

Sunday, March 23: Easter Sunday 1

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

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

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

READINGS FOR THE TRIDUUM

Thursday: We hear the story of the first paschal lamb (Exodus 12). Psalm 116 calls us to take up the cup of salvation; St Paul recounts how the early Christians celebrated the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). John describes Jesus' last supper (John 13:1-15).

Friday: We hear of the one wounded for our sins (Isaiah 52:13-53:12). The psalmist commends himself to the Lord (Psalm 31). The author speaks of Jesus as the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9). In John's account Jesus enters his passion like a King going to his crowning (John 18-19).

Easter Vigil: This night of re-creation starts with the account of creation (Genesis 1:1-2:2). It continues with the sacrifice Abraham made (Genesis 22:1-18). The third reading tells of the exodus from Egypt (Exodus 14:15-15:1). We switch to the prophet Isaiah who proclaims God's enduring love for us (54:5-14). Through Isaiah God invites us into his everlasting covenant (55:1-11). The prophet Baruch exhorts us to walk toward the light of the Lord (3:9-15, 32-4:4). The prophet Ezekiel sees how God will use water in his covenant (36:16-17a, 18-28). Paul then explains baptism as immersion into the dying and rising of Jesus (Romans 6:3-11). The women bring the good news of resurrection (Matthew 28:1-10).

Easter Sunday: Peter proclaims the resurrection on the Pentecost (Acts 10). We rejoice on the day the Lord has made (Psalm 118). Christ has hidden our life in his (Colossians 3). Mary Magdalene announces the resurrection (John 20)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS March 19-23, 2008

5:30 p.m. Mass (D): Thursday, March 20 Deacon Jack

Ushers: Group 4 *Lector:* Lori Griesdorn

Eucharist: Christine Borchers, Lauren Subler, Ryan Borchers (P);

Orville Borchers, Curt Goubeaux, Maria Goubeaux, Jennifer Treon, Mary Ann Gump, Brittany Reed, Krista Harman

Servers: Laura Condon, Bailey DeMange, Katey Wendel

Gifts: Mike and Christy Prakel Family

7:30 p.m. Mass (HF): Deacon Jack

Ushers: James Pohlman and Eugene Kramer

Lector: Bob Mayo *Eucharist:* Doris Goettemoeller (P), Bill

Goettemoeller and Deacon Jack (C);

Servers: Josh Didier, Neil Didier and Brandon Rethman

Gifts: Delbert and Janice Dirksen Family

12:45 p.m. Stations of Cross (D): Friday, March 21

1:30 p.m. Communion Liturgy

Ushers: Group 1 *Lector:* Randy Gump, Gary Huelskamp

Eucharist: Volunteers (P); Volunteers

Servers: Volunteers

6:45 p.m. Stations of Cross (HF):

7:30 p.m. Communion Liturgy

Ushers: James Pohlman and Eugene Kramer

Lector: Melvin Stucke *Eucharist:* Deacon Jack (P),

Servers: Elizabeth Heitkamp, Jay Heitkamp, Mindy Heitkamp and

Justin May

9:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday: Easter Vigil Deacon Jack

Ushers: Group 2 *Lector:* Robert Paulus

Eucharist: Betty Jutte, Jennifer Paulus, Betty Poly (P); Jeff Keiser,

Karen Keiser, Bonnie Philipot, Jane Pierron, Marvin Pierron, Therese Pohlman, Barbara Monnin

Servers: Volunteers

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, March 23 Easter Day

Ushers: Group 10 *Lector:* Kim Borchers

Eucharist: Jerry Elsas, Diane Elsas, Michael Liette (P); Dave

Huelskamp, Cheryl Huelskamp, Michael McClurg, Dale Meier, Paul Meyer, Mary Jean Meyer, Linda Meyer, Carl Meyer

Servers: Eric Huelskamp, Ann Borchers, Ryan Borchers

Gifts: Bob and Michelle Dirksen Family

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

Ushers: James Pohlman and Eugene Kramer

Lector: Sharon Stammen *Eucharist:* Mary Hartke (P), Ken Hartke and

Deacon Jack (C);

Servers: Kacie Lawrence, Alex Dirksen and Jason Bergman

Gifts: Brad and Lil Bruns Family

Cleaning: Betty Hess, Mary Lou Bornhorst, Madonna McEldowney

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

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

Eucharist: Marvin Luthman, Brittany McMaken, Shirley McMaken (P); Bob Goubeaux, Doris Goubeaux, Brian Griesdorn, Jean Grieshop,

Kristi Luthman, Betsy Moorman, Ken Moorman, Mary Prakel

Servers: Jacquie Moorman, Samuel Prakel, Katey Wendel

Gifts: Jack and Kathy Wood

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: To strengthen your chest, shoulders, and arms, do a set of push-ups 3 times a week. **Mind:** Make a list of solutions to a challenge in your life. **Spirit:** Volunteer your time to those less fortunate.

VOCATIONS

Be willing to stay with Jesus/with others through difficult times. Pray for the strength to endure hardships. See: Matthew 27:11-54.

The vocations office will hold a vocations awareness event called Cast Your Nets, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McCartyville, on Sunday, April 13 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Mass includes). All high school age youth are strongly encouraged to attend. There is no charge for this experience.

FATHER DAVE

I congratulated the girls' team last week even though they did not finish the tournament until last Monday. Of course, the team finished the season unbeaten. I thank our parishioners who support our youth, both in school and in church. I see many athletes at the communion liturgies at 6:30 before school.

LITURGY -- RCIA

We have finished the ritual preparation for the elect and candidates. Now we wait with them for the Easter Vigil. Although Lent ends Thursday at supper, we enter a period of deeper preparation for the sacraments of initiation. The whole of the Triduum, Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday focuses on the initiating of the elect through baptism, confirmation and the eucharist. For, the baptized, it focuses on celebrating the anniversary of our baptism and the renewing of our baptismal promises. The church calls the Easter Vigil celebration the mother of all vigils and describes it as the most important celebration of the year.

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

NOTICES:

Community Supper: We cook on March 19. Please check the back of church for needed donations at least two weeks ahead.

D of I Dues: Please mail your \$8.50 dues to Irene Broering at 12631 Conover Rd., Versailles, OH 45380.

College Age Men and Older: Mount St. Mary's Seminary will host a Welcome Weekend on March 28-29 to see if the priesthood is for you. Call the vocation office at 513-421-3131 or visit <http://www.cinciantivocations.org/frm03282008.php> by **March 16.**

CHURCH CLEANING AT HOLY FAMILY

To help clean Holy family Church for Easter, join the ladies of the St Ann Sodality Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

MASS OF CHRISM

The Archbishop will bless the sacramental oils on Tuesday at the Cathedral. I urge you to go for the Mass. To carpool, meet in the parking lot at 3:30.

REST IN PEACE

Ralph Davis died and received Christian burial this past week. Peter Baltes died and received Christian burial on Saturday. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

JESUS DAY

Jesus Day, a workshop for parents and children of the second grade, will take place at St Denis this year, on Saturday March 29 from 8:45 to 12:00 noon.

BAPTISM

The next pre-baptismal programs for new or expectant parents will take place on April 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. Please call the office to register. Next baptism after Mass: March 30, 12:15.

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: _____



They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them.

COLLECTION
March 9, 2008

Holy Family
 Envelopes (39) \$ 705.00
 Loose (25) \$ 108.01
 Total \$ 813.01
 Catholic Telegraph \$
 CMA Appeal \$ 290.00

St Denis
 Envelopes (157) \$2549.40
 Loose (164) \$ 823.05
 Total \$3372.45
 Catholic Telegraph \$ 22.00
 CMA Appeal \$1465.00

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MANY THANKS

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Confirmation Preparation Retreat Planning Meeting: This Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Denis church basement. This meeting is for the Confirmation Preparation Retreat Leadership Team.

Junior High Spiritual Survivor: Our junior high CCD grades will go to Spiritual Survivor, a fun and inspirational field trip Wednesday, April 16 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We expect all our junior high students to participate.

New Life in the Spirit Seminar: Some students from St. Denis are attending a Life in the Spirit Seminar this weekend; pray for them.

BBQ Chicken Dinners: The youth ministry has BBQ chicken dinner tickets for pick-up on Sunday, March 30, 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the rectory porch for \$6.00. Contact any high school student or Mike.

Apologetics Course: Apologetics is this Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Thanks to the ninth-graders and their sponsors for coming on March 9, those who helped with this program (Pam Beisner, Kim Borchers, Marlene Puthoff, Bonnie Phlipot, and Angie DeMange and cooks Mary Hartke, Marilyn Bergman, Doris Kremer and Kathy Grieshop). The students will receive Confirmation April 3, at 7:30.

LENTEN PENANCE

Lent ends Thursday at suppertime. Then we start the Paschal Triduum. As a community, we fast (Age 18-59) and abstain from meat on Friday (Age 14+) and, optionally, Saturday. We have entered the final preparation for the great Easter Vigil to celebrate the sacraments of initiation. Please join us in prayer with the elect from 1:00 to 3:00 on Saturday.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Marriage Encounter, (March 28-30 at Dayton, Oh) 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.

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Please support these six regional church ministries: Catholic Social Services; campus ministries; lay and ordained ministries education; St Rita School for the Deaf; support of our retired priests; and chaplains for our hospitals and prisons. You can use the envelopes in the pews. Make checks payable to the parish. None of the money goes to the upkeep of the Archdiocesan offices. Please make your pledge today.

1600C	SD Goal 50%
1400C	????
1200C	HF Goal 61%
1000C	????
800C	330C
600C	300C
400C	200C
200C	100C
\$16,000	\$3,300