



CHURCHES OF

Holy Family

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Mission Statement

As a parish community, Holy Family and St. Denis Family Parishes are united in our mission to glorify God.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: (Location D = Denis; HF = Holy Family) Eve: 5:00 p.m. (D) Day: 8:00 a.m. (D) 9:30 a.m. (HF) 11:00 a.m. (D)	Weekdays (except for funerals) 8:00 a.m. (D) Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance) Thursday: 3:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m. (D)
Holy Day Eve: 6:30 p.m. (D) Day: 6:30 a.m. (D) 3:30 p.m. (D) 7:30 p.m. (HF)	Saturday: 3:45-4:45 p.m. (D) Other times by appointment.

Programs and Services:

Prayer Chain, Ginny Moorman	526-4945
Health, Wellness, Grieving, Home Visits	526-4945
Baptismal Program, Joyce Liette	526-9117
"Elizabeth Blessings," Jeanne Turpen	526-4664
Emergency Meals, Kathy Miller	526-3836
Soup and Salad, Rosemary Paulus	526-4232

Offices located at:

14 E. Wood Street, Versailles, OH 45380-1440

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Holy Family Church: Intersection of Burns Road and S.R. 185.

St. Denis Church: Corner of Second Street and E. Wood Street.

Sacrament of the Sick

We celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at the first signs of serious illness or weakness, or immediately in case of emergencies. Please call the Rectory.

Communion to the Sick

We bring communion to the sick. Please call the Rectory to schedule Sunday communion in your home.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 12:00 noon

Pastor

Rev. David P. Vincent

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Rev. Mr. Jack Borgerding

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Natural Family Planning

Eric & Nicole Voisard 526-3305

Pregnancy Help Center

937-547-1112

Maintenance Engineer

Louis J. Huber

Baptisms

We usually baptize on Sundays, at Mass or after Mass, by appointment (526-4945).

Marriages

We ask you to contact a Pastor at least eight months in advance so that we can help you prepare for marriage.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Jane Pierron (526-4002)

A process for looking at the Catholic Church to see if God has called the person to the Catholic Church and a process for entering the Catholic Church.

Newcomers Welcome!

We invite you to register in the parish as soon as possible. You may do so after Mass or by phone (526-4945).

October 19, 2008: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, October 19: Twenty-Ninth Sunday

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Dorvan & Martha Philipot (60th Anniv.)
1:00 p.m. Baptismal Program (D)

Monday, October 20: Weekday

Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Dolores Henry

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

7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (D) Church basement

Tuesday, October 21: Weekday

Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Carl Gasson

7:00 p.m. Finance Commission meeting (D)

7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Kathy Wood's Home)

Wednesday, October 22: Weekday

Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Patty Selhorst

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

7:00 p.m. RCIA (D) Rectory

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

Thursday, October 23: Weekday

Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

7:30 a.m. Mass (D): Paul J. Pepiot (**Note Time**)

No Exposition today

7:00-8:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance

Friday, October 24: Weekday

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

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

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Michael Wagaman

Saturday, October 25: Weekday

Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

Council of Churches Food Drive

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

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Lucille McClurg

Sunday, October 26: Thirtieth Sunday

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

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

What examples of faith have influenced you? How and to whom am I an example of faith? The Readings: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40.

BAPTISM

The next pre-baptismal program for new or expectant parents will take place on today at 1:00 p.m. If you want a baptism in November or December, please attend the October program, as the next program will happen in January.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Marriage Encounter, (November 7-9 at Maria Stein, OH) 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.

PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

The Archdiocese sponsors Project Rachel for healing after abortion. Call 937-492-4449 for more information. Call 513-58870080 or email pfirstine@cinci.rr.com for more information.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Nicole Zumberger and Nicolas Dirksen who were married at St. Francis, Cranberry Prairie, yesterday.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS October 26, 2008

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday: October 25

Ushers: Group 3; *Lector:* Michael Rose

Eucharist: Diane Elsas, Jerry Elsas, Diane Martino (P); Michael Kramer, Brian Kramer, Brittany McMaken, Shirley McMaken, Barbara Monnin, Kim Murphy, Bonnie Philipot, Judy Pierron

Servers: Baleigh Reed, Jessica Barga, Andrew Kramer

Gifts: Steve and Judy Cordonnier Family

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, October 26

Ushers: Group 7; *Lector:* Robert Paulus

Eucharist: George Kuether, Michael McClurg, Dale Meier (P); Jeff Keiser, Karen Keiser, Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer, Mary Jean Meyer, Paul Meyer, Lester Monnin, Sharon Pepiot

Servers: Laura Paulus, Joshua Paulus, Volunteer

Gifts: Jim and Mary Lou Nerderman

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

Ushers: Brad Bruns and Mark Stucke

Lector: Sharon Stammen

Eucharist: John Grilliot (P), Susan Grilliot and Margie Heitkamp (C); *Servers:* Rich Mayo, Brandon Rethman and Mindy Heitkamp

Gifts: Brad Bruns Family

Cleaning: Judy Longenecker, Lisa Mayo, Irene Gehret

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

Ushers: Group 13; *Lector:* Katie Goubeaux

Eucharist: Peggy Borgerding, Joe Gehret, Connie Grilliot (P); Curt Goubeaux, Maria Goubeaux, Krista Harman, Matt Harman, Matt Hileman, Caitlin Liette, Marvin Luthman

Servers: Bailey DeMange, Joanna Cruz, Katey Wendel

Gifts: Chris Stover Family

VOCATIONS

God has called you by your name. You are a child of God. Be aware of your strength in God (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6)

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Choose fresh herbs, fruits and vegetables when in season. **Mind:** When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost. **Spirit:** "Humility is part of Christ-likeness". Margaret Bloom

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Mission Sunday: Today, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionaries. All of the collection will go to the annual World Mission Appeal. Only envelopes with the Parish name will stay in the parish.

Fr. Mitchell Pacwa, S.J. will be giving talks on St. Paul: Steward of the Mysteries and Mary and the Eucharist: Our Blessed Lady's relationship to the Eucharist, on Sunday, October 26, 1-4 p.m. at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Fr. Pacwa is a EWTN Host, TV & Radio, and a world-renowned lecturer. Donation \$10.

Election Day Supper: Versailles Christian Church, 4:00-8:00 p.m. in their dining hall on Tuesday, November 4.

REST IN PEACE

Robert J. Grilliot (wife: Edna) died and received Christian burial on October 14. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

SIGNED MASS

Elaine Bergman will sign the 11:00 Mass next Sunday for the benefit of those who communicate by American Sign Language.

FATHER DAVE

Do I want to get a converter box for the rectory television set? I do not watch much television. I watch so much now that I cannot identify the running mates of the two major candidates by sight and sound. I decided to go online to register for a converter box. I received an immediate response that denied my eligibility, probably because they classify the rectory as a public place, an office. This works out quite well because, from what I have heard, the campaigns seem to feature gory sword fights, cannon barrages and smart bombs, all in the form of words: courtesy and politeness seem dead, slain ignominiously in battle. Now I have an excuse for not watching the campaigns for 2012.

LITURGY

How do we hear the sacred Scriptures? Pastor Falk of Trinity Lutheran Church lent me a book on this subject last month. According to the author, pastors tend to look at the readings from the point of view of the authors, while parishioners tend to hear them from the point of view of the hearers. Pastors will very often identify with Jesus or Paul. The parishioners, however, will probably identify with the sinners, outcasts and weak. Pastors tend to look at what the sacred author intended to say. Parishioners tend to listen for what the passage means to them. If the pastors would take a different point of view the parishioners would hear a different homily. This has me thinking.

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

ST. ANN SODALITY

The St. Ann Sodality will meet on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Family Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

The 2008 membership dues of \$3 will be collected at this time or may be mailed to Mary Ann Stucke, 11451 St. Rt. 185, Versailles, OH, 45380.

We want to extend sincere thanks to Irene Broering for her years of volunteer leadership as chair for the funeral meals at Holy Family. Great Job.

FINANCE COMMISSION

There will be a Finance Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday in the church rectory at St. Denis.

2008 FORUM FOR FAMILIES

The Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley will offer free parenting seminars featuring nationally recognized parenting experts. Author Paula Statman will be at Lehman High School at 4:00 p.m. on October 22 and on October 23, at New Bremen HS at 4:00 p.m. and at Piqua HS at 7:00 p.m. A father of 10, clinical psychologist and radio host, Dr. Ray Guarendi, will be at St. Henry HS on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. and at Lighthouse Christian Center in Greenville on November 6 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Kim at Custenborderk@cssmv.org. or call 937-214-1126. See posters on the bulletin boards.

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: _____



Give to Caesar what belongs to
 Caesar and to God what
 belongs to God.

COLLECTION
October 12, 2008

Holy Family	
Envelopes (43)	\$ 586.00
Loose (50)	\$ 226.00
Total	\$ 812.00
Respect Life	\$ 70.00
St Denis	
Envelopes (190)	\$ 3412.90
Loose (170)	\$ 724.01
Total	\$ 4136.91
Respect Life	\$ 200.00

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MANY THANKS

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Fall Pancake Breakfast: The Fall Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, November 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Mark your calendars and come on down for a great breakfast.

World Youth Day Australia Presentation: We will have a special presentation of the World Youth Day Australia trip during CCD on Wednesday, October 29. All are welcome to attend. The presentation will be in the main church at St. Denis.

Junior High Youth Leaders Meeting: The first Junior High Youth Leaders meeting will be this Monday, October 20, 7:00 p.m., St. Denis church basement. All junior high youth leaders should attend.

Subs for Lunch: Our first subs for lunch will be Monday, October 27 in the St. Denis church basement.

CCD NEWS

When St. Denis students come to church for CCD they may not leave the grounds to go any place else. We have learned that some of our Monday students have gone uptown in going from school to CCD. You, their parents, expect them to come straight to CCD and we at church expect them to come straight to CCD. The schools have released the students only so that they can walk to church for religious instruction; otherwise the students have to take the bus. If you want to allow your students to stop on the way to CCD, we need written permission from you. We provide cheese or peanut crackers and water before class.

The same holds for Wednesday CCD. Once the students enter the premises of church, we cannot allow them to leave. We have snacks available for them if they need food before class.

We thank all the teachers who came to Mass last weekend and attended our appreciation lunch. We also would like to thank Karen and Jeff Keiser for getting the food, serving it, and helping in the cleaning up afterwards. Also, a big "thank you" to the K of C for preparing the food and it was delicious.

We need a teacher for Grade 6 and 10 at St Denis. Please call Linda at the CCD office at 526-3957.

SERVERS, DISTRIBUTORS, LECTORS AND MUSICIAN

Every year at this time, we welcome new people into serving Mass (Grades 6-12 and adult), giving out Holy Communion, and proclaiming the Sacred Scriptures at Mass (Grades 8-12 and adult) and leading the music at Mass. For the choir, please see Bob after the 8:00 Mass. Please fill out form below and put in the collection basket or call the office at 526-4945.

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Please consider me or someone else for training as a:

Eucharistic Minister: _____

Lector: _____

Server: _____

Mass Time () 5:00 p.m. () 8:00 a.m. () 9:30 a.m. () 11:00 a.m.

CANDIDATE ISSUES [10192008] & QUESTIONS ELECTION 2008

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, PART V OF V

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved a *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. In the charter, the bishops have promised to reach out to those who have been sexually abused as minors by anyone serving the Church in ministry, employment, or a volunteer position, whether the sexual abuse was recent or occurred many years ago.

The pastoral and spiritual care and emotional well being of those who have been sexually abused and of their families is of the highest priority. The bishops are working with parents, civil authorities, educators, and various organizations in the community to make and maintain the safest environment for minors. In the same way, the bishops are evaluating the background of seminary applicants as well as all church personnel who have responsibility for the care and supervision of children and young people.

Where does the candidate stand on issues related to child protection?

RURAL LIFE & LAND USE

A just agricultural system should promote food security and food safety. Justice also demands stewardship of the land and resources used in agricultural production and attention to the dignity and fair treatment of all who work in the system.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ohio has lost over 3 million acres of farmland and nearly 42,000 farms since 1970. During the same period, the average farm size has grown, leaving agricultural production in our state to fewer hands. We continue to support state policies and reforms to the recently passed Federal Farm bill that promote farmland preservation, environmental protection, and the enhancement of rural communities and family farms.

Where does the candidate stand on promoting food security, farmland preservation, environmental protection, and enhancing rural communities and family farms?

STEM CELL RESEARCH & CLONING

The Catholic Church supports ethically responsible stem cell research, while opposing any research that exploits or destroys human embryos. The Catholic Church has long supported research using stem cells from adult tissue and umbilical cord blood, which poses no moral problem. Many of these cells are already being used to treat people with a wide variety of diseases.

Cloning is a depersonalized way to reproduce in which human beings are manufactured in the laboratory to preset specifications. It is not a worthy way to bring a new human being into the world. When done for stem cell research, it involves the moral wrong of destroying an innocent human life for possible benefit to others, plus an additional wrong: it creates human beings solely in order to kill them for their cells. This is the ultimate reduction of a fellow human being to a mere means, to an instrument of other people's wishes.

Where does the candidate stand on the issues of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research?

SENIOR CITIZEN CARE

We believe that honoring older people involves welcoming them, helping them and making good use of their gifts, talents and experience. A fully human civilization shows respect, love and care for the elderly.

We support legislation that will expand the assisted living program, adequately fund the PASSPORT program, maintain quality nursing homes, provide affordable health care, and maintain supportive services such as food and transportation.

Where does the candidate stand on the issues related to senior citizens?

VIOLENCE

Families are torn by violence. Communities are destroyed by violence. Faith is tested by violence. Violence in any form"—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal"—is sinful. Society cannot tolerate an ethic that uses violence to make a point, settle grievances or get what we want. The path to a more peaceful future is found in a rediscovery of personal responsibility, respect for human life and human dignity, and a recommitment to social justice.

Domestic violence, child abuse, abortion, terrorism, gun violence and war are several issues that must be addressed.

Where does the candidate stand on reducing the culture of violence?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement entitled: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizens: A Call to Political Responsibility*. This statement highlights the role of the Church in the formation of conscience, and the corresponding moral responsibility of each Catholic to hear, receive, and act upon the Church's teaching in the lifelong task of forming his or her own conscience. With this foundation, Catholics are better able to evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church in order to help build a better world.

www.faithfulcitizenship.org

Facts on Preventing Abortions

Abortion Facts

- Half all pregnancies in the United States are unintended.
- Almost half of unintended pregnancies end in abortion.
- The most frequent reasons given by women seeking an abortion are that a child would limit ability to meet current responsibilities and that they cannot afford a child at this point in their lives.
- Unintended pregnancy has increased by 29% among poor women while decreasing 20% among higher-income women.
- Women below the federal poverty level have abortion rates almost four times those of higher-income women.
- Between 1996 and 2000, while abortion rates for all other groups fell, abortion rates among poor and low-income women increased.
- The majority of women having abortions are in their twenties or younger.

Source: Guttmacher Institute, “An Overview of Abortion in the United States

Overturing Roe Vs. Wade Will Not End Abortion in America

- Overturing Roe vs. Wade, a long time goal of the pro-life movement, would not end abortion in the United State, it would simply send the decision to the states.
- If states with more than 45% “pro-life” sentiment chose to outlaw abortion, this would only impact 16 states, accounting for 10% of abortions nationwide, or less than 100,000 abortions a year.
- Women in these 16 states would still be able to travel to seek an abortion in another state, or seek an illegal abortion, making the impact likely less than a 10% reduction in abortions nation-wide.
- States with the highest abortion rates in the country, like California and New York, would be unlikely to outlaw abortion in their states.

Source: Catholics United Study “Reducing Abortion in America: Beyond Roe v. Wade”

Studies Show that Economic Support for Women and Families Reduces Abortion

- In a recent study released by Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good finds that social and economic supports such as benefits for pregnant women and mother and economic assistance to low-income families have contributed significantly to reducing the number of abortions in the United States over the past twenty years.

- Economic assistance to low income families is correlated with a 20% lower abortion rate. Across the entire United States, this translates into 200,000 fewer abortions.
- In the 1990’s, states with more generous grants to women, infants and children under the age of five as provided by the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program has a 37% lower abortion rate.
- Higher Male employment in the 1990’s was associated with a 29% lower abortion rate.
- The abortion rate has declined most rapidly from 1990-1996 when there was an economic boom under President Clinton. While rates have continued to decrease, they have declined less rapidly in recent years when poverty rates have been climbing.

Source: Catholic in Alliance Study, “Reducing Abortion in America: The Effect of Economic and Social Supports” and The Guttmacher Institute, “An Overview of Abortion in the United States”

Legal Status of Abortion Does Not Necessarily Impact Abortion Rates

- Nearly half of all abortions in the world are performed in countries that have made abortion illegal.
- The lowest abortion rates in the world – less than 10 per 1,000 women of reproductive age – are in Europe, where abortion is legal and available.
- By Contrast, in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, where abortion law is most restrictive, the regional rates are 29 and 31 per 1,000 women, respectively.
- These countries are also much poorer than the U.S. and provide fewer social services; and a larger proportion of their population lives in poverty.
- In Western European countries, in contrast, where more social services are provided and fewer women live in poverty, the abortion rates are consistently the lowest rates in the world.

A PASTORAL NOTE

I do not want to minimize the evil of abortion or any other form of murder. On the other hand, I do not think that any of our political parties advocate for promoting abortions by laws that would coerce women to have abortions. I also do not think that we can call ourselves in favor of life as individuals or as a country if we believe in abortion, preemptive war, wars that use disproportionate means against an enemy or tactics that verge on torture. I fault both the Democrats and the Republicans for their stances on issues affecting life. I agree with our bishops that no candidate or political party completely subscribes to the Church’s agenda on these or other social issues. I believe that God does not side with either political party and that you can conscientiously vote for any candidate, provided that you do not vote for the candidate because he or she wants to pursue immoral goals.