



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:

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| 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:

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| 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 |

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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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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).

December 20, 2009: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

Sunday, December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 21: Advent Weekday

Songs 2:8-13; Luke 1:39-45

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Mervin Schulze

4:00-6:00 Sacrament of Penance

7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, December 22: Advent Weekday

1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Gigandet/Shappie Families

7:00-9:00 Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday: December 23: Advent Weekday

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Rita Baltes

5:00-6:30 p.m. Community Meal (Lutheran Church)

4:00-6:00 Sacrament of Penance

7:00-9:00 Sacrament of Penance

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a; Luke 1:67-79

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Rodney and Dorothy Martino

10:30 p.m. Mass (D) Parishioners

Friday, December 25: Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

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

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

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Marlene McClurg (90th Birthday)

Saturday, December 26: St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

2:45-4:45 Sacrament of Penance (D)

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Vera Schlater

Sunday, December 27: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph

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

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

How does the nearness of Christ give you joy? In what circumstances have you perceived the "peace of God that surpasses all understanding"? Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 84; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Marriage Encounter enhances marriages. The next weekend will be February 12-14 at Erlanger, Ky. Call 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org. **Retrouaille** (French for Rediscovery) can help save your marriage. Call 1-800-470-2230 for 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.

BAPTISMS

The next pre-baptismal programs for new or expectant parents will take place in January of 2010. Please register by calling the office at 526-4945. We welcomed Conall Maddux Miller into the church through baptism this past Sunday.

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Do abdominal and lower back exercises three times a week to support your spine. **Mind:** Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. **Spirit:** Keep a gratitude list of things and people you are grateful for.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS December 25-28, 2009

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Ushers: Group 1; *Lector:* Bob Paulus **Deacon Jack**

Eucharist: Christine Borchers, Diane Martino, Thomas Watren (P); Bryant Ahrens, Theresa Grilliot, Michael Heft, Sharon Kramer, Brian Kramer, Laura Paulus, Jennifer Paulus *Servers:* Rachel Dapore, Zach Grilliot, Joshua Paulus *Gifts:* Volunteers

10:30 p.m. Mass (D): Thursday, December 24

Ushers: Group 11; *Lector:* Katie Goubeaux

Eucharist: Russ Beisner, Beth Ann Jokerst, Janet Turner (P); Maria Goubeaux, Doris Goubeaux, Curtis Goubeaux, Matt Jokerst, Mitchell Jokerst, Thomas Jokerst, Jacque Moorman, Ken Moorman

Servers: Bailey DeMange, Mason DeMange, Rachel Subler;

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

Ushers: Group 10; *Lector:* Randy Gump

Eucharist: Mary Ann Gump, Justine Raterman, Lauren Subler (P); Orville Borchers, Nicholas Harman, John Harman, Betty Jutte, Jim Nerderman, Sharon Pepiot, Reyna Shardo, Kathy Wood (C);

Servers: Abbey Didier, Adam Borchers, Emily Harman

Gifts: Volunteers

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

Ushers: Alex and Delbert Dirksen *Lector:* Louise Grilliot

Eucharist: John Grilliot (P); Susan Grilliot (C); *Servers:* Justin Bruns, Brittany Bruns, Tyler Bruns *Gifts:* Brad Bruns Family;

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

Ushers: Group 14; *Lector:* Kevin Grilliot

Eucharist: Joanna Cruz, Kathy Grilliot, Mitchell Stover (P); D. J. Barlage, Laura Condon, Nicole Frantz, Jean Grieshop, Darlene Meyer, Kelsey Schlater, Matt Stover (C); *Servers:* Jordan Phillips, Caroline Prake1, Katey Wendel *Gifts:* Volunteers

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday, December 26 Deacon Jack

Ushers: Group 4; *Lector:* Cynthia Subler

Eucharist: Betty Poly, Sam Subler, Tim Subler (P); Phyllis Guillozet, Jeff Keiser, George Kuether, Kim Murphy, Judy Pierron, Dan Saintignon, Dan Subler *Servers:* Morgan Middendorf, Erica Monnier, Laura Subler

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, December 27

Ushers: Group 6; *Lector:* Gary Huelskamp

Eucharist: Tom Borchers, Paul Meyer, Mary Jean Meyer, (P); Ann Borchers, Ryan Borchers, Lil Borchers, Josh Borchers, Adam Borchers, Kim Borchers, Caitlin Liette, Michael Liette (C);

Servers: Abbey Didier, Lindsey Didier, Noah Pleiman

Gifts: Volunteers

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

Ushers: Mark Kremer and Jim Pohlman *Lector:* Ken Hartke

Eucharist: Mary Hartke (P); Ted Mangen and Jeff Wuebker (C); *Servers:* Melinda Barlage, Neil Didier, Cierra Todd

Gifts: Lewis and Alma May Family;

Cleaning: Wilma Didier, Almareda Bruns, Linda Pohlman

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

Ushers: Group 13; *Lector:* Robert Goubeaux

Eucharist: Curtis Goubeaux, Doris Goubeaux, Maria Goubeaux (P); Marisa Coons, Nicholas Eilerman, Katie Goubeaux, Connie Grillot, Matt Hileman, Marvin Luthman, Marlene Schmitmeyer, John Schmitmeyer (C); *Servers:* Jaclyn Lawrence, Mitchell Rawlins, Megan VanSkyock; *Gifts:* Volunteers

VOCATIONS

Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you. (Luke 1:39-45)

FATHER DAVID VINCENT'S COLUMN

If you missed the big penance service at St Mary's December 3 in Greenville, then please make use of the other times available for the sacrament between now and Christmas. If necessary, you can celebrate the sacrament and receive absolution by appointment.

LITURGY: O ANTIPHONS

We know the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel". The English version comes from a ninth-century Latin hymn. The text derives from the seven great antiphons used with the Canticle of Mary at Evening Prayer from December 17 to 23. Each starts out with "O": O Wisdom (17); O Lord (18); O Root of Jesse (19); O Key of David (20); O Rising Sun (21); O King of the nations (22) and O Emmanuel (23). Each invokes the coming Lord with references to the ancient Sacred Scriptures of Israel and the Church.

NOTICES:

Thank you: The St. Remy and St. Denis K of Cs thank all the people who made the "rosary work party" at St. Remy a huge success. In two hours they counted out 69,000 beads, 1,200 crosses, 2,400 brochures folded, and 1,200 cords all packed in individual packets for distributing to volunteer rosary makers in our Rosaries for the Troops Project.

Festival of Choirs: Today, 7:30 p.m. at St. John Church, Maria Stein. The program will feature the five parishes of the Maria Stein cluster with St. Louis and St. Nicholas choirs. Free and open to the public.

COMMUNITY SUPPER – ALL WELCOME
Every Wednesday. 5:00-6:30
At Trinity Lutheran Church
We cook next on January 20
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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for your generous support of our elderly religious. You can still make a donation by placing your envelope in the collection basket.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Weekly on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in church basement (SD).
 Friday at 3:30 p.m.: chaplet of Divine Mercy in church (SD).
 At noon on the thirteenth day of the each month at HF.

NEW YEARS GATHERING

Overnight with the "Q": The "Q" is the Old Testament preacher Qheleth (Ecclesiastes). Fr. Al Naseman will lead this annual retreat on December 31-January 1 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. See posters on bulletin boards. Call 419-925-7625 by December 23 to register.

RANGER ROSARIES

Father Carl Subler needs rosaries in Afghanistan. Since those who will use these rosaries serve in the military, the rosaries must meet military standards. Call Irene Gehret for more information.

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: _____



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb." Luke 1:41

| COLLECTIONS | |
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| December 13, 2009 | |
| Holy Family | |
| Envelopes (40) | \$ 608.00 |
| Loose (35) | \$ 129.00 |
| Children (3) | \$ 4.50 |
| Total | \$ 741.50 |
| Holy Day | \$ 468.00 |
| Retired Religious | \$ 783.00 |
| St Denis | |
| Envelopes (198) | \$2718.25 |
| Loose (180) | \$ 811.50 |
| Children (26) | \$ 30.31 |
| Total | \$3560.06 |
| Holy Day | \$1051.97 |
| Retired Religious. | \$2331.81 |
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| MANY THANKS | |

YOUTH MINISTRY ? ? ?

Thank You: A big thank you goes out to all the people who generously donated Christmas gifts and food items for either Kentucky, Versailles or both. The response was awesome!

Steubenville Youth Conference: It is time to take reservations for the Steubenville Youth Conference 2010. The Conference this year will be July 16-18. To reserve a spot we will need a \$30.00 down payment. The total cost this year is \$230.00 per person, which includes transportation, conference fee and t-shirts.

March for Life in Washington D.C.: The March for Life in Washington D.C. will be on January 21-23. We will leave around 8:00 p.m. on the 21st and return early in the morning on the 23rd. Participants will have to miss school on Friday, January 22. Contact Mike if interested.

Live Nativities: If any family would like to participate in a live nativity this year at any of the Christmas liturgies, contact Mike ASAP.

Kentucky Christmas Trip: We will deliver all the above items to Kentucky on Monday, December 21- December 22. High school students and adults are welcome to attend. Flyers and forms are available at the youth office and the church entrances.

Christmas Eve Choir: The Youth Choir will lead the singing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. The final practice is this Wednesday, December 23 (time to be announced).

CYO Basketball: January 3, 12:30, North Star at Versailles.

SCHEDULE OF COMING CELEBRATIONS

- Monday, Dec. 21: 4:00-6:00: Sacrament of Penance (D)**
- Tuesday, Dec. 22: 7:0-9:00: Sacrament of Penance (D)**
- Wednesday, Dec. 23: 4:00-6:00, 7:00-8:00: Sacrament of Penance (D)**
- Thursday, Dec. 24: Sacrament of Penance by appointment only**
- Thursday, Dec. 24: Vigil Mass: 5:00 (D); Night Mass: 10:30 (D)
- Friday, Dec. 25: Christmas Dawn Mass: 8:00 (D)
 Christmas Day Mass: 9:30 (HF) and 11:00 (D)
- Thursday, Dec. 31: Rosary for Peace: 4:00 pm.
 Motherhood of Mary: 5:00 Mass (D)
- Friday, Jan. 1: Motherhood of Mary: Mass: 9:30 (HF); 11:00 (D);
 No 8:00 Mass

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

A new series of classes on the sympto-thermal method of Natural Family Planning will start Saturday, January 9 from 9:30-11:45 a.m. at St. Remy Hall. Fertility awareness within the context of the teachings of the Catholic Church can be faith-building, health-enhancing, marriage-strengthening, as well as being an effective way to plan or postpone a pregnancy. For more information, go to www.learn-nfp.org. To register, go to www.ccli.org or contact Kent & Heather at 419-733-4046 or Eric and Nicole at 937-526-3305.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

MASS OF THE VIGIL (5:00):

Matthew 1, 1-25: We trace the ancestry of Jesus to Abraham in a list that some call the Lectors' revenge on gospel readers because of the many names in the list.

Isaiah 62, 1-5: Isaiah celebrates God's wedding to the human race.

Psalms 89: We sing of how God keeps his covenant with David.

Acts 13, 16-17, 22-25: Jesus, the Christ, has human ancestors that go back, through King David, to our beginnings.

MASS AT NIGHT (10:30):

Luke 2, 1-14: Angels announce the good news to people in fields, not in palaces.

Isaiah 9, 1-7: The birth of a Prince brings light to darkened eyes, and promises peace anew.

Psalms 96: Earth and heaven rejoice in the birth of the Savior.

Titus 2, 11-14: God's reveals his grace, always at work in the world, in Jesus Christ.

MASS AT DAWN (8:00):

Luke 2, 15-20: Those who recognize the Child find joy as they praise and glorify God.

Isaiah 62, 11-12: God now calls his people The Redeemed.

Psalms 97: Let all the earth celebrate the birth of the Lord.

Titus 3, 4-7: God's kindness, always present, we find manifest in the Christ, the Savior of the world.

MASS DURING DAY (9:30 and 11:00):

John 1, 1-18: Some consider this the true gospel for Christmas: The Word of God has taken on human nature.

Isaiah 52, 7-10: We proclaim from the mountains the coming of peace.

Psalms 98: God's saving power reaches to the ends of the earth.

Hebrews 1, 1-6: The author teaches that Jesus comes to us as the living Word of God, the definitive revelation of God's goodness.

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JANUARY 1: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

We observe Friday, January 1, as a holyday of obligation this year. We have Mass at 5:00 New Years Eve (D) and at 9:30 (HF) and 11:00 (D) in the morning. We do not have an 8:00 Mass on January 1.

In this holyday, we celebrate the oldest festival honoring Mary. It honors her as Mother of God. This occasion carries the same weight as Sundays for gathering for the Eucharist.

Parish Weekend Masses
for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 19:

5:00 p.m. Vigil (D)

Sunday, December 20:

8:00 a.m. Mass (D)

9:30 Mass (HF)

11:00 Mass (D)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

in our pastoral region

Thursday, December 24:

4:30 p.m. Mass St Mary (Greenville)

5:00 p.m. Vigil (D)

10:30 Mass (At Night) (D)

11:30 Mass at St Mary (Greenville)

12:00 Mass at Immaculate

Conception, Bradford

Friday, Christmas Day:

8:00 Mass at Dawn (D)

9:00 Mass at St Mary (Greenville)

9:00 Mass at Immaculate

Conception, Bradford

9:30 Mass at Day (HF)

11:00 Mass at Day (D)

New Year's

4:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

5:00 p.m. Mass (D)

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF)

11:00 a.m. mass (D)

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THE DATE OF CHRISTMAS

I have heard several explanations why we celebrate the birth of Christ on December. I think the best explanation comes down to this.

The ancient world had a notion that the perfect life began and ended on the same date. According to one calculation Jesus died on April 6 or March 25. This date would also mark the date of his conception. Nine months from conception we come to birth. Some Eastern Churches celebrate the Nativity nine months after April 6, on January 6. The Western Church celebrates it nine months after the March date, December 25.

John the Baptist, a half-year older than Jesus, has his birthday on June 24, a day shy of the perfect nine months. This differentiates him from the Perfect Man, Jesus Christ.

WOMEN'S MEETING AND DINNER

St. Ann Sodality: Sunday, January 3, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family parish hall.

Meat and table service will be furnished. Please bring a guest, a covered dish and an item for the Council of Churches food pantry (please no peas, corn or green beans). There will be prizes and entertainment.

THE RITUAL OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

When you come for the sacrament of penance, the priest should welcome you warmly. Then you and he make the sign of the cross together.

Next he gives you a blessing. You do not have to ask for the blessing; he gives it. In this blessing, he invites you to trust in God.

Next, he reads a passage from Scripture that calls us to conversion.

Next, you briefly confess your sins. The priest will help you if you need help. The priest will try to say something to help you

He will propose for you an act of penance, formerly called a penance, to help you amend your life. You may ask the priest to substitute something else for you if you prefer something else.

You then say a prayer of sorrow, once called an act of contrition. You may use one of the forms given in the ritual or use your own words.

The priest will then give you absolution. You answer, "Amen" after it.

He then leads you in a proclamation of praise. You answer by saying, "His mercy endures forever."

Lastly, he dismisses you. At this point, the ritual has no response for you to say, but usually when the priest dismisses, you respond, "Thanks be to God." This response seems appropriate here since Christ forgives our sins, through the ministry of the Church.

You may clip this and save it for when you come to the sacrament of penance.

DECORATING OUR CHURCHES

We wait until the last Mass of Advent before we decorate our churches. Both at Holy Family and at St Denis, we shall decorate on Wednesday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m. unless we have a funeral, in which case, we shall do it at 1:00 p.m.

REST IN PEACE

John Baltes died and received Christian burial on Wednesday. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

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Happy Advent

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

This comes from the *Roman Martyrology*, the official catalog of liturgical celebration, and dates back many centuries.

The eighth day before the first of January,

(The ancients counted both the first and last days in a series),
innumerable centuries since the creation of the world

(The world dates farther back than we can count),

when in the beginning God created heaven and earth
and man according to his own image (God did create the

universe and make us in his image and likeness (Genesis 1:27);
even many centuries after the flood

(dated back in what we call pre-history)

from which time the Most High had placed the
rainbow in the sky, a sign of covenant and peace;

from the migration from Ur of the Chaldees of

Abraham our father in faith, the twenty-first century
(2000-1700 B.C.);

from the exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt
under the leadership of Moses, the thirteenth century;

from the anointing of David into the kingship, about a
thousand years;

in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of
Daniel

(See Daniel 9:20-27; this would make Jesus about 33 years old
at his death.);

in the hundred-ninety-fourth Olympiad

(The ancients held the Olympics every four years, starting in the
year 776 B.C.);

from the foundation of the City of Rome, the seven
hundred fifty-second

(The legendary date for the founding of the city of Rome);

in the year of the rule of Caesar Octavian the August,
the forty-second

(Octavian reigned after Julius Caesar's death in 44 B.C.)

the whole world at peace

(The Romans imposed peace at the threat of extermination),

Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of the eternal Father

(This stresses the divinity of both the Father and the Son),

wanting to consecrate the world by his most holy
coming

(the coming of Christ consecrates the world),

conceived of the Holy Spirit

(note the role of the Holy Spirit),

and nine months after his conception, in Bethlehem of
Judea, having been made man, is born of Mary the
Virgin

(This stresses the human nature of Jesus):

Thursday is the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to the flesh

(The *Martyrology* declares Jesus Christ eternal in his
divinity and temporal in his humanity, one divine person with
two natures).