



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:

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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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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).

February 21, 2010: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, February 21: First Sunday of Lent

6:00-8:00 Third Confirmation Session (D)

Monday, February 22: Feast of the Chair of Peter

1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy (D) [Penance 6:00-6:25]

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Ruth Ann Simon

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

6:30 p.m. Presentation on Haiti (D) In church

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

Tuesday, February 23: Lenten Week Day

Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy (D) [Penance 6:00-6:25]

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

11:30 a.m. Soup, Salad, Sandwich [broccoli and cheese] (D)

7:30 p.m. St. Ann Sodality Meeting (HF)

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (D)

7:30 p.m. Bible Study (church basement)

Wednesday, February 24: Lenten Week Day

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy (D) [Penance 6:00-6:25]

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

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

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

Thursday, February 25: Lenten Week Day

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy (D) [Penance 6:00-6:25]

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Terence and Fred Bohman

8:45-5:30 p.m. Exposition (Benediction at 5:30 p.m.)

3:00-4:00 Sacrament of Penance

7:00 p.m. Lenten Program on Sin and Penance

Friday, February 26: Lenten Week Day: (Day of Abstinence)

Ezra 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

6:30 a.m. Communion Liturgy (D) [Penance 6:00-6:25]

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Harold and Mary Bey

Saturday, February 27: Lenten Week Day

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

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

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Special Intention (CM)

Sunday, February 28: Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

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

11:00-1:00 Youth BBQ Chicken Dinners (D) (Rectory Porch)

6:00-8:00 Fourth Confirmation Session (D)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

What kinds of transformation do you look forward to? How do you cooperate with God's plan for you? The readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Marriage Encounter enhances marriages. The next weekend will be March 19-21 at the Ramada Plaza, Dayton. Call 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org. *Retrouaille* (French for Rediscovery) can help save your marriage. The next local program is April 16, 17, 18, 2010. Call 1-800-470-2230.

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.

RCIA

We invite all our non-Catholic friends and parishioners to look into the Catholic Church. Contact Father Dave.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS February 28, 2010

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday, February 27 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Ushers: Group 3; *Lector:* John Davis

Eucharist: Diane Elsas, Gerald Elsas, Sharon Kramer (P); Bryant Ahrens, Kim Murphy, Sandy Pierron, Judy Pierron, Baleigh Reed, Rich Schwieterman, Tim Subler, Cheryl Subler

Servers: Andrew Kramer, Conner Reed, Laura Subler

Gifts: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, February 28 *Deacon Jack*

Ushers: Group 9; *Lector:* Peggy Borgerding

Eucharist: George Kuether, Joe Schmitmeyer, Linda Schmitmeyer (P); Kim Borchers, Adam Borchers, Betty Jutte, Dale Meier, Sharon Pepiot, David Pohl, Lauren Subler (C);

Servers: Abbey Didier, Camille Watren, Alex Wendel

Gifts: Volunteers

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

Ushers: Greg and Patrick Bergman *Lector:* Dena Wuebker

Eucharist: Brad Bruns (P); Brittany Bruns, Irene Gehret (C);

Servers: Quincy Baltes, Kayla Bruns, Brianne Buzard

Gifts: Delbert and Janice Dirksen

Cleaning: Wilma Didier, Almareda Bruns, Linda Pohlman

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

Ushers: Group 13; *Lector:* Todd Schmitmeyer

Eucharist: Jean Grieshop, Jacquie Moorman, Ken Moorman (P); Joe Gigandet, Matt Harman, Krista Harman, Kristi Luthman, Marvin Luthman, Kristen Phlipot, Michael Schmitmeyer, Ted Schmitmeyer (C);

Servers: Sarah Gigandet, Brigitte Holsapple, Grant Keller

Gifts: Volunteers

VOCATIONS

God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life. (Luke 4:1-13)

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: See your dentist every six months. **Mind:** Never get behind the wheel while upset. **Spirit:** Be open to spirituality and other's beliefs.

GUITAR LESSONS

Pam Beisner will offer free lessons to anyone (high school or older) interested in learning how to play the guitar after Wednesday night CCD classes during Lent. Lessons will be from 8:15 to 9:00 p.m. starting February 24. Call her at 526-3806 for more information.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The annual Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) starts next week with a message from Archbishop Schnurr. We have these financial goals: \$9007.00 (St Denis) and \$1921 (Holy Family). An insert today will give you more information about these ministries.

BAPTISMS

The next pre-baptismal programs for new or expectant parents will take place in April in the church basement. Please call the office to register. We usually do not baptize during Lent except in emergencies. We shall baptize after Mass next on April 4, Easter Sunday I, at 12:15. This week we welcomed into the church through baptism: Seth Aaron Bergman.

WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS

When the schools close because of weather (excepting fog), we automatically close the church buildings to all meetings and conferences except Mass and the Sacrament of Penance.

FATHER DAVID VINCENT'S COLUMN

I encourage you to come to the Lenten series on Sin and Penance. I think it help us have a more fruitful Lent. The series leads up to our regional Penance Service here on March 18. We also have other times scheduled for the sacrament, such as Saturdays, Thursdays and weekdays at 6:00 a.m.

LITURGY: THE LENT

What purpose does Lent serve? I checked out two important documents for an answer. The Second Vatican Council called for us to give greater emphasis to “the two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent – the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance.” and calls us both to internal and to external penance (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, #109-1110). The *General Instruction on the Roman Missal* says essentially the same thing and cites the above passage from the Council and teaches us that Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday exclusively (#27-28).



“Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days to be tempted by the devil”

COLLECTIONS	
February 14, 2010	
Holy Family	
Envelopes (45)	\$ 758.00
Loose (32)	\$ 132.00
Children (1)	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 915.00
Haiti Collection	\$ 6.00
St Denis	
Envelopes (225)	\$3168.10
Loose (145)	\$ 851.85
Children (22)	\$ 30.94
Total	\$4050.89
Haiti Collection	\$
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MANY THANKS	

COMMUNITY SUPPER – ALL WELCOME
Every Wednesday. 5:00-6:30
At Trinity Lutheran Church
We cook next on March 17
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Next Soup and Salad Luncheon: Tuesday

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.

CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH

Support the *Catholic Telegraph*. Use the envelope in the box. It costs less than 7 cents per day (\$22.00 year).

SIN, PENANCE AND LENT

In this spirit of Lent, I shall offer this year a four-part series on Sin and Penance. I hope to explore sin, its existence, meaning and presence in our lives, kinds of sin. It will include a short course on how to sin, complete with samples. It will explore the Sacrament of Penance with a brief historical overview, the practice of the sacrament prior to the Second Vatican Council and the current rites of penance. Please mark these dates:

- Thursday, February 25, 7:00 in the church at St Denis: Sin (Presentation)
- Thursday, March 4, 7:00 in the church at St Denis: Sin and Historical Overview of Penance (Presentation)
- Thursday, March 11, 7:00 in the church at St Denis: Rites of Penance (Presentation)
- Thursday, March 18, 7:00 in the church at St Denis: Penance Service with many priests (Sacrament)

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: _____

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BBQ Chicken Dinners Fundraiser: BBQ chicken dinner tickets are currently on sale. Dinners will be available on Sunday, February 28, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the rectory porch.

Mountains to God: We had to cancel this event because we had school on President’s Day. We will not re-schedule this event.

Junior High Retreat: This year’s Junior High Retreat will be Friday, March 5, through Saturday, March 6. The theme is “Spiritual Survivor!” Forms and flyers are available on Wednesday nights or at the church entrances.

World Youth Day Madrid: Anyone interested in going to Madrid, Spain for World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI should attend an informational meeting on Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Subs for Lunch: The next subs for lunch is Monday, March 1.

Breakfast with the Lord: The next Breakfast with the Lord will be on Friday, March 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Francis Women’s Retreat: February 26-28 at Bergamo Center. Contact: Bette Davis (937-433-6971) bette.davis@att.net.

Haiti Benefit Breakfast: Our K of C will sponsor a breakfast today from 8:00-12:30 p.m. at the St. Remy Community Center in Russia. The cost is \$6 and all proceeds go the Haiti Earthquake.

Walleye Fish Fry: February 26, March 12 and March 26 at St. Teresa Church, Covington.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The program meets tonight, next Sunday, and again on March 14 and 21 from 6:00 to 8:00. The Confirmation Retreat will take place on April 7, from 4:00 to 9:00. Confirmation, 1:00 p.m., April 11.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Ambassadors for Christ, a retreat designed for young adults considering a religious vocation, March 12-14 at St. Charles Center in Carthagena and the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. There is no cost but registration is requested by March 1. Call (women) 937-231-1244 or Vocations@PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org or contact (men) 937-228-6224 or vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

LENT

Fasting from food binds all between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting refers to the amount of food we eat. Fasting binds us on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstaining from meat binds all over the age of 14. Abstinence binds on the Fridays of Lent and on Good Friday.

Pick up copies of *Five Minutes with the Word, Lent 2010*. This has short reflections on one of the readings of Mass.

The Appeal starts February 27, 2010 -- (4 of the 6 needs covered by the appeal)

College Campus Ministries

MINISTERING TO ONE OF THE TOP 15 COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY

Sinclair Community College is an urban community college in Dayton, named among the top 15 community colleges in the country. With its expansion to satellite campuses and with economic challenges seeing many older students returning to school for retraining, Sinclair has seen enrollment explode in recent years to include more than 37,000 students. These are learners from all walks of life: high school students taking college credit classes, students continuing their education immediately after high school graduation, students returning to school at later stages in their lives, and lifelong learners seeking to expand their knowledge and experience. Students come primarily from Montgomery County and the surrounding area of southwest Ohio. There are also international students who come from countries around the world.

Sinclair Campus Ministry serves the students, staff, faculty and administrators of Sinclair Community College. People of all faith traditions are welcome, as are seekers looking for support and/or challenge for their spiritual journeys.

Among the services the Office of Campus Ministry offers are pastoral care, spiritual direction, support in times of crisis, prayer support, class resources/guest lectures, service learning opportunities, retreat programs, and connection to community events.

Ministry Education

THEY CALL THEM THE “MENTOR COUPLE”

Retrouvaille (French for “rediscovery”) is a Catholic program for troubled and hurting marriages. In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati this program was started in 1988. The first people to be called to this ministry were Deacon Dan Rader and his wife Mary. Their love and compassion for people who want help navigating their troubled marriage draw couples to the program. Some call them a “mentor couple.” Dan and Mary greet hurting couples warmly, and make them feel welcome and comfortable.

A Church representative, especially an ordained deacon, is important to the establishment and growth of any Retrouvaille Community. The presence of a deacon like Dan not only validates the importance of caring for and improving marriages, but also offers encouragement to the community of volunteers to develop and grow. This all-volunteer peer ministry presents a story of “wounded healers” to other struggling couples, supported and encouraged by Dan and Mary.

Ministry Education, including the formation of deacons and lay ministers, is just one of the ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To find out more, visit www.catholicappeal.info.

Ministry Education

A BLESSING IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

Father Ryan Ruiz, ordained in 2008 and currently serving as Associate at Incarnation Parish in Centerville, reflects on the important role that Mount St. Mary’s Seminary of the West played in his own vocation and formation for ministry.

“Urbana is my hometown, and I went to Dennison for college, so I’ve spent my life in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The pastor of my home parish, who received his own formation at our seminary, was a real inspiration to me growing up. He was a priest who enjoyed being a priest, who lived his vocation with joy—and that was wonderful to see as I came to experience my own call from God.

“I entered Mount St. Mary’s Seminary of the West right after college, in 2003. Of course I still had a lot of questions: Am I really cut out for this? Am I up to what the priesthood expects of me? I received so much support at the seminary as I worked through these questions, not only from the faculty, but from the whole community that is The Athenaeum and Mount St. Mary’s—my fellow seminarians, those preparing for the diaconate, lay people preparing for pastoral ministry. To be with so many people, all aspiring to live out their call from God, really made a difference.

“And it’s not just those of us who studied there who benefit. The Athenaeum and Mount St. Mary’s nurture the whole diocese. It’s a true blessing to have this institute, this place of higher learning in the Archdiocese—the fruits of our prayer for vocations and a priceless resource for the future of the Church, right in our own backyard!”

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St. Rita School for the Deaf
I. GIVING FAMILIES HOPE: Nicole and Julia's Story

Julia is only three years old, but already an inspiration to many. Whether she's working to complete an activity in the classroom or outside running around with friends, her tenacious spirit is felt. It's a spirit that no doubt grew from her mother's own heart.

When Julia was born with CMV, doctors said she would never be able to do much of anything. Her mom, Nicole, however, had different plans. After Julia was diagnosed with moderate to intense hearing loss, Nicole scheduled a tour of St. Rita School. Ironically, Nicole had been volunteering at St. Rita Fest since she was a child. "I always knew about St. Rita Fest, but never really knew what went on inside the school itself," she says. "When I found out Julia was deaf, I knew it was time to learn more about the school I had always volunteered for."

Nicole quickly made plans for Julia to begin her education as an infant in St. Rita School's LOFT (Language Opportunities for Tots) Program. "I believe St. Rita School has changed Julia's life," says Nicole. With every milestone that mother and child experience, she remembers the discouraging words from the doctors who didn't believe in her daughter. "Sometimes I just wish I could go back to those doctors who tried to take my hope, and prove to them that they were wrong. I want them to see all the things that Julia has accomplished."

Nicole will never forget the day Julia's teacher, Ms. Jen, excitedly told her that Julia recognized the alphabet. She remembers the first day Julia sat up by herself and the day she began scooting around independently. "I am so grateful for St. Rita School. I know Julia has teachers and other people there who love her like I do."

II. EVERYDAY MIRACLES: Katie's Story

My first day at St. Rita School for the Deaf, I walked onto the campus and was greeted by a myriad of friendly faces. A priest led us to a chapel up on the second floor of the school. Doors were opened wide and long rows of wooden benches beckoned us to enter. The chapel was radiant by the sun reflecting through the stained glass windows surrounding the room.

An angelic figure was kneeling in front of the benches holding up her hands into two *I love you* signs. The priest walked to the altar and kissed it. I noticed that there too was an *I love you* hand sign engraved on it. The priest signed the entire mass. From that day, I felt I actually belonged here, unlike the other public schools I had gone to in the past.

Many people aspire to witness miracles, and claim that it is extremely rare to see one in their lifetime. I believe I am extremely lucky because I witness miracles nearly every day. They take place within the aged walls of St. Rita School for the Deaf. Students who don't have English as their first language, and even students with very little language at all, transfer to St. Rita School and emerge as high school graduates with dazzling futures. I will feel so honored to stride onto the stage in my cap and gown to receive my diploma as a St. Rita graduate. I'll always remember the miracles that occurred here every day, and the symbols that remind us of God's unconditional love. *(from an essay by Katie, a St. Rita senior)*

These are four of the six ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To find out more, visit www.CatholicAppeal.info.

Always
and
Everywhere
Give Thanks

HAITI

Learn more about Haiti. Tomorrow at 6:30 at St Denis in the church, Linda Thieman will make a presentation on Haiti. Linda Thieman has close contacts in Haiti and has visited there frequently. She also serves as Youth Minister at St Henry Church in St Henry. Come, learn more about Haiti, the most impoverished country of the Americas.

As we suffer from snow, Haiti suffers from its annual rainy season.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thanks to all who came last Thursday for the Missionary image of Our Lady of Gualalupe. Despite the bad weather, we had a good turnout.

We have more copies of the English transcript of the original account of the apparitions in the back of church.