



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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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 19, 2010: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 20: Advent Weekday

Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Treva Pierron

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

Tuesday, December 21; Advent Weekday

Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

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

6:00-8:00 Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday: December 22: Advent Weekday

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

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

3:00 -5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance

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

CCD 6:00-7:00 (1-6 D); 7:00-8:00 (all HF); 7:30-8:30 (7-12 D)

6:15-7:25 Youth Ministry (basement, St Denis Church)

Thursday, December 23: Advent Weekday

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

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Nicholas Grillot

No Exposition or Benediction

3:00-5:00 Sacrament of Penance

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79

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

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

Saturday, 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): Parishioners (ASL Signed Mass)

No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

Sunday, December 26: Feast of the Holy Family

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:

Share a time when you and your family moved. How did others welcome you? The readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128, Colossians 3:12-21, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Marriage Encounter enhances marriages. The next weekends will be February 11-13 and March 18-20, 2011. Call 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org. *Retrouaille* (French for Rediscovery) can help save your marriage.

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.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Weekly on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in church basement (SD).

At noon on the thirteenth day of the each month at HF.

Divine Mercy: resumes March 11, 2011

BAPTISMS

The next pre-baptismal program will take place in January. We have baptisms during Mass with two weeks notice. On December 26 and January 23, 2011, we shall have baptisms after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

You can still make your tax-deductible donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Use the envelope in your box or pick up extra envelopes in the back of church. Thank you.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS: December 24-26, 2010

5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Friday, December 24 Christmas Vigil

Ushers: Group 1 *Lector:* John Harman

Eucharist: Kate Bruns, Joe Gehret, Krista Harman, Lester Monnin (P); Kevin Grilliot, Kathy Grilliot, Matt Harman, Nicholas Harman, Darlene Meyer, Donna Monnier, Erica Monnier, Jordan Phillips, (C);

Servers: Emily Harman, Nathan Phillips, Samuel Prakes

Gifts: Volunteers

10:30 p.m. Mass (D): Friday, December 24 Christmas Night

Ushers: Group 4 *Lector:* Jane Pierron

Eucharist: Judy Pierron, Janet Turner, Gerald Wilker (P); Jeff Keiser, Andrew Kramer, Sharon Kramer, Brian Kramer, Michael Kramer, Marvin Luthman, Jennifer Paulus, Brian Ruhe

Servers: Emily Kramer, Jaclyn Lawrence, Megan Van Skyock

Gifts: Volunteers

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

Ushers: Group 7 *Lector:* Katie Huwer

Eucharist: Betty Poly, Abbey Schlater, Tom Watren (P); Orville Borchers, Joe Gigandet, Caitlin Liette, Michael Liette, Donna Monnier, Justine Raterman, Kelsey Schlater, Katie Schwieterman

Servers: Sarah Gigandet, Mitchell Rawlins, Chloe Rawlins

Gifts: Volunteers

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

Ushers: Patrick and Craig Bergman

Lector: Judy Barga

Eucharist: Bob Mayo (P); Barb Marshal, Rick Mayo (C);

Servers: Quincy Baltes, Brianne Buzard, Mark Mayo

Gifts: Delbert and Janice Dirksen

Cleaning: Barb Heckman, Irene Broering, Mary Hartke

11:00 a.m. Mass (D): Christmas Day (ASL Signed Mass)

Ushers: Group 11 *Lector:* Lori Griesdorn

Eucharist: Jacquie Moorman, Linda Schmitmeyer, Katey Wendel (P); Russ Beisner, Danielle Condon, Marisa Coons, Joe Gehret, Beth Ann Jokerst, Tom Jokerst, Dale Meier

Servers: Jordan Phillips, Nathan Phillips, Alex Wendel

Gifts: Volunteers

No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, December 26 Feast of the Holy Family

Ushers: Group 8 *Lector:* Roberta Mangel

Eucharist: Ryan Borchers, Ann Borchers, Lil Borchers (P); Tom Borchers, Abby Didier, Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer, James Nerderman, Mary Lou Nerderman, Karen Raterman

Servers: Emily Didier, Lindsey Didier, Elizabeth Didier

Gifts: Volunteers

9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Parish's Patronal Feast of the Holy Family

Ushers: Patrick and Craig Bergman

Lector: Melvin Stucke

Eucharist: Ken Hartke (P); Brittany Bruns, Mary Hartke (C);

Servers: Josh Bulcher, Jared Heitkamp, Cierra Todd

Gifts: Brad and Lil Bruns Family

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

Ushers: Group 14 *Lector:* Ron Gehret

Eucharist: Joanna Cruz, Abbey Schlater, Kelsey Schlater (P); Nicole Frantz, Jean Grieshop, Matt Hileman, Ian Lawrence, Kristi Luthman, Matt Schmitmeyer, Matt Stover, Mitchell Stover

Servers: Bailey DeMange, Mason DeMange, Kirstie Hartzell

Gifts: Volunteers

VOCATIONS

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had commanded him.” God’s invitation demands a response. If He is calling you, pray for the courage to respond wholeheartedly, as did St. Joseph. (Matthew 1:24)

WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Do abdominal and lower back exercises 3 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.

FATHER DAVE'S COLUMN:

I look forward to Friday evening. Then I can add Christmas music to my repertoire. I believe in keeping Christ in Christmas and keeping Christmas out of Advent.

I hope to give more time to Spanish during the rest of the year. I hope to try out my Spanish in Mexico. In Mexico, I want to lay more groundwork so that we can enter into a twinning relationship with a parish in the Puerto Escondito Diocese.

What do I hope will happen? I expect to drink in some of the Mexican Catholic culture, to see the Church as the faithful Mexican sees the Church.

Our Archdiocesan Mission Office has urged parishes to establish twinning relationships with parishes in other countries. Mike Gabel, the director, teaches that we twin in order to share faith and lives. We do not twin in order to give poorer parishes money. Once both parishes have established a relationship, then, perhaps, we would give money for projects. The Hispanic culture, a Catholic one, has much to teach us, who live in a largely Protestant culture.

LITURGY:

When St Francis arranged the first live Nativity scene nearly eight hundred years ago, he did not put an image, statue or infant representing the Child. Rather, he arranged the set in a cave below where the Midnight Mass of Christmas would take place. He wanted the Eucharistic body and blood of the Lord as the focal point of the crib scene. He believed that we do not celebrate a baby, but the Lord Jesus present in his Church and sacraments.

THE OFFICE CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS

The Office closes at noon on December 23 and reopens January 3. If you need to get a priest, please call me at 937-215-1966.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE

Thank you all for your cooperation in this Stewardship Initiative program. Many have asked about electronic giving. Some replied that they do not use envelopes. Others see envelopes as a way of gift-wrapping their present. We should have electronic giving up and running by the end of the year.

SIGNED MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Elaine Bergman will use American Sign Language at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas day. Please invite your family and friends who would benefit from a signed Mass.

PARISH MISSIONARY TRIP TO MEXICO

Please pray for our missionary trip to Mexico.

COMMUNITY SUPPER – ALL WELCOME

Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:30
At Trinity Lutheran Church
We cook next on January 19

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: _____



"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about."

**COLLECTIONS
December 12, 2010**

Holy Family	
Envelopes (43)	\$ 813.00
Loose (22)	\$ 127.00
Children (1)	\$.70
Total	\$ 940.70
Holy Day	\$ 555.60
Religious Retirement	\$ 290.00

St Denis	
Envelopes (208)	\$ 4916.50
Loose (154)	\$ 1042.12
Children (14)	\$ 16.28
Total	\$ 5974.90
Holy Day	\$ 1363.75
Religious Retirement	\$ 1670.00

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MANY THANKS

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Young Adult Christmas Gathering: There will be a young adult gathering during Christmas break at Mary Praker's house on Monday evening, December 27, at 7:30 p.m. All young adults are welcome.

Steubenville Youth Conference: Register for the Steubenville Youth Conference (July 15 to 17). A deposit of \$40.00 reserves a spot. The cost of \$230.00 covers meals, housing, transportation and a T-shirt.

Senior Retreat: We will have the Senior Retreat Wednesday night, December 22, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. College-age young adults are planning and leading this retreat. Prayer in your discernment process for college choice and vocation choice, and how to grow in your faith during your transition from high school provide the retreat's themes. All seniors should attend as part of your regular CCD.

Versailles Area Giving Tree: Today is the last day to return your gifts in the back of church. Thanks to all of you who participated. Your generosity is a wonderful expression of Jesus' proclamation of being born in a stable.

Kentucky Christmas Trip: The truck is loaded and we are ready to go. Anyone who picked up a Christmas ornament and has not dropped off their gift can still do so until Monday at 3:00 p.m. We will be meeting and leaving for Kentucky at 3:30 p.m. on Monday.

Christmas Eve Choir: Those participating in choir for the Christmas Eve Mass need to be at church on Friday no later than 4:00 p.m. Mike will notify choir members of the final practice time.

CCD Notices:

There will be CCD Classes on Wednesday, December 22 at both parishes. Classes are not being held on December 29, but will resume on Wednesday, January 5.

When school closes (except for fog), all meetings and CCD classes are cancelled. We may still have Mass and the sacrament of penance.

PARISH MISSION:

There will be A Parish Mission at St. Mary's Church in Greenville, January 36, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. See posters on the bulletin boards for more information.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2010

The Internal Revenue Service requires us to accredit contributions to a particular year only if we received them during that year of if the contribution has a postmark of that year. This means that we cannot assign credit for 2010 unless we receive the contributions by December 31 or receive them in the mail with a December 31 postmark. I know that many times, we write checks at the last minute, but we must understand that the parishes have to abide by federal and state laws.

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 Saturday, January 1, as a holyday [but not of obligation this year]. We have Mass only at 5:00 New Year's Eve at St Denis, none on Saturday morning.

On January 2, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. We shall have the usual Mass schedule, 5:00 on January 1, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 on January 2.

Sacrament of penance (D):
Tuesday, December 21: 6:00-8:00
Wednesday, December 22: 3:00-5:00
Thursday, December 23: 3:00-5:00

CHRISTMAS MASSES

in our pastoral region and area

Friday, December 24:

4:00 p.m. Mass St Mary (Greenville)

5:00 p.m. Vigil (D)

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Teresa (Covington)

10:30 p.m. Mass (At Night) (D)

11:30 p.m. Mass at St Mary (Greenville)

12:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception, Bradford

Saturday, 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)

10:30 Mass at St. Teresa (Covington)

11:00 Mass at Day (D)

Friday, December 31: New Years Eve

4:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (D)

5:00 p.m. Mass for Sol. of Mary (D)

Saturday, January 1

8:30 a.m. St. Teresa (Covington)

5:00 p.m. Mass for Epiphany (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 9, 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.

NEW MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND SERVERS

We recently commissioned Karen Raterman, Joseph Raterman, Rachel Dapore, Abbey Didier, Kirstie Hartzell, Courtney Anderson and Andrew Kramer as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. The faith of our young people has led many of them to serve the church during the sacred Liturgy. We have trained the following new servers: Eric Knapke; Thomas Murphy; Chloe Rawlins; Elizabeth Didier; Faith Wilker; Mallory Marshal; Cody Browder; Kyle Dapore, Cole Schlater and Emily Kramer.

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. Unless otherwise noted, we shall decorate on Thursday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m. unless we have a funeral, in which case, we shall do it at 1:00 p.m.

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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).