

## NOVEMBER 27, 2011 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent Monday, November 28: Advent Weekday |  |
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| Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 |  |
| 8:00 a.m. | Mass (D): Ruth Mars |
| m. Prayer Meeting (D) |  |
| Tuesday, November 29: Advent Weekday |  |
| Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 |  |
| 8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Dorothy \& Vernon Winner Wednesday, November 30: St Andrew, Apostle |  |
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| Romans 10:9-18; Mathew 4:18-22 |  |
| :00 a.m. Mass (D): Dorothy (Dottie) |  |
| 5:00 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 1: Advent Weekday |  |
| Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 |  |
| 8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Donald V |  |
| 8:45-5:30 p.m. | Exposition (Benediction |
| 3:00-4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance |  |
| Friday, December 2: Advent Weekday |  |
| Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 |  |
| 6:45 a.m. | Communion Service; Penanc |
| 7:05 a.m. | Breakfast with the Lord (D) |
| 8:00 a.m. | Mass (D): Jerome Heitkamp |
| Saturday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier |  |
| Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 |  |
| 3:45-4:45 p.m. Sacrament of penance (D) |  |
| 5:00 p.m. | Mass (D): Paul Knapke (Jr. High Bake Sale |
| Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent |  |
| 8:00 a.m. | Mass (D): Parishioners (Jr. High Bake Sale) |
| 9:30 a.m. | Mass (HF): Parishioners (Jr. High Bake Sale) |
| :00 a.m. | Mass (D): Parishioners (Fr. Perin) (Bake S |

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 2nd Sunday Advent Year B:

What comfort do you want God to give you? How does the voice call you to prepare the way of the lord? The readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8 (Gather, \# 995).

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Marriage Encounter (enhances marriages). Next weekends are February 10-12, 2012 at Norwood, OH and March 16-18, 2012 at a location to be announced. Call 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org.

Retrouvaille [French for Rediscovery] (troubled marriages): Call 513-922-6045 (\$150.00) for more information.

## PROJECT RACHEL, AFTER ABORTION

The Archdiocese sponsors Project Rachel for healing after abortion. Email pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com for more information.

## BAPTISMS

We have the next pre-baptismal program in January 2012. Please call the office at 526-4945 to register. We shall have baptisms after the 11:00 Mass on December 18. We have baptisms during Mass with two weeks' notice.

## WEDDINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Samantha Lynne Paulus and Brian Marvin Uhlenhake plan to marry at St. Denis on Saturday, December 10. Jill and Dan Weaver will celebrate their twenty fifth wedding anniversary on November 29. Congratulations.

## ANNIVERSARIES NEXT YEAR

Please call the office if you will celebrate an anniversary and want to reserve a time for Mass, church hall or basement next year. We will not schedule the basement or hall for other purposes until January 15 .

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS: December 4, 2011
5:00 p.m. Mass (D): Saturday, December 3:
Ushers: Group 4; Lector: Cynthia Subler
Eucharist: Joshua Paulus, Betty Poly, Kathy Wood (P);
Bryant Ahrens, Phylllis Guillozet, Ted Mangen, Bonnie Phlipot,
Conner Reed, Daniel Saintignon, Olivia Schlater, Megan
Van Skyock (C);
Servers: William Murphy, Kami Ording, Faith Wilker Gifts: Volunteers
8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Sunday, December 4:
Ushers: Group 9; Lector: Zita Henry
Eucharist: Kimberley Borchers, Diane Elsas, Gerald Elsas (P);
Mary Ann Gump, Betty Jutte, Linda Meyer, Carl Meyer, Sharon
Pepiot, Noah Pleiman, David Pohl, Reyna Shardo (C);
Servers: Adam Borchers, Elizabeth Didier, Lindsey Didier
Gifts: Volunteers
9:30 a.m. Mass (HF):
Ushers: Eugene Kramer, Mike Kramer
Lector: Lindsey R. Didier
Eucharist: Jeff Didier (P); Margie Heitkamp, Barb Marshal
(C); Servers: Justin, Tyler and Kayla Bruns

Gifts: Brad and Penny Henry Family
Cleaning: Barb Heckman, Irene Broering, Mary Harke
11:00 a.m. Mass (D):
Ushers: Group 12; Lector: Lori Griesdorn
Eucharist: Caoline Prakel, Samuel Prakel, Max Stackler (P);
Russ Beisner, Nicole Frantz, Thomas Jokerst, Beth Ann Jokerst,
Mitchell Jokerst, Ian Lawrence, Jacquie Moorman, Jenny Neiberg (C);

Servers: Taylor Lynne Cordonnier, Brennan Gaier, Jessica Meyer Gifts: Volunteers

## WELLNESS TIPS

Body: Exercise for 30 plus minutes 4-6 days per week. Mind: Learn to say "No". Spirit: Value spiritual things.

## VOCATIONS

"Be watchful! Be Alert!" The call towards a vocation can come at an unexpected day and hour, prepare your heart to always say "yes" to God. (Mark 13:33)

## CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

You can still support the Campaign for Human Development by using the envelope in your box. For more local information go to "Your 2010-2011 CCHD Dollars at Work" at the Catholic Social Action Office's website at www.catholiccincinnati.org/social action. Extra envelopes are available at the entrances to church.

## PARENTS OF TEENS:

Raising Pure Teens in a Sex-Saturated Culture: Chris Stefanick will be at Holy Trinity Church in Coldwater this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to discuss his book for parents on helping teens make the right choices. Learn practical techniques to turn your influence into action.

## COMMUNION LITURGIES: NEW TIME 6:45 a.m.

The Communion Liturgies we have on Fridays during the school year and during Lent will move to a new time, from 6:30 to 6:45. This adjustment recognizes that Versailles School day starts fifteen minutes later than it did two yeas ago. We welcome teens, subteens and adults to these liturgical Communion services.

Sacrament of Penance available from 6:15 to 6:40.

## FATHER DAVE'S COLUMN

We have celebrated the civic holiday of Thanksgiving. We celebrated with family or friends. Many celebrated with turkey or ham. Many spent the day hunting. Many went out the next day to shop all day. For many, Thanksgiving celebrates the first crops harvested by Europeans in the Americas.

We celebrate Thanksgiving everyday and especially on Sundays, whenever we celebrate the Eucharistic sacrifice and meal of the Mass. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. We celebrate, not with turkey or ham, not by hunting or by shopping, but by recalling the great deeds God has wrought for us. These great deeds culminate in the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus and extend to us through the sacraments. We have a much better meal at Mass than we could ever have around a table on the fourth Thursday of November.

On the other hand, if we celebrated Thanksgiving Day well, then we have good reason to gather on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist of the Lord Jesus.

## LITURGY AND ISAIAH

Next Sunday's passage from Isaiah kicks off the second major part of the book. It announces in solemn and majestic notes God's intention to comfort his people. God has decided that his people have suffered more than enough for their sins. God will, therefore, come to them. The prophet calls his people out into the desert in order to prepare the way of the Lord. In translating the Hebrew into Greek, which St Mark used, the translators put the voice in the desert. Since the authors and translators did not use modern punctuation and divisions between words, we can understand the word spoken through Isaiah in both ways. The voice of God can summon out into the desert and the voice can come from the desert itself.

As Mark uses it, the voice goes out into the desert in the person of John the Baptist. As Isaiah understood it In Hebrew, God summoned his people out into the desert to give them freedom as he had at the Exodus. Jesus himself goes into the desert at the start of his public life.

## THE NEW BOOK HAS COME

Today before all the Masses, we walk through the new hymnal, practice the Preface Dialogue and bless the new altar book for the priest.

We shall continue these briefings and rehearsing fifteen minutes before Mass starts. It may work out better to start the rosary 35 minutes before Mass so that we can finish it by 15 minutes Mass.

COMMUNITY SUPPER - ALL WELCOME Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:30
at Trinity Lutheran Church. We cook December 21
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Soup, Salad and Sandwich Luncheon: December 13
31 CLUB
We filled all 31 days. Thank you for your support. Keep praying for vocations. Twelve young men have entered our seminaries this fall.

## WELCOME

We welcome all here, whether longtime residents or newlyarrived, 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: $\qquad$ Address:
ZIP: Phone:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming.'
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November 20, 2011
Holy Family
Envelopes (44) HF \$ 772.00
Loose (30) \$ 136.20
Camp. Human Dev. \$ 838.00
Totalcollection \$ 1746.20
St Denis
Envelopes (194)SD \$ 3463.00
Loose (144) \$ 873.75
Camp. Human Dev. \$ 1810.70
Totalcollection \$6147.45

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## Kentucky Christmas Programs

(1) Giving Tree: We have ornaments for the Kentucky giving tree available on the trees at the church exits. Please take as many ornaments as you like and follow the directions on the ornament.
(2) Kentucky Food Drive: We will also take food for a holiday meal and gift baskets to Kentucky. We ask that each parish family donate food for one gift basket. We need: Box of instant potatoes; cake or brownie mix; canned fruit or cranberry sauce; package of gravy; muffin mix or biscuit mix; 2 packs of Jell-O; mini marshmallows; canned yams and a box of stuffing. Drop off food items in the back of church until December 14.
(3) Kentucky Clothing Drive: We will collect used clothing and household items in good condition for Kentucky. Place items behind the truck in the St. Denis parking lot drive anytime on Thursday, December 15, and Friday, December 16.
Miracle!: A Journey through the Infancy Narratives: Please join us for our annual advent renewal experience Sunday, December 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Denis church basement. This year we will walk through selected passages of the infancy narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. We will reflect, share and be challenged in new ways by these scripture readings. All high school students and adults are welcome to attend.
Versailles Area Giving Tree: We have put the ornaments for the Versailles area on the tree. Please take an ornament and follow the instructions. The Versailles area ornaments are larger.
Junior High Bake Sale: The Junior High Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a bake sale after all Masses on the weekend of December 3. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase gifts for Versailles area residents from the Versailles are giving tree.
Christmas Choir: The youth choir will lead music at the Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass. Student should contact Mike. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday nights after CCD, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Breakfast with the Lord: This Friday after the 6:45 Communion Liturgy.
St. Vincent DePaul: Next trip Sunday, December 4.

## NOTICES:

Breakfast With Santa: December 17, St. Remy Hall, Russia. Cost: $\$ 5$ per person. Tickets are available at Johns IGA, Worch Memorial Library and US Bank. Proceeds: Kinder Korner Preschool.

Darke County Toys for Tots: The Versailles FFA chaper is collecting new and used toys for children, ages newborn to age 16 until December 15. Place toys in the container in the back of church. Monetary donations can be made by check to Darke County Toys for Tots and mailed to Versailles FFA, 280 Marker Rd., Versailles, Oh 45380.
$\mathbf{8}^{\text {th }}$ Grade Poinsettia Sale: Please call in or drop off your order to the office by Tuesday at $4: 00$ p.m. Pick up date is December 7 .

