



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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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 18, 2011 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent (*Gather* #1001)

Monday, November 19: Advent Weekday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

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

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

Tuesday, December 20: Advent Weekday

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

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): Elmer Bohman

6:00-7:30 Sacrament of Penance

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

Wednesday, December 21: Advent Weekday

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): John and Dorothy Gasson

3:00-5:00 Sacrament of Penance

5:00 p.m. Community Meal (Lutheran Church) We Cook

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 22: Advent Weekday

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

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

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

11:00-12:00 Sacrament of Penance

3:00-4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance

Friday, December 23: Advent Weekday

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

No 6:45 a.m. Communion Service or Penance today

8:00 a.m. Mass (D): LeRoy, John and Fred Richard

3:00-6:00 Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, December 24: Advent Weekday

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

3:45-4:45 p.m. Sacrament of penance (D)

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

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

Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

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

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

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

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

How does the Incarnation of Christ, the Son of God's taking human flesh in the womb of his Mother, challenge us in our attitude towards our bodies and the dignity of other people? See the insert for the readings of the four Masses of Christmas.

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 on January 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. Please call the office at 526-4945 to register. The next baptism after the 11:00 Mass is today. We have baptisms during Mass with two weeks' notice.

ADVENT SERVICE & CAROLS

Celebrate the Advent season with music, scripture, and prayers today at 4:00 p.m. at Maria Stein Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Rd. in Maria Stein. For more information go to amcguire@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4531.

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS: December 25, 2011

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

Ushers: Group 1; *Lector:* Zita Henry

Eucharist: Erica Monnier, Therese Pohlman, Betty Poly, Thomas Watren (P); Elaine Bohman, Kathy Bruns, Rachel Dapore, Theresa Grilliot, Zach Grilliot, Darlene Meyer, Daniel Saintignon, Katey Wendel, Donna Monnier (C);

Servers: Paige Holsapple, Brigette Holsapple, Alex Wendel

Gifts: Volunteers

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

Ushers: Group 2; *Lector:* John Harman

Eucharist: Joe Gigandet, Phyllis Guillozet, Conner Reed (P); Kevin Grilliot, Kathy Grilliot, Nicholas Harman, Krista Harman, Donna Kueterman, Jordan Phillips, Samuel Praker, Caroline Praker, (C);

Servers: Sarah Gigandet, Emily Harman, Eric Knapke

Gifts: Volunteers

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

Ushers: Group 9; *Lector:* Roberta Mangen

Eucharist: Tom Borchers, Lil Borchers, Josh Borchers (P); George Kuether, Jacquie Moorman, Ken Moorman, Gerald Wilker, Dave Huelskamp, Cheryl Huelskamp, Bethany Huelskamp, Ted Mangen (C); *Servers:* Mitchell Huelskamp, Elizabeth Didier, Lindsey Didier *Gifts:* Volunteers

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

Ushers: Eugene Kramer, Mike Kramer

Lector: Robert Mayo

Eucharist: John Fischer (P); Irene Gehret, Linda Pohlman (C);

Servers: Katie Fischer, John A. Fischer, Mark Mayo

Gifts: Brad and Lil Bruns Family

Cleaning: Irene Berning Janice Dirksen, Esther Heckman

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

Ushers: Group 11; *Lector:* Bob Paulus

Eucharist: Joshua Paulus, Jennifer Paulus, Laura Paulus (P); Joanna Cruz, Kirstie Hartzel, Michael Liette, Caitlin Liette, Barbara Monnin, Kristen Phlipot, Bonnie Phlipot, Cheryl Subler (C);

Servers: Brennan Gaier, William Murphy, Thomas Murphy

Gifts: Volunteers

VOCATIONS

Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1:26-38)

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.

ST ANN SODALITY

The St. Ann Sodality Christmas party is on Sunday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family parish hall. Meat and table service will be provided. Please bring a guest, a covered dish and a non-perishable item for the Council of Churches food pantry. There will be prizes and entertainment.

ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES

A three-part series of classes on the sympto-thermal method of Natural Family Planning is scheduled for January 7, 21 and February 28, 2012 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Bernard's church basement in Burkettsville. These classes will also be held at St. Remy rectory basement in Russia on January 14, 28 and February 25, 2012 from 9:30-12:30 p.m. Call 526-3305 with questions.

FATHER DAVE'S COLUMN

Monthly I meet with a priests' growth group. We include celebrating Mass together. Monday, for the first time since we started using the new translation, we concelebrated together. We often used the wrong responses and had to think twice when answering to the "The Lord be with you." I find it easier to make my changes, as the presiding priest, than for the congregation to make theirs. We did study the art of concelebrating before Mass, so we did well on this.

LITURGY AND CHRISTMAS

We used to have the Three Masses of Christmas, but since the change in the Church's calendar after the Second Vatican Council, we have four. The Vigil celebrates the marriage of God to the human race and the human ancestry of Jesus. It gives us the genealogy according to Matthew, the gospel with forty-two personal names. The Mass at Night celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus on whose shoulder dominion rests. The Mass at Dawn celebrates the visit of the shepherds. The Mass during the Day celebrates the Word-Made-Flesh among us. It uses the prologue to John's Gospel.

This prologue in a real sense offers a better proclamation of the birth because the eternal Word of God, the source and instrument of creation, took flesh in the womb of a woman and made his dwelling among us.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AT 11:00 MASS

We welcome members of our deaf community at the 11:00 Mass next Sunday. Thank you, Elaine Bergman, for signing the prayers of the Mass.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you you for your generous response to the collection for retired religious sisters, priests and brothers. If you missed last week's collection, please put it in this week.

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT YEAR

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

CREED: BOWING

People do not bow. The pew cards put the instruction to bow in the same font as the text itself, which some find confusing. Others find it hard to bow and speak. The hymnal and the red book give the instruction to bow in a different format. Try bowing from the waist and speaking to the ground. On Christmas, however, we genuflect instead of bowing.

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: January 24

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 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: _____



"Do not be afraid, Mary,
 for you have
 found favor with God."

COLLECTIONS December 11, 2011	
Holy Family	
Envelopes (35)	\$ 735.00
Loose (36)	\$ 310.11
Totalcollection	\$ 1045.11
Holy Day	\$ 401.95
Rel. Retirement	\$ 850.00
St Denis	
Envelopes (203)	\$ 4517.00
Loose (143)	\$ 789.62
Totalcollection	\$ 5306.62
Holy Day	\$ 1384.20
Rel. Retirement	\$ 2744.30
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MANY THANKS	

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Winter Pancake Breakfast: Our annual winter pancake breakfast will be Sunday, January 15, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come down and get an awesome heart warming breakfast and enjoy the fellowship. All proceeds will benefit the youth ministry.

Steubenville Youth Conference: We are collecting downpayment money for the Steubenville Youth Conference which will be July 13-15. We need to register on January 9, so we need to know now how many people plan on going. The registration requires a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit.

Senior Retreat: The Senior Retreat will be Wednesday, January 4, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Denis. All St. Denis and Holy Family seniors should attend.

Kentucky Christmas Trip and Programs: We will go down to Kentucky to distribute the new gift items and food December 21-22. We will meet at St. Denis church parking lot on the Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., and return on the Thursday around 6:00 p.m. While we are there, we will unload the used items into a storage area, and sort the gift items and food and help with distribute them. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed by giving gifts, food etc. Your generosity and support will bring the joy of Christmas and a spark of hope to all who receive. All high school students and adults are welcome and can sign up by contacting Mike. Forms and flyers are available at the church entrances.

Junior High Ice Skating: Wednesday, December 28, 12:15 to 4:00 p.m., \$6.50 per person. Turn in your form and money early so we can plan transportation. Extra flyer/forms can be picked up at the church entrances. Adults can volunteer to drive by contacting Mike.

Christmas Choir: Rehearsal Wednesday night, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

CatholicsComeHome.org is launching a major prime-time evangelization effort through a commercial that will air from December 16, 2011 to January 8, 2012. It will air over 400 times in over 10,000 cities in every diocese in the United States. The ad will say: "If you've been away, come home to your parish, and visit CatholicsComeHome.org today." Most of us know someone who is away from the Church. Please invite them back to our family of faith.

END OF YEAR DONATIONS

We must receive contributions for 2011 calendar year by December 31 (or with a December 31 postmark) if you want them recorded for 2011.

NOTICES:

GriefShare Sessions: A support group for people grieving the loss of someone close will begin on January 10, 2012, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Precious Blood church in Chickasaw. The cost is \$25 for a workbook for the videotape series. Contact Mary Knapke at 419-925-4674 or visit marioncathcom@gmail.com for information.

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 Sunday, January 1, as the oldest feast honoring Mary, Mary the Mother of God.

On January 8, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. On January 9, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord ends the Christmas season.

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Tuesday, December 20: 6:00-8:00

Wednesday, December 21: 3:00-5:00

**Thursday, December 22: 11:00-12:00
3:00-5:00**

Friday, December 23: 3:00-6:00

**CHRISTMAS MASSES
in our pastoral region and area**
Saturday, 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**
Sunday, 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 30:
7:30 Feast of Holy Family (HF)
Saturday, December 31: New Years Eve
4:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace (D)
5:00 p.m. Mass for Sol. of Mary (D)
Sunday, January 1 (Mother of God)
8:00 a.m. Mass (D)
9:30 a.m. Mass (HF)
11:00 a.m. Mass (D)

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The St. Ann Sodality will have refreshments in the church rectory at Holy Family after the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Friday, December 30. Please come and help Holy Family Parish celebrate their feast day.

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.

NEW MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND SERVERS

We recently commissioned Jenni Neiberg, Megan VanSkyock and Conner Reed as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. We recently trained Brennan Gaier as a server. The faith of our young people has led many of them to serve the church during the sacred Liturgy.

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.

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DECORATING OUR CHURCHES

We wait until the last Mass of Advent before we decorate our churches. Unless otherwise noted, we shall decorate on Friday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m. unless we have a funeral, in which case, we shall do it at 1:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

(This comes from the Roman Martyrology, the official catalog of liturgical celebrations, and dates back many centuries.)

The Twenty-fifth Day of December,

When ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world *(The world dates farther back than we can count),*

When God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness *(God did create the universe and make us in his image and likeness (Genesis 1:27));*

when century upon century had passed

since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace *(dated back in what we call pre-history);*

In the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees *(2000-1700 B.C.);*

In the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt;

around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;

in the sixty-fifth week of 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.);*

in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome *(The legendary date for the founding of the city of Rome);*

in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus *(Octavian reigned after Julius Caesar's death in 44 B.C.),*

the whole world being at peace *(The Romans imposed peace at the threat of extermination),*

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father *(This stresses the divinity of both the Father and the Son),*

desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving

presence *(the coming of Christ consecrates the world),*

was conceived by the Holy Spirit *(note the role of the Holy Spirit),*

and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and

was made man *(This stresses the human nature of Jesus):*

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.)

Happy Advent