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937-547-1112

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

### Sunday, January 28: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28*

### Monday, January 29: Weekday

*2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20*

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Rosemary Brandewie  
1:00 p.m. Bible Study (SD)

### Tuesday, January 30: Weekday

*2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43*

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): John Pothast

### Wednesday, January 31: St. John Bosco

*2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6*

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Bill Pierron  
8:30 a.m. Holy Hour to End Abortion (SD)  
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry (SD)  
6:00-7:00 p.m. CCD (1-6 SD)  
7:30-8:30 p.m. CCD (1-12 HF, 7-12 SD)

### Thursday, February 1: Weekday

*1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13*

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Clarence, Opal & Paul Gigandet  
8:30 a.m. Mass (IC): Mary Goings  
9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Exposition (Benediction 5:30 p.m.) (SD)  
3:00-4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SD)

### Friday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord

*Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32*

6:30 a.m. Mass (SD): Fred Topp  
8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Linda Milbourn  
8:30 a.m. Mass (IC): Richard Bergman

### Saturday, February 3: Weekday

*1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34*

3:45-4:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SD)  
5:00 p.m. Mass (SD): Romaine Berger  
5:00 p.m. Mass (IC): **No Mass**

### Sunday, February 4: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Roger Pohl  
9:00 a.m. Mass (IC): Mandy Deppen  
9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Marlene Zumberger  
11:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Parishes

## Vocation

Christ raises up, from among our midst,  
those called to the Consecrated Life so that they might  
be unique signs of the Kingdom and "to be all things to all people."  
We pray for those who have left everything to follow Him.



## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39*

What can I do to be better prepared to proclaim the Good News with conviction?

**WELCOME & STEWARDSHIP PACKET**

Our parishes have many ways that you can serve.  
Share your talents.

Pick up a packet at the entrances at the churches and see what is available.

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** A prayer blanket is available for anyone with a serious illness. To request a prayer blanket, call or text Jean Grieshop at 937-467-8245 and someone will bring you the blanket and pray with you.

**REST IN PEACE:** Wilmer Bey passed away on January 17. Martha Treon passed away on January 18 and received Christian burial on January 26. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**RCIA:** Contact Jane at 937-526-4945 or [jane@bfvcatholic.org](mailto:jane@bfvcatholic.org) if you know someone who is interested in beginning the process to become a Catholic.

**ST. DENIS KNEELERS:** St. Denis has replaced the vinyl covering and foam padding on all the kneelers throughout the church. This costs approximately \$6,000.00. We hope to accomplish this through contributions from you, the parishioners. If you would like to contribute, please mark your envelope accordingly and place in the collection basket. We have received \$3,630.00. Thank you all for your generosity!



**MARDI GRAS:** Join us on Saturday, February 10 at Holy Family Hall, Frenchtown for a Mardi Gras celebration. Bring the entire family. Bring your own drinks. (Juice, water and coffee will be provided.) Sign up before February 4, 2018. Sheets are at the entrances of all our churches. See the flyer for more information.

**2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Parishioners of St. Denis and Holy Family who want a statement of their contributions for 2017 should contact the office at 526-4945 or by email at [lindsey@bfvcatholic.org](mailto:lindsey@bfvcatholic.org). Parishioners of Immaculate Conception should contact Wendy by email at [stteresacovington@yahoo.com](mailto:stteresacovington@yahoo.com).



**FOR NEWS ABOUT OUR PARISHES**

Check out Facebook at [www.facebook.com/versaillescatholicparishes](http://www.facebook.com/versaillescatholicparishes) and our web page at [www.bfvcatholic.org](http://www.bfvcatholic.org).

**TWINNING WITH PUERTO ESCONDIDO:** We are in Mexico enjoying the wonderful weather and hospitality of the people. More information about the trip will be published when we return.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:** *Two volunteers are needed from St. Denis Parish* for the Finance Committee. Term of service is three years and will begin in January 2018. Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Denis Church basement. No financial background necessary, just a willingness to provide guidance. If interested, contact the parish office at 526-4945.

**PICTURE DIRECTORY:** We will produce a new picture directory this spring. We need people to serve on the committee, especially from St. Denis and Immaculate Conception to help with the sign up Sundays (February 25, March 4, and March 11). We need people from each parish to help with the registration and sign-in at the time of pictures. **This is a short term commitment.** Please be willing to sit a few hours to do this task. Sign-up will be available soon. Please contact Jane at [jane@bfvcatholic.org](mailto:jane@bfvcatholic.org) or 937-526-4945 if you have questions or are willing to help out. Family sittings will begin April 9. Most dates are Tuesday through Saturday.

**CEMETERY SEXTON NEEDED:** St. Valbert Cemetery is in immediate need of a cemetery sexton. This is a part-time (possibly grow into a full-time) position at \$15.00/hour. Experience is preferred. If interested, contact Fr. Simons at 526-4945.

**HOLY HOUR TO END ABORTION:** Members of the Respect Life Committee will have a holy hour to pray for the end to abortion and in particular to close down the abortion clinic on Stroop Road in Kettering. Parishioners are invited to come and join us in this effort to promote a culture of life in our country. The next holy hour will be on Wednesday, January 31 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Denis.

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

**Prayer Chain**

Lindsey Otte, 937-526-4945

**Baptismal Program**

Barb Monnin, 937-526-5392

**"Elizabeth Blessings"**

Jeanne Turpen, 937-526-4664

**"Breakfast Club"**

Edna Batty, 937-526-5202

**St. Vincent de Paul**

937-622-0414

**Food Pantry**

937-658-2117



**BAPTISMS**

All couples are asked to attend the Baptismal Preparation class before the Baptism of their first child. The next class will be on Sunday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m. **in the St. Denis Church basement.** Please call the office to register. Maxwell Elijah Luthman, son of Alex and Mindy, was brought into the Church through Baptism last weekend.



**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & SHUT IN**

We bring communion to the sick. Please call the Rectory to schedule Sunday communion in your home.

**February 4:** Mike Beisner, Pam Spitzer, Bill & Barb Ahrens, Rachael Schmitmeyer

**BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MONDAYS AT NOON.**

**SHARING THE GOSPEL**



Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, He cleaned that evil spirit right out.

**Prayer:** *God, You are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for You to clean.*

**Something to Draw:** Draw a picture of Jesus on a super-powerful stain-fighting laundry soap.

**Mission for the Week:** Make a new label for your family's stain pre-treatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.

**HELP WANTED:** The Baptismal Program is in need of a few new couples to teach the class, which is held every three months at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Denis Church basement. The present two couples have taught the class since 2003. They will assist the new couples until they are comfortable to teach alone. If interested, call the parish office at 526-4945.

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SIMONS:**

I would like to say thank you to everyone for the many cards, gifts and tasty treats during this Christmas Season. I am deeply touched by your kindness. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr Simons

**VERSAILLES KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** All students living in the Versailles School District, who are 5 years old by August 1, are eligible to enter Kindergarten in August 2018. Three sessions will be held on Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29, from 8:00-10:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., and 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Versailles K-6 Gym. Please call the Elementary School Office at 526-4681 to sign up! Registration runs from February 1 until February 28!

**2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)**



Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are Impacting the Story through local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year!

Families will receive a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming weeks. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend. Additional pledge cards can be found in the back of church. For more information about the CMA, visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

**PORK LOIN DINNERS:** The St. Denis K of C of Versailles has rescheduled their pork loin dinner for Sunday, February 4. Pickup is at the hall from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Dinners include roasted pork loin, au gratin potatoes, green beans, apple crisp, and a roll for \$7.00. Please contact Travis Wilker at 419-336-5405 for tickets.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** St. Teresa Church (6925 W. US Route 36, Covington) is having an Italian dinner on Sunday, January 28 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the hall. Cost is \$6.00 and menu includes spaghetti with meatballs, stuffed shells, salad, bread and dessert. Drinks can be purchased at an additional cost.



**FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**

January 21, 2018

Immaculate Conception: .....	\$ 512.00
Holy Family: .....	\$ 1,186.00
St. Denis: .....	\$ 6,558.00

***Many thanks to all who support our parishes!***

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Fried Chicken Dinners:** The Junior High and High School Youth Ministry students are sponsoring a Fried Chicken Dinner fund raiser on Sunday, February 11, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with pickups at the old middle school. Presale tickets are \$8.00, and can be purchased from any Youth Ministry student or by contacting Mike. Dinners include 4 pieces of fried chicken, chips, applesauce and a roll. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry programs.

**Junior High Retreat:** The annual Junior High Retreat is Friday, February 2, 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., at Holy Family Hall in Frenchtown. The theme is *The Amazing Escape*. All Junior High students are welcome to attend. The cost is \$15.00 per person, which includes a T-shirt. Flyers and forms can be picked up at Youth Ministry, CCD, or at the church entrances. The deadline for turning in forms and money is Wednesday, January 31.

**Junior High Retreat Planning Meeting:** The next JH Retreat Planning meeting will be Wednesday, January 31, in the church basement from 6:30 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. during regular Youth Ministry time.

**Youth Ministry:** We will have Youth Ministry from 6:00 to 7:25 p.m. for Junior High and High school on Wednesday, January 31.

**Breakfast with the Lord:** The next Breakfast with the Lord will be Friday, February 2, beginning with the 6:30 a.m. Mass for First Friday.



# Lent 2018

## Saturday, February 10

### Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)

... 6:30 p.m. - ????, Holy Family Hall, Frenchtown  
... Featuring traditional Mardi Gras food and finger foods  
... Music and fun to celebrate the beginning of Lent



**Sign up by February 4 for the Mardi Gras celebration by email ([jane@bfvcatholic.org](mailto:jane@bfvcatholic.org)), phone (937-526-4945) or at the entrances of the church**

**The spirit of Mardi Gras continues into Lent on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**



**February 19: Mardi Gras to Lent: from Self-Indulgence to Self-Sacrifice with Norm Rich** - This segment will examine the historical development of the Lenten Season and its purpose in our lives today.



**February 26: Purple, Green, and Gold: Justice, Faith and Power; What do these have to do with Lent? with Pam Long** - Be King or Queen for a Day! Get all the green! Go for the gold! are some of the cheers society gives us for "the best life." Lent gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we truly can show we are following the best path that Jesus gave us by loving God and loving our neighbor. Let's pursue the true best life together!



**March 5: Removing our Masks: Fasting, Almsgiving, Prayer, with Fr. Norm Langenbrunner** - "Spiritual writers speak of "the false self" and "the true self." Following Christ is our quest to discover and bring to full life the person we are. Our Lenten observances promote a continuous dynamic toward becoming real. This evening's workshop explores our response to Jesus' invitation, "Come, follow me!"



**March 12: From Rex, the King of Carnival to disciple of Christ: Being a Disciple of the Cross, with Jeanne Hunt** - This dynamic interactive presentation will present the transformation of our spirits from a Mardi Gras attitude to the attitude of one who confronts the Christ of the cross. The crown and the cross are linked to the call to change our hearts this time.

**Thursday, March 22, Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.**

Seven priests will be available



**CCD NEWS**

Please pray for all of our 9th graders as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

**CONFIRMATION:**

Confirmation PREP is January 28, February 4 and 25, from 8:00-11:30 a.m. The morning will start with Mass followed by breakfast. Confirmation Mass is March 4 at 1:30

**FIRST COMMUNION:**

Jesus night is March 7 in the St. Denis basement from 6:00-7:00 p.m. First Communion is April 15.

**\*\*\*CCD NEWS FOR PARENTS!\*\*\***

Parents, please make sure your children know NOT to kick or bang on the windows of the school, this is happening every week.

ATTENDANCE: If your child is absent repeatedly from CCD without notifying Mrs. Meyer or their teacher, they will be expected to complete the makeup work sent home with them.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

	<b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server(s)</b>	<b>Usher(s)</b>
<b>Saturday, February 3 5:00 p.m. (SD)</b>	<i>Donna Monnier, Jane Pierron, Sandy Pierron, Sheila Spahr, David Huelskamp, Mitchell Huelskamp, Joyce Riffell, Dan Saintignon, Jackie Stonebraker, Brooke Stonebraker, Dan Subler</i>	<i>Mallory Phlipot</i>	<i>Alex Grilliot, Danica York, Megan Wood</i>	<i>Louie Huber, Marvin Pierron, Larry Hemmelgarn, Rick Kremer, John Hilgefert, Alvin Drees</i>
	<i>Gift Bearers: Volunteers      Sacristan: Zach Grilliot</i>			
<b>Saturday, February 3 5:00 p.m. (IC)</b>	<b>No Mass</b>			
<b>Sunday, February 4 8:00 a.m. (SD)</b>	<i>Linda Schmitmeyer, Matthew Schmitmeyer, Reyna Shardo, Hannah Barga, Lori Bergman, Cyndi Bey, Josh Borchers, Lil Borchers, Thomas Borchers, Kim Borchers, Calab Browder</i>	<i>Brian Condon</i>	<i>Blake Schmitmeyer, Gabe White, Isaac White</i>	<i>Dick Berger, Steve Monnin, Ralph Dapore, Jeff Langston, Fred McEldowney, Larry Roll</i>
	<i>Gift Bearers: Volunteers      Sacristan: Joann Wilker</i>			
<b>Sunday, February 4 9:00 a.m. (IC)</b>	<i>Lynne Hart</i>	<i>Carrie Winhoven</i>	<i>Gaven Trevino</i>	<i>Robert Foster</i>
<b>Sunday, February 4 9:30 a.m. (HF)</b>	<i>Dena Wuebker, Jeff Wuebker, Ken Hartke</i>	<i>Robert Mayo</i>	<i>Stuart Baltas, Jenna Mangen, Haley Mangen</i>	<i>Delbert Dirksen, Rick Heitkamp</i>
	<i>Gift Bearers: Jim &amp; Linda Pohlman</i>			
<b>Sunday, February 4 11:00 a.m. (SD)</b>	<i>Doris Goubeaux, Bob Goubeaux, Betty Poly, Curt Goubeaux, Jean Grieshop, Ted Mangen, Darlene Meyer, Dylan Meyer, Jennifer Paulus, Patrick Schmitmeyer, Sam Schmitmeyer</i>	<i>Todd Schmitmeyer</i>	<i>Taylor Wagner, Lucas Stammen, Jacob Schmitmeyer</i>	<i>Lavern Brunswick, Dale Meier, Steve Puthoff, Dave Subler, Ted Schmitmeyer, Gary Smith</i>
	<i>Gift Bearers: Volunteers      Sacristan: Sam Schmitmeyer</i>			