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MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, February 4: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 5: St. Agatha

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Norma Barga
1:00 p.m. Bible Study (SD)

Tuesday, February 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Harold & Mary Bey

Wednesday, February 7: Weekday

1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Connie (Baltes) Lechleiter
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 8: Weekday

1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Helen McEldowney
8:30 a.m. Mass (IC): Evelyn Kuether
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 9: The Presentation of the Lord

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Joann Pax
8:30 a.m. Mass (IC): Vivian Tillman

Saturday, February 10: St. Scholastica

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

3:45-4:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SD)
5:00 p.m. Mass (SD): Les Kemper
5:00 p.m. Mass (IC): Parishes
6:30 p.m. Mardi Gras Celebration (HF)

Sunday, February 11: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Wilma Zumberger
9:00 a.m. Mass (IC): Carl & Esther Gariety
9:30 a.m. Mass (HF): Lois Drees
11:00 a.m. Mass (SD): Jerome F. Bey, Sr.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be Christian?

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.

WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Kenneth & Angie Philipot, who celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary today (February 4).

Valerie Barga and Nick Barot plan to marry on February 10 at St. Denis.

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.

RCIA

Contact Jane at 937-526-4945 or jane@bfvcatholic.org if you know someone who is interested in beginning the process to become a Catholic.

ST. DENIS KNEELERS

We have reached our goal! 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.

BURNING OF PALMS

On Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the front of St. Denis Church there will be a short prayer service that will include burning the palms. Pizza will be served afterwards to mark the end of Ordinary Time and our movement into Lent and fasting. *Please let us know if you will be there, so that we order enough pizza.* Call 937-526-4945 or sign up on the sheets at the entrances of the church. If you cannot come that evening, please bring your palms to the church and put in the containers at the entrances **BEFORE** Tuesday. Please do not bring your palms to the church after the burning.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, February 14:
Immaculate Conception: 7:00 p.m.
St. Denis: 6:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

TWINNING WITH PUERTO ESCONDIDO

We have returned from Mexico. We visited many parishes, the minor seminary, one of the beaches and witnessed a deacon ordination. We also had dinner with Bishop Pedro Vasquez.

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. Parishioners of Immaculate Conception should contact Wendy by email at stteresaconvington@yahoo.com.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Two volunteers are needed from St. Denis Parish for the Finance Committee. Term of service is three years and began 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 are creating a new picture directory this spring. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Jane at 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.



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.

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. Madison Francis Taylor, daughter of William and Rachel, 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 11: Judy Cordonnier, Linda Schmitmeyer, Sharon Pepiot, Marlene Puthoff



FOR NEWS ABOUT OUR PARISHES

Check out Facebook at www.facebook.com/versaillescatholicparishes and our web page at www.bfvcatholic.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MONDAYS AT NOON.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Simon Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her. He took hold of her hand and helped her up. The fever left her. She felt so good, she cooked them a nice meal to celebrate. Neighbors brought all of their sick loved ones to be cured. When we pray today, Jesus still comes to those who are sick and heals them. He cures through doctors, nurses, medicines, and machines.

Prayer: *Lord, heal my family and friends who are sick today.*

Something to Draw: Draw a sick lady lying in bed. Then draw her cooking supper when cured.

Mission for the Week: I will make get well cards for three sick people in our church.

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.

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

RADIO MARIA BRUNCH BUFFET: Sunday, February 18, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Speedway Lanes, 455 N. Herman Street, New Bremen. All-you-care-to-eat breakfast buffet; lunch items will be available after 10:00 a.m. Meals cost \$9.99 for adults and \$5.99 for those 3 to 10, children ages 2 and under eat free. Radio Maria is operated by volunteers dedicated to bringing "A Christian Voice in your Home."

PORK LOIN DINNERS: The St. Denis K of C of Versailles has rescheduled their Pork Loin Dinner for Sunday, February 4. Pick-up 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.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

This 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! If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit CatholicAppeal.net.

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. Sessions will be held on Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29 in the Versailles K-6 Gym. Please call the Elementary School Office at 526-4681 to sign up! Registration runs until February 28!

CCD NEWS

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation PREP on February 4 and 25, 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The morning will start with Mass followed by breakfast. **PARENTS:** pick up from prep will be along Second Street. Confirmation Mass is March 4 at 1:30 p.m.

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

CCD NEWS!

Parents, please make sure your children know NOT to kick or bang on 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.

Our lives change
when our habits
change.

Matthew Kelly

meetville.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Preparation Retreat: The annual Confirmation Preparation Retreat will be Wednesday, February 21, 4:00-9:00 p.m. This retreat is mandatory for all the freshman students preparing for Confirmation. The retreat will be led by the High School Youth Leaders. It includes dinner for the students.

Confirmation Preparation Retreat Leadership meeting: Our first Confirmation Preparation Retreat Leadership meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, at 8:30 p.m., immediately following CCD. All high school youth leaders who signed up for the Confirmation Preparation Retreat Leadership team need to attend.

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 pick-ups 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.

Youth Ministry: We will have Youth Ministry from 6:00 to 7:25 p.m. for Junior High and High School on Wednesday, February 7.

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

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

January 28, 2018

Immaculate Conception:	\$ 685.00
Holy Family:	\$ 1,329.00
St. Denis:	\$ 5,577.10

Many thanks to all who support our parishes!

MARIA STEIN SHRINE EVENTS:

Prayers for the Heart: The Maria Stein Shrine will hold a prayer service for those with Heart Disease on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 p.m. There will be scripture readings, witness talks, Veneration of the Relics of St. John of God (patron of those suffering from Heart Disease) and fellowship.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Celebrate Fat Tuesday, February 13, at the Shrine with a traditional pancake dinner. Afterwards, there will be the burial of the Alleluia in the Chapel. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Space is limited so RSVP to the shrine (419) 925 4532 today!

Wrapped in God's Love: A day of Lenten Service: Looking for a Lenten service project or to learn a new skill? On February 24, there will be a day of service at the Maria Stein Shrine. You can learn to make pillowcase dresses, tie fleece blankets, or make baby blankets. No prior skills necessary and materials are provided.

The Daily Journey to Holiness: Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., will present on Purgatory, indulgences, grace, and holiness in a special Lenten series. This dynamic two-part presentation at the Maria Stein Shrine will be February 20 and March 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Tenebrae Prayer: The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics will celebrate Tenebrae on March 22 with their rector, Fr. John Tonkin. This "service of shadows" begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature readings from the Passion of our Lord. Candles will be extinguished allowing us to meditate deeper on the darkest hours of Christ's life.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

	Eucharistic Minister(s)	Lector	Altar Server(s)	Usher(s)
Saturday, February 10 5:00 p.m. (SD)	<i>Timothy Subler, Kathy Re, Adam Cordonnier, John Davis, Alex Grilliot, Theresa Grilliot, Zach Grilliot, Phyllis Guillozet, John Harman, Krista Harman, Diane Martino</i>	<i>Jane Pierron</i>	<i>Jeremiah Wagner, Renee Rindler, Hailey Porter</i>	<i>Louie Huber, Marvin Pierron, Larry Hemmelgarn, Rick Kremer, John Hilgfort, Alvin Drees</i>
	<i>Gift Bearers: Volunteers Sacristan: Donna Monnier</i>			
Saturday, February 10 5:00 p.m. (IC)	<i>Linda Moore</i>	<i>Nancy Dean</i>	<i>Bob Dean</i>	<i>Tim Huggins</i>
Sunday, February 11 8:00 a.m. (SD)	<i>Elizabeth Didier, John Harman, Krista Harman, Zita Henry, Elizabeth Knapke, George Kuether, Lorraine Langenkamp, Rachel Lyons, Carl Meyer, Linda Meyer, Barb Monnin</i>	<i>Gary Huelskamp</i>	<i>Matthew Francis, Danielle Francis, Madalyn DeMange</i>	<i>Dick Berger, Steve Monnin, Ralph Dapore, Jeff Langston, Fred McEldowney, Larry Roll</i>
	<i>Gift Bearers: Volunteers Sacristan: Faith Wilker</i>			
Sunday, February 11 9:00 a.m. (IC)	<i>Connie Shafer</i>	<i>Shirley Gerling</i>	<i>Brooke Fair</i>	<i>Robert Foster</i>
Sunday, February 11 9:30 a.m. (HF)	<i>Nichole Baltas, Robert Mayo, Stuart Baltas</i>	<i>Jeff Wuebker</i>	<i>Laura Wuebker, Jacob Wuebker, Mark Mayo</i>	<i>Delbert Dirksen, Rick Heitkamp</i>
	<i>Gift Bearers: Mark & Mary Ann Stucke</i>			
Sunday, February 11 11:00 a.m. (SD)	<i>Natalie Grillot, Kyle Dapore, Megan Schmitmeyer, Dana Rose, Vicki Ruhe, Ryan Schmitmeyer, Ted Schmitmeyer, Michael Stammen, Hunter Trump, Connor VanSkyock, Curt Goubeaux</i>	<i>Bob Goubeaux</i>	<i>Alayna Rindler, Lauren Pohl, Brooke Moorman</i>	<i>Lavern Brunswick, Dale Meier, Steve Puthoff, Dave Subler, Ted Schmitmeyer, Gary Smith</i>
	<i>Gift Bearers: Volunteers Sacristan: Curt Goubeaux</i>			