Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

Saint Denis

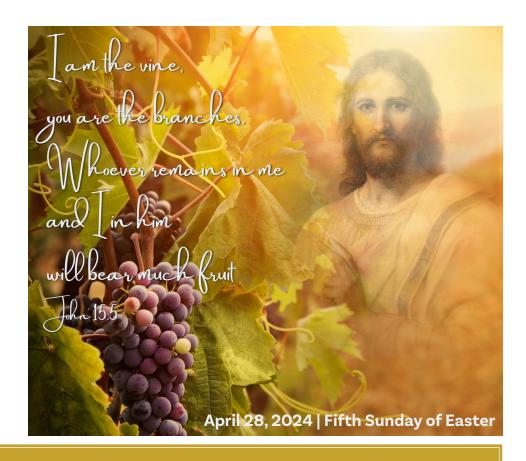
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Bradford, Ohio



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Welcome to Newcomers! We invite you to register in one of our parishes. Please call the office at 937-526-4945 or email the form on our website to rhonda@bfvcatholic.org.

Office Hours Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Tuesday - Closed Friday - 8:00 a.m.- Noon

Weekend Juass Schedule Holy Family Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Saint Denis Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Please find our weekday Mass times inside.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Family First Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment

Saint Denis

Saturday Vigil	3:30-4:15 p.m.
Sunday	8:00-8:45 a.m.
Monday	Noon-1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	5:30-7:00 p.m.



Snapshot

Sunday, May 5th get your fried chicken dinners and support Youth R Ministry! See page 6 on how to get tickets.

Respect Life roses will be for sale Mother's Day weekend. Would you like a dozen or more? See page 2 on who to contact to secure your order of a dozen roses for your mother while you support Darke County Right to Life.

May Crowning is Wednesday - don't forget to wear your Sunday best and bring a flower - see the CRE's letter of reminder on page 3.

Day of Renewal at Holy Family RSVP is due Wednesday, May 1. The speaker, Mother Marie–Cecile of the Trinity, is a friend of Father Matt Feist and she is a wonderful speaker. You do not want to miss this retreat! See page 4 for details and the number to call to reserve.



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St. Denis:	
Weekend Collection:	\$ 7,093.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 10.00
Easter:	\$ 75.00
Votives:	\$ 196.00
Altar Flowers:	\$ 10.00
Holy Family:	
Weekend Collection:	\$ 1,589.00



HOLY HOUR TO END ABORTION

Holy Hour to end abortion – The Respect Life Committee will have their next monthly Holy Hour to pray for the end to abortion on Monday, April 29th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please come and join us

in this effort to promote a culture of life in our country.

PICTURES FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

There will be sign-up sheets at St. Denis at the main entrance on the weekends for parishioners to sign up for pictures in July.



DARKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

In honor of our wonderful mothers, Darke County Right to Life will have roses available for Mother's Day for a donation following each of the Masses on May 11th and 12th at St. Denis, St. Mary's, Holy Family, St. Louis, and St. Nicholas Catholic Churches. Please Call 419–336–5550 or email <u>dcright2life@gmail.com</u> *if you would like a dozen or more* for the special mothers in your life.

GO TO THE WEBSITE AND CLICK ON

You can make a one-time donation or set up a convenient reoccurring donation. No need



for envelopes! You can even charge to your credit card, or call the office at 937–526–4945 and we can set it up for you. Please support your parish. Yes, you can select which parish you want to support. So start your online giving for St. Denis, Immaculate Conception or Holy Family by going to www. bfvcatholic.org.

Readings for the Week

Monday, April 29 – Acts 14:5–18; Jn 14:21–26 Tuesday, April 30 – Acts 14:19–28; Jn 14:27–31a Wednesday, May 1 – Acts 15:1–6; Jn 15:1–8 Thursday, May 2 – Acts 15:7–21; Jn 15:9–11 Friday, May 3 – 1 Cor 15:1–8; Jn 14:6–14 Saturday, May 4 – Acts 16:1–10; Jn 15:18–21 Sunday, May 5 – Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48; 1 Jn 4:7–10; Jn 15:9–17



CHURCH DIRECTORY for St. Denis, Holy Family and Immaculate Conception.

Photo Session Dates: July 9–13, 2024 (Tuesday – Saturday) July 15–19, 2024 (Monday – Friday)

How do I sign up?

Online sign-up:

Go to www.ucdir.com – Login: oh2722 (case sensitive) Password: photos (case sensitive)

Occasionally, the schedule will be at the main entrance of St. Denis for parishioners to manually sign up. Sign-up sheets are available at the main entrance of St. Denis.





"No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation . . . The baptismal seal enables and commits Christians to serve God by vital participation in the holy liturgy of the Church and to exercise their baptismal priesthood by the witness of holy lives and practical charity" (CCC, 1272 and 1273)

Baptism Preparation Class

Your baby's Baptism will: 1) forgive his/her original sin (and all sins committed before Baptism), 2) make your baby a new creature, 3) be a newly adopted child of God, 4) share in the royal priesthood of Christ [1 Peter 2:9], and 5) leave an indelible spiritual mark (or character) of belonging to Christ on your baby's soul.

What a gift from God!

Presenting a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents as active Catholics as well as the Godparents.

To help better understand Baptism and the importance of this obligation, parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class before the Baptism of their first child. Classes are the 2nd Sunday of the month after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the parish office 937-526-4945 to register. The next class will be Sunday, May 12, at 12:15 p.m.



ATTENTION CCD PARENTS

As May approaches, we are delighted to extend an invitation to our annual May Crowning event, scheduled for May 1st. This beloved tradition holds a special place in our hearts, and we are excited to come together as a community to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On the evening of May 1st, our CCD students, grades 1–12 will gather in their classrooms at **6:20 p.m.** to begin this memorable occasion. Depending on weather conditions, the event will either commence with a procession leading into the Marion Garden or proceed directly to the church. Following the ceremony, parents are kindly asked to pick up their children from either Outside or the Undercroft, where there will be a sweet treat to Celebrate the end of the CCD year. If you are not staying for the event, we should be finished by 7:30 p.m. During the event, our students will have the opportunity to participate in various activities, including a reverent procession to honor Mary and the presentation of flowers.

We kindly request that students in grades 1st -6th bring flowers from home to offer to Mary.

These flowers can be hand-picked from your garden or purchased, whichever is most convenient for your family. The evening will also include a time of prayer, during which we will join together to recite the Rosary and the Litany of Loreto, fostering a sense of devotion and community spirit. In addition . . .

We ask that 2nd grade students wear their First Communion attire and that all other students dress in their Sunday best.

We believe that events like May Crowning provide invaluable opportunities for our children to deepen their faith and strengthen their connection to Mary. We warmly encourage you to join us for this special occasion and share in the joy of celebrating our faith together as a community. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We eagerly anticipate seeing you and your children on May 1st for our May Crowning event.

God Bless, Julie Meyer, CRE

DAY OF RENEWAL

"The Messages of Fatima for Our Times" Speaker: Mother Marie-Cecile of the Trinity

> Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Holy Family-Frenchtown 11255 Oh 185 Versailles, Oh





RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE RSVP BY <u>MAY 1</u> TO GINNY METZCAR call: (937) 916-5020 text: (937) 417-1305 EMAIL: GMETZCAR47@GMAIL.COM

8:15 Mass followed by the Rosary
9:30 Welcome and Opening Prayer
9:45 Speaker: Mother Marie-Cecile of the Trinity

"The Messages of Fatima for Our Times" Question & Answer Session

11:45 Lunch at the Holy Family Hall (free will donations accepted)
12:45 Speaker: Mother Marie-Cecile of the Trinity
2:00 Closing & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Church is air conditioned. You may want to bring a sweater or wrap.

AREA WIDOW/WIDOWERS NETWORK Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, **April 30th**, Breakfast at Wooden Spoon (State Route 127), from 9:00–10:30 a.m. (*Please RSVP to 937–423–0914 or Facebook, 24 hours in advance.*)

Tuesday, **April 30th**, Dinner at the Russia Inn, (101 E. Main Street), Russia from 4:30–6:00 p.m. (*Please RSVP to 937–423–0914 or Facebook, 24 hours in advance.*)

Wednesday, **May 1st**, Community Meal from 5:00–6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, <u>downstairs</u> (204 E. Wood Street), Versailles. (*This is a set menu requesting a freewill donation.*) <u>No</u> <u>RSVP required</u>.

Thursday, **May 2nd**, Breakfast at Wooden Spoon (State Route 127), from 9:00–10:30 a.m. (*Please RSVP to 937–423–0914 or Facebook, 24 hours in advance.*)

Saturday, **May 4th**, Kentucky Derby Party with a Cinco de Mayo theme at the Versailles Vets Club Bunker (downstairs at 106 S. Center Street) doors open at Noon. Fun includes door prizes, best hat contest, 50/50 drawing, drink specials, and a taco bar.

Thursday, **May 9th,** Breakfast at Whistle Stop (200 S. Main Street), Ansonia from 9:00–10:30 a.m. (*Please RSVP to 937–423–0914 or Facebook, 24 hours in advance.*)

Monday, **May 13th**, Lunch at Mi Casa Mexican Grill, (17 E. Main Street), Versailles from 12:30–1:30 p.m. (*Please RSVP to* 937-423-0914 or Facebook, 24 hours in advance.)

Tuesday, **May 14th**, Breakfast at Wooden Spoon (State Route 127), from 9:00–10:30 a.m. (*Please RSVP to 937–423–0914 or Facebook, 24 hours in advance.*)

Thursday, **May 23rd,** Breakfast at Beanz Buttercream Bakery (Corner of Third & Walnut) Greenville from 9:00–10:30 a.m. (*Please RSVP to 937–423–0914 or Facebook, 24 hours in advance.*)

Although many of us are widowed, we are not exclusive and enjoy the company of others! (*Updates are also available on Facebook at Area Widow(er)s Network.*)

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

<u>April 28, 2024</u> Larry & Pat Benanzer Jan Turner Rose Grilliot



Wine, Women & Jesus/Bible, Bourbon & Bros

Alternating Second Thursday of the Month Social at 7:00 p.m., Speaker at 7:30 p.m.

For additional information, check Facebook or contact The Silver Cross

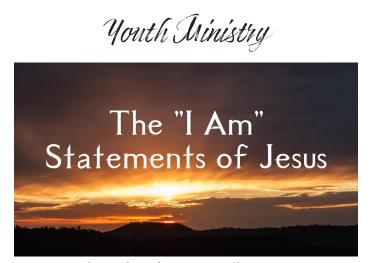
• Wine, Women & Jesus

– Thursday, May 2 (date changed from the 9th) – The Loramie Brewing Co, Ft. Loramie

- Bible, Bourbon & Bros June 13 – The Loramie Brewing Co, Ft. Loramie
- Wine, Women & Jesus July 11 – The Loramie Brewing Co, Ft. Loramie
- Bible, Bourbon & Bros August 8 – The Loramie Brewing Co, Ft. Loramie
- Wine, Women & Jesus September 12 – The Loramie Brewing Co, Ft. Loramie
- Bible, Bourbon & Bros October 10 – The Loramie Brewing Co, Ft. Loramie
- Wine, Women & Jesus November 14 – Minster K of C Hall
- Bible, Bourbon & Bros December 12 – Minster K of C Hall







5th Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024

From the Deacon's Desk Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Today, as in the past several weeks, the reading from the Gospel of John reveals to us something about who Jesus is. The passage for this Fifth Sunday of Easter contains the final and seventh "I Am" saying, which John records in His Gospel, where each one reveals to us a gold nugget about who Jesus is.

St. John went to great lengths to draw attention to the pre-eminence of Christ, by recording the seven magnificent "I am" sayings, which were spoken by Our Lord Himself. First, the Messiah says: "I am the bread of life" (Jn. 6:35), affirming that He is the only spiritual nourishment we would need during our earthly existence. Second, He utters: "I am the light of the world" (Jn. 8:12), stating that He is our guide through the darkness that often surrounds the society in which we live. Third, He cries: "I am the door of the sheep" (Jn. 10:7), thereby demonstrating He is the only entranceway to the Father in heaven.

Fourth, He appropriates the following title: "I am the good shepherd" (Jn. 10:11), showing His disciples that He can provide sufficient graces to assist Christians from roaming away from the truth. Fifth, He preaches: "I am the Resurrection and the life" (Jn. 11:25), pointing toward the hope and joy guaranteed to the disciple who perseveres in following Our Lord to the final end. Sixth, He announces: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn. 14:6), manifesting His divine sovereignty in all areas of the true, the good, and the beautiful. Which finally brings us to the seventh from today's Gospel: "I am the vine" (Jn.15:1), showing us that we must maintain a supernatural union, specifically with Him, in order to have any success in our spiritual endeavors.

So, the list is complete, and today and this week, it would be a great exercise for us to reflect on the seven "I Am" references of John's Gospel in an effort to increase our awareness of Jesus' presence in our lives and to grow stronger in our prayer and total reliance on Him instead of struggling to do things in this life on our own. This reflection could open up our hearts enough in order to surrender some things in our lives that we did not realize we were holding onto, freeing us from the slavery of this world, and moving us closer to complete union with Jesus Christ in the next.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fried Chicken Dinners: The Youth Ministry will be selling Fried Chicken Dinners for pickup on Sunday, May 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the west doors of the St. Denis School building. Presale tickets can be purchased from youth ministry students by contacting Tracy, or at the Youth Office. All dinners are \$10.00.

Steubenville Youth Conference: Down-payments will be collected for Steubenville 2024 in the next six weeks. The conference this year will be July 12–14. You can still register by getting a deposit of \$50.00 to Mike ASAP. The total cost of the conference will be \$375.00.

High School Youth Ministry Sessions: The final session for the school year will be this Wednesday, May 1 in the lower level of the school beginning immediately after Benediction with pizza and social. The session will bring the youth ministry students to participate in the May Crowning.

Middle School Youth Ministry Sessions: The next session will be Wednesday, May 1 in the Youth Ministry Room in the lower level of the school beginning immediately after Benediction with pizza and social. The session will bring the youth ministry students to participate in the May Crowning.

Breakfast With the Lord: The next Breakfast with the Lord will be this Friday, May 3.

Ministry Schedule

	Sacristan	Lector	EM	Ushers	Servers
Saturday, May 4 4:30 p.m. St. Denis	Kay Poeppelman	Ruth Peters	Ruth Peters Sandy Pierron	Alvin Drees Denny Mestemaker Richard Kremer Greg Barga John Hilgefort Roger Peltier	Brennan Smith Joanna Riffell Sam Schmitmeyer
Sunday, May 5 7:30 a.m. Holy Family	Jean Buxton	Jeff Wuebker	Brad Bruns Lillian Bruns	Mike Kramer Jim Pohlman	Andrew Bergman Nicholas Bergman Hank Schmerge
Sunday, May 5 9:00 a.m. St. Denis	Michelle Dircksen	Chad Koesters	Deacon Mike Meyer Rich Schwieterman	Ralph Dapore Jesse DeMange Larry Roll Rich Schwieterman Brian Wood Mike Wood	Zach Ward Lydia Ward Vera Pearson Sylvia Schmitmeyer Ezra Schmitmeyer Jacob Poeppelman
Sunday, May 5 11:00 a.m. St. Denis Baccalaureate Mass	Todd Schmitmeyer	Todd Schmitmeyer	Brad Phlipot Mallory Phlipot	Lavern Brunswick Dale Meier Steve Puthoff Ted Schmitmeyer Gary Smith Dave Subler	Drew Meyer Sam Schmitmeyer Jacob Schmitmeyer

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Keith Didier (St. Valbert), 937–526–5707
Melvin Stucke (HF), 937–423–5991
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
Prayer Chain – Rhonda Moorman, 937–526–4945
Baptismal Program – Rhonda Moorman, 937–526–4945
Grief Share – Jean Buxton, 937–467–1661, Jean Grieshop, 937–459–3163
Elizabeth's Blessings – Jeanne Turpen, 937–526–4664
Food Pantry – 937–658–2117
Natural Family Planning/Couple to Couple – Matt and Liz Schmitmeyer, 937–548–4646, www.learn–nfp.org
Pregnancy Help Center – 937–547–1112
WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

If you are interested, call the office at 937–526–4945.

BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR PARISHES:

Check out Facebook at www.facebook.com/ versaillescatholicparishes and our website, www. bfvcatholic.org. Download our parish app for free. Go to your app store, search for InOurParish. After downloaded, search for St. Denis-HF-IC. You can view bulletins, go to our website, see our calendar, make a prayer request and much more.



PARISHIONERS: Please notify the office when there is a change in address, phone number or email. Please let us know when someone leaves your household. Help us to stay current!

