

# St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

## December 13, 2015

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m.  
 HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

PENANCE SERVICE: 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
 PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:00 p.m.  
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in church basement

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.  
 YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

THAT MAN IS YOU: 6:30 a.m.

### Christmas in Kalida Was a Success!

Kalida Park Committee would like to thank all the organizations, businesses, and individuals that participated in last Sunday's Christmas in Kalida at the Park. Thanks, especially, to the event committee from Kalida Chamber of Commerce, that scheduled and arranged all the activities. Lots of Christmas Spirit was shared, which created an enjoyable event. It was such a beautiful day that Fr Mark was asked to be in charge of the weather for next year again.

### Kalida 2016-17 Kindergarten Registration

Registration forms available in the elementary office. Please return the completed registration form, with a certified birth certificate, before December 18. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2016, in order to register. For additional info., please contact the office (532-3845).

### Putnam Co. Museum Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 13, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Join us for Christmas at the museum, as we bring back memories of Christmas past and present! Our theme is "Fabulous Fifties Christmas." Carols on the parlor organ, musical guests, wreath raffle, snow villages, retro toys, games and dolls, antique Christmas décor and refreshments. Free admission.

### Lights of Christmas at Shrine

The Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 State Route 269, 6 miles South of Bellevue) invites you to experience a quiet and reflective evening at our beautiful Shrine campus. The Outdoor Pieta Chapel has been decorated for the Christmas Season, as well as other areas throughout the Shrine woods. The entire woods is lighted and accessible at night. The beauty of the Shrine woods at night, holiday decorations and the sound of Christmas music playing from the Chapel tower all come together to provide a great family evening at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine. Beginning December 13, 2015, the Outdoor Pieta Chapel and the Woods will be open daily until 9:30 p.m., running through January 3, 2016.

### OFFERTORY - December 19 & 20

4:30 PM Mike & Norma Unverferth Family  
 8:00 AM Karl & Darlene Miller Family  
 11:00 AM Mike & Annette Gerding Family

### USHERS - December 19 & 20

4:30 PM Team 9  
 8:00 AM Team 8  
 11:00 AM Team 7

### LECTORS - December 19 & 20

4:30 PM Shelly Burkhart, Michele Doepker  
 8:00 AM Bob Buss, Paul Bonifas  
 11:00 AM Sandy Westrick, Maddison Edelbrock

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 19 & 20

4:30: Alice Adams, Marilyn Becker, Anna Berheide, Brian & Bev Berheide, Matt Bockrath, Janet Burgei, Katey Buss, Kelly Buss, Eileen Decker

8:00: Ryan Kerner, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Joyce Bonifas, Bob Buss, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Ruth Foppe

**Ministers to Homebound:** Ryan & Erin Kerner

11:00: Dave & Cindy Erhart, Brandon Erhart, Lori Erhart, Eric Fischnich, Regina Fischnich, Dave Buss, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Lynda Fortman

### SERVERS

Mon, 12/14	8:00 AM	McKenna Bockrath Alec Edelbrock
Tues, 12/15	8:00 AM	Clara Elkins Kyla Fortman
Wed, 12/16	8:00 AM	Colin Erhart Gabe Hovest
Thurs, 12/17	7:30 PM	Ella Kaufman Matt Kehres
Fri, 12/18	8:00 AM	Mason Kerner Tyler Klausing
Sat, 12/19	4:30 PM	Kristen Fortman Nicole Fortman Kelsi Hipsher
Sun, 12/20	8:00 AM	Tara Gerding Trent Gerding Kevin Hamburg Noah Hermiller Erica Honigfort Sarah Hovest
	11:00 AM	



### Infant of Prague

Years ago, Imelda Stechschulte made garments for the Infant of Prague statue in church. Following in her mother's footsteps, Susie Burgei continues to make these garments that decorate the statue in different colors, depending on the liturgical season. Thanks, Susie, for continuing the good work which your mother began.



## GAUDETE SUNDAY

*Anticipating the Greatest Gift of All...*



## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Happy Advent. I'm still taking in all the good stuff of Advent. Children add so much to the preparation for Christmas. Children are innocent, hopeful and energetic. Our parishes are blessed to have so many children gracing our churches. One child called me "pope," as I walked down the aisle. I smiled as I walked past her, with the joyful and humble thought, "Do I really look 78 years old?" As I took time to pray, I thought of reflecting about innocence, hope and spirit.

As I looked at piles of presents for those in need, I smiled and prayed. I thought of the generous spirit of people who would give to people who are unknown. I thought of God sending His Son so that the world would be better, would be redeemed. Many people would not even recognize the gift right away, but the possibility of a fuller life, an eternal life made me smile. As I look at the wrapped gifts which so many brought to church, I think that the greatest gifts are those whose intentions are sent with love.

This Advent I look at doors differently. On Tuesday of this past week, the pope (it wasn't me) opened Holy Doors at the Vatican. It is a Year of Mercy. As a Church, we are called to open doors so that the Lord can be found and celebrated. There is life in the Church. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is the sheep gate (the door) where the flock has the freedom to enter and be fully fed. Unfortunately for some, the door seemed to have been closed when they tried to enter. Others closed the doors on their way out and never returned. Whatever the scenario, it is time to reopen the doors.

Forgiveness is one way to open doors. Jesus and John the Baptist preached forgiveness and mercy. During this year, the Catholic Church will be about mercy.

During Advent, I ask that all parishioners look at the sacrament of Reconciliation. Return to the Lord with all your heart. If your heart and life need healing, the sacrament of Penance is a good place to start. Check out times during the week. Communal Reconciliation is at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 15. Have a great week, everyone. God bless you all.

*Fr. Mark*

### Area Penance Services

Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m., at Leipsic

**Tuesday, December 15, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Kalida**

Monday, December 21, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Ottawa

### How to Go to Confession

1. Examine your conscience and pray.
2. Come into the confessional or up to the priest.
3. Be greeted by the priest.
4. Confess your sins.
5. The priest will direct you and give you penance.
6. The priest absolves you of your sins.

At the communal penance service (like at St. Michael's this Tuesday) the Act of Contrition is said together at the beginning. If you are not attending a communal service, a sample *Act of Contrition* is provided in the confessional (or you can say your own).

***Don't let time or fear keep you from participating in this healing sacrament.***

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 AM Alphonse & Eleanore Jerwers

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 AM Rita Knott

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

4:00 PM PENANCE SERVICE

7:00 PM PENANCE SERVICE

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 PM Greg & Laura Foppe, Dan Schroeder

Norm & Pat Kaufman

Bernie & Helen Sehlhorst

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM Elaine Schimmoeller, Gilbert Riepenhoff

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

4:30 PM Virgil & Mary Agnes Recker

Dan Siefker, Hubert & Irma Pohlman

Dick Langhals, Tom Niese

Helen & Urban Unverferth

Paul & Hilda Fortman

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Gene & Mary Ann Recker

Dick, Sally & Tommy Goedde

Art & Trudy Reed, Norm Knott

11:00 AM Mary Jane Smith, Don Holtkamp

Louis & Molly Osterhage, Emily Kahle

Charlie Gerdeman and In Thanksgiving

**Last Week's Collection:** \$ 10,836.81

### Choir Assignments—December 19 & 20

**4:30:** Lauren **8:00:** RA **11:00:** YAHS

### St. Michael's HN, RAS, and P/W Choirs...

are singing at The Meadows of Kalida this Sunday, December 13, at 3:00 p.m., as part of the Christmas Tree Gala.

### Youth Choir Has Added Two Practices

December 21 & 22, after school. Students may come over to the choir loft after school. Practice will be over at 4:00 p.m.

### Praise & Worship Choir

We have practice on Monday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m.

### Youth Group Meeting

December 13, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

### CYO Games This Sunday, December 13

*Come support our teams, while avoiding costly shopping trips.*

- Girls team at Miller City at 4:15 p.m. (we lost a heart-breaker last week!)
- Boys B team at HOME vs. New Bavaria at 3:00 p.m. (we have a perfect 0-1 record!)
- Boys A team at Leipsic at 1:00 p.m. (also a perfect record!)

### The Meadows of Kalida Christmas Tree Gala

Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. We will have Santa, crafts for the kids, live entertainment and the tree auction.

## Christmas Flower Intentions Deadline

Deadline for your Christmas flower intentions is this Sunday, December 13. Thanks.

## 2015 Mass in the Barn Next Sunday

December 20, at 6:00 p.m., in Mark & Marlene Kahle's Barn (15711 Rd. 18, Ft. Jennings).

## Christ Bearers at Christmas

If you would like your child (age 5 and up) to bring up Baby Jesus at any of the Christmas Masses, please call the Parish Center (532-3474) or email [stmich@bright.net](mailto:stmich@bright.net) by Monday, December 14. We will draw a name for each Mass and contact the winners on December 16. We will be choosing one girl and one boy for each of the Masses. They will be playing the roles of Mary and Joseph, bringing the Christ Child to the Manger. Christmas Eve Masses are at 4:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. and Christmas Day Mass is at 9:00 a.m.

## 2016 Offertory Envelopes...

are now in the back of church. They will only be there until December 20, so please pick them up soon...thanks! If you cannot find a box with your name on it, call the Parish Center (419-532-3474) and we will make sure you get one.

## Altar Rosary Notes

November Rosary Altar Meeting: Lynn Ritter from the Alzheimer's Association informed us on how to keep our brains healthy. 1) Learn a new activity or do a task a different way, such as brushing your teeth with your non-dominant hand. 2) Eat from the "rainbow," meaning various colors of fruits (half of your plate should be filled with this). 3) Determine what is causing you stress. Enjoy the activities you like, such as savor a cup of coffee. 4) Be active, even if it is just walking about in your home. Our brains require a lot of oxygen and this assists in that need. She suggested a good book: "Still Alice," by Lisa Genova

December Rosary Altar Meeting: We started with Mass and then we enjoyed a delicious meal, catered by Dick's Steak House. We were entertained by *Tannis School of Dance*. They recently were in New York and performed at the Statue of Liberty. They also held a charity performance back home and donated \$3,000 to Putnam County families in need. Someday we will be seeing them on "Dancing with the Stars!" A big THANK YOU to the Holy Name men who served and cleaned up. Also, a Thank You to the Committee who assisted in the program. The winners of the raffle were: Ruth Foppe \$150, Mary E Hoffman \$100, Dolores Bockrath \$75, Kelly Wurth \$50 and Jane Leopold \$25. We will not be having a meeting in January, but Fr Mark will be our featured speaker in February. He will speak on his Faith Journey and answer all your questions about the Catholic faith (so come prepared to stump the pastor!)

## March For Life 2016

Plans are being made for a bus trip to the March For Life 2016, in Washington D.C. The dates are January 21-23. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Don Rall (532-2565 or [drall323@gmail.com](mailto:drall323@gmail.com)).

## Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Judy Birkemeier's 5B class on Wednesday, Dec. 16, and Ellen Millott's 6B class on Friday, Dec. 18. This will be the last week before Christmas for students to plan the Mass.

## High School CCD - December 16

Class at 7:00 p.m.

## High School Winter Fun Day

Tuesday, December 29, at Sports Center Lanes, Pandora, from Noon - 2:30 p.m. An "After Party" will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul Youth room, Ottawa, from 2:30-5:00 p.m. for all who want to continue celebrating with teens from around the St. George Deanery. Cost is \$10. Registration forms at [stmichaelskalida.org](http://stmichaelskalida.org), under the Youth Group Tab!

## 8th Grade Fun Night

All 8th grade students are invited to a night of Faith, Food & Fun on Friday, December 18, from 7:00-11:00 p.m., at St. Michael's gym. Cost is \$4 at the door.

## Sophomore Retreat—Save the Date!

Sunday, January 17, 2016 to Monday, January 18, 2016

## Year of Mercy Talk

Fr. Rick Friebe C.P.P.S. will speak on "His Mercy is Everlasting" on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m., at Glandorf St. John's Parish Center. It will focus on the "Jubilee Year of Mercy" document by Pope Francis. Come join us, at the Year of Mercy begins.

## Brunch Theater in Ft. Jennings

On Sunday, December 20, for one show only, Jennings Memorial Hall will team up with the Van Wert Civic Theater to present their musical "G.I. Holiday Jukebox" at Memorial Hall. The brunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and the show will begin at 1:00 p.m. This show features an all star cast (**including our very own Laura Warnement**) and classic songs that pay tribute to the USO shows of World War II. Cost is \$15 and gets a great brunch and the show. Limited seating, so make reservations by calling 419-286-3678.

## PTO – SCRIP Cards

The Kalida Elementary PTO will be placing a SCRIP gift card order on **December 15**. Gift cards arrive approximately one week from the order date. Your purchase of gift cards through the PTO will help generate funds for new playground equipment at the Elementary School. Order forms can be found at [kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/file/PTO/Scrip1516.pdf](http://kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/file/PTO/Scrip1516.pdf) or in the Elementary School office.

## Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors...

Look for the new schedule online later this week at [stmichaelskalida.org](http://stmichaelskalida.org), under "Ministry Schedules."

## Get Ready for the New Year!

PCYMCA Aerobics, beginning January 4 (Mondays/Wednesdays from 6:15 -7:15 p.m.) at the Kalida Grade School cafeteria. Cost is \$20 (runs monthly) or FREE for YMCA members. To register or for questions, call Lisa (419-532-2339).