

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m.
 HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.
 HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
 PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00 p.m.
 YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
 ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Kalida Kindergarten Registration

Please return the completed registration form with a certified birth certificate before December 16. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2014.

“Mary of Nazareth” Movie

EXCLUSIVELY shown at Shannon Theater, Bluffton, on December 28, December 31, January 1, 4, 11. Call 419-538-6335 for advance purchase tickets (\$6 each). Presale tickets are recommended, as tickets at the door are not guaranteed.

Volunteers Needed at The Meadows

Please call Shannon (419-532-2961) for more information.



Christmas School



OFFERTORY - December 21 & 22
 4:30 PM Tony & Sandy Vorst Family
 8:00 AM Mike & Norma Unverferth Family
 11:00 AM Greg & Kim Bockrath Family

USHERS – December 21 & 22
 4:30 PM Team 1
 8:00 AM Team 2 11:00 AM Team 3

LECTORS – December 21 & 22
 4:30 PM Mary Gerding, Erin Kerner
 8:00 AM Ed & Tammy Schroeder
 11:00 AM Alexis Decker, Deb Kahle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 21 & 22
 4:30: Sean Fischnich, Lynda Fortman, Sue Fuerst, Phil Fuerst, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Grace Haselman, Kristi Honigfort, Mark Kahle, Mary Ellen Kilion
 8:00: Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Mary Grote, Jim Hanneman, Mel Hanneman, Ron & Dorothy Kerner, Dave & Jane Kahle, Joyce Klausing
Ministers to Homebound: Ed & Tammy Schroeder
 11:00: Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Darlene Hanneman, Mary Lou Hoffman, Ryan Kerner, Ericka Kimball, Jane Kleman, Mandy Lambert, Becky Lucke, Deb McIntyre

SERVERS

Tues, 12/17	8:00 AM	Josh & Sarah Klausing
Wed, 12/18	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Loveland Taylor Lucke
Thurs, 12/19	7:30 PM	Connor Niese Tori Niese
Fri, 12/20	8:00 AM	Kierstan Siebeneck Kara Siefker
Sat, 12/21	4:30 PM	Noah Verhoff Austin & Renee Vorst
Sun, 12/22	8:00 AM	Brandon Verhoff Alex von der Embse Adam von der Embse
	11:00 AM	Spencer Vorst Randy Zeller Trey Webken

Soph. Retreat Registrations Due Dec. 17



St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood
Sunday, December 15, 2013

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. Deacon: Bob Klausing 312 N. Broad St., Kalida, OH 45853 419-532-3474



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. The third Sunday of Advent is always a Sunday that the Church celebrates with hope and joy. Even the pink candle lit on the Advent wreath proclaims joy at the surety of the Lord's coming. With a short time left until Christmas, our spirit should be prepared for joy.

Part of the joy that I'm celebrating this week is that my niece, Rachel, will be graduating from school as a physician's assistant. She has lived at the rectory on and off for the past year. I will miss her and I am also very proud of her for all the hours of study that she put in so that she can help people. There were times that I wondered if she was going to make it. I wasn't worried about the school part. I was worried about her having to live with Uncle Mark for a year. We eat differently (she's a health nut). We watch different television programs (I never knew there were so many cooking shows or what a bride should wear would have so many followers that it deserved its own program). To make the final goal of her graduating, there was lots of yielding that had to be done.

A yield sign is the road sign that guides our way to the manger this week. Being a bachelor for so many years, yielding was not always easy with my niece in the house. I have my way of doing things and how I want to spend my time. Finding woman's clothes in the dryer when I was doing laundry took some getting used to. But yielding to challenges such as these will all be worth it as I see her graduate and go on to help heal people.

In the past, people were used to yielding on the road, with one lane bridges. For the good of traffic, one person had to let the other one go first. With a one lane bridge a couple hundred yards down the road, yielding was part of everyday living. With a large family and younger siblings, yielding happened a lot at mealtime. There were times to give up a drumstick or a second helping so that the family would be peaceful and fed. Those yielding times were also times which kept our family together and full of joy.

Are we ready to yield to God's will? I think of Mary and Joseph and the yielding they had to do. Without their yielding, Christmas joy would not have happened. Are we ready to yield to others? God yielded to us when He sent us His Son. Looking after others is oftentimes the greatest of joys.

Look for ways to yield this week. Bring joy to the world and joy will be returned to you.

Have a great week, everyone.

Fr. Mark

Christmas Play Put on by Religious Education Students This Sunday!

This Sunday, **December 15, at 7:00 p.m.**, there will be a short presentation put on by grades 1-5 in the **St. Michael's Gym**. Come enjoy the spirit of joy, through the eyes of children, as they present "God's Promise."



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM Elaine Schimmoeller

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 PM L/D Lawrence Unverferth &
Cy Kahle Family, Bernard Sehlhorst (A)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:30 PM Oscar & Evangeline Kerner Family
L/D William Fortman Family
Jim Kahle, Dan Siefker, Mary Lou Felkey
Hubert & Irma Pohlman
Raymond, Alice & Gary Ellerbrock
Nickie, Carrie & Mary Schmitz
Doris Ricker & Vic Schwarzman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Esther Siefker & Randy Siefker
Dick, Sally & Tommy Goedde
Arthur Reed

11:00 AM Dick Langhals, Moxie & Cindy Wehri
Louis & Molly Osterhage

Last Week's Collection: \$ 7,109.50

Choir Assignments—December 21 & 22

4:30: PW **8:00:** RA **11:00:** Youth

Choirs Singing at The Meadows

The HN, RAS, Youth and P/W choirs will sing on Sunday, December 15, at 3:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Volunteers to Sing at Christmas Mass

Volunteers are needed to sing in the choir for the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. All are welcome, regardless of experience! If you would like to sing for the Mass, please attend rehearsal on Sunday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m., in the choir loft. If you would like to participate and cannot attend the rehearsal, please e-mail Kayla (kaylakromer@gmail.com) so that she can know to expect you! Thank you in advance for your dedication to making Christmas a meaningful and blessed season!

St. George Deanery Winter Fun Day

December 27, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. We will be bowling at Liberty Lanes, in Leipsic. Registration forms are on the parish website and are **due December 17**.

Area Penance Service

Ottawa: Monday, December 16, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

The Meadows of Kalida Tree Gala

Sunday, December 15, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

2014 Offertory Envelopes...

will be in the back of church until **December 22**.

Message from Fr. Elmer

Dear Friends,

I had hardly finished acknowledging all your kind "get well" and "birthday" greetings when Christmas greetings started arriving. I could try to answer them all in the next couple of months, but I chose to enjoy reading them as they arrive, and then put them aside until I can sort through pictures and put together my 53rd annual pictorial newsletter to use as an answer. In the meantime, you'll be in my thoughts and prayers as I enjoy the holidays with you for the first time in many years. Thanks for all your Meadows visits. You're always welcome to stop at the rectory, as I'll be moving there this week. Christmas and New Year's Blessings! Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Elmer

Greeters Ministry

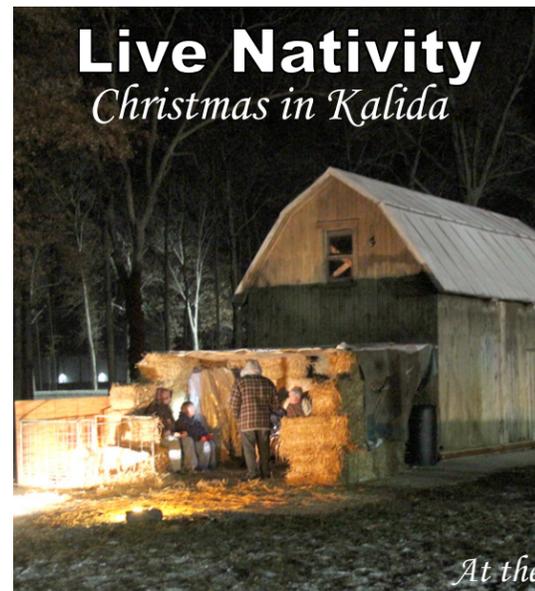
A Greeters Ministry is starting up at St. Michael's. Please consider being a greeter at our weekend Masses. The only requirement is that you like people and want to make them feel welcome. You may be their first smile and hello of the day. The greeters will work along side our ushers to make St. Michael's the Church you want to be a part of. You can make a difference. Call Connie at 419-532-3494, ext. 102, if you would like to join our team.

Offertory Bearers at Christmas

If you or your family would like to bring up offertory at any of the Christmas Masses, please call the Parish Center (419-532-3474). Mass times are 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m., on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m., on Christmas Day.

Christmas School

Last Saturday, 17 high school youth led 32 children during our Youth Group sponsored Christmas School. They colored, decorated Christmas cookies, listened and acted out the Nativity, participated in a Christmas song & game session and made a little shepherd boy to take home! We ended our morning with a snack, movie and a "Jingle walk around the church block!" Thank you all for participating. The money donated will be given to the St. Rita's Hospital Children's Floor!



Live Nativity
Christmas in Kalida

At the New Kalida Park

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Pat Hanneman's 4B class, on Wednesday, December 18, and Annette Schroeder's 8A class, on Friday, December 20.

High School CCD - December 18

There will be an Exam Study Hour from 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the church basement for anyone wanting to study as a group. Refreshments will be furnished.

Christmas Flower Intentions

There is a designated envelope in your offertory box. **Deadline is Sunday, December 15.** Thanks!

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 by Monday, December 16. We will draw a name for each Mass and contact the winners on Tuesday. Mass times are listed to the left in the Offertory Bearers announcement.

Kalida K of C Children's Christmas Party

is scheduled for Sunday, December 15, at 1:00 p.m., at the K of C Hall. Members are invited to bring your kids or grandkids to the hall to see Santa. There will also be games for the kids and treats from Santa. Don't miss your chance to tell Santa that you have been nice!

Support Youth While You Shop

Do you shop at Gordon Food Service (GFS)? With a FUN-FUNDS card, you can shop and support the youth attending World Youth Day in 2016. It's free to enroll! If you already have a card from the 2011 WYD group, you do not need a new card; continue to use this to support the youth. If you don't have a card, there are two ways to enroll:

1. Sign up online at <http://gfs.com/funfunds/home.page?OrgNumber=2432583>
2. See the Store Manager to sign up at your local GFS Marketplace store and give them this registration code: **WYD #2432583**. Thank you for your support! Continue to keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this pilgrimage.

Mass in the Barn



Mass in the Barn Photos by Kari Johnson