

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m.
HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Women’s Renewal Weekend – January 18-19
Join women of St. Michael’s for a spiritual retreat weekend to step out of the fast lane and discover a deeper relationship with God. It is a weekend to listen with your heart to what God is placing there. All are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Jessica (Knueve) Unverferth at 419-235-3676 (call or text) or jesslynnk1@gmail.com (email).

Military Holiday Gift Boxes
The American Red Cross of WCO, through its Services to Armed Forces program, is collecting items to send to troops from Putnam County. We continue to accept items and/or monetary donations. All financial donations received will cover the postage fee for boxes mailed. Please ensure we have your Putnam county family member’s address who is currently active duty. For additional information please contact Michelle Williams or Peg Dickman at our Ottawa office at 419-523-4810 or [Bonnie Knueve](mailto:Bonnie.Knueve@wcoarc.org) at 419-532-2052.

Ohio State Quilt Raffle
You can win this 70x89 inch quilt. It’s \$5 per ticket and all money raised will benefit the John T. Massawe Charity for building churches in Tanzania. Contact Ellen Millott via Facebook Messenger for more information. See the quilt raffle link at stmichaelskalida.org for a form. You can drop the form and your \$5 in the collection. Drawing is 1/1/20 and you need not be present to win.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings...
are on Tuesdays at the Trinity Methodist Church, Ottawa, from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Use the entrance on Hall Street. On Wednesdays, the meetings are held at the Leipsic Fogle Center(815 E. Mathias St.) from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

50/50 Raffle at Elementary Program
On Monday, December 16, at the 7:00 p.m., Kalida Elementary Christmas program, there will be a 50/50 drawing to support the playground project. Bring some cash to have a chance to win some money and also support a great project!

6 tickets for \$5

50/50 RAFFLE

AT THE KALIDA ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

TO SUPPORT OUR PLAYGROUND PROJECT

6 tickets for \$5



OFFERTORY - December 21 & 22
4:30 PM Mike & Norma Unverferth Family
8:00 AM Karl & Darlene Miller Family
11:00 AM Mike & Annette Gerding Family

USHERS – December 21 & 22
4:30 PM Team 9
8:00 AM Team 8
11:00 AM Team 7

LECTORS - December 21 & 22
4:30 PM Paul Bonifas, Bob Buss
8:00 AM Dennis Turnwald, Don Wehri
11:00 AM Brenda Averagesch, Shelly Burkhart

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 21 & 22
4:30: Bob Buss, Deb McIntyre, Deb Miller, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg, Deanna Nienberg, Lisa Niese, Don Rall, Glen & Annette Schroeder
8:00: Tom & Judy Bonifas, Jane Kleman, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Mary Plescher, Teresa Rampe, Rose Recker, Donna Schnipke
Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas
11:00: Michele Niese, Amanda Recker, Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger, Evan Roebke, Tom Roof, Dayna Schimmoeller, Deb Schroeder, Lisa Rampe, Carlie Rampe

SERVERS		
Tues, 12/17	8:00 AM	Braylon Smith Jack Stechschulte
Wed, 12/18	8:00 AM	Reese Strauer Avrie Unverferth
Thurs, 12/19	7:30 PM	Madison Unverferth Drake Zeller
Fri, 12/20	8:00 AM	Katie Bendele Andrea Burgei
Sat, 12/21	4:30 PM	Jillian Knueve Kevin Lammers Logan Langhals
Sun, 12/22	8:00 AM	Jeret Landwehr Marcy Landwehr Madison Langhals
	11:00 AM	Mitch Langhals Ryan Lucke Sean Maag

Parish Cook Book!

1. Make your recipe.

2. Take a picture.

3. Send an email to:
kalida.stmichaelyouth@bright.net with your picture and your typed recipe (please retype it in the email).



St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - December 15, 2019



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

It’s pink Sunday! People have asked me why I don’t like pink? It’s just another color. As I thought, I figured my dislike for pink comes from when I was back on the farm. When I was growing up with a large family, our breakfast was always toast and chocolate milk made with Nestle’s Quik. We would dunk our toast in the chocolate milk every morning for 18 years. The only exception came when we would run out of the powdered goodness. One day, when the Nestle’s Quik box was empty, mom made a quick dash to the local grocery. Being planting season she hurriedly went to the aisle and picked up the first container of Quik that she saw. What a terrible day when she brought home “STRAWBERRY Quik.” It was not normal to have pink milk. And to dunk your toast into pink milk was an abomination. And, because we couldn’t waste anything, we would have pink milk for weeks. Mom bought the big container of Quik. The color pink brings back bad memories. I don’t think our cats would drink pink milk.

This Sunday around the world, the liturgical color is “pink.” It is supposed to be a color of hope. As a child I hoped that we would never have to drink pink milk again. Now I know that there is so much more to hope for. But we have to get beyond the expectation of bad things. We need to go to a place of good and Great possibilities. We need to go to goodness, itself. We need to go to all the possibilities that God can give. And beyond the possibilities, we get to experience God himself in the person of Jesus. Hope is a wonderful thing because it speaks of goodness beyond the immediate. Sometimes we get caught up in the now, which may not be so good. In a world in which the news seems always bad, we need to have hope. We need God who is so beyond today.

Advent is a season of hope. During Advent, I have had the opportunity to see visions of hope in our parishes. I see how people have collected items to help people in need. I hear of carolers who brighten the lives of people in nursing homes. I get to experience the joy of children at Christmas school and being characters in a live Nativity. During the live Nativity presentation last weekend at Kalida, I got to see parents bring their little children to the stable. A couple of little girls around the age of three asked if they could hold baby Jesus. It was sweet and made me hope that we would all want that desire to hold the God that we love. And made me hope that Jesus would hold me one day.

I’m over the pink Nestle’s Quik experience, but not over hoping for goodness beyond. I may never like the color pink, but I know that hope is an important part of my faith life. Here’s to hope and the joy that at least one parish, St. Michael’s, does not have a pink vestment.

Have a blessed week. Thanks for all the gifts for all the needs of the area. They are adding up and being distributed to those in need. Just a reminder to be an Advent angel.

Fr. Mark



Mass Intentions for the Week	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16	
8:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17	
8:00 AM	Carolyn Unverferth (A), Special Intention
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18	
8:00 AM	Mildred Remlinger, Klara Frommherz
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19	
7:30 PM	Bernie, Helen, Deb & Barb Sehlhorst Fam. John Phillips, Marek Moros Bob & Rita Schroeder
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20	
8:00 AM	Special Intention
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21	
4:30 PM	Richard, Rick & Xavier Wurth Erma Wehri, Dick Langhals Ron & Dorothea Aversch Leonard, Anna Rose & Emily Kahle Tom Wannemacher, Herk Selhorst Bill Ellerbrock Mary Agnes & Dick Ellerbrock
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:00 AM	Jim, Esther & Randy Siefker L/D Monica & George Schmursal Family Marcus Landin
11:00 AM	Don Holtkamp & Family, Kelly Miller Bill & Alice Kahle

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 11,993.00

Choir Assignments - December 21 & 22

4:30: Renee 8:00: HN 11:00: YAHS

The Holy Name Choir & Rosary Altar Choirs...

are asked sing for the Christmas Tree Festival at the Meadows of Kalida, on Sunday, December 15. Please be there by 3:00 p.m. Singing will begin at 3:10 p.m.



Celebrate the Season This Monday!

The YAHS will be singing at Turner Hall (pictured below) in Columbus Grove (formerly the Presbyterian Church) on Monday, December 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. They will be joining other area choirs! Everyone is welcome to come join in the holiday spirit!

2020 St. Michael Church Calendars

The calendars have arrived and are being made available on the classroom side of the church basement this weekend after all the Masses. Right now, we’re only distributing to those who pre-ordered one. *We are not taking any more orders at this time.*

Bringing Up Offertory at Christmas

If your family would like to take up offertory at any of the Christmas Masses, please email stmich@bright.net or call 419-532-3474. We already have a family for the 8:00 p.m. Mass. The 4:00 & 11:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve and the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day are open.

Upcoming Penance Service

Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa

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

Recent Baptism

QUINN IRENE SCHNIPKE

Daughter of Eric & Holly (Horstman) Schnipke

Bulletin Submission Deadline

Tuesday, December 17, is the deadline for anything you would like in the bulletin for December 22, December 29 or January 5. So if you want anything in any of those three bulletins, you need to submit it by this Tuesday. As usual, the offices will be closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day. Thanks!

Shoe Drive at Kalida Elementary

Kalida Elementary School will be conducting a shoe drive to raise funds for the new playground. We will earn funds based on the total weight of pairs of gently worn, used, & new shoes collected. Collection boxes will be at both the Elementary & High School buildings, and also the Church entrance. Please let us take any shoes, sandals, boots, etc... that you no longer need off of your hands! Thank you for your help.



Meadows of Kalida Christmas Fundraiser

Sunday, December 15, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. We will have many silent auction and raffle items on which to bid, pictures with Santa, cookie decorating, refreshments, and much more. All proceeds will benefit Putnam County Homecare and Hospice. Free to all community members!

Students at Mass This Week

are Ellen Millott's 5A class on Wednesday, December 18 and Michele Doepker's 8A class on Friday, December 20. After that, there will be no students at the weekday Masses until the week of January 6.

No High School CCD on December 18...

Due to exam time!

St. Michael Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24: 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

December 25: 9:00 a.m.

Christ Bearers at Christmas Masses

If you would like your child (age 5 or older) to bring up the statue of Baby Jesus at any of the Christmas Masses, please email stmich@bright.net or call Leslie at 419-532-3474, and indicate which Mass you would like. The Mass times for Christmas are 4:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. The names will be randomly drawn and we will contact those chosen. **Deadline is Tuesday, December 17.** If you have several children, they can walk up together, then one can place Baby Jesus in the manger or you can walk up as a family.



Christmas Flower

Intention Deadline...

is this Sunday, December 15. We will be printing the intentions on the morning of Monday, December 16.

Offertory Envelopes

The 2020 offertory envelopes were supposed to have been delivered this past week. If that happened, they are in the back of church. They will only be there until next Sunday, December 22. If you can’t find your box, please call the Parish Center (419-532-3474).

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS

As Mary, Joseph and unborn baby Jesus traveled to Bethlehem for the census, we travel with our families to Christmas. Help us help families in the area have a blessed Christmas by bringing in supplies which Mary and Joseph may have packed for their journey.

December 21 & 22 (Benefiting Heartbeat of Ottawa and Lima)

How would they care for their baby?

Pray for expectant mothers and fathers, their unborn child and all children.

Please donate the following:

Onesies & Sleepers (newborn to 9 months), receiving blankets, diapers (size 4, 5 & 6), baby wash/shampoo, wipes
small toys for ages 2 & 3 and parenting books (contact the Parish Center if you need suggestions).

You can bring any of these items at any time. There are boxes at the church entrances. The items should be UNWRAPPED so we know where they go. Thanks!!!