

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27  
ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28  
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church

**Kalida Athletic Boosters Membership Drive**  
Moving to a calendar year, effective January 1, 2019. Rates for 2019 are \$50/single, \$75/double. There will be a \$200, \$100 & \$50 prize drawing at each meeting. (10 meetings in total). A double membership gives you two entries into the drawings. Please contact a Boosters officer for more information.

**Gene Stechschulte Award Nominations**  
In 2015, Kalida Local Schools established The Gene Stechschulte Award to honor Gene’s lifetime contributions to youth and to recognize others who have made a positive impact on our children. They are again seeking nominations for the next presentation of the award. Information on the qualifications and the nomination process can be found on the school’s webpage or in any school office. Deadline is Jan. 1.

**Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama**  
A Spring-Lenten Bus Pilgrimage to shrines in Alabama will leave from Kalida on Sunday, March 31, and return on Friday, April 5, 2019. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will visit the “miniature” Ave Maria Grotto, St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Monastery, EWTN studios, attend “EWTN Live” TV show with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Our Lady of Good Hope rehab center, and the Basilica of the Assumption. Cost is \$650/person with 2 people in a room. Contact Rita (532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net) for details.

**PCYMCA Aerobics (Cardio, Toning & Stepping)**  
Beginning January 8 (runs monthly). New Year – New Beginnings! Mondays/Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m., at the Kalida Grade school cafeteria. Cost is \$20 (monthly). Any questions or to register, call 419-532-2339.

CHRISTMAS ASSIGNMENTS

4:00 p.m. Mass

**Euch. Min:** Erin Kerner, Halie Kaufman, Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Lauren Langhals, Becky Lucke, McKayla Maag, Alexis Meyer, Lisa Niese  
**LECTORS:** Wendy Schimmoeller, Beth Selhorst  
**USHERS:** Team 1

8:00 p.m. Mass

**Euch. Min:** Karl & Darlene Miller, Deb Miller, Peter Morrissey, Maclerin Morrissey, Joan Niese, Mandy Lambert, Joan Peck, Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger  
**LECTORS:** Brenda Averagesch, Shelly Burkhart  
**USHERS:** Team 2

11:00 p.m. Mass

**Euch. Min:** Deb Knueve, Deb McIntyre, Deanna Nienberg, Michele Niese, Lisa Rampe, Carlie Rampe, Teresa Rampe, Tom Roof, Ethan Schmenk, Kay Unverferth  
**LECTORS:** Joyce Schnipke, Paul Bonifas  
**USHERS:** Team 3

10:30 a.m. Mass

**Ministers to Homebound:** Dick & Judy Bockrath  
**Euch. Min:** Annette Meyer, Mary Plescher, Don Rall, Rose Recker, Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke, Deb Schroeder, Dick & Jane Schulte  
**LECTORS:** Don Wehri, Bob Buss  
**USHERS:** Team 9

OFFERTORY - December 29 & 30

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Carl & Rhonda Osterhage Family  
Herm & Rita Borgelt Family  
Barry & Beth von der Embse Family

USHERS – December 29 & 30

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Team 1  
Team 2  
Team 3

LECTORS - December 29 & 30

4:30 PM:

8:00 AM:

11:00 AM

Clara Elkins, Jennifer Erhart  
Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman  
Sandy Westrick, Tara Gerding

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 29 & 30

4:30:

8:00:

Karen Schroeder, Duane & Barb Steffan, Lisa Unverferth, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Alice Adams, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Matt Bockrath  
Mary Siefker, Norma Unverferth, Norma Vorst, Don Wehri, Amy Brinkman, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Joyce Bonifas, Tom & Judy Bonifas

Ministers to Homebound:

11:00:

Diane Schroeder  
Sandy Westrick, Kamryn Wurth, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Brian & Bev Berheide, Greg Bockrath, McKenna Bockrath, Janet Burgei

SERVERS		
Mon, 12/24	4:00 PM	Carlie Rampe Evan Roebke Gabe Roof
	8:00 PM	Dakota Rosselit Dayna Schimmoeller Ethan Schmenk
	11:00 PM	Nathan Schroeder Megan Schulte Adam Siefker
Tues, 12/25	10:30 AM	Justin Siebeneck Kathryn Siebeneck Adam Siefker
		Ryan Fischnich Nick Foppe
Thurs, 12/27	7:30 PM	Grant Helmke Colin Hoffman
Fri, 12/28	8:00 AM	Joel Horstman Camille Hovest
Sat, 12/29	4:30 PM	Tyson Siefker Brenna Smith Jakob Swyers
		Brad Siefker Trevor Siefker
Sun, 12/30	8:00 AM	Brooke Vennekotter Amanda Unverferth Tyler Unverferth
	11:00 AM	Josh Verhoff

**Christ Our Light at Shrine in Bellevue**  
Make plans to visit the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue, Ohio, December 20-28. Every evening, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., there will be music, lights, and a display. Hot chocolate and an opportunity to place a candle for the Christ Child will be available each night, except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**People Needed to Shovel Snow**  
If you can help, please contact Kevin Fischer.

# Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - December 23, 2018

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.PP.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebe, C.PP.S.  
Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Jill Zeller Maintenance: Kevin Fischer  
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“The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Luke 2: 9-12



**From the Desk of Fr. Mark**  
Hi, everyone, and Merry Christmas. I'm in the midst of getting in the spirit of Christmas. Yesterday, our staff took the presents for Catholic Charities up to Toledo. They were excited to receive all the presents. They thank all of you for your generosity and hearts for others. That helped me begin the process of getting ready for the birth of Jesus.

Today I am going to search for a Christmas tree. When I grew up, it was always an adventure to find the perfect tree. Dad always did the picking from the local filling (gas) station where they had a selection of trees. The tree had to be the right shape to fit into the parlor and height to get the star on top. There had to be enough empty spots to fit the big ornaments, yet full enough so that the branches couldn't be seen. It had to be strong enough to support the bubble lights we got from grandma and grandpa. The bottom branches needed to be cut so that the manger scene that came from our great grandparents in Germany would fit under one side of the tree. And if you were lucky enough, there would be a bird nest already in the tree. If there wasn't, I would go out to the woods in the back corner of the farm to get a small nest to put into the tree for good luck (it was lucky if the nest didn't contain bugs or worms). Tinsel, which was saved from previous years, was delicately placed piece by piece on the tree. I was particularly bad at the delicate parts of this process. Old ornaments were placed on the tree and usually a few new ones decorated the tree since, over the years, Christmas presents of basketballs and Nerf bullets shattered gold and silver bells. For Mom, the picking and decorating of the tree had everything to do with the placing of the lights. Since Mom and Dad lived through the Depression, we had a limited amount of lights to put on the tree. The lights had to fill the holes that were left after the decorations were placed. The lights had to be seen from front to back, even though the tree was against a wall. The lights had to be even from top to bottom so that the top was not the only shining star of the tree. And there had to be one bulb that would make its way to a hole in the manger so that the focus of Christmas would always shine on the baby Jesus. For Mom, the lights made the tree. Once it was all decorated, the tree got sprayed with artificial snow. (How many of you remember that?) One year, an ornery brother sprayed the snow in my mouth as I was belting out a Christmas song. We always would sing along with the Christmas songs from the Firestone albums we got from



the same filling station where we got the tree. To this day, I do not like blue cheese dressing, as it tastes a little like the artificial snow. The funny part of picking the tree was that Dad could never pick a perfect tree that was good enough for Mom. There was always a little grumbling about being too many holes or too full or too tall or too short or a number of things which were not "just right." By the time the lights filled the tree, Mom got over the complaints. As I thought about getting ready for Christmas, it will

only be just right when Jesus the Light fills our homes. If we wait to invite the light to fill our homes until we are perfect, the light will never show up. All of us have holes or fall short or are too tall for our britches or other ways that we are not perfect. We try to hide imperfections with ornaments or go to the back against a wall, but the light is there for the whole world of our lives. It is not so much that we pick the perfect tree. It made all the difference that the light picked us to shine through our weakness. I hope I find a good tree with a lot of good qualities. But I really hope that the light finds me in all my imperfections so that He can be seen in the holes of my life. Merry Christmas, everyone. May you have joy and peace. May God be born in every home and heart so that darkness may end and light and life be forever. **Fr. Mark**

Mass Intentions for the Week	
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Leroy Warnement, Jiggs &amp; Helen Unverferth Erma Wehri, Jim &amp; Helen Knueven Leanne Goedde Pardo, Shawn Bailey Nolan &amp; Irma Krouse, Greg Zenk Virg &amp; Carol Ellerbrock, Donald Niese Mary Lou Niese, Karen Otto, Steve Strauer Mel Unverferth, Craig McElwain</b>
<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Joyce Klausing, John Phillips Don &amp; Joyce Jerwers, Bill Cleemput Tony, Marie &amp; Mike Langhals Armella Fortman, Adrian Birkemeier</b>
<b>11:00 PM</b>	<b>Marcus Landin, Norma Selhorst Dennis Landin, Carl Webken, Ted Sealts Larry Haselman, Gina Ellerbrock Alfred &amp; Marcella Ellerbrock L/D Richard &amp; Gladys Unverferth Family Florence &amp; Wilber Otto, Bob Schimmoeller Don Bendele, Jerome &amp; Ethel Bendele Norm Kahle, L/D Norman Utrup Family L/D Ben Miller Family, Gene Stechschulte Nolan &amp; Irma Krouse, Shawn Bailey</b>
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Ralph, Bruce &amp; Judy Honigfort Bob &amp; Cleora Winkle, Jim Hamilton Connie Miller, Tom Warnecke Hilary, Marie &amp; Reese Burgei Harold &amp; Imelda Stechschulte Mark, Luke &amp; Gerri Stechschulte L/D Tony &amp; Bernadine Hoersten Family L/D Alphonse &amp; Frances Schulte Family Norbert &amp; Belva Berelsman, Mary Lou Felkey</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26</b> <i>St. Stephen, the first martyr</i>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Wilfred &amp; Ruth Hermiller</b>
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27</b> <i>St. John, apostle and evangelist</i>	
<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Sr. Catherine Mary Holtkamp L/D Bernie &amp; Helen Schlhurst Family</b>
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28</b> <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Louis Verhoff (HN)</b>
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29</b>	
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Deacon Frank Knueve, Helen Korte L/D Korte &amp; Brickner Families Deb Grote, Jim Unverferth Walter &amp; Mary Vennekotter Family</b>
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30</b> <i>Holy Family</i>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Carolyn Unverferth</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Sylvester Hanneman, Edna &amp; Dick Kruse Cy, Cecelia &amp; Nick Vorst, Vince Erhart</b>

Christmas Mass Times	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
<b>4:00 p.m. at Kalida</b>	
<b>6:00 p.m. at Continental</b>	
<b>8:00 p.m. at Kalida</b>	
<b>11:00 p.m. at Kalida</b>	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m. at Continental</b>	
<b>10:30 a.m. at Kalida</b>	



**Our Condolences**  
The Funeral Mass for **Louis Verhoff** was held on Wednesday, December 19. The Funeral Mass for **Carolyn Unverferth** was held on Friday, December 21. Please



include Louis, Carolyn and their families in your prayers.

**Choir Assignments - Christmas**  
**4:00:** Youth **8:00:** Renee **11:00:** YAHS **10:30:** HN  
**Choir Assignments - December 29 & 30**  
**4:30:** YAHS **8:00:** HN **11:00:** PW

**Youth Choir - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass**  
Meet in the basement at 3:00 p.m. to warm up.

**Singers Needed Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. Mass**  
Renee Vorst is playing the 8:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and needs volunteers to sing. Simply show up to the choir loft by 8:00 p.m. Thanks!  
**December Holy Name Raffle Winners**

\$250	Tyler Erhart	\$100	Bill Clementz
\$100	Ron Kahle	\$100	Jacob Hermiller
\$100	Judy Newell	\$ 50	Joan Peck
\$ 50	Ron Niemeyer	\$ 50	Lennox Yarnell
\$ 50	Joe Langhals	\$ 50	Tim Verhoff
\$ 50	Kyle Landin	\$ 50	Bob Kramer

Christmas Flower Intentions continued...	
In loving memory of Joyce Klausing from Deacon Bob & Family L/D Cy Vorst Family & Len Kruse Family from Tony & Sandy & Family L/D Fortman & McCollum Families from Denny & Marilyn McCollum In memory of Herk Selhorst & Tom Wannemacher from Julie & Family L/D Liebrecht & Miller Families from M/M Paul Miller In loving memory of Dale Meyers from Gloria, Scott, Michelle, Kim, Tim & Nick For the family of Wilma Vorst L/D Erhart & Recker Families from Mike, Nancy & Melissa L/D Wilbur & Mildred Remlinger Family and L/D Alphonse & Frances Schulte Family Loved Forever & Always Missed: Mike Verhoff, Arnold Verhoff, Mary Verhoff & Cecelia Verhoff from Dot, Ashley, Alan & Michelle In memory of Kahle/Recker Families from Jim Recker L/D Erhart & Smith Families from Dave & Cindy Erhart & Family In loving memory of Edwin & Martha Siefker from Arnold Siefker Merry Christmas, Mom, Dad & Shawn—we love and miss you—Steve, Sheryl & Family L/D Alvin & Mary Hoffman Family and L/D Carl & Cecelia Plescher Family and Charlie & Elma Roy In memory of Tom Niese, Urban & Helen Unverferth and Agnes & Ralph Geckle from Marilyn Niese & Family In loving memory of Gary Stechschulte from Evan, Drew, Nikki & Kris In loving memory of Carl & Florentine Klausing, Charlie Gerdeman, Joe Morman, Dave Brinkman, Ray Hoffman & Bernadina Birkemeier from Jerry, Mary & Family In memory of Paul, Dorothy and Roger Vorst	

**Music Before Christmas Masses**  
**Christmas Eve**  
3:20 p.m. Youth present “Make Room for Jesus”  
7:40 p.m. Instrumental Christmas Music on Organ  
10:25 p.m. YAHS Choir Begins Christmas Carols  
**Christmas Day**  
10:10 a.m. Holy Name Choir Begins Christmas Carols  
**Elementary & High School CCD Classes...**  
will resume on January 2, 2019.

**Mandatory Meeting for First Reconciliation**  
January 22, at 7:00 p.m. in church for parents of students in Grade 2.

**Parish Offices Closed Until January 2**  
**Presentation for Parents in January**  
On Tuesday, January 8, the Culture Project will give a presentation for parents. It will be from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in church. This is mandatory for parents of students in grades 2, 7 and 8 as part of sacramental preparation required by the Diocese, but all parents are invited.

**Deanery Winter Fun Day for High School**  
Thursday, Dec. 27: Bowling in Leipsic at 10 a.m., then on to Miller City for lunch and an afternoon of fun & games. \$10/ person. Please RSVP to Jill (419-532-3494, ext. 103).

**Women’s Retreat—January 26-27, 2019...**  
called Christ Renews His Parish (C.R.H.P.). Call Kelly Webken (863-0168) or Joanne Horstman (234-3204).

**Paper Recycling – Another Change/Update**  
While paper can no longer be recycled in the cardboard trailer at the Village Recycling Site, we have come up with another option to recycle paper here in Kalida! The county will be providing a bin for paper recycling the first full week of every month, similar to what is now done for plastics. Thank you for recycling!

**Holy Name Christmas/New Year’s Party...**  
will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019.

**Last Sunday’s Collection:** \$ 11,992.55