

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26
RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church
MONDAY, JANUARY 1
NO ROSARY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
HIGH SCHOOL CCD FUN NIGHT 7:00 p.m. in gym
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

OFFERTORY - December 30 & 31
4:30 PM Larry & Grace Haselman Family
8:00 AM Herm & Rita Borgelt Family
11:00 AM Barry & Beth von der Embse Family

USHERS – December 30 & 31
4:30 PM: Team 1 **8:00 AM:** Team 2 **11:00 AM:** Team 3

LECTORS - December 30 & 31
4:30 PM Brenda Averagesch, Shelly Burkhart
8:00 AM Chris & Kyla Fortman
11:00 AM Jennifer Erhart, Clara Elkins

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 30 & 31
4:30: Erica Edwards, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Mel Hanneman, Grace Haselman, Jacob Kahle, Halie Kaufman
8:00: Amy Brinkman, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Dave & Jane Kahle, Dianna Kehres, Joyce Klausing, Ryan Kerner
Ministers to Homebound: Amy Brinkman, Tony, Sandy Vorst
11:00: Lori Erhart, Sandy Westrick, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Tara Gerding, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Mark Kahle, Rachel Kahle

January 1 at 10:30 a.m.
Euch. Min: Don Wehri, Eileen Decker, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Ruth Foppe, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Lynda Fortman
LECTORS: Paul Bonifas, Don Wehri

January 6 & 7 Assignments
4:30: Mary Lou Merschman, Mike Krouse, Bob & Annette Meyer, Maclerin Morrissey, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg, Deanna Nienberg, Lisa Niese, Lisa Rampe
LECTORS: Mike Kahle, Deb Schroeder
USHERS: Team 4
OFFERTORY: Mark & Deb Kahle Family

8:00: Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Jane Kleman, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Connor Niese, Mary Plescher, Rose Recker, Deb Miller
LECTORS: Tara Gerding, Erin Kerner
USHERS: Team 5
OFFERTORY: Herm & Rita Borgelt
Ministers to Homebound: Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Ed & Tammy Schroeder

11:00: Sarah Klausing, Deb Knueve, Mandy Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Becky Lucke, Taylor Lucke, McKayla Maag, Deb McIntyre, Alexis Meyer, Diane Schroeder
LECTORS: Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle
USHERS: Team 6
OFFERTORY: Greg & Kim Bockrath Family

		SERVERS
Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	Mason Kerner Grace Klausing Sarah Klausing
	8:00 PM	Josh & Tyler Klausing Jillian Knueve
	11:00 PM	Connor Krouse Trevor Lambert Kevin Lammers
Mon, 12/25	9:00 AM	Marcy Landwehr Logan Langhals Madison Langhals
Tues, 12/26	8:00 AM	Mariah Kerner Carson Klausing
Wed, 12/27	8:00 AM	Evan Klausing Jeret Landwehr
Thurs, 12/28	7:30 PM	Sean Maag EJ Miller Malie Miller
Fri, 12/29	8:00 AM	Kayla Nartker Mitch Langhals Ryan Lucke
Sat, 12/30	4:30 PM	Taylor Lucke Grant Laudick McKayla Maag
Sun, 12/31	8:00 AM	Alexis Meyer Clay Meyer Luke Meyer
	11:00 AM	Brandon Miller Morgan Mock Owen Niemeyer
Mon, 1/1	10:30 AM	Tori Niese Andrew Peck Leo Rafaniello
Tues, 1/2	8:00 AM	Hanna Rampe Livia Recker Kevin Schumaker
Wed, 1/3	8:00 AM	Jaden Smith Allison Stechschulte Evan Stechschulte
Thurs, 1/4	7:30 PM	Connor Niese David Peck Carlie Rampe
Fri, 1/5	8:00 AM	Evan Roebke Dakota Rosselit Dayna Schimmoeller
Sat, 1/6	4:30 PM	Ethan Schmenk Megan Schulte Kara Siefker
Sun, 1/7	8:00 AM	
	11:00 AM	



**Upcoming
Wedding**
**Scott Schnipke &
Courtney Arn**
will be married on
Sat., December 30, 2017
Please include
them in your prayers



Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, December 24, 2017

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.PP.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebe, C.PP.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M.
Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Jill Zeller



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Merry Christmas, everyone. May God bless you all. God gives great gifts. Growing up with so many siblings, Christmas was always an adventure. Our whole parlor was loaded with wrapped gifts. With each child receiving up to about ten presents (Hoying children are always good) the room was full of children and gifts. Growing up with so many in the family also meant that Santa was very creative with toys and wrapping paper. There were times when you could have bet that the new toy that was received was just like a cousin's toy from a couple of years ago. Many times these gifts arrived in shoe boxes and not original boxes. Anyways, it was new for our family. And wrapping paper had several names on it. Mom would sort out which present belonged to which child, as all presents went through Mom on Christmas eve night. The paper may have been a little wrinkled, but we couldn't wait to see what was inside. There was lots of excitement around this special event, but Mom and Dad never let us forget who Christmas was about. We always prayed the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary before we could open presents from Santa. We always took time to go through the manger scene before we unwrapped the first present. As small children, we couldn't wait for the unwrapping. It seemed forever to pray that rosary and count sheep, wise men and shepherds and handle the little figurines of the Holy Family. "Can't we get on with the most important part of the night?" we thought as little children.

Now that I'm a bit older and wiser, I realize what a good gift looks like. I may say I want the latest and best that money can buy, but down deep I want what Jesus came to bring. I want peace and joy with God and my fellow persons. I asked children what they wanted for Christmas this past week and they said, "To spend time with my family." It is funny when I think of Christmases past, I think of being in a room with my parents and siblings praying a rosary around the nativity scene. I don't remember many individual presents, but I remember the peace and joy of being united as a family.

I think that is my Christmas message this year. Be family. Be joyful. Be what God sent His Son for: that we know that all of us are so loved and are meant to share that love. Over the years, I know that my family includes more than blood family. Thanks for being my family and including me in the God moments of your families. Merry Christmas to all of you and may God bless you with great love. *Fr. Mark*

Thank You

The family of Daniel Basinger would like to thank everyone for their kindness during this difficult time. A special thanks to Fr. Mark & Fr. Elmer for their help.

December Holy Name Raffle Winners			
\$250	Ron Rampe	\$100	Dakota Rosselit
\$100	Jax Camp	\$100	Brittany Kahle
\$100	Dan Wilhelm	\$ 50	Kim Meyers
\$ 50	Kevin Detwiler	\$ 50	Marcia Schmitz
\$ 50	Devin Giesige	\$ 50	Ed Schroeder
\$ 50	Emily Gillespie	\$ 50	Derek Siefker

Caroling Before the Christmas Masses...
begins on Christmas Eve 7:30 p.m. before the 8:00 p.m. Mass and 10:25 p.m. before the 11:00 p.m. Mass. On Christmas Day, it begins at 8:40 a.m. before the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Parish Offices are Closed Until January 2

Mass Intentions for the Week	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 <i>St. Stephen, the first martyr</i>	
8:00 AM	Matilda Hohenbrink (A)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 <i>St. John, apostle</i>	
8:00 AM	Gertrud Frommherz
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	
7:30 PM	Herk Selhorst & Tommy Wannemacher
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29	
8:00 AM	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30	
	NM Schnipke & Arn
4:30 PM	Deacon Frank Knueve, Helen Korte L/D Korte & Brickner Families Vince Erhart, Gene Stechschulte Cy, Cecelia & Nick Vorst, Jr. Gerten Dan Schroeder, Sylvester Hanneman George & Daniel Basinger L/D Richard Goedde Family
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 <i>Holy Family</i>	
8:00 AM	Mike Burgei, Mike Feldman George Grone, Else Burgei
11:00 AM	Tom & Janet Schroeder, Neil Warnecke Andy Merschman
MONDAY, JANUARY 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	
10:30 AM	Norbert & Angie Recker
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 <i>St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	
8:00 AM	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3	
8:00 AM	Bill Cleemput
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann</i>	
7:30 PM	L/D Lawrence & Loretta Unverferth Fam. L/D Cy & Frances Kahle Family
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 <i>St. John Neumann</i>	
8:00 AM	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6	
4:30 PM	L/D Joseph Gerding Family L/D Norman & Evelyn Utrup Family L/D Elizabeth & Ben Miller Family
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	
8:00 AM	
11:00 AM	Walter & Edna Warnecke Tom Warnecke, Carla Landin

Last Week's Collection: \$ 12,069.76

Choir Assignments - December 30 & 31
4:30: Renee **8:00:** YAHS **11:00:** PW

Choir Assignments - January 1: **10:30:** HN

Choir Assignments - January 6 & 7
4:30: Renee **8:00:** PW **11:00:** YAHS

Christmas Mass Schedule	
Sunday, December 24	
4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. at Kalida	
6:00 p.m. at Continental	
Monday, December 25	
9:00 a.m. at Kalida	
10:30 a.m. at Continental	

January 1 (Solemnity of Mary)...
is not a holy day of obligation, but there will be Mass at 10:30 a.m. There is no Vigil Mass on December 31.

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Matilda Hohenbrink** was held on Wednesday, December 20. Please remember Matilda and her family in your prayers.

Winter Fun Day - December 27
5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the YMCA, Ottawa. Registration forms can be printed from St Michael Facebook page. Open to all high school students in Putnam County. Food, swimming, volleyball tournament, plus more! Only \$10/person.

Sophomore Retreat
Sunday-Monday, January 14-15, 2018, at Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Registrations were mailed.

Junior High Gathering
Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m., at Miller City St. Nicholas. Registrations were either mailed & distributed at CCD class.

Earn Money for Youth Account...
by helping sell concessions at the CYO games. If you would like to help out, let Jill know. Money in your account can be used toward retreats and other youth events.
Please contact Jill Zeller (419-532-3494, ext. 103, or 567-376-9115) with questions about any of these events.

PCYMCA Aerobics
(Low Impact Aerobics, Stepping & Toning)
Get the new year off to a great start. Come join us, beginning January 8 (runs monthly) on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at the Kalida grade school cafeteria. Cost is \$20 monthly. Please register by calling Lisa (419-532-2339).

Putnam County Right to Life Meeting
Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte. (next to the Kalida fire station). All are welcome. Join us!

Additional Christmas Flower Intentions

In loving memory of Richard, Leona & Bill Grote from Mary, Joe, Nancy, Matt, Crystal, Owen, Collin, Chad, Sara & Makena
In loving memory of Marsha Courtright from Mary, Joe, Nancy, Matt, Crystal, Owen, Collin, Chad, Sara & Makena
In loving memory of Jan Knott from Mary
In loving memory of Theresa Foppe from Mary
In loving memory of Ann Ketcham from Mary
In loving memory of Tarder from Mary
In loving memory of Gina Ellerbrock from her Family
In loving memory of Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock from their Family
In loving memory of Deb Grote, Tarder & Mike Verhoff from their Friends
In loving memory of Cy, Cecelia & Nick Vorst from Kenny & Connie Kruse & Family
In loving memory of our daughter Lilly Ann Kruse from Kenny & Connie & Family
L/D members of the Len Kruse & Cy Vorst Families from the Tony & Sandy Vorst Family
In loving memory of Richard, Gladys & Mark Unverferth, Jim & Martha Wurth, Gary Stechschulte & Alice Tarr from Steve & Linda Unverferth & Family
In loving memory of Hubert Warnecke from Marilyn & Family
In loving memory of Cornelius & Elizabeth Meyer and Len & Agnes Warnecke from Marilyn & Family
Intentions of Vorst & Meyer Family by Wilma Vorst
In loving memory of Edwin & Martha Siefker from Arnold Siefker
In loving memory of Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Carl & Cecelia Plescher and Charlie & Elma Roy
In loving memory of Jim Laudick from Elaine & Family
In loving memory of Bob & Robbie Gerding and Siebeneck & Gerding Families from Theresa Gerding
L/D Siefker & Hoffman Families
In memory of Marie, Hilary & Reese Burgei, Harold & Imelda Stechschulte, Mark, Luke & Gerri Stechschulte from Jim & Susie Burgei
In loving memory of Norbert (Whitey) Kreinbrink and Carl Webken from Cindy & Bill Webken
In loving memory of Lawrence & Loretta Unverferth and Cy & Frances Kahle
In remembrance of Richard & Geraldine Williams and Deacon Frank Knueve
In loving memory of Paul, Marcile & Ron Siebeneck from Pat & Brad Unverferth

High School CCD - January 3
Everyone will meet at St. Michael's Gym for a Fun Night, from **7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Attendance will be taken.

Students Planning Mass...
are Stephanie Price's 1C class on Wednesday, January 3, and Ellen Millott's 6A class on Friday, January 5.

Recent Baptisms
LUCAS MICHAEL CLARK
Son of Michael & Cara (Nielsen) Clark
VIALA RAE FORTMAN
Daughter of Keith & Ann Rea (Miller) Fortman
PATRICK ALAN STRAUER
Son of Kyle & Tracy (Richardson) Strauer

CRHP Women's Retreat at Kalida
January 27-28, 2018. Contact Ann (419-615-3922), Wendy (419-957-4194), or Vicki (419-236-1198).

“We’ve Got Heart!” Awareness Game
Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) is the most common birth defect among children, affecting nearly 2-3 million individuals from the U.S., including several from Ft. Jennings & Kalida. The key to help is providing awareness, and “We’ve Got Heart!”-a local Congenital Heart Disease awareness and fund-raising event-is being hosted by the Kalida Biomedical Innovation class. The event will be held at the **Kalida versus Fort Jennings boys basketball game on January 12, 2018**, with a 6:00 p.m. start time. Funds raised through raffle baskets and donations will be donated to Nationwide Children’s Hospital for CHD research and to afflicted families. “We’ve Got Heart!” T-shirt order forms are available at each schools’ offices and websites with a \$10 price, with orders due January 2, 2018, with checks written to “Kalida High School,” earmarked to Cats who Care. Come to Kalida High School on January 12 to support “We’ve Got Heart!”