



FRESHMEN RETREAT: A few weeks ago, these teens joined together for their Freshmen Retreat. The theme of the Retreat was “Living the Beatitudes.” Thank You to Fr. Mark, all the presenters, and all the parents who helped during the evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
RCIA: 7:00 p.m.
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: after 7:30 p.m. Mass
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 (Offices are Closed)
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: Youth asked to attend 7:30 Mass
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Caroling in Kalida

Friday, December 17, the Challenge Club will be caroling from 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. If you would like a visit, call Mary Siefker at 419-532-2480 or 419-969-5129.

Kalida 2022-23 Kindergarten Registration

Please use the following link to register online.
<https://forms.gle/oC3276TnLeeszTTKA>

A completed registration form, with a copy of a certified birth certificate, should be completed and returned before December 15. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2022, to register. For additional information, please contact the school office at 419-532-3845.

**Upcoming
 Wedding**

**Kendra Unverferth
 &
 Tyler Huss**
*will be married on
 December 11, 2021.
 Please include them
 in your prayers.*



SERVER SCHEDULE			
Tues, 12/7	8:00 AM	Malia Romes Alex Shiningier	
	7:30 PM	Kendal Bockrath Meredith Bockrath Drew Buss	
Wed, 12/8	8:00 AM	Owen Schnipke Owen Siebeneck	
	7:30 PM	Kaylyn Bockrath Logan Bockrath Andrea Burgei	
Thurs, 12/9	7:30 PM	Parker Vorst Adam Bockrath	
Fri, 12/10	8:00 AM	Hannah Bendele Morgan Bockrath	
Sat, 12/11	4:30 PM	Brandt Brinkman Gabi Brinkman Evvy Cattell	
Sun, 12/12	8:00 AM	Blake Eickholt Brooke Erhart Nick Foppe	
	11:00 AM	Ryan Fischnich Evan Fischnich Kenzie Fortman	

December 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Euch. Min.: Norma Unverferth, Norma Vorst, Tony & Sandy Vorst
LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher

December 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Euch. Min.: Don Wehri, Scott Unverferth, Jim & Marilyn Becker
LECTOR: Don Wehri

USHERS - Immaculate Conception
Dec. 7 at 7:30: Team 7 **Dec. 8 at 7:30:** Team 8

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - December 11 & 12
4:30: Duane & Barb Steffan, Matt Bockrath, Logan Bockrath
LECTOR: Brenda Averagesch
8:00: Greg Bockrath, Kendal Bockrath, Tom Bonifas, Rita Borgelt
LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart
Ministers to Homebound: Diane Schroeder
11:00: Brooke Vennekotter, Greg & Jill Zeller, Alice Adams
LECTOR: Greg Zeller

USHERS - December 11 & 12
4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

In my family there were three birthdays in December. Mom's birthday was December third. Ron's birthday is on December fifth and Dick's birthday is on December twenty first. No one wanted to get shorted on presents since their birthdays were close to Christmas. Mom never seemed to mind the December date, while Ron was a little more vocal and Dick made the most noise when it came to "sharing" a birthday so close to Jesus' birthday. Us brothers made sure Dick shared the Savior's birthday most by sending him out to the barn.

For me, there is nothing like going out to a barn to prepare for Christmas. Some time this week, I will go out to a local barn to get in the Christmas spirit. I picture Jesus, Mary and Joseph in that first stable. I put myself in a simple setting and listen. It takes a while to begin to hear wind, even if it is just a small breeze, there is a sound. I think of the Spirit breathing over the newness of creation at the start of Genesis. I think of Jesus' first breath and Mary and Joseph's excitement at that first breath of life for their newborn Son. There are other sounds in a barn. Sometimes it is a sparrow or just the creaking of old boards. God's presence is everywhere, as He takes care of the sparrows and dwells in palaces and shacks around the world and every building in between. He breathes life wherever He goes. Life is so simple, yet so complicated.

I go to barns to think of the barns I grew up with. I often prayed there. We had livestock on our farm. I loved the sounds and smells of the animals. They were companions on my spiritual journey. I enjoyed the calves, as they kicked up their heels in freshly-spread straw. I loved the old cows as they allowed me to rest on their backs for a quick nap before school. In the simplicity of creation, I journeyed with the Lord. As Jesus journeyed in the womb of Mary while the donkey carried her to Bethlehem, somehow the simplicity of animals carries me through Advent.

In the stable this week, we placed straw and animals. I believe we have to be simple to understand the complexity of the Savior of the world. In His simplicity, there is a treasure of depth that all creation will be affected by. If I don't empty myself, I don't believe I can fathom that the Son of God would empty himself for all of us. The barn is a sign of simplicity for me. I ask the Lord to be born in me. If I have myself so full of pride or treasures of this world, I might not have room for the Lord in my life. As a family, we sent Dick out to the barn on his birthday. Send me out to the barn where I have a chance to find the Lord in all His simplicity.

If you can't find me this week, look in a barn. Have a great week. Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6	<i>St. Nicholas</i>
1:00 PM	Funeral Mass - Larry Peck
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7	<i>St. Ambrose</i>
8:00 AM	L/D Walter Warnecke & Ray Schroeder Fam.
7:30 PM	John Smith (HN), Jack Fortman (HN)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>
8:00 AM	Earl Kleman & Families
	Al & Mary Siefker & Families
7:30 PM	Thelma Vennekotter, Ted Sealts (A)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9	
7:30 PM	L/D Al & Anna Marie Warnecke Family
	Leo & Irene Schnipke, Marlene Verhoff
	L/D Haselman & Verhoff Family
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10	
8:00 AM	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11	
	NM Unverferth & Huss
4:30 PM	John Smith, Gary Bockrath, Ron Kahle, Jr.
	Sylvester Hanneman, Edna & Richard Kruse
	Ann & Jerome Bonifas
	L/D Merschman & Saum Family
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
8:00 AM	Norbert & Lorene Fuerst, Richard Fuerst
	Moxie & Cindy Wehri, Ken Okuley
	Alfred & Kate Wehri, Ruth Wehri
11:00 AM	L/D Harry & Alberta Selhorst Family
	Urban Selhorst, Kelly Miller
	L/D Tom & Janet Schroeder Family
	Matilda Hohenbrink, Larry Peck (HN)

Last Sunday’s Collection \$ 11,239.05

Choir Assignments - Immaculate Conception
Dec. 7 at 7:30: YAHS Dec. 8 at 7:30:

Choir Assignments - December 11 & 12
4:30: Ashleigh 8:00: YAHS 11:00: Laura



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
John Smith
was held on Monday,
November 29.
Please include John
and his family
in your prayers.



Our Condolences
The Funeral Mass for
Jerome “Jack” Fortman
was held on Tuesday,
November 30.
Please include Jack
and his family
in your prayers.

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Larry Peck
will be held on Monday,
December 6, at 1:00 p.m.
Please include Larry
and his family
in your prayers.



Recent Baptism
RHETT JOSEPH GOEDDE

Son of Nathan & Alisha (Knueve) Goedde

Thank You

The family of John Smith would like to thank you for all the prayers, support and kind words during this difficult time. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all who played a part in making his celebration of life so meaningful. We have been blessed to live in such a great and supportive community.

The John Smith Family

The Giving Tree (Deadline is December 13)

In addition to the items on the tree, we will also be collecting: **Canned Fruit, Tide Pods, New Sweatshirts (all sizes), New Hats, New Gloves, New Sweaters, Diapers (all sizes), Body Wash, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Band-Aids, Antibiotic Ointments, Boxes of Cereal, Toothbrushes, Dollar Tree Detergent, and any other items needed by families.** THANKS!!!

Christmas Flower Deadline is December 19

Area Penance Services

Sunday, December 5 at Ottoville at 2:00 p.m.
Monday, December 6, at Glandorf at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 9, at Leipsic, at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 14, at Kalida at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Virtue of the Week is Patriotism

Patriotism is paying due honor and respect to one's country with a willingness to serve. Ways to practice this virtue are to show respect for your country's flag, for people and symbols representing our country; pray for leaders and soldiers. Saints who practiced patriotism were St. Louis IX, St. Thomas Becket, St. Patrick and St. Josaphat. Please take time to look up those saints online. Our prayer is "*Dear Jesus, Please bless my country and all those who work hard to lead it. Thank You for blessing us with many good gifts! May You always be King of this land. May You be glorified through its government and laws. Give me a heart of service, especially toward those who are weak and defenseless.*"



Mass Times for Feast of Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 7
7:30 p.m. at Kalida
Wednesday, December 8
8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. at Kalida
6:00 p.m. at Continental

Students at Mass This Week

All students will attend the Mass on Wednesday, December 8. Students in grades 6 are doing the ministries. That is the only day students will be at Mass that week.

High School CCD - December 8

No Class. Everyone is asked to attend the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

The Next Eucharistic Adoration...

will be Monday, December 6, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Please join us as we pray for those affected by Covid and for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

CLC Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 15, at Dick’s Steak House. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP by December 9 by calling Mary Lou Hoffman (532-3373).

Trinity Health Services is Now Hiring

We're seeking passionate individuals to join our health campuses in Leipsic, Ottawa, and Kalida. Experience the joy of working for a company that cares for you while you focus on caring for others. Trilogy offers careers in clinical services (caregivers, certified nurse aides, nurses), dining services (cooks, servers), housekeeping, and more). We want you to be a part of what makes us the BEST place to work. Visit trilogyjobs.com/leipsic to explore our current opportunities and apply today. Questions? Text our recruiter Lindsay at (419) 481-7657. Team Trilogy - It's Where You Belong.



Don't Forget St. Nick!
The feast day of
St. Nicholas is this
Monday, December 6!

This Week’s Spiritual Crib

DEC. 6 - MANGER: Fix the best and warmest corner of your heart for the manger of Jesus. You will do so by abstaining from what you like most in the line of comfort and amusement. --*Mary, use these sacrifices to prepare my heart for Jesus in Holy Communion.*
DEC. 7 - HAY: Supply the manger of your heart with hay, by overcoming all feelings of pride, anger or envy. --*Jesus, teach me to know and correct my greatest sins.*
DEC. 8 - SOFT STRAW: Also provide your manger with soft straw by performing little acts of mortification; for instance, bear the cold without complaints; or sit and stand erect. --*Dear Jesus, Who suffered so much for me, let me suffer for love of You.*
DEC. 9 - SWADDLING CLOTHES: Prepare these for the Divine Infant by folding your hands when you pray, and praying slowly and thoughtfully. --*Jesus, let me love you more and more.*
DEC. 10 - BLANKETS: Provide the manger of your heart with soft warm blankets. Avoid harsh and angry words; be kind and gentle to all. --*Jesus, help me to be meek and humble like You.*
DEC. 11 - FUEL: Bring fuel to the crib of Jesus. Give up your own will; obey your superiors cheerfully and promptly. --*Jesus, let me do Your will in all things.*
DEC. 12 - WATER: Bring fresh, clean water to the crib. Avoid every untruthful word and every deceitful act. --*Dearest Mary, obtain for me true contrition for my sins.*