

# St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - December 6, 2015

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m.  
 HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: after Mass  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in church basement  
 PW CHOIR PRACTICE: after 7:30 p.m. Mass  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.  
 YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
 ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
 THAT MAN IS YOU: 6:30 a.m.

## Kalida 2016-17 Kindergarten Registration

Registration forms available in the elementary office. Please return the completed registration form, with a certified birth certificate, before December 18. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2016, in order to register. For additional info., please contact the office (532-3845).

## Advent by Candlelight at the Shrine

Saturday, December 12, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., in the Sorrowful Mother Shrine cafeteria. There will be light hors d'oeuvres and a reflection on the revelations of St. Bridget. A great way to prepare for the coming of Christ! Confession at 3:00 p.m. and Mass at 4:00 p.m. are also available that day. The Shrine is located six miles south of Bellevue on Highway 269. For questions or to reserve your seat, call the Gift Shop at 419-483-3435, ext. 6. Hope to see you there!

## Thanks!

We would like to thank the parish for all the prayers and support while we were at NCYC. We are hoping to put together a slide show and presentation in the near future to share. One of the teens favorite part of the weekend was Friday evening Adoration time, when over 23,000 people were completely quiet and spending that time in prayer with our Lord. How amazing to feel the presence of the Lord among all gathered in the Lucas Oil Stadium! We converted a place of athletic competition into an intimate encounter with Christ! Continue to bring Christ with you as you attend those sporting events and you'll be sure to see Him in all!



## NCYC Attendees

Back Row: Jack Zeller, Trevor Vorst, Bradley Siefker, Connor Krouse, Josh Verhoff, Adam Fitzgerald and Paul von der Embse

Front Row: Renee Vorst, Elizabeth Loveland, Danielle Maag, Jade Zeller and Margaret Maume (from Toledo)

Adults who attended: Connie Cleemput, Phil Fuerst, Mary Siefker and Jill Zeller.

## OFFERTORY - December 12 & 13

**4:30 PM** Carl & Rhonda Osterhage  
**8:00 AM** Marc & Renee Kerner Family  
**11:00 AM** Greg & Kim Bockrath Family

## USHERS – December 12 & 13

**4:30 PM** Team 1  
**8:00 AM** Team 2 **11:00 AM** Team 3

## LECTORS – December 12 & 13

**4:30 PM** Barb Unverferth, Renee Vorst  
**8:00 AM** Don Wehri, Brenda Aversch  
**11:00 AM** Beth Selhorst, Carl Siefker

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 12 & 13

**4:30:** Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Dick & Jane Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Duane & Barb Steffan, Kay Unverferth, Norma Unverferth

**8:00:** Ron & Dorothy Kerner, Mike & Karen Sarka, Mary Lou Merschman, Mary Siefker, Don Wehri, Norma Vorst, Tony & Sandy Vorst

**Ministers to Homebound:** Ron & Dorothy Kerner

**11:00:** Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Diane Vorst, Renee Vorst, Lisa Unverferth, Sandy Westrick, Allison Wurth, Greg & Jill Zeller, Jade Zeller

## SERVERS

Mon, 12/7	8:00 AM	Mitch Langhals Ryan Lucke
	7:30 PM	Jack Zeller Kage Bockrath Derek Buss
Tues, 12/8	8:00 AM	Luke Meyer Brandon Miller
	7:30 PM	Kelly Doepker Alecia Dunn Bailey Eickholt
Wed, 12/9	8:00 AM	Dayna Schimmoeller Kathryn Siebeneck
Thurs, 12/10	7:30 PM	Brenna Smith Tyler Unverferth
Fri, 12/11	8:00 AM	Jasmine Vorst Will Zeller
Sat, 12/12	4:30 PM	Brian & Erica Edwards Ryan Ellerbrock
Sun, 12/13	8:00 AM	Adam Fitzgerald Alec & Collin Fortman
	11:00 AM	Maddison Edelbrock Morggan Edelbrock Brandon Erhart

# a Mary Christmas



Join our Religious Ed. students in grades 1-5, as they present "A Mary Christmas," This Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m., in St. Michael's Gym

## Immaculate Conception Mass Times

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

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It's been a busy week, as our churches get ready for the coming of Christ. Decorations are going up. It's time to reach out our hands to those in need (a big thanks to all who have helped this year). Children are preparing for Christmas programs and making lists.

For me, I always wait for children's Christmas programs. There is such innocence and joy as a child sings (shouts out) Christmas tunes. This year at St. Michael's, our first through fifth grades are presenting "A Mary Christmas." It is a short story of how Mary may have prepared for the birth of Jesus. In the midst of first graders waving to parents, as they sing, is a story of a humble, prayerful young woman who says "yes" to God's call. Because we don't have much time to practice, the actual performance is by the hand of God. I'm not saying that everything will be heavenly, but we will try to capture the real reason to celebrate Christmas.

Besides children getting me prepared for Jesus' coming, this year I look to items on our Giving Tree at St. Michael's to help get me in the Christmas spirit. The Missionaries of the Precious Blood work in Chicago with people in tough situations. When asked how we could help, an interesting request was made. They asked for underwear. Surrounded by requests for "smart phones" or "I have everything I need," a voice from Chicago asked for underwear. Talk about basics. To hear the stories of children who have only had second hand underwear from second hand stores brought me back to a child in Bethlehem with basic shelter (a place where animals were housed) and basic clothing (swaddling clothes). In the midst of basics was the most basic need of all. Jesus was surrounded by love.

December 8 begins a Holy Year of Mercy. Mercy holds many meanings. It can mean forgiveness. It can mean love to the weak. For me, it means a time of welcome for those who have been overlooked or have felt like an outsider. There are many families who have members who, for some reason, have become alienated. Our Church family is no different. This year is a time to welcome back with mercy. It is not only a time to come back for those who have been away, but also a time to welcome back. There is no point in asking forgiveness or acceptance if the welcome doesn't come with it. The basic need for love draws one back if there is mercy ready to receive. In this year of mercy, let us all do our part in making our family one in the Lord.

Throughout this year our parishes will have activities that promote oneness and harmony. During Advent, let us be people of Mercy. Have a great week. *Fr. Mark*

## Area Penance Services

Thursday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m., at Columbus Grove

Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m., at Leipsic

**Tuesday, December 15, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Kalida**

Monday, December 21, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Ottawa

## Santa Claus at Kalida K of C

This Sunday, December 6, at 1:00 p.m.

## Collecting Blankets & Sheets for a Shelter

A shelter is in need of blankets and twin size sheets, new or gently used. They do accept tie blankets (they have around 60 kids). You can drop the blankets off at the Parish Center or in the elevator entrance of church by **December 13**. Any questions, call the Parish Center (532-3474). Thanks!!!

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7** *Immaculate Conception Vigil*

**8:00 AM** Arlene Edelbrock

**7:30 PM** Monica Verhoff, Jeanette Borgelt

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8** *Immaculate Conception*

**8:00 AM** Rose, Tom & Kim Erhart

**7:30 PM** Harold, Evangeline, Nick & Chris Potts  
Steve Killion

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**8:00 AM** Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**7:30 PM** Gene & Mary Ann Recker  
Carol Morman

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**8:00 AM** Loretta, Aaron & Martha Miller

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**4:30 PM** L/D Sigmond & Clara Ricker  
Jim Knueven, Mike Rampe  
Barbara June Warnement, Carl Maag

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13** *Third Sunday of Advent*

**8:00 AM** Annie Ketcham

**11:00 AM** Gertrude & Wilfred Hark  
Theresa Foppe, Edna Kruse  
L/D Harry & Alberta Selhorst Family  
Ray & Norma Berheide

**Last Week's Collection:** \$ 9,136.12

## Choir Assignments—December 12 & 13

**4:30:** HN **8:00:** YA **11:00:** Lauren

## Youth Choir Has Added Two Practices

December 21 & 22, after school. Students may come over to the choir loft after school. Practice will be over at 4:00 p.m.

## Holy Name Choir Sings...

the 7:30 p.m. Mass this Mon., Dec. 7. Practice will follow.

## Praise & Worship Choir

sings for the 7:30 p.m. Mass, on Tuesday, December 8. Practice will follow. We will also have practice on Monday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m.

## Recent Baptism

KAMDEN MATTHEW SIEBENECK

Son of Randy & Jessica (Schnipke) Siebeneck

## CYO Games This Sunday, December 6

Boys A team will play at 3:00 p.m., at Miller City

Girls team plays at 3:00 p.m., at New Riegel

Boys B team plays at 4:15 p.m., at New Riegel

Stay tuned to St. Michael CYO Facebook!

## CLC Christmas Party...

to be held at Dick's Steak House on Thursday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. Please call Ann Warnecke (532-3662) by December 7.

## The Meadows of Kalida Christmas Tree Gala

Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. We will have Santa, crafts for the kids, live entertainment and the tree auction.

## Offices Closed This Tuesday

The parish offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 8, due to the holy day.

## Christmas Flower Intentions

Deadline for your Christmas flower intentions is Sunday, December 13. Thanks.

## 2015 Mass in the Barn

December 20, at 6:00 p.m., in Mark & Marlene Kahle's Barn.

## 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 (532-3474) or email [stmich@bright.net](mailto:stmich@bright.net) by Monday, December 14. We will draw a name for each Mass and contact the winners on December 16. We will be choosing one girl and one boy for each of the Masses. They will be playing the roles of Mary and Joseph, bringing the Christ Child to the Manger. Christmas Eve Masses are at 4:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. and Christmas Day Mass is at 9:00 a.m.

## 2016 Offertory Envelopes...

are now in the back of church. They will only be there until December 20, so please pick them up soon...thanks! If you cannot find a box with your name on it, call the Parish Center (419-532-3474) and we will make sure you get one.

## The Giving Tree (Items Due This Week)

There are still tags on the tree for The Meadows of Kalida. We hope to have all of these taken from the tree, as you give of your time and talent to the residents of The Meadows throughout the year. Items purchased for the missions in Chicago can be placed under the tree by **December 11**.

### Items Needed for Precious Blood Reconciliation Center:

If we run out of tags on the trees, these are the items we need for the young males (age 14-24) at the Reconciliation Center in Chicago: **black hoodies, skull caps (with the cuff), medium or small white t-shirts, medium boxers, warm gloves, men's winter coats and long white sweat socks.** Just place your own tag on the box, with "Chicago" and its contents written on it. As these are Christmas gifts, we are only accepting **brand new** items. Thanks!!!

## High School Choir & Band Christmas Concert

Monday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the KHS Auditoria.

## Immaculate Conception Ministry Assignments

**December 7, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Euch. Ministers:** Deb Miller, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Lisa Niese, Michele Niese, Morgan Niese, Joan Peck, Jane Kleman

**LECTORS:** Wendy Schimmoeller, Joyce Schnipke

**USHERS:** Team 1

**December 8, at 7:30 p.m.**

**Euch. Ministers:** Don Rall, Lisa Rampe, Rose Recker, Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger, Tom Roof, Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Cassy Schulte

**LECTORS:** Ed & Tammy Schroeder

## Students at Mass

The Jr. High and elementary students will attend Mass on Tuesday, December 8, for an All School Mass.

## High School CCD - December 9

Class at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Elmer will meet with the juniors in the church basement.

## High School Winter Fun Day

Tuesday, December 29, at Sports Center Lanes, Pandora, from Noon - 2:30 p.m. An "After Party" will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul Youth room, Ottawa, from 2:30-5:00 p.m. for all who want to continue celebrating with teens from around the St. George Deanery. Cost is \$10. Registration forms at [stmichaelskalida.org](http://stmichaelskalida.org), under the Youth Group Tab!

## 8th Grade Fun Night

All 8th grade students are invited to a night of Faith, Food & Fun on Friday, December 18, from 7:00-11:00 p.m., at St. Michael's gym. Cost is \$4 at the door.

## Sophomore Retreat—Save the Date!

Sunday, January 17, 2016 to Monday, January 18, 2016

## Christmas in Kalida is This Sunday!

Sunday, December 6, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., at Four Season Park. The day of the week has changed, but the schedule is as fun as ever: food (**\$1 hot dogs, \$1.50 chili and \$2 chicken sandwiches**), horse carriage rides, the Lima Bean Choir, choirs from school, Live Nativity, Yule Log, Santa, and more! Come out and enjoy the season!

## Year of Mercy Talk

Fr. Rick Friebe C.P.P.S. will speak on "His Mercy is Everlasting" on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m., at Glandorf St. John's Parish Center. It will focus on the "Jubilee Year of Mercy" document by Pope Francis. Come join us, at the Year of Mercy begins.

## Brunch Theater in Ft. Jennings

On Sunday, December 20, for one show only, Jennings Memorial Hall will team up with the Van Wert Civic Theater to present their musical "G.I. Holiday Jukebox" at Memorial Hall. The brunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and the show will begin at 1:00 p.m. This show features an all star cast (**including our very own Laura Warnement**) and classic songs that pay tribute to the USO shows of World War II. Cost is \$15 and gets a great brunch and the show. Limited seating, so make reservations by calling 419-286-3678.

**Note:** If you can't make it on December 20, this show is currently playing at the Van Wert Civic Theater. The dates are December 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13

## PTO – SCRIP Cards

The Kalida Elementary PTO will be placing a SCRIP gift card order on December 15. Gift cards arrive approximately one week from the order date. Your purchase of gift cards through the PTO will help generate funds for new playground equipment at the Elementary School. Order forms can be found at [kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/file/PTO/Scrip1516.pdf](http://kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/file/PTO/Scrip1516.pdf) or in the Elementary School office.