

Parish Christmas Donation Project

This year we will be supporting two charities:

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society and
Christian Corner Community Center**

Both of these organizations serve the poor & needy in the area. **St. Vincent de Paul Society** provides for the needs of over 100 households. Their list of needs includes *any item found in the grocery store, except fresh or frozen foods or refrigerated foods. They need any canned or boxed foods, cereals, cake mixes, cookies, household items, soaps, shampoo, and detergents. Think of any items you need in your family.*

For the **Christian Corner Community Center**, you can adopt a family by providing an **Essential Gift Bag**. It includes things we take for granted and no one thinks of. By providing those items, it will help that family have a little extra money to get a loved one something they have wanted all year, but were not able to afford. Items for the Essential Gift Bag include *toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, laundry soap, socks of all sizes, diapers of all sizes and large Depends. They ask that those items be put in either a laundry basket or a basket of some kind that they can use and not throw away.* The Center also provides a meal everyday for 50 to 100 people and hands out 50 food boxes a month. If you would like to make a cash donation, both of these organizations are 501 (c)(3).

These items can be dropped off during the Drive-by/Walk-by Live Nativity on December 6 (on the provided wagons on the grounds of St. Michael's Church) or in church.

High School CCD - December 9

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, December 7, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Virtue of the Week is Respect

Respect means speaking and acting according to our own and other's rights, status, and circumstances. Ways to cultivate respect are to listen and smile when asked to do something. Be respectful in words and actions toward people, places, and things. Avoid sarcasm. Several Saints who modeled respect are St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Damien of Molokai. Be sure to check out the video on respect available through go-ledigital.org. produced by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

Schedule of Students at Mass This Week

Tuesday: Grade 6 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 3 at 8:50 a.m.

Wednesday: Grade 5 at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: Grade 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Friday: Grade 8 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 4 at 8:50 a.m.

2021 Offertory Envelopes in Back of Church

Please pick up your box as soon as possible. If you don't see your box, call the Parish Center and we'll get one for you.

Socially Distanced Carolers!

Would you enjoy some Christmas Carolers? On Friday, December 18, from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m., the Challenge Club girls will be caroling throughout the village. They will remain outside and serenade you with their angelic Christmas voices. If you are up for a visit, please contact Mary Siefker at 419-532-2480 to get your name on the Nice List and we will be sure to stop by!!! Happy Advent!!

December 7

7:30: Ryan & Erin Kerner, Mark Remlinger

LECTOR: Lynda Fortman

December 8

7:30: Deb Schroeder, Duane & Barb Steffan

LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart

December 12 & 13

4:30: Lisa Unverferth, Kay Unverferth, Scott Unverferth

LECTOR: Kyla Fortman

8:00: Donna Schnipke, Dennis & Blyth Turnwald

LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart

11:00: Norma Vorst, Greg & Jill Zeller

LECTOR: Deb Kahle

Lector Workbooks for New Liturgical Year...

starting on November 29 are in the priests' sacristy. Current lectors are asked to pick up their copy.

Kalida Kindergarten Registration 2021-22

Please use this 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, 2021, in order to register. For additional information, contact the school office at 532-3845.

Ways to Support the Kalida Park Foundation

You can recycle: aluminum cans, scrap steel, cardboard, clothing and shoes. Recycling raises \$20-25K/year. We have been recycling for 11 years, so recycling has raised over \$250,000 for Kalida Parks! It truly does add up! Imagine how much could be raised if everyone in our community recycled. ALSO, you can shop at smile.amazon.com and choose "Kalida Park Foundation" as your charity. It is the same as shopping at Amazon with NO ADDITIONAL FEE, but 0.5% of your purchase will benefit Kalida parks. It's a win-win! Flyers with Recycling and AmazonSmile details are available at the exits of church and at the post office.

Hot Cocoa Drive-Thru & Facebook Auction

Join The Meadows of Kalida for a free Hot Cocoa Drive-Thru on Sunday, December 13, from Noon - 2:00 p.m. Also, join them for a Christmas décor silent auction on Facebook. All bids need to be placed by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, the 13th. All proceeds benefit the Putnam County Senior Center.

Upcoming Wedding

*Nicole Recker
& Austin Horstman*

*will be married on
December 12, 2020.*

*Please include them
in your prayers.*



St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - December 6, 2020

Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary

MASS TIMES

Monday, December 7

7:30 p.m. (Kalida)

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 a.m. (Kalida)

8:50 a.m. (Kalida)

6:00 p.m. (Continental)

7:30 p.m. (Kalida)



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. As I write this on December 3, it would have been my mom’s 103rd birthday. I can’t imagine my mom getting ready for Christmas. In the midst of trying to put Christmas together for a family of 17, my mom would still milk the cows in the morning and do fancywork (embroidery) at night. I can’t tell you how many cookies a big family goes through. Mom would bake fruitcake cookies, pinwheels, pixies, pecan balls and enough sugar cut out cookies to feel a small army (that’s right, we were a small army). And then there was the decoration of cookies and tree. The tinsel had to be put on just right…it was the same tinsel that we saved from previous Christmases.

The tinsel was about the only thing which had to be perfect. Mom was very simple in so many ways. The cookies and tree were decorated by us kids and came out age appropriate. The cookies were anything but perfect, as broken legs of shepherds were quickly eaten by small decorators. I can’t tell you how many broken angel wings were devoured by devilish children. Maybe that is why I turned out a little on the ornery side. I don’t believe I got to eat an entire angel sugar cookie in all the years of decorating cookies.

Mom was simple in ways of life. If we couldn’t grow it in our garden, it didn’t make the table. As a family, we had lots of meat and potatoes. I still remember when my sister came home from college and made lasagna. Mom was pretty skeptical when noodles had to be purchased. She liked it and became a special meal…but mom still preferred her meat and potatoes. Our family didn’t go out to a restaurant, but when we did, mom ordered roast beef and potatoes.

I believe that as complicated as a family of 17 can be, simplicity was what held us together. We played gambling card games for a penny and then returned the coins to a penny jar. We never ran out of money or fun, as we played many games. Mom made sure that we all knew how to pray. We would teach children at the kitchen table the simple prayers of the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. Those simple prayers were prayed at every meal…before and after our meat and potatoes.

Mom even dressed very simply. She nearly always had everyday dresses in which she would do her chores. I don’t believe mom ever made it style wise to wear a pair of blue jeans. Those simple dresses lasted forever, as now when we look at pictures, mom was always pictured in the same couple of dresses.

What made life simple for mom was that she knew what was important. We all knew how important God was in her life. Pictures of the Sacred Heart or Last Supper hung on the walls. People were important in mom’s world. With a handicapped daughter, mom made sure we all knew that even though Helen could not talk, eat by herself or go to the restroom by herself, that she was loved. All people deserved to be loved. It was as simple as that.

As the world gets ready for the complicated season of Christmas, perhaps we need to become simple. Jesus came in the simplicity of a child, in the simplicity of a stable with simple parents. But what was most important came forth from that stable. God showed His love to all people in the simplicity of His Son. Have a blessed week. *Fr. Mark*

Beginning Wednesday, December 9, you can call 419-532-3474 to reserve your seat(s) at any of the Christmas Masses.
Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and **Christmas Day:** 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
If at all possible, please coordinate with your family whom you are comfortable sitting next to, so we can get as many people in a row as possible. There will be 3 spaces between households. Use the map to the right and make sure to write down your seat so you know where you are going on Christmas Eve/Day. **Note:** please don’t leave a message, but call until you reach a staff member.

| Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week | |
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| MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 | <i>Vigil of Immaculate Conception</i> |
| 7:30 PM | Gene Stechschulte |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 | <i>Immaculate Conception of Mary</i> |
| 8:00 AM | Nancy Gasser, Roger Buss, Ron Kahle, Jr. |
| 8:50 AM | Grade 3 |
| 7:30 PM | Bob Grote, Ted Sealts |
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 | |
| 8:00 AM | Bill Cleemput |
| THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 | |
| 8:00 AM | Grade 7 |
| 7:30 PM | Carol Morman, Herk Selhorst |
| | Tom Wannemacher |
| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 | |
| 8:00 AM | Special Intention |
| 8:50 AM | Grade 4 |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 | |
| 4:30 PM | NM Recker & Horstman |
| | Jim Peck, Dan Siefker |
| | Hubert & Irma Pohlman |
| | Rosalia Osterhage, Joanne Rutledge |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 | <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> |
| 8:00 AM | L/D Norman Utrup Family |
| 11:00 AM | Veronica Hicks, Carolyn Unverferth |
| | Ron Kahle, Jr., Bob Unverferth |

Last Week’s Collection: 6,578.00

Lima Symphony Christmas String Quartet
Sunday, December 6, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

We are excited to welcome four members of the Lima Symphony Orchestra to St. Michael’s Church. The string quartet consists of two violins, a viola and a cello. They will be playing Christmas music and also inviting us to sing some Christmas carols. Sign up by calling Jill Zeller at 419-532-2511 or 567-376-9115. Make sure to have the seating chart of church (on the right) when you call her and to write down the row and seat number or letter. Jill will make sure there is proper social distancing between different families. As usual, masks are required. **ADMISSION IS FREE!**

Live Nativity Walk-By/Drive-By Information
Sunday, December 6, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

The scenes will be located at the northeast corner of church. You are asked to drive by/walk by clockwise, starting from church. Scenes will include shepherds, angels, a traditional manger scene and the wise men. Whether driving or walking, we will also be passing out Christmas cookies in bags. There will also be a wagon for your donations for our giving projects. More info. on this can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Olive Wood Art

Because of the coronavirus, a previously scheduled display of artwork will be available in the church basement on the week-end of December 12 and 13. The artwork makes wonderful Christmas presents. The proceeds from this sale goes to help Christians in the Holy Land.

short pews & 1 chair

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C15 C16

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Keep this so you know where to sit on Christmas

altar

Front Rows are reserved for those in wheelchairs

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97 A B C D E E D C B A 57 58 A B C D E E D C B A 131

99 A B C D E E D C B A 61 62 A B C D E E D C B A 133

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Row of chairs C33 C34 C35 C36 C37 C38 C39 C40

Row of chairs C43 C44 C45 C46 C47 C48 C49 C50

1 chair & short pews

H H H H H H

N1 N2 N3 N4 N5 N6

O1 O2 O3 O4 O5 O6

P1 P2 P3 P4 P5 P6

Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q5 Q6

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For the _____ Christmas Mass, I reserved the following seats: