Gift Wrappers Needed at Heartbeat
Heartbeat is looking for gift wrappers at the Lima Mall, for donations, at the following times: December 21, 22 & 23, from 10:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., and December 24, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. If you can volunteer, call 419-222-7945.

PC Museum Christmas Open House
Sunday, December 8, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The theme is “Once Upon a Christmas,” featuring Victorian doll houses, 1960’s Christmas, childhood memories, antique Christmas décor, carols on the parlor organ, Christmas tree and wreath raffle, entertainment and refreshments. Free admission.

KHS Athletic Boosters Membership Drive
You can sign up at any of the high school boys or girls basketball games or contact Mike Gerding (419-532-3108).

Order Gift Cards Through the PTO
Pick up an order form in the Kalida Elementary office or go to this link to print one off: kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/file/PTO/PTOScrip1314.pdf. Return the order form and payment to the Elementary Office (419-532-3845) with questions.

Kalida Kindergarten Registration
Please return the completed registration form with a certified birth certificate before December 16. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2014.

Retreat at Domus Angelorum
Retreat topic is, “Divine Love and Human Love - Is There a Conflict?” The retreat will be on Saturday, December 14. Mass will start at 8:30 a.m., with retreat registration to follow. Cost is $10 per person and bring your own lunch. Domus Angelorum Retreat House is located at 21706 State Route 114, Cloverdale.

March for Life—Washington D.C. ALL
The Paulding area is offering a trip for all to take part in the March for Life in Washington D.C. Leaving Monday, January 20, at 6:00 a.m., and returning Thursday January 23, at approximately 5:00 a.m. Prices are based on 50 passengers. Cost for a single room is $363; double room is $242; triple room is $202 and a quad room is $185. Contact Christopher Bercaw at 419-769-2679 A.S.A.P. If not enough registered, this bus will be cancelled by December 14.

Stop and smell the roses  Stop in the name of love
Stop the Insanity  Stop and ask directions
From the Desk of Fr. Mark
Hi, everyone. After a week of slowing down, it was time to try a new road sign on the journey to the man-
ger. Slow worked well, but I realized I was still not doing my journey as I should. I decided that this week the sign should be STOP. My wheels of life were still coasting through stop signs, rather than making a complete stop. I realized that STOP really does mean STOP.

Growing up in a very large family, my mom was the disciplinarian of the family. When she spoke, you lis-
tened. She said it once, probably because she didn't have time to say it twice with 17 kids to look after. So when she said stop, the whole house would stop. Be it horseplay at the table or the driving of tractors, a stop was there to keep us safe and going in the right direction. A well-
placed stop kept us out of trouble and, in some instances, alive.

With one week into Advent, a stop sign is a good thing to reflect on. Many parishes have their Reconciliation services this week. St. Michael's is no exception. There are parts of our lives when a head-on stop will keep us from harm and maybe keep us alive. Our lives may be coasting, but to truly live full lives, a stop is in order. Is there anything that I really have to stop to make my life go? I thought of times on a journey when a good stop is in order. Running out of gas, asking directions and stopping for a picnic are all ways which a good stop will actually make the journey go well. Are you worn out so much that the right thing to do is to stop? Am I sure of where I am going or do I need to ask God for my direction so I can continue my trip? Have I journeyed with such intensity that I forgot to take time to spend with my loved ones? STOP! It will actually make the journey go smoother and will get us there with life.

This coming Sunday, December 15, St. Michael's reli-
gious education students, grades 1-5, are putting on a Christmas play, entitled "The Promise." It is a break from the worldly Christmas to return to what Christmas should be: God's promise that He would always love us. If you or your family would like to bring up offertory at any of the Christmas Masses, please call the Parish Center (419-532-3474). Mass times are 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 11:00 a.m., on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m., on Christmas Day.

Reconciliation This Week
Wednesday, December 11, at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., are times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Michael's. More priests are available at the 4:00 p.m. Come and stop.

Area Penance Services
Ottoville: Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 p.m.
Leipsic: Sunday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.
Kalida: Wednesday, December 11, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Ottawa: Monday, December 16, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Monday's Special Mass
Since December 8, The Immaculate Conception, fell on a Sunday, we will celebrate a Mass on Monday, December 9, at 8:00 a.m.