

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - February 17, 2019

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It's Valentine's Day as I write this column. As I look around the room I see cookies, cakes and candy. I thank the Lord that I have Fr. Elmer around to balance off all that sweetness. Thanks to everyone who is trying to give me diabetes. Seriously, thanks to everyone who has shared a little love with me. It is greatly appreciated and love right back at you. And as for Fr. Elmer, it is really nice to have him back. After two months of rehab, he has come back to the rectory with new energy.

If you are a watcher of our cable television channel, you have noticed that we are out of focus. We have had numerous phone calls to let us know that something is not right. The shot of the church is of the whole body of the church. There is no focus on what happens at the lectern or altar. The viewers cannot tell that it is me who is celebrating Mass (I thought that might be a plus). We are having technical difficulties with a piece of equipment and we had to send it to a technician. God knows when we will get our picture back in focus. Please be patient as we are working with the situation. Thanks to everyone who let me know that I'm out of focus. No thanks to those who said they think I look better now!!!!!! Happy Valentine's Day to you!!!!!!

Sometimes it seems like the world is out of focus. The world as I thought it should be isn't what I see. I see violence and death. I see what some see as a culture of death. Life isn't respected. Hate seems to have taken over where love should be. Maybe we need to call in a technician. We have focused on a blurry world for so long that we think that blurry is the normal. It doesn't help when the operators of the cameras keep showing stories of hate rather than stories of love. Time to call in the technician. There is only one who can fix such a broken world. We need the Lord to put us back in focus.

When I was much younger a movie came out called "Ice Castles." The theme song for the movie was "Through the Eyes of Love." If we have God as our focus, we will see our life through the eyes of love. God has promised to always be with us and that the gates of the nether world will not prevail against us. Perhaps we have spent too much time looking at train wrecks and not enough time looking at acts of kindness and love. A team of sixth grade girls just left my office after they shared with me their joy of winning a basketball tournament. A couple of girls were thrilled that they made "threes." I was thrilled that they would share their joy as members of St. Michael's. I got to share the joy of being with students at St. John's last night at Continental.

For those who have lost hope, lost faith and lost love, it is time to refocus. The world may seem cold and big, but I know someone who is bigger and warmer. I will focus on the Lord. Have a warm week filled with His love. **Fr. Mark**

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 8,155.50

Kalida Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ

Sunday, March 10. The cost is \$8. Student athletes have been given tickets to sell. Since this is a presale event only, we ask that you turn in the proceeds and any unsold tickets back to Carol Bockrath or the high school office by Friday, February 22. If you need more tickets, please let us know.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM Louis Verhoff, Joyce Klausung

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM Those battling cancer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:30 PM George Karg, Frances Meyer

Karen Blankemeyer, Arnold Siebeneck

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 *The Chair of St. Peter, apostle*

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 *St. Polycarp*

4:30 PM Norm Kahle

Alfred (A) & Marcella Ellerbrock

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 AM Bob, Martha & Chuck Wurth

11:00 AM Don Holtkamp & Family

L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family

Choir Assignments - February 23 & 24

4:30: YAHS 8:00: Laura 11:00: PW

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Jill Zeller's 2B class on Wednesday, February 20, and Annette Schroeder's 8B class on Friday, February 22.

High School CCD - February 20

All will meet in church for a presentation. The Culture Project Missionaries will be speaking on social media.

Eighth Grade Confirmation Interviews

begin Monday, Feb. 18 during their religion class time. All red folders and letters to Father Mark were due on February 1.

Recent Baptisms

AURORA LYNN CASS

Daughter of Jerrod & Nicole (Nordhaus) Cass

LENNA ELIZABETH SCHROEDER

Daughter of Drew & Kylie (McIntyre) Schroeder

Thank You to All...

who have stopped in to visit and provided cards, gifts and food with the sudden passing of my father, George Karg. All the love, support and prayers are deeply appreciated for our family! We are truly blessed. *Angie & Scott Meyer & Family*

K of C 2nd & 3rd Degree Day...

will be held Sunday, March 3, at the OTTAWA K of C Hall for our area. This is a great opportunity for Council 5669 Knights with only their 1st degree to pick up their 2nd (Unity) and 3rd (Fraternity) degrees and complete the trifecta. The degree day registration starts at 10:00 a.m. and the event is complete by early afternoon. Lunch provided. If you can attend, please drop an email with your name and phone # to kofc5669@gmail.com or call Phil Fuerst (419-532-3268) to make a reservation!

Bus Trip to LaComedia

Join us April 6 on a trip to LaComedia Dinner Theater to see "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" (the story of Joseph from Genesis 37). Cost is \$90 per person, includes coach bus, buffet dinner & show. Contact Don Rall (419-969-0521) to reserve your seat.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 (OFFICES ARE CLOSED)

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church

HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church

USHERS – February 23 & 24

4:30 PM

Team 4

8:00 AM

Team 5

11:00 AM

Team 6

LECTORS - February 23 & 24

4:30 PM:

Joyce Schnipke, Paul Bonifas

8:00 AM:

Shelly Burkhart, Bob Buss

11:00 AM

Clara Elkins, Jennifer Erhart

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 23 & 24

4:30: Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Tara Gerding, Grace Haselman, Mark Kahle, Halie Kaufman, Deb Knueve, Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Beth Nienberg

8:00: Dave & Jane Kahle, Jane Kleman, Becky Lucke, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Joan Peck, Mary Plescher, Rose Recker

Ministers to Homebound: Diane Schroeder

11:00: Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Mandy Lambert, Lauren Langhals, McKayla Maag, Deb McIntyre, Alexis Meyer, Deb Miller, Maclerin Morrissey, Peter Morrissey

OFFERTORY - February 23 & 24

Tony & Sandy Vorst Family

Herm & Rita Borgelt Family

Dale & Julie Siebeneck Family

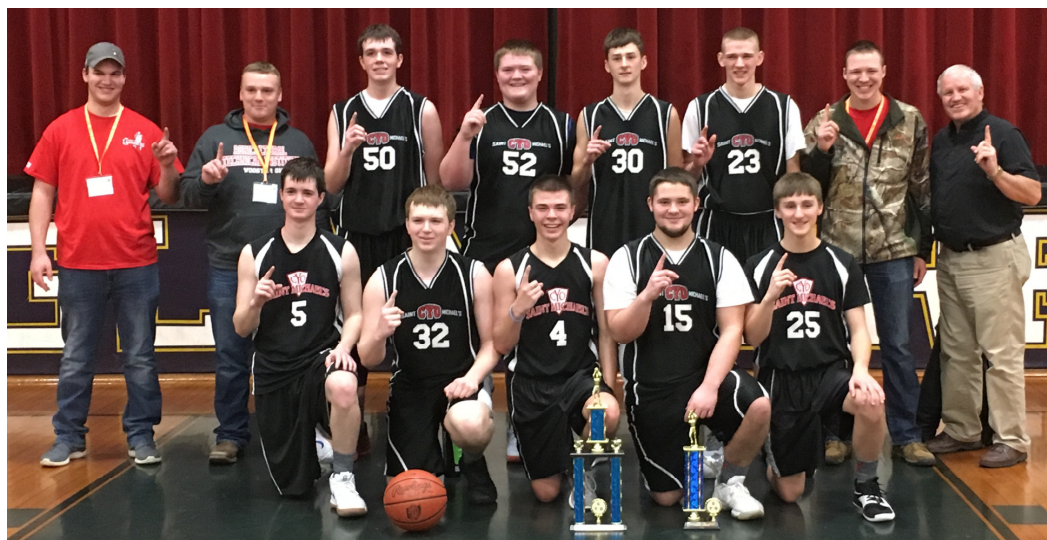
SERVERS

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| Tues, 2/19 | 8:00 AM | EJ Miller |
| | | Malie Miller |
| Wed, 2/20 | 8:00 AM | Kayla Nartker |
| | | Andrew Peck |
| Thurs, 2/21 | 7:30 PM | Leo Rafaniello |
| | | Hanna Rampe |
| Fri, 2/22 | 8:00 AM | Livia Recker |
| | | Kevin Schumaker |
| Sat, 2/23 | 4:30 PM | Megan Schulte |
| | | Justin Siebeneck |
| | | Kathryn Siebeneck |
| Sun, 2/24 | 8:00 AM | Brad & Trevor Siefker |
| | | Adam Siefker |
| | 11:00 AM | Tyson Siefker |
| | | Brenna Smith |
| | | Jakob Swyers |

Catholic Movies/Books at Your Fingertips

To access formed.org, look under “Recent Bulletins” on stmichaelskalida.org for the link and create an account if you haven’t already done so. There are a wealth of Catholic resources for you and your family to enjoy.

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**Putnam County
High School CYO
B Team Champs**

Back Row:

Coach Austin Schulte,
Coach Derrick Schimmoeller,
Luke Meyer, David Peck,
Logan Langhals, Trevor Siefker,
Coach Ryan Siefker & Fr. Mark

Front Row:

Tyler Klausing, Adam Basinger,
Braden Recker, Alec Edelbrock
& Mason Kerner

**Sixth Grade Girls
Putnam County CYO Champs**

Back Row:

Olivia Meyer, Ella Stechschulte,
Madison Unverferth, Alex Gardner,
Lauren Schulte & Avrie Unverferth

Front Row:

Adyson Miller, Allie Kuhlman,
Gabi Brinkman & Meredith Bockrath

