

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I'm less than a week away from knee replacement surgery and am feeling pretty good. I've lost a few pounds and have exercised so that I am ready for a speedy recovery. People have offered everything from food to walkers and canes to rocking chairs to portable toilets to advice to anything you could imagine. It is nice to be so well taken care of. What I really like most are the well wishes and prayers. It is nice to hear children say, as they walk to school, that they will be praying for me. It is nice to hear parishioners of all ages say that they have been praying for me. It was nice to see my name on the prayer board in church. After 40 years of waiting for this surgery, I am ready. Physically, I am a little concerned because my current knee has been bone on bone since I was 20. I'm not sure how a healthy knee will feel, even if it is an artificial one. You may see some new moves as I listen to the song, "Brick House." I am having my left knee worked on this time. My right knee is the knee that is in the worst shape. The left one just happens to hurt more. The squeaky wheel did get the grease.

With prayer being the theme for this year's Lent, I check out our new prayer boards in our churches. Every day I check to see the new entries and include those intentions in my daily prayers and at Mass. There are tender prayers and heartfelt prayers. There are children's prayers and adult prayers. There are prayers of petition and of thanksgiving. It is so nice to know that God is part of the everyday life of so many. Each Wednesday the slate is wiped clean so new prayers can be added as the boards get pretty full in a week's time. Again, it was nice to see my name on the board as I get ready for surgery. I hope it is still there when I return as a prayer of thanksgiving.

As Lent has begun I have heard quite a few Confessions. I encourage parishioners and their families to join in on this way to prepare for Easter. Although Confession is humbling, it is also a way to really grow in our spiritual journeys. Check our schedules and make time to grow in the Lord.

This may be the last installment of pastor notes for a little bit as I will be on pain medication next week. I'm not sure of the content after a few pain killers. It is hard to say what I might say about Fr. Elmer while either in pain or with pain killers. While I'm at my brother's place recuperating, Fr. Elmer and Fr. Rick will be filling in. I will be resting peacefully knowing that the parish is in good hands (I must be on pain medication already as I said something good about Fr. Elmer).

I will miss you guys and will see you hopefully the second weekend in March. Thanks for your prayers and know that I will be praying for you.

Fr. Mark

Another CYO Season is in the Books

We just completed a very successful CYO basketball season. We had three boys teams and one girls team. Although we had a few injuries, our teams did well. We were runners up in the B-league. Players and families had a great time. I'd like to thank all the players and families who made this year so successful. We'd especially like to thank our coaches: Samantha Recker, Megan McIntyre, Riley Edwards, Greg von der Embse, Mike Gerding, Ryan Birkemeier, Derrick Schimmoeller, Ryan Siefker and Austin Schulte. We had a great spirit all year.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM Tom, Kim & Rose Erhasrt

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00 AM Rita Croy, Stephen Moening
Successful Surgery for Fr. Mark

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 PM Norbert & Angie Recker
Karen Blankemeyer
Urban & Frances Meyer

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 *First Friday*

8:00 AM Alaina & Mia Landwehr

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

4:30 PM Tony Brinkman, Ruth Wegesin, Doris Deters

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Walter & Mary Vennekotter
Mary Ann Schnipke & Family
Vince Siefker from the Class of 1967
11:00 AM
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Last Week's Collection: \$ 6,876.05

Choir Assignments—March 3 & 4

4:30: PW 8:00: YAHS 11:00: Youth (practice at 10 am)



Stations of the Cross Through the Eyes of Mary

This Sunday, February 25, at 1:00 p.m. This meditation has been very popular for the past years. Also, join us for fellowship and soup (by Fr. Mark) beforehand in the church basement.

High School CCD - February 28

This will be a night of Adoration and Reconciliation. Students are to meet in their classrooms at 7:00 p.m.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Pat Broecker's 3C class on Wednesday, February 28, and Stephanie Price's 6B class on Friday, March 2.

Second Grade to Lead Rosary

Saturday, March 3, at 4:00 p.m., in church.

Grade 4 to Do Various Ministries...

at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 4.

all High School students are invited:

Protzels & PRAYOR

Thursday, March 1 6:30pm-7:25pm

in the Parish Center

no need to sign-up, just come for an hour of Prayer (& Pretzels)

it's FREE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27****RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement****WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28****HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.****YAH'S CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.****THURSDAY, MARCH 1****EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., in church****HIGH SCHOOL PRETZELS & PRAYER: 6:30 - 7:25 p.m.****ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church****FRIDAY, MARCH 2****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church****SATURDAY, MARCH 3****FAITH WITH THE FELLAS: 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. in basement****Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, March 1, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., in church. Join us and make it a part of your Lenten journey.

February Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Cameron Siebeneck	\$100	Carl Fortman
\$100	Dave Warnecke	\$100	Arnold Siebeneck
\$100	Nancy Grote	\$ 50	Rick Warnecke
\$ 50	Trisha Klausung	\$ 50	Sheryl Kahle
\$ 50	Dawn Bockrath	\$ 50	Gib Kaufman
\$ 50	Arnie Siefker	\$ 50	Ron Rampe

Recent Baptism**ANNELISE MARIE SCHROEDER**

Daughter of Brian & Denise (Eier) Schroeder

Engaged Couple Workshop (Pre-Cana)

To register, visit www.jfintoledo.eventbrite.com (and choose from the different dates at the bottom). The workshop at Kalida is held on March 3 & 4, but you can attend any workshop.

K of C Membership Levels

Knights of Columbus is offering an opportunity to obtain the 2nd "Formation" and 3rd degree "Knighthood" levels of membership. This will be Sunday, March 4, at the Ottawa Council Hall, 10760 Road H, starting at 10:30 a.m. for the 2nd degree, followed by lunch and the 3rd degree at 1:00 p.m. No need to pre-register and will not tie up your whole day. Two degrees at once – never easier than this.

CLC-Sponsored Right to Life Bake Sale...

during the Kalida K of C Fish Fry on Friday, March 9. Baked goods can be dropped off on that Friday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Anyone may donate toward this worthy cause.

KHS Blood Drive - Thursday, March 1...

at the KHS Gym, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Mrs. Beth Grime (419-532-3529).

Eric Ulm Cancer Benefit

Eric Ulm, son of Bob & Kathy Ulm, and nephew of Joe & Nancy Grote (of Kalida), was diagnosed in November with pancreatic cancer. There will be a benefit on March 31, from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., at the Delphos K of C. There will be auctions, gift baskets, meal tickets and special drawings all night. You can help by purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket, with the first prize being \$2,000. Contact Mary Grote or Nancy Grote for tickets.

OFFERTORY - March 3 & 4

Jim & Brenda Burgei Family

Herm & Rita Borgelt Family

Fourth Grade

4:30 PM**8:00 AM****11:00 AM****USHERS - March 3 & 4**

Team 4

Team 5

11:00 AM:

Team 6

LECTORS - March 3 & 4

Bob Buss, Clara Elkins

Paul Bonifas, Shelly Burkhart

Fourth Grade

4:30 PM**8:00 AM****11:00 AM****EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 3 & 4**

4:30: Bob & Annette Meyer, Deanna Nienberg, Lisa Niese, Michele Niese, Tori Niese, Don Rall, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder

8:00: Amy Brinkman, Mary Plescher, Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke, Rose Recker, Dick & Jane Schulte, Mark Remlinger, Mary Siefker, Kara Siefker

Ministers to Homebound: Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Amy Brinkman

11:00: Teresa Rampe, Deb Remlinger, Deb Schroeder, Ethan Schmenk, Lisa Rampe, Tom Roof, Megan Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Kierstan Siebeneck, Kay Unverferth

SERVERS

Mon, 2/26	8:00 AM	Noah Verhoff Grant Vorst
Tues, 2/27	8:00 AM	Ella Wehri Peyton Wurth
Wed, 2/28	8:00 AM	Dyllan Bendele Dominic Bockrath
Thurs, 3/1	7:30 PM	Kendal Bockrath Drew Buss
Fri, 3/2	8:00 AM	Brooke Erhart Ryan Fischnich
Sat, 3/3	4:30 PM	Owen Niemeyer Tori Niese David Peck
Sun, 3/4	8:00 AM	Connor Niese Carlie Rampe Dakota Rosselit
	11:00 AM	Evan Roebke Dayna Schimmoeller Ethan Schmenk

Liturgy of the Hours

Weekdays at 7:30 a.m., in church. Join us!

Senior Citizen Prom - March 18...

at Ottoville Immaculate Conception, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. RSVP by calling Jill Zeller (419-532-3494, ext. 103) by Monday, March 5.

A Connection to Medjugorje

Fr. Leon, from Medjugorje, will be in Cleveland on March 10. There will be a bus trip to see him, leaving the Kalida K of C at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 10. We will attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church, at 4:00 p.m. Fr. Leon will concelebrate and have the homily. At your own expense, will eat in "Little Italy." We'll then be bused to a hall, where Fr. Leon will be speaking. Cost is \$50, which includes bus and a tip for driver. Call Rose Schumaker (419-236-2696) to reserve your spot.