

St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - February 28, 2016

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
 HIGH SCHOOL MONDAYS IN LENT: 7:00 p.m.
 OREMUS BIBLE STUDY: 7:30 p.m., at Parish Center

TUESDAY, MARCH 1
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in church basement
 CRHP 6: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center
 BOOK STUDY: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center Library

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
 YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
 EUCH. ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. & 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church

FRIDAY, MARCH 4
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church
 YEAR OF MERCY SERVICE: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
 THAT MAN IS YOU: 6:30 a.m., in basement

OFFERTORY - March 5 & 6
4:30 PM Joe & Lisa Roebke Family
8:00 AM Paul & Rose Recker Family
11:00 AM Fourth Grade

USHERS - March 5 & 6
4:30 PM Drew Hovest, Austin Klausing, Collin Wurth, Jeff Knueve, Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg, Collin Nartker, Christian Nartker, Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk
8:00 AM Alex von der Embse, Adam von der Embse, Paul von der Embse, Brandon Erhart, Kaleb Selhorst, Trent Gerding, Trent Siebeneck, Griffin Recker, Derek Buss, Trevor Vorst, Clay Meyer
11:00 AM Team 12

LECTORS - March 5 & 6
4:30 PM Renee Vorst, Brenda Averagesch
8:00 AM Don Wehri, Paul Bonifas
11:00 AM Fourth Grade

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 5 & 6
4:30: Dick & Jane Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Lisa Unverferth, Norma Unverferth, Austin Vorst, Diane Vorst, Renee Vorst, Casey Wehri, Allison Wurth
8:00: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Mary Siefker, Duane & Barb Steffan, Don Wehri, Joan Peck, Joyce Bonifas, Gus & Judy Brinkman
Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Joan Peck
11:00: Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Norma Vorst, Sandy Westrick, Matt Bockrath, Alice Adams, Marilyn Becker, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller

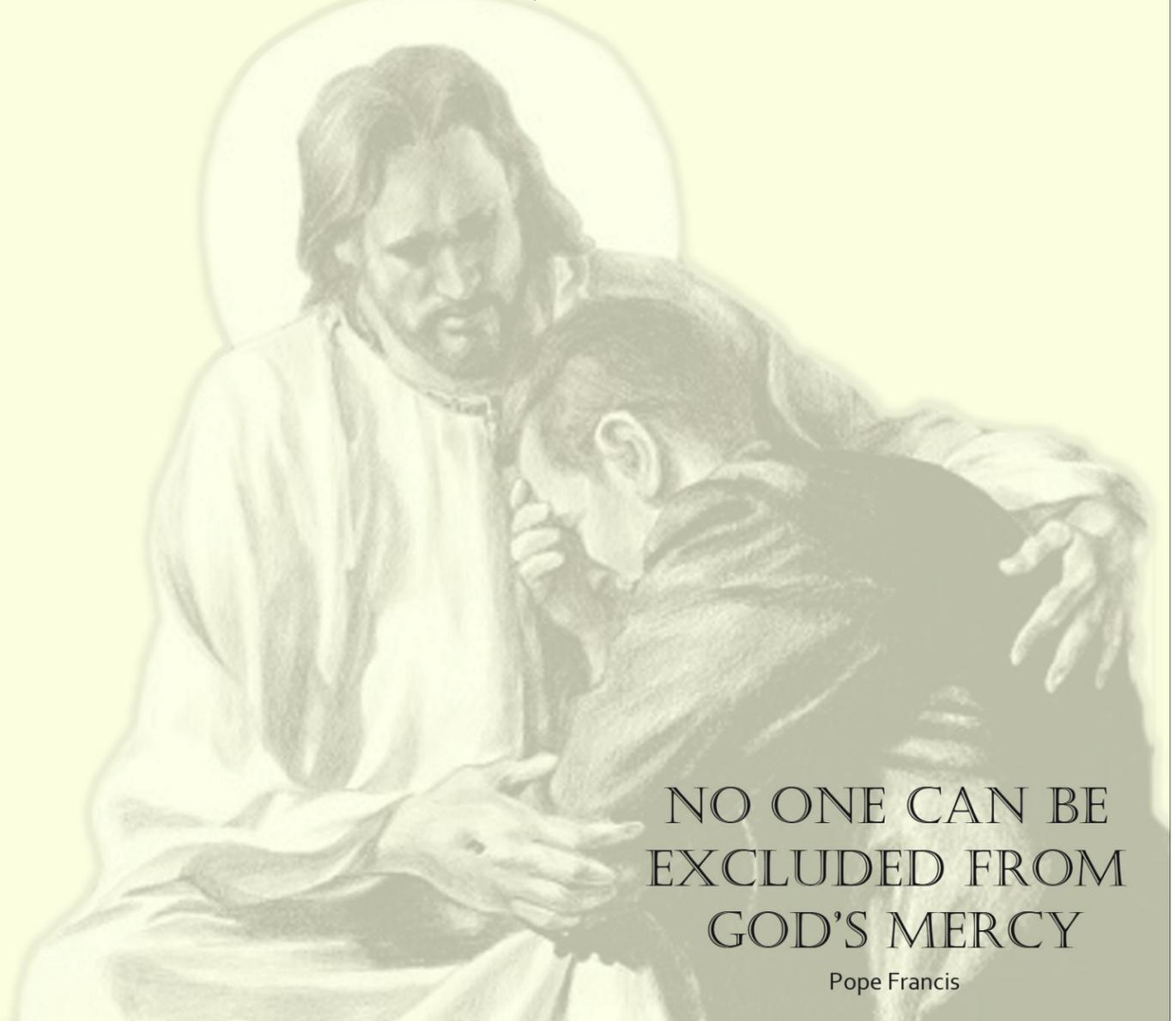
SERVERS		
Tues, 3/1	8:00 AM	Hannah Berheide Emily Buss
Wed, 3/2	8:00 AM	Connor & Luke Erhart
Thurs, 3/3	7:30 PM	Paige Helmke Jayce Horstman
Fri, 3/4	8:00 AM	Katelyn Kahle Stephanie Kahle
Sat, 3/5	4:30 PM	Clay Meyer Nathan Meyers Carlee Miller
Sun, 3/6	8:00 AM	Morgan Mock Owen Niemeyer Connor Niese
	11:00 AM	Tori Niese Nathan Nordhaus Kylie Osterhage

Introducing a Commemorative Stein Series
 This year's stein will commemorate St. Michael Catholic Church. The lid will have a replica of the current church on the top, while the inside of the lid will indicate the 144th Pioneer Days. A view of the inside of the church will be shown on the outside of the stein. The stein is 1/2 liter in size. This will be first of a series of seven steins leading up to the 150th Pioneer Days, in 2022. The theme of each stein will vary each year, but will be historical in nature. There will be limited number of steins each year and they will be numbered. If you purchase a stein during this presale, you will be guaranteed the same number on your stein in subsequent years, as long as you preorder each year. Order forms can be found at www.pioneerdays.com. **PRESALE ENDS MARCH 4.**

THREE HOURS OF MERCY

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016

7:00 - 10:00 P.M., AT ST. MICHAEL'S



NO ONE CAN BE EXCLUDED FROM GOD'S MERCY

Pope Francis

Little Slugger Baseball Sign-Up

The Little Slugger League is open to all boys and girls from Kalida who are currently Pre-K (5 year olds), Kindergarten or 1st Grade. Games are T-Pitch rules, with coaches pitching to each player. All players will be able to bat and play defense every inning. All games are played in Kalida, at Froggy Park, on Saturday mornings. Registration forms have been distributed at the elementary and the post office, or you can contact Randy Buss (419-532-2208 or buss-randy@yahoo.com) for more info. Deadline is March 28.

Catholic Divorce Ministry

A 12-week Catholic divorce recovery program, The Catholic Divorce Survival Guide, will be hosted by Delphos St. John's Parish. Meetings will be held in the Delphos St. John's Ministry Center, 201 N. Pierce Street on Tuesday evenings, at 7:00 p.m., beginning March 15. The program is free of charge. An optional workbook will be available for participants to purchase. The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide is a program created to help the divorced or separated Catholic by offering healing through the wisdom, richness, and truth of the Catholic faith. For more information or to register, call 419-615-2298.

Opiate/Heroin Epidemic— A Town Hall Meeting

On March 7, at 6:00 p.m., at the Putnam County ESC (124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa), you are invited to an educational forum about opiate addiction. You will hear about how real people have overcome addictions and how people have been affected by addictions. Judge Chad Niese and Prosecutor Todd Schroeder will be in attendance. The program will last approximately 90 minutes. There will be a Q & A with the panel speakers. If you have questions or concerns, contact Chief Nick Gilgenbach (cgpd695@gmail.com) or call 419-659-2404.

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I am hoping that you might be using the works of mercy for your Lenten reflections. I am privileged to be able to read the works that people have been doing that are being placed on our "Cross of Mercy," in the vestibule of St. Michael's Church. The cards are full of innocent and sincere works of mercy. For the first two works of mercy, feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty, there were interesting ways how children and adults took care of family members and animals. I can't wait to read how the third work of mercy will be lived out. This week's corporal work of mercy is to **clothe the naked**.

Clothing the naked calls to mind my great-niece, Annaliese. When she was in her terrible-twos, her mom told her that she must wear clothes when they went to the grocery store or anywhere out in public (have any of your children ever not liked wearing clothes?) She went along with this suggestion as long as she could take her baby doll. She quickly named this doll "naked baby" and off to the store they went, with doll in tow. I guess my niece thought it better for a doll to be naked than her little girl. Annaliese is now in school and I'm not sure she wants her great-uncle to tell this story. "Naked baby," to the best of my knowledge, still wears no clothes.

There has been much written, from a spiritual point of view, about nakedness, especially with Adam and Eve. Nakedness can be a sign of freedom, innocence, being comfortable. Sin can take all that away. Sin can tie one down, rather than free a person to love. Sin can bring guilt, rather than innocence. People start hiding from one another and God. Sin makes us uncomfortable in becoming people we are not called to be. Maybe we all should want to be like Annaliese, children of God and proud of it, and not afraid to let it show.

For this week's corporal works of mercy, to clothe the naked, there are many practical ways to reach out to others. Is it time to clean out a closet and donate to a good cause? Our family wore hand-me-downs. Rather than buy something new, wear something a little longer and not complain. Diapers are a good way to clothe a naked baby. Donate to Heartbeat.

Regarding the spiritual work of mercy for this week, **admonish the sinner**, there are many ways to make this practical. I think the first person to be admonished is the person, themselves. Maybe it is time to take the plank out first before one can admonish the sinner with a speck in their eye. A good celebration of the Sacrament of Confession can be a good place to start. In humility, God can cleanse and make new as a newborn child. That nakedness and innocence can be restored. After the cleansing, admonishing can be more fruitful. Admonishing should be done humbly, mercifully, lovingly. Sinners are oftentimes full of guilt and not love. Love should be shown, them rather than hardness of heart or hardness of action. Hate the sin, but love and admonish the sinner. There are many ways to admonish the sinner. Pray for a child and parents when there is a temper tantrum being thrown. Stand up for someone when there is gossip being thrown around. Say no to abusive drinking and drugs.

I'm not telling people to become naked babies, especially with a snow storm forecast. But I am asking all of us to look at how we are covered with God's love at Baptism and do we let that love come out mercifully.

Have a great week, everyone, and I hope Annaliese talks to me after her family reads this.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:00 AM Tony Brinkman

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 AM Donna Hoffman

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 AM Health of Pat Hanneman (from CCD teachers)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

7:30 PM Denny Sehlhorst

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 AM William & Janice Deitering
Margaret & Wilfred Warnecke

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

4:30 PM Bernard Aversch, Rose Ann Heck
Mary Lou Altenburger
Walter & Mary Vennekotter

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Dick, Sally & Tommy Goedde
Art & Trudy Reed, Alvin & Mary Hoffman
11:00 AM Joe & Rita Hanneman Family
Cletus & Anna Mae Verhoff
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 8,745.00

Choir Assignments - March 5 & 6

4:30: PW **8:00:** Laura **11:00:** Youth

Special Year of Mercy Service at St. Michael's Friday, March 4, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

24 Hours of Mercy: This coming weekend, March 4 and 5, the St. George Deanery is planning a special time of Mercy for Catholics in Putnam County. Catholics from around the county will join together at different locations to celebrate mercy.

St. Michael's will hold THREE HOURS OF MERCY, from 7:00-10:00 p.m., in church, on Friday March 4.

Stations of the Cross, Adoration, the Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries) and Confessions will all be offered.

Adoration will take place from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Priests will be available for confession from 7-10 p.m.

Stations begin at 8:00 p.m.

and the Rosary begins at 9:00 p.m.

Come join in this opportunity to share in the Lord's Mercy.

Soup & Stations Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 6, we have the Stations through Mary's eyes, put on by the Altar Rosary. Join us for soup before the women's presentation.

Senior Citizen Prom

Come spend a "Night at the Museum," on March 20, at the Kalida K of C, from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. (doors won't open early). Please call 419-532-3474 to RSVP by March 7. The "museum" will be free of charge and filled with famous wax people, wonderful artwork, games, entertainment, food and good friends. The St. George Deanery High School Youth hope to see you!

Parish Euchre Tournament Next Sunday



As a Year of Mercy Family Event, we will have a Euchre Tournament in the church basement on Sunday, March 6, starting at 2:00 p.m. Parishioners of all ages are invited to come and enjoy the fun and companionship.

Important: Attention Engaged Couples

The Diocese of Toledo has a new marriage preparation (Pre-Cana) class entitled "A Joy-Filled Marriage. This is a mandatory, two-day program for engaged couples, to be held at St. Michael's on April 9 & 10, 2016. Use the following link to register:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/o/joy-filled-marriage-engaged-couple-workshop-7474823041>

You can also find more information about the new program in pamphlets in the back of church. Call Fr. Mark (419-969-0148) with questions. If you can't make the date at St. Michael's, other dates are available at area parishes. You can find these dates on the above link.

Book Study: Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m., in library.

Deadline for March 6 Bulletin is Earlier

If you want something in the March 6 bulletin, please have it to the Parish Center by Noon on Monday, February 29 (including Mass intentions for March 7-13). Thanks!

High School Teens - Act Fast!

The Diocese Youth Ministry Office has offered free vouchers for the premiere viewing of "The Young Messiah" for Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m., in Toledo. We have requested a limited quantity of vouchers. If you would like to reserve a spot, please call Mary Siefker (419-812-2511) TODAY. We will carpool, meeting at the Parish Center at 5:00 p.m. that evening. Only a limited number of vouchers are available.

Everyone is Invited to the Liturgy of the Hours

7:30 a.m., in church, on the weekdays during Lent.

Mondays in Lent for High School Students at Parish Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

February 29—Stacy Schulte presents: "What does the name *Jesus* mean?"

March 7—Fr. Mark presents: "Does the Church still practice exorcism? And is there a priority of one sex over the other?"

March 14—Phil Fuerst will be presenting "Top Secret Topic!"

March 21—Scott & Sherry Unverferth share their journey of faith and service experience in the Appalachian Mountains.

Attention Food Pantry Volunteers

For those volunteers who do not receive email, please note that we are scheduled to work at the Ottawa Food Pantry on Tuesday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 22. Please call Kay Unverferth (419-796-0748) if you are able to work either or both of those days, so that I can make sure that we have plenty of help. Thank you for your continued support.

Concession Stand at Holy Name Ballpark

Want to run the concession stand at Holy Name Ballpark? Call Mike Schimmoeller (419-532-3521).

Letter from Bishop Thomas Addressing Financial Challenges in the Diocese

Bishop Thomas wrote a three page "Letter to the Faithful" reporting on the Diocese of Toledo's progress and next steps in their financial plan to discontinue the practice of deficit spending. This includes the ceasing of the production of the *Catholic Chronicle* and also the televised Sunday Catholic Mass on WTOL-TV, as well as a 20% reduction in expenses at the administrative offices of the Diocese of Toledo. The bishop's entire letter can be seen at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins." There are also copies at the exits of church for those who cannot access the internet.

Students Planning Mass This Week

are Annette Schroeder's 2A class on Wednesday, March 2, and Judy Birkemeier's 7A class on Friday, March 4.

High School CCD—March 2

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Mark will meet with the Juniors in the church basement.

Altar Rosary Notes

At the February meeting, Fr Mark spoke to us about his faith journey and how he encountered the Lord in so many people he has met or ministered to over the years. He encouraged us to be open to experiencing Jesus in all we meet.

March Altar Rosary Meeting: will be held at the Meadows of Kalida, at 7:00 p.m., on March 7. We will be playing bingo with the residents in the dining room. Join the fun.

2016 Lector Workbooks...

are in the priests' sacristy.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 3, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Our intentions during this time are: for extra prayers during Lent for family life, for the sick of the parish and for safety during the farming season.

Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, March 6, in the basement, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

PC Right to Life Meeting—Tuesday, March 1

at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next to Kalida Fire Station). Everyone is welcome.

Recent Baptism

BRAXTON DONALD UNVERFERTH

Son of Cory & Megan Unverferth

Bread Braids on Sale Now

The Junior class is selling bread braids for the Post Prom. Anyone who has had these in the past has commented about how good and easy they are to make. They will be delivered just in time for Easter. They come in 12 different flavors, including double chocolate, raspberry, Bavarian cream and apple. Cost is \$13. If you would like to place an order or learn more about it, please text, call or email Rosie Langhals (419-302-7724 or rose@bridgewaypro.com) or contact your favorite Junior student.

Kalida Area Garage Sales Will Be Held...

April 21, 22 & 23. If you are interested in having a garage sale, please sign up at Kalida Telephone, Union Bank or Erhart-Stechschulte Insurance by April 8.