

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - February 28, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It's been a good week for me as I really enjoy stories about outer space. With the landing and exploration of the planet Mars, I find myself looking to the internet for the next story and next pictures. I remember the cloudy pictures of the steps of Neil Armstrong on the moon in 1969. In 2021, I can see really clear pictures of the surface of Mars. And not only pictures, there is sound and live video that is sent back to Earth. I love it, as it shows the possibilities which God has blessed us with when we work together and use our talents to their fullest. We can travel to places we had only dreamed about.

Of course our custodian wanted to doctor the video of the landscape of Mars with a chicken walking across the stark surface of the planet. That would give the doubters some fodder for speculation that the Mars landing was a hoax. I remember all the stories when Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. I recall the doubters saying that the pictures were from the desert out West and the moon rocks were just stones from a quarry somewhere. Somehow those stories took away from the glory of what happened in 1969.

Speculation and doubt seem to be part of the landscape of 2021. Fake news and fake news about fake news fills what used to be our news channels. Doubt and speculation only leads to frustration and anger. No one seems to know what truth is anymore. As far back as Pilate, people ask, "What is truth?"

During Lent, Jesus went to the desert and invites us to go with Him. We search for the truth. We search for peace. We search for God. It is hard to find God in the midst of a world of doubt. Going through Lent and fasting from speculation may lead us to a deeper love, understanding of our Lord. It's time to claim truth again. It is time to claim the Lord. The devil is called the deceiver. He does not speak the truth. Jesus dealt with the devil's temptations in the desert. We have to deal with temptations and lack of truth in our lives, especially in our world today.

Maybe we need to look beyond. Maybe we need to look through eyes of faith. We may travel to places we had only dreamed about. We will never get there by doubt. We will only get there by truth, by God.

Have a great week, everyone. If you see me looking up, just smile and know I'm looking beyond the stars.

Fr. Mark



Stations Through the Eyes of the Mary

This Sunday, February 28, St. Michael's will pray the Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of Mary at 1:00 p.m., in church. Join us!

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 AM Valita Lammers

8:50 AM **Grade 3**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM Karla Beckman

9:30 AM **Grades 1 & 2**

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 AM **Grade 7**

7:30 PM Bud Guisinger

FRIDAY, MARCH 5 *World Day of Prayer*

8:00 AM Wilfred & Pauline Bockrath

8:50 AM **Grade 4**

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

4:30 PM Ron Kahle, Jr., Dorothy Miller

George, Nora & Dan Basinger

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Ed Schroeder

Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth

Frances & Alphonse Schulte

11:00 AM L/D Joe & Rita Hanneman Family

L/D Clete & Anna Mae Verhoff Family

Urban Selhorst

If school is delayed or canceled, the extra Masses listed in red will be canceled.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 7,217.00



Soup Nights During Lent

The first Soup Night this past Tuesday was very successful. The next one will be Tuesday, March 9. We're looking for more people to whom to deliver soup. Call Fr. Mark at 419-969-0148 if you would like some soup. We will have vegetable and potato soup on March 9.

Area Penance Services

Sunday, February 28, at 2:00 p.m., at Ottoville
Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m., at Ft. Jennings
Tuesday, March 16, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Kalida



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Valita Lammers
was held on Monday,
February 22, 2021.
Please include Valita
and her family
in your prayers.

Looking for a Few Good Artists

Fr. Mark is compiling a list of parishioners willing to paint one of the 14 Stations of the Cross for an outdoor project. Even if you've told him you are interested, make sure you are on that list by officially calling him at 419-969-0148. Thanks!

Food Pantry Wish List

The following items are needed to stock the shelves at the food pantry in Ottawa: small size jars of jelly, small boxes of cereal and cans of beef and chicken broth. The need is greatest right now for individual or small families. Any donation is appreciated. Please drop off these items at the designated spot by the elevator entrance of church. We will be collecting the whole month of March. It is one way to fulfill one of our Lenten objectives. Thanks for your generosity.

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.; Grades 1 & 2 at 9:30 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.

Confirmation

There will be two Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Letters have been mailed to the parents with more information.

2021-22 Holy Name Raffle Tickets

Call Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke for tickets.

The Little Black Books for Lent...

can be found at the entrances of church for you to pick up.

The Bible in a Year Podcast

Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's *Bible in a Year* podcast follows a reading plan inspired by *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline*, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible scholar **Jeff Cavins**. For each period in the timeline, Jeff will join Fr. Mike for a special episode that will help you understand the context of each reading. With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! **Listen and...**

1. Read the ENTIRE Bible
 2. Feel more confident about your understanding of Scripture
 3. Experience the transformative power of God's Word
 4. Start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture
- Please note: The Bible contains adult themes that may not be suitable for children - parental discretion is advised.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- Two to three scripture readings
- A reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- A guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word

Visit: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>

This Week on FORMED

Watch Omar Sharif in "Saint Peter," a beautiful film from Ignatius Press. Also, tune into the Augustine Institute Show on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross...

will be presented by High School Youth on Sunday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m. We need High School actors and readers. There will be only 1 practice — Saturday, March 13, at 10:45 a.m.

Freshmen Retreat

will be held Friday, March 12, from 3:15-10:30 p.m., in the Church Basement. Please return the registration forms by Monday, March 1.

High School CCD - March 3

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

SEARCH for Lent

For a Lenten activity, gather with family and watch "Search" on formed.org. There are copies of discussion questions available at the entrances of church and also online. To create a new FORMED account, visit formed.org. Click to sign up. Select "I belong to a Parish." Find our parish by the zip code 45853. Enter your email and a password and you're in.

Episode 3 (Feb. 27 - March 5) - Why a God?

Episode 4 (March 6-12) - What's Our Story?

The Virtue of the Week is Fortitude

Fortitude is a cardinal virtue that perfects our emotions, particularly by freeing us from the grip of fear and anger. It makes us strong in the pursuit of goodness, helping us to resist temptations and overcome obstacles. When inspired by charity, it empowers us to hope in Christ's strength to make us confident and even joyful in the face of trials, persecution, and even death. Christian martyrdom is a shining example of fortitude.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, March 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Make time for our Lord during this Lenten season. Join us.

February Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Marilyn Niese	\$100	Marie Schnipke
\$100	Dave Unverferth	\$100	Chris Aversch
\$100	Dana Trenkamp	\$ 50	Madison Verhoff
\$ 50	Kylie Peck	\$ 50	Ryan Klausing
\$ 50	Tim Verhoff	\$ 50	Diane Kahle
\$ 50	Matthew Recker	\$ 50	Dan Hermiller

PC Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale

Tuesday, March 23, 9 am - 7 pm, and Wednesday, March 24, 9 am - 3 pm, at the Ottawa K of C Hall (10759 Rd. H, Ottawa, OH). Gently used items and baked goods can be dropped off on Monday, March 22, from 9 am - 6 pm. We are grateful for the loyal support of the residents of this county.

KHS Blood Drive – Tuesday, March 9

at Kalida High School's gym, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Due to the high number of donors at blood drives, appointments are highly recommended. All blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies and masks are required to donate. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Beth Grime at the high school (532-3529).

March 6 & 7 Assignments

4:30: Jim & Marilyn Becker, Jerry Ellerbrock

LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart

8:00: Judy Brinkman, Darlene Miller, Ryan Kerner

LECTOR: Don Wehri

11:00: Dave Buss, Michelle Buss, Regina Fischnich

LECTOR: Brenda Aversch