

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OHIO - FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

It's Presentation of the Lord Day, Ground Hog's Day, February 2nd and the day before the big snowstorm. We are contemplating calling off the parish activities. What to do? What to do? This snowstorm made me think of the big storms of 1977 and 1978. When you talk to people who lived in those years, they have their own memories. I'd like to share some of mine.

The snow was deep: I remember how windy it was and that you could not see more than a couple of feet in front of you. Mom told us to walk to the barn together so we would not get lost. I remember the drifts being taller than our garage. To get to the barn we had to make a tunnel through a big drift. It was a lot of work and then more work had to happen as we had to milk the cows by hand as the power lines were down due to the ice and there was no electricity. And once we had the cows milked we had to throw the milk away to the pigs as the milk man could not get to our farm. We had to pump the water by hand to carry to the animals. We were careful not to spill the water on our clothes as the water would almost instantly turn to ice. In the house we had coal oil (kerosene) lanterns and a small oil stove. Mom used as much milk as possible which meant lots of hot chocolate. We had coal/wood burning furnace so we stayed warm. We played lots of cards once we warmed up from outside. There were a number of times I remember ice forming on the ends of our noses.

There was no traveling on the roads, and a certain memory I have is that only emergency vehicles were allowed on the road. And that meant registered snowmobiles. My older siblings were born in the house. In the days of this blizzard a choice had to be made to have a child at home or go by snowmobile to the hospital. And with power lines down, it was an adventure to communicate to the authorities that someone had to get to the hospital. We checked on neighbors to the East and West to make sure their families were alright. It was a difficult trek as one had to negotiate through drifts to get to the neighbors' houses. I remember praying for our family, the neighbors and our livestock. The snowstorm made us realize how many things we took for granted.

45 years later things have changed a lot and I don't think things will be quite as difficult if we get as much snow as is forecasted. But there might be some of the same scenarios. There might be a lot of work. To look after family and neighbors may include extra shoveling, sharing of food and essentials (I knew that toilet paper would come in handy). We might even have to share our homes. Everyone is welcome to my house if anyone needs a place to stay and a bite to eat. A parishioner called to volunteer their home if someone is in need (way to go, people of Putnam County). If we get snowed in it is a good time to pray. I have the kids praying for snowplow operators.

Stay warm, everyone. Stay safe. Know that Mass will be broadcasted every day. So if it is not safe to drive, stay connected as we pray together.

Those are some of my recollections of 45 years ago. It was a little scary, but mostly I felt safe with family and God to surround me.

Enjoy the blizzard.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 AM Don Bendele (HN)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 AM Larry Peck, Fr. Elmer Wurth

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 *St. Scholastica*

7:30 PM Bill Cleemput

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 AM George Karg

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

4:30 PM Gene Wurth, Larry Haselman

Jeff Heitmeyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM Dorothy Miller

11:00 AM

Ralph & Dolores Verhoff

Courtney Ehrnsberger, Andrew Orzechowski

Paul, Valita & Kevin Lammers

Dee Wueller, Scouts

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for

Don Bendele

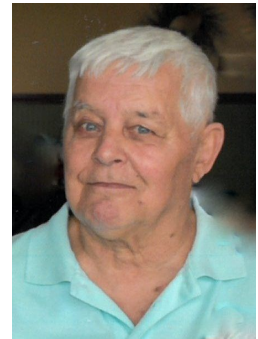
was held on

Monday, January 31.

Please include Don

and his family

in your prayers.



Last Sunday's Collection \$ 7,634.00

Choir Assignments - February 12 & 13

4:30: Ashleigh **8:00:** Laura **11:00:** YAHS

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's 3rd grade class on Wednesday, February 9, and Ellen Millott's grade 6 class on Friday, February 11.

High School CCD - February 9

Everyone else has class.

Retreat for Second Graders & Parents

Dr. John Wood's retreat for our second graders and their parents is this Sunday, February 6, from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Recent Baptism

MARLEE SUE STECHSCHULTE

Daughter of Drew & Nicole (Kaufman) Stechschulte

Coffee & Donuts This Sunday, Feb. 6...

after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome!

Euchre Tournament at Fr. Mark's House

This Sunday, February 6, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Father Mark's house (the rectory). Everyone is welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration is Monday, February 7

Please join us from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., in church.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.****ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8****RCIA: 7:00 p.m.****WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9****HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.****THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10****ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church****Virtue of the Week is Docility**

Docility means a willingness to learn and to be taught, to take turns and to follow directions. Saints who practiced docility were St. Juan Diego, St. Francisco and St. Jacinta Marto and St. Dominic Savio. Our prayer for this week is "*Dear Jesus, You are my teacher in every situation. Before acting on important matters, please give me the humility to seek Your wisdom and the wisdom of others, in order to make the best decision. Give me the gift of counsel, so that I may do Your holy will in each situation.*"

Grade 5 to Do Ministries at 11:00 a.m. Mass

on Sunday, February 13, along with the Boy Scouts.

Homecoming Mass

All students and families are invited to the Homecoming Mass on Sunday, February 20, at 4:30 p.m.

Thank You

Thanks for all the prayers, cards and well-wishes after my accident. Special thanks to Fr. Mark for his visits. I'm recuperating at home now.

*Dave Siefker***Marriage Encounter Celebration - Feb. 13...**Contact Erin & Ryan Kerner (419-532-3151) February 6.**Prayer Gathering for Women of All Ages**

Every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in church. If inclement weather, please be safe and stay home. All women are welcome.

Athletic Boosters Presale Only Chicken BBQ

Sunday, March 13, 2022. Student athletes have the tickets for sale. Cost of the dinner is \$9. 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 Wednesday, February 16. If you need more tickets, please let us know.

2022 Men's Welcome Weekend at Glandorf

Do you feel something's missing in your life? Do you feel if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe a better person? Come to the next men's Welcome Weekend at Glandorf St. John's. It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. February 19-20, from 8:00 a.m. Saturday – 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Glandorf St. John's Parish Center. For more information, and/or to sign up, contact: Adam Schnipke (419) 303-9759, Ryan Leopold (419) 969-4632, or Carl Siefker (419) 236-6735.

25th Annual Putnam County Hospice**Run for the Roses at Home Edition**

February 19 on Facebook Live at 5:00 p.m. Reverse Raffle, 50/50 Drawing and Meals for a Year Drawing. For more information, visit www.pchh.net/run-for-the-roses. Our Facebook page is: facebook.com/putnamcountyhomecarehospice.

SERVER SCHEDULE

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| Tues, 2/8 | 8:00 AM | Owen Askins Lauren Bockrath |
| Wed, 2/9 | 8:00 AM | Faith Feldman Katelyn Foppe |
| Thurs, 2/10 | 7:30 PM | Cole Goubeaux Jaxon Hoffman |
| Fri, 2/11 | 8:00 AM | Kyla Grime Lana Grime |
| Sat, 2/12 | 4:30 PM | Erica Kahle John Kaufman Mariah Kerner |
| Sun, 2/13 | 8:00 AM | Carson Klausung Evan Klausung Ryan Klausung |
| | 11:00 AM | Audra Hovest Camille Hovest Grant Knapke |

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - February 12 & 13

4:30: Michele Niese, Tom Roof, Wendy Schimmoeller, Karen Schroeder **LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher**

8:00: Rose Recker, Mary Siefker, Duane Steffan, Norma Unverferth **LECTOR: Don Wehri**

Ministers to Homebound: Dianna Kehres

11:00: Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger, Brandi Schroeder, Lindsey Slusser **LECTOR: Grade 5/Scouts**

USHERS - February 12 & 13

4:30: Team 9 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 7

2022-23 Holy Name Raffle Tickets...

are available from Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke.

Why Snow Shovelers Are Needed

Whenever it snows before a scheduled Mass, help is always appreciated shoveling snow and ice because:

- There is a time constraint. Kevin wants to have everything cleared before parishioners come to Mass. If snow continues during Mass, the work continues, as well. Kevin uses the plow to clear the sidewalks and handicap parking lot. Volunteers are needed to clear the church steps.
- The snow blower does not fit on the church steps; hence, shovelers are needed. The snowblower is used to clear the landings (when there is a large amount of snow).

So, if you are feeling in the helping mood, the snow removal always begins 2 hours before a scheduled Mass (including funerals and weddings). You don't need to call. Just show up. The church has several shovels located in the boiler room. Just grab one and go! Thanks in advance!

Part-Time Parish Secretary Needed...

at Leipsic St. Mary Parish (Monday - Friday, from Noon-4:00 p.m.). This position would assist the pastor, business manager and other staff with administrative support. Some specific duties would include, answering telephone, greeting and receiving visitors, processing incoming mail, correspondence including the Sunday Bulletin, maintaining accurate parish roster, coordinating and scheduling sacramental functions, maintaining sacramental records, ordering office supplies, records management and other general clerical matters. Please forward your resume to St. Mary Parish Office, Attention: Tina Knisley, 320 State Street, Leipsic, Ohio 45856 or via email at parishoffice@metalink.net.