

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - January 20, 2019

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I'm getting ready for the big snow of 2019. I personally like snow and almost everything that goes with it. I like the look, the softness, even the briskness of the temperature. I like how people get a little crazy (I will be heading to Walmart to take in some craziness). I don't like it when the roads get slick, but can deal with that. The beauty far outshines driving 30 mph. I like to emphasize the positive rather than the negative things of snow.

I had the opportunity to teach fourth graders this week. I enjoy the kids so much. They are a handful sometimes, but mostly they are so good (at least for me they are good because I can turn them over to their parents and the next teacher). We covered the Ten Commandments this week. Instead of looking at the "thou shalt nots," we looked at why we should do these things. Most of the reasons of why we should do these Ten Commandments is that God loves us so greatly - the First Commandment. If we praise God because of His goodness, we wouldn't have time or the inclination to say His name poorly - the Second Commandment. The Third Commandment is like a date night for married couples. A good date keeps them close. We can get so involved with things which are not as important as our God and our family and our family of mankind. Some couples have a regular date night. Our faith family has a regular date, also. It is called the Lord's Day. Sundays should be fun days. All of us need a break from the ordinary. The Fourth Commandment is about honoring our parents. It goes back to honoring God in that all three were part of how each person is made. Parents have a special call in that they get to be special stewards of creation with God to produce another potential saint. We are called to honor those who help us on our journey to our heavenly home. The kids really worked on me for the Fifth Commandment. If all life is sacred, how could I be a farmer and butcher pigs and chickens? (Dang kids and their questions!!! Fourth graders can ask some pretty black and white questions). We talked a lot about respect and animals' part of creation. Even how farmers raise animals and treat them has a lot to say about how we see God. The Sixth Commandment has everything about how God loves us first and how we are supposed to love others. Love puts others first. Even as fourth graders, they can learn to put others first in holding doors or letting others in front of them in line. To learn respect at an early age is the path to keeping the Sixth Commandment. For the Seventh Commandment, the students knew about stealing. They knew how upsetting it was when someone takes their things. God blesses us all differently and has a different path of holiness for all of us. To covet (Ninth and Tenth Commandments) or steal denies God's call for others and for us. To trust how God blesses us and others keeps us from breaking these commandments. The kids knew all about the Eighth Commandment, also. They knew all about lying. God's gift of love calls us to stay out of trouble in the first place. The fourth graders felt that if they didn't get in trouble in the first place, they wouldn't have to lie.

The fourth graders helped me take a fresh look at the Ten Commandments. Like looking at snow, looking at the Ten Commandments can be done from a positive or negative perspective. It was fun to go through the commandments with the kids and see how they could "live" the commandments from a positive point of view. Have a great week, everyone.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM Legal Protection of Unborn Children

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Those Battling Cancer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 *St. Francis de Sales*

7:30 PM Amos & Blanche Morman, Ralph Verhoff (HN)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 *Conversion of St. Paul, apostle*

8:00 AM Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 *St. Timothy & St. Titus*

4:30 PM Carolyn Unverferth, Larry Haselman

L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family

Harold Rampe

Leonard, Anna Rose & Emily Kahle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Michael's

11:00 AM Sister Catherine Mary Holtkamp

Ralph & Dolores Verhoff

Last Sunday's Collection: \$8,889.00

Choir Assignments - January 26 & 27

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



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Ralph Verhoff

was held
on Monday,
January 14.

Please include Ralph
and his family
in your prayers.

Thank You from the Ralph Verhoff Family

The Family of Ralph Verhoff would like to extend thanks and appreciation for all the kind words, gestures and prayers shown after the passing of our dad, grandpa and great-grandpa. Thanks to the organist, choir, Mass servers and Helping Hands who provided the desserts. Fr. Mark, we were truly blessed to hear your words of comfort.

January 22: A Day for Life

I invite everyone to make this Tuesday a day for life. I went on my first March for Life in Washington in 1975. The March has held a special place in my heart. I have been back to Washington several times since to be an active participant. I'm not so good on bus trips anymore, but still make January 22 a day for life. Mass takes on special meaning as I pray for so many intentions, including parents who would love to have children, but can't. Life can get pretty complicated, but bringing these complications to the Lord, the author of life, makes sense to me. I invite everyone to make Tuesday a day of prayer and of life. Appreciate life in all its forms...especially the person who is right next to you. If we can't respect the person who is right next to us, we will not respect the baby in the womb.

Big Thanks to Our Decorating Committees

Christmas was beautiful this year. Even though we didn't have a white Christmas, we had a warm Christmas on the inside of our churches and our hearts. Thanks to all who put us into the Christmas spirit and for those who took it down to keep us on the journey of faith.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21 (OFFICES ARE CLOSED)**ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church****TUESDAY, JANUARY 22****RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement****PARENT MEETING: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement****WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23****HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.****THURSDAY, JANUARY 24****ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church****FRIDAY, JANUARY 25****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church****Students Planning Mass This Week...**

are Mary Grote's 3A class on Wednesday, January 23, and Jill Zeller's 7B class on Friday, January 25.

High School CCD - January 23

Fr. Mark will be with the seniors. Everyone else has class.

Fifth Grade Students to Lead the Rosary

On Saturday, January 26, our students in grade 5 will be leading the rosary before the 4:30 pm. Mass.

Mandatory Meeting – January 22

On January 22, at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement, there will be a mandatory parent meeting for parents of our students in grade 2 who are preparing for First Reconciliation.

Gathering for Grades 6, 7 & 8 in Glandorf

St. George Deanery Junior High Gathering, "Make a Name... Make a Mark" will be Sunday, January 27, at Glandorf St. John's, at 1:30 p.m. and ending with Mass at 6:30 p.m. \$7/person (open to grades 6,7,8). Registration and medical forms available at stmichaelskalida.org, under the Youth Group Tab.

Recent Baptisms**LEO GORDON & DYLAN THOMAS CHEVALIER**

Sons of Adam & Emily (Verhoff) Chevalier

K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest

Sunday, January 27, at 1:00 p.m., at the Kalida H.S. Gym. Open to boys and girls, ages 9-14. Winners advance to district/regional/state. No need to pre-register.

K of C Council 5669 Dues are Due

If you didn't make the membership breakfast this past Sunday, annual dues are \$25 for a regular member, \$12.50 for student, and \$10.50 for members aged 65+ with 25 years in K of C. If you're over 70 with 25 years, it's free! Send checks, payable to Knights of Columbus Council 5669, to: PO Box 138, Kalida, OH 45853. Your membership continues to drive our charitable mission locally and throughout the world. If you would rather not remain a member, please send us a note to this address or email kofc5669@gmail.com.

Putnam County Hospice Benefit

Saturday, February 16, at the Ottawa K of C, at 5:00 p.m. This year promises excitement with a Kentucky Derby theme, "Run for the Roses." If you are interested in making a donation for the Hospice Night Out, please contact the Putnam County Hospice office (419-523-4449). Presale tickets are also on sale for the event for \$30 each. Putnam County Hospice appreciates your continued support of their program, which allows them provide quality end of life care for people in our community.

OFFERTORY - January 26 & 27**4:30 PM**

Ryan & Erin Kerner Family

8:00 AM

Marc & Renee Kerner Family

11:00 AM

Joe & Linda Hovest Family

USHERS – January 26 & 27**4:30 PM**

Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk

Trevor Vorst, Connor Erhart

Cole Nienberg, Grant Knapke

8:00 AM

Christian Nartker, Paul von der Embse

Clay Meyer, Mason Kerner

Connor Krouse, Colin Erhart

11:00 AM

Team 12

LECTORS - January 26 & 27**4:30 PM:**

Tara Gerding, Deb Kahle

8:00 AM:

Mike Kahle, Deb Schroeder

11:00 AM

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 26 & 27

4:30: Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Mel Hanneman, Grace Haselman, Tara Gerding, Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert

8:00: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Dave & Jane Kahle, Mark Kahle, Jane Kleman, Deb Knueve

Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst

11:00: Lori Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Kyla Fortman, Lynda Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Halie Kaufman, Bill Hill, Shane Hill

SERVERS

Tues, 1/21

8:00 AM

Audra Hovest

Erica Kahle

Wed, 1/22

8:00 AM

Kyle Lammers

Riley Nienberg

Thurs, 1/23

7:30 PM

Maddalyn Nienberg

Griffin Nienberg

Fri, 1/24

8:00 AM

Olivia Olzak

Camryn Recker

Sat, 1/26

4:30 PM

Katelyn Kahle

Stephanie Kahle

Ella Kaufman

Sun, 1/27

8:00 AM

Mason Kerner

Ryan & Tyler Klausing

11:00 AM

Matt Kehres

Grace Klausing

Grant Knapke

Putnam County Rally for Life

Sunday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, in Ottawa. A representative from Heartbeat will be speaking on the new office in our county. Come for pro-life inspiration.

Leipsic St. Mary's Catholic School Open House

January 27, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 419-943-2801.

Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers Needed

From Saturday, January 26, at 9:15 a.m., until Sunday, January 27, at 3:00 p.m., there will be Eucharistic Devotion in the church. We are asking anyone who would like to prayerfully support our CHRP (Christ Renews His Parish) women's retreat participants to sign up for an hour slot on the signup sheet that will be at the back main entrance of the church. Thank you for being a positive role model and a faithful disciple of our Lord.