

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OHIO - JANUARY 23, 2022

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

Just a short report about living in the woods last week. I had a great time just being away and enjoying sitting by a fire, walking in the woods, and saying a few prayers. My brother joined me for a little while, but I think he just came out for the marshmallows. He is the roasted marshmallow king. We did take a long walk in which he got a little lost. I got him back on the right path before darkness set in so that he could sit around the fire and have his fill of marshmallows. There were a lot of dead trees that had fallen throughout the woods. My artificial knee held out great, but my hamstrings were stretched to their limits as I hurdled down trees. As I sat by the fire, a large hawk landed in a tree next to the fire to accompany me on the retreat. It was nice to have a companion, but the hawk scared off the rabbits, birds and squirrels. It was a wonderfully quick time with God, who makes all things good.

It was nice to come back to parish activities. Our sophomores from St. Michael's had a retreat of their own and ended up at my place for dinner and games. I never knew that 16-year-old girls could be so competitive. I'm not used to losing, as I had home court advantage, but it was like playing cards with my sisters. They had no respect for the collar. We played a game with no known rules except one person. The person in charge of the game kept giving me cards for cheating. Needless to say, I did not win, but had more cards than anyone else. We built churches to find out what was most important in their view of the life of the Church. There was lots of laughter and some learning of what makes a Church big, strong, and holy. There were some pretty unusual images of God and Church that made people think. They are more than welcome to come back again for some competition and God talk.

I got to come to the RCIA this week, also. Many times, I have appointments but could see our five candidates and see how they are doing on their process of becoming Catholics. They ask great questions and like the teenagers, do a lot of laughing. We celebrated the birth of a new baby from the group. There is new life all around, both spiritually and physically. The sessions go for an hour and a half that really go fast as discussions of the faith are practical and make us Catholics rethink our faith we learned as children. Each RCIA group is different, but always brings me closer to the Lord.

This week was Parish Council meeting week. Always during our January meeting, food is supplied in thanksgiving for all the work done by our council members. Chinese food was ordered in memory of Fr. Elmer. There has to be some perks for being on the council.

And finally, we had a vocations panel who talked to our teens on Wednesday. I was on that panel and shared a few thoughts of why I started the journey to priesthood and why I still like it today. It always comes back to following the Lord in the best way I know how. There are so many reasons why priesthood is a good job for me and I believe our young people should know about the goodness of religious life. I am still amazed at where God has taken me on this journey. I'm never sure where it will lead me in the future, but if past experience is any guide, I am ready to follow the Lord. Have a great week everyone. It's good to be home. **Fr. Mark**

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 *Conversion of St. Paul*

8:00 AM Carolyn Unverferth, Harold Rampe

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM Eileen Decker

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30 PM Ralph & Dolores Verhoff, Ron Kahle, Jr.

Olivia Schnipke, Special Intention

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

4:30 PM Norbert & Angie Recker

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Larry Peck, Jeanette Knippen

11:00 AM Gary & Paul Stechschulte

Leroy Warnement & Family

L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for

Eileen Decker

was held on

Saturday, January 22.

Please include Eileen

and her family

in your prayers.



Thank You, Eileen!

Eileen Decker was a vital staff member of St. Michael's Latchkey program. It was evident that she loved working with and being around the kids. Thank you to Eileen for all her years of dedication to this program. We will miss you. *Connie*

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 10,241.17

Choir Assignments - January 29 & 30

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

Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful family, friends, community and surrounding communities for all the love, support, generosity and prayers given to Neil and his family during this very difficult time. It does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated. We are very blessed. He is tolerating treatments fairly well, but his journey is still long and uncertain, so please continue to send prayers! Thank you and God bless! Hug your loved ones!

Love, Norm & Sandy Schnipke & Family



Rosary This Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

This week, the intention during our rosary will be for Pro-Life in the United States, as we remember the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which legalized the killing of unborn children in the womb.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

RCIA: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church

Liturgical Year at Home Booklets...

have been sent home through CCD with the youngest in the family. Extra copies can be found at the exits of church.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Annette Schroeder's grade 4 on Wednesday, January 26, and Jill Zeller's grade 7 on Friday, January 28.

High School CCD - January 26

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

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation - March 19

at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Please pray for our Eighth graders as they continue preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

First Communion Will Be...

Saturday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. for students whose last names are A through M. Students with last names N through Z will make their First Communion on Sunday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Retreat for Second Grade & Their Parents

Dr. John Wood will be giving the Dragon Slayers Retreat for our children making First Reconciliation/First Communion and their parents. The retreat will be in the church basement from 1:00-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 30. If unable to make this retreat, one is offered at Sts. Peter and Paul, Ottawa on March 26. Give Connie a call to attend Ottawa's retreat.

Confirmation Retreat is Sunday, January 30...

from 1:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas, Miller City. A retreat is a requirement for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This gathering is also for grades 6 and 7.

Virtue of the Week is Prudence

Prudence enables one to reason and to act rightly in any situation. It aims to perfect one's natural ability to judge, one's common sense and guides in making good moral choices. A modern day saint who practiced prudence was Blessed Fr. Stanley Rother. He was born in Oklahoma on March 27, 1953. He served the missions in Guatemala from 1968 until the time of his death in 1981. He was martyred for his faith.

K of C Membership Breakfast - Sunday, Jan. 30



from 9:00 a.m. until out of food. It's a great opportunity to get a free family breakfast when you pay your 2022 dues! We were unable to hold the breakfast last year, so if you missed paying your dues, it's also a great time to catchup (max 2 yrs). Serving scrambled eggs, sausages, famous cinnamon rolls, etc. Hope to see you there! If you cannot make the breakfast, dues can be mailed to Kalida K of C, PO Box 138, or at a Fish Fry. Regular dues are \$25 (half price for Students and Honorary Members).

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 1/25	8:00 AM	Mallory Kerner Evan Langhals
Wed, 1/26	8:00 AM	Max Langhals Issabella McKee
Thurs, 1/27	7:30 PM	Sophia Meyer Jagger Miller
Fri, 1/28	8:00 AM	Kylie Peck Cody Recker
Sat, 1/29	4:30 PM	Drew Buss Evvie Cattell Blake Eickholt
Sun, 1/30	8:00 AM	Brandt Brinkman Gabi Brinkman Nick Foppe
	11:00 AM	Kendal Bockrath Meredith Bockrath

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - January 29 & 30

4:30: Phil & Sue Fuerst, Sue Gerdeman, Jane Kleman

LECTOR: Jill Laudick

8:00: Gus & Judy Brinkman, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman

LECTOR: Mary Plescher

Ministers to Homebound: Herm & Rita Borgelt

11:00: Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich, Kenzie Fortman, Jim Hanneman

LECTOR: Kayla Nartker

USHERS - January 29 & 30

4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6

Putnam County Right to Life Rally

Putnam County Right to Life invites you to our 2022 Rally for Life on January 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the Glandorf Parish Center. We will be showing the movie "Unplanned." Come join us to celebrate all life! Cookies & hot chocolate will be served.

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.

Steve Ray to Present at St. John's in Glandorf

Steve Ray, a well-known speaker, author, and producer will be speaking on Wednesday, January 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Thursday morning January 27, from 9:30- 10:30 a.m. at St. John's, Glandorf. The talks on Wednesday will be focused on faith, morals and defending the Eucharist. Thursday's talk will focus on Living a Catholic Life in a non-Christian world. All ages are invited. Free will offering will be taken.

Marriage Encounter Celebration - Feb. 13...

at St. Joseph, Fort Jennings. Mass will be at 2:00 p.m. Dinner begins at 4:00 p.m. Dance will be from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30/couple. Contact Erin & Ryan Kerner (419-532-3151) by February 6 for tickets or with any questions.

Lion's Komedie Night - Saturday, February 5

Two comedians, steak dinner, all beverages, & cash drawing included in ticket. Call Greg Knueve (419-233-4223). Thanks for supporting Lions events to fund community projects

Veterans Breakfast at Meadows of Kalida

The Meadows of Kalida invites veterans and their spouses to join us in honoring them for their service to our country with a complimentary drive-thru breakfast on Friday, January 28, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Call 419-532-2961 for more info.