Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - January 27, 2019

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It's been a good week as I got to spend more time with students. One of the many questions I get asked is whether or not I like being a priest. And if you like it, why? Because I work with all ages of children, I take stock in all the grades and enjoy how they are growing up. The seniors of this year were second graders when I arrived. They had just celebrated First Reconciliation and First Communion. And now they are ready to take their love of God and Church on the road. As I talked with them, they have a sense of the "Holy" and want to keep that sense as they move on to the next phase of life. When people ask if I like being a priest, people growing in God's love always comes to mind. It's the "father" of Father Mark. It is such a joy to see children of all ages grow into the image of God. It is a lifetime affair, and it brings me joy to see that growth.



The one thing this week which makes me smile most is that the Sophomore class did a retreat at my house. I had to do a lot of pre-work to get ready for the retreat. I had to makes double sure that there were no rats. Good news!!! No rats. Our retreat was on saints and we covered all kinds of saints with some pretty amazing stories. Saints are there to inspire and be celebrated. It comes down to being in love with Jesus and the life of the Lord, which we call the Church These saints aren't just great people, but true children of God. Some had some pretty ratty lives before they found the Lord. But after they cleansed their house, everyone wanted to be near them. Saints are close images of the Lord. The sophomores were great throughout the day, in that they built Church. They not only built churches out of gumdrops and spaghetti, they built Church by working together to be one throughout the day. I am really proud of them.

There is a little pressure on all of us to be true children of God and be examples of sainthood to others. I know I have my own faults and am still working on being a saint. Fr. Elmer, who in almost 90 years, says he still has some work to do on being a saint. His joke is that he is constantly on guard because he fears someone will want his bones for relics and may start early. It is quite life-giving to walk along with the Lord and the future saints around us. What do I like about being a priest? I get to walk with lots of saints. Have a great week, everyone.

Fr. Mark

National Catholic Youth Conference Meeting

Thursday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Center, for those interested in attending NCYC (Nov. 2019). Check out: http://www.ncyc.info/ for more info. Contact Jill (kalida.stmichaelyouth@bright.net, 419-532-3494, ext. 103, or 567-376-9115). NCYC is for 8th grade – Juniors.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM Jim Unverferth WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Marsha Courtright

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 St. John Basco

7:30 PM Leo & Irene Schnipke

Al & Anna Warnecke

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 The Presentation of the Lord

4:30 PM Eleanor Siebeneck, George & Dan Basinger

Norbert & Angie Recker Pete Gerding & Family Nolan & Irma (A) Krouse

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Michael

11:00 AM Scouts

Last Sunday's Collection: \$4,231.00 **Choir Assignments - February 2 & 3** 4:30: YAHS 8:00: Laura 11:00: RA

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Stephanie Price's 3B class on Wednesday, January 30, and Ellen Millott's 6A class on Friday, February 1.

High School CCD - January 30

Everyone has class.

First Reconciliation for Second Graders...

and their families will be Tuesday, Feb,. 5 at 7 p.m.

Junior High Gathering This Sunday, Jan. 27 at Glandorf St. John's Parish Hall. Begins at 1:30 pm and ends with Mass at 6:30 p.m. \$10/person. Open to grades 6,7 & 8.

Bible Study for Men of the Parish

Starting Saturday, February 9, from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., Fr. Rick will be presenting, "Matthew, the King and His Kingdom" Bible Study for men in our parish, in the church basement.

Our First VBS Planning Meeting is Feb. 11...

at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. VBS (Roar: Life is Wild; God is Good) will be held the week of July 15-18. We'd love to have you join our planning team.

5th & 6th Graders Spreading the Warmth

Last Friday, the 5th & 6th Grade Challenge Club visited The Meadows to spread some warmth, handing out nine fleece-tie blankets they made as part of their Apostolic Project.



MONDAY, JANUARY 28

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m. THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church

Engaged Couple Workshop (Pre-Cana)

To register, visit <u>ifmtoledo.eventbrite.com</u> (and choose from the different dates at the bottom). The workshop at Kalida is held on February 9 & 10, but you can attend any workshop.

January Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	David Iliff	\$100	Barb Niese
\$100	Chuck Knueven	\$100	Neil Recker
\$100	Mike Schimmoeller	\$ 50	Nick Schulte
\$ 50	Scarlett Hanneman	\$ 50	Ron Rampe
\$ 50	Duane Lammers	\$ 50	Adam Berheide
\$ 50	Peggie Sponsler	\$ 50	Lawrence Peck

Girls (Grades 4-8) Challenge Club...

begins its next six week session on Friday, February 1, after school until 5:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Church basement. We meet every Friday. If you were unable to take part in our first session, you can still take part in the second. Contact Julie Siebeneck or Mary Siefker with questions.

Chicken & Fish Fry to Benefit Right to Life

Friday, February 1, from 4:30—7:00 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C. Proceeds benefit Putnam County Right to Life.

Lions Club Komedy Knight

Saturday, February 2. Presale tickets only. Call Greg Knueve (419-233-4223), Tony Martinez (419-788-6449), Justin Kahle (419-615-2536) or Jason Birkemeier (419-796-9975).

Large Suitcases Needed...

to take on a mission trip (and leave them there). Call Ellen (419-796-0851).

World Marriage Day Celebrated in Ottawa

Sunday, Feb. 10. Contact Ryan & Erin (532-3151) by Jan. 28.

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. No need to pre-register.

PCYMCA Aerobics

New session beginning February 4. Monday/Wednesday from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m., at the Kalida Grade School Cafeteria. Cost is \$20. Any questions or to register, call Lisa (419-532-2339).

Inspiration, Storytelling & Humor!

Former Miss Michigan and Miss America Runner-Up *KELLY NIETO* will be speaking at Fort Jennings St. Joseph on Sunday, February 3, at 3:00 p.m. Kelly's story is extraordinary: an agnostic entertainer who seemed to have the perfect life on the outside, but on the inside spiraled into a deep and dark depression. It was this emptiness that led her to connect with God and change her life in a powerful way. All are welcome to come and hear her share her dynamic story! No-charge admission.

OFFERTORY -	February	2	&	3
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4:30 PM 8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Carl & Rhonda Osterhage Family Karl & Darlene Miller Family Scouts
	USHERS – February 2 & 3
4:30 PM	Christian Nartker, Paul von der Embse
	Clay Meyer, Mason Kerner
	Connor Krouse, Colin Erhart
8:00 AM	Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk
	Trevor Vorst, Connor Erhart
	Cole Nienberg, Grant Knapke
11:00 AM	Scouts

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	LECTORS - repruary 2 & 3
4:30 PM:	Erin Kerner, Stacy Knueve
8:00 AM:	Mary Plescher, Alexis Meyer
11:00 AM	Scoute

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 2 & 3

<u>4:30</u>: Erin Kerner, Becky Lucke, Deb Miller, Maclerin Morrissey, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg, Deanna Nienberg, Lisa Niese, Michele Niese, Karen Schroeder

8:00: Annette Meyer, Alexis Meyer, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Joan Peck, Mary Plescher, Rose Recker, Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger

Ministers to Homebound: Herm & Rita Borgelt

11:00: Lauren Langhals, McKayla Maag, Deb McIntyre, Lisa Rampe, Carlie Rampe, Teresa Rampe, Tom Roof, Ethan Schmenk, Deb Schroeder, Don Rall

SERVERS

Tues, 1/28	8:00 AM	Carson Remlinger
		Elyse Romes
Wed, 1/29	8:00 AM	Katelyn Roof
		Ella Schumacher
Thurs, 1/30	7:30 PM	Sara Siebeneck
,		Whitney Unverferth
Fri, 1/31	8:00 AM	Alexander Verhoff
,		Dyllan Bendele
Sat, 2/2	4:30 PM	Jillian Knueve
Out, 2/2		Connor Krouse
		Trevor Lambert
Sun, 2/3	8:00 AM	Kevin Lammers
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		Marcy Landwehr
		Logan Langhals
	11:00 AM	Madison Langhals
		Mitch Langhals
		Grant Laudick
		C. G. I. Laddion

Need a Break from Winter Weather?

The Lent/Spring Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama leaves on Sunday, March 31, and returns Friday, April 5, 2019. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will visit Ave Maria Grotto/St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Chapel, EWTN studios/live show with Fr.Mitch Pacwa. Cost is \$650/person (double occupancy) which includes transportation, lodging, and 12 meals. Need a roommate, let me know. **Deadline is March 10, 2019.** Contact Rita (419-532-3637, or hborgelt@bright.net) for reservations and details.

Benefit for the Sisters of The Visitation/Toledo

Cloverdale St. Barbara's is sponsoring a fundraiser to help with renovations for the Sisters who make their hosts for Holy Communion. This *Sunday, January 27*, we will have an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake/Sausage/Egg Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Cost is \$8.00-Adults, \$4.00-Children (6-12) and free for those 5 years & younger.