

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31**  
**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** 1:30 p.m. in church  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**  
**RCIA:** 7:00 p.m.  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** 7:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**HIGH SCHOOL CCD:** 7:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
**ROSARY:** 7:00 p.m. in church

**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 KomedY 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.

**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.

**The First Kalida Go-Getter 4H Meeting is...**  
Monday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m., at the KHS Community Room on the second floor. Open to kindergarten through college freshmen. Call Cindy (419-796-0102) with questions.

**The Sophomore Retreat**  
Because of a low number of sophomores able to go on their yearly retreat, we revised our usual Sophomore Retreat weekend to Maria Stein and traveled instead to Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, in Carey, for Sunday Mass and a little shopping in the gift shop. After having lunch in Findlay, the girls attempted to escape The Bandit Breakout. One minute more, and they would have been free! We then accepted Fr. Mark's invitation to have dinner at his house. Even though he had many other activities that day, he prepared a delicious meal of spaghetti. After dinner, the girls "competed" to build the "Church" (pictured to the left). As Fr. Mark said in his column last week, the girls were very competitive, they really did learn that we should all work together to build up the "Church." There were many games of cards and, again, they were very competitive, which led to much laughter and fun. Thank you to Annette Gerding and Fr. Mark for helping with the "Sophomore Retreat."



Back Row: Erica Kahle, Sara Siebeneck, Carly Webken, Olivia Olzak  
Front Row: Maria Gerding, Ella Schumacher, Andrea Burgei

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 2/1	8:00 AM	Blake Remlinger Bryce Remlinger
Wed, 2/2	8:00 AM	Josh Schulte Nicole Siebeneck
Thurs, 2/3	7:30 PM	Kennedy Simon Zachary Unverferth
Fri, 2/4	8:00 AM	Nathan Wannemacher Maya Wehri
Sat, 2/5	4:30 PM	Grant Helmke Meredyth Horstman
Sun, 2/6	8:00 AM	Madelyn Houck
		Alex Gardner
		Kenzie Fortman
		Maria Gerding
		Ryan Fischnich
	11:00 AM	Evan Fischnich Joel Horstman

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - February 5 & 6**  
**4:30:** Becky Lucke, Peter Morrisey, Beth Nienberg, Lisa Niese  
**LECTOR: Nancy Rampe**  
**8:00:** Dianna Kehres, Mike Krouse, Darlene Miller, Joan Niese  
**LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald**  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Tony & Sandy Vorst  
**11:00:** Mark & Rachel Kahle, Ryan Kerner, Deb McIntyre  
**LECTOR: Wendy Schimmoeller**

**USHERS - February 5 & 6**  
**4:30:** Team 4    **8:00:** Team 5    **11:00:** Team 6

**ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OHIO - JANUARY 30, 2022**

**Pastor:** Fr. Mark Hoying, C.PP.S.    **Deacon:** Bob Klausing    **DRE:** Connie Cleemput  
**Youth Minister:** Jill Zeller    **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer    **Website:** stmichaelskalida.org  
**Address:** 312 N. Broad St.; Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853    **Phone:** 419-532-3474

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**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday  
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**To Schedule a Wedding:**  
Call Fr. Mark

**To Choose a Cemetery Plot:**  
Call Ron Schulte  
419-532-3078

**To Schedule a Baptism**  
Call Fr. Mark  
(Classes are needed for  
your first child only)

**Cemetery Maintenance**  
Steve Bockrath

**Parish Council**  
Matt Bockrath  
Annette Gerding  
Keith Hamburg  
Marc Kerner  
Sheryl Krouse  
Dale Liebrecht  
Mark Stechschulte  
Lisa Roebke  
Adriene Swyers

**Finance Committee**  
Joan Niese  
Jim Burgei  
Paul Bonifas  
Norm Schnipke  
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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. When it comes to technology, I am at the least, poor. I am so bad that I had to look up "technology" in a paperback dictionary so that I could spell technology. I grew up in an age of milking cows by hand, collecting eggs from underneath an unsuspecting hen and speaking to a number of neighbors on the party line when I really wanted to call someone out for a date (no wonder I am a priest). When it comes to technology, I am pretty useless. I have updated some aspects of my technological life, but for big questions, I turn to others.

Our parishes have had to keep up with the new technology in that Mass and different services are now shared with parishioners and others around the world through cable television, Facebook and YouTube. When covid hit our parishes used technology to keep in touch. When Mass was limited to the priest and perhaps a musician, technology kept us connected spiritually. I have heard from people around the country and internationally who have "watched" Mass televised from Kalida and Continental. Some have even sent checks to say thank you for keeping them connected with the Lord. And now both parishes are trying to keep up from a technology point of view by improving our camera at St. John's and our sound system at St. Michael's. Hopefully, our worship of the Lord in the pews becomes better and more rich at the same time.

Because some people got used to "attending" Mass at home responses might not be as rich. I really do want the Lord to be with you. It is nice to hear that you want the Lord to be with me, also. There is real power when we worship the Lord together. We can feel that we are God's family. We feel each other's support, care and love. We put our faith into action by responding at Mass. Singing at Mass is a good way to praise the Lord, also. At home it was hard to sing along, but now that we are back, it is time to make a joyful song to the Lord. Don't be afraid to sing. My mom could not sing, but she gave it her all in church. I think it made the people around her sing louder and better. God is so good to us. Let us give it our all when it comes to singing. Singing is not just for our choirs (although we have good ones). Let us sing when we come to worship Him.

Through technology many people observed Mass from an easy chair, under blankets, with coffee in hand and many other comfortable ways of observing. Worship is meant to be a participation activity while the covid age has made worship more of a observation activity. People could catch up with Mass through the pause button or skip the homily and come back for communion. People would turn off Mass when the priest would say the Mass is ended and not stay for the ending song. And now we come back to the reality of live worship. Pews are not as comfortable as easy recliners, coffee is not ready during the offertory, and snacks are not provided for children. But to worship together as a family is great. To see and greet our neighbors and members of the Body of Christ is powerful. To let them know we are praying for them brings peace and unity. To see the young people and children gives us hope that the Body of Christ is growing. To feel the faith alive through our responses and singing brings a certain warmth that we share a common love for the Lord. To receive the Lord in Communion is life giving, not only to ourselves, but as a whole Body of Christ.

When we say "Amen" to the Lord, we say Amen with people around us in Kalida and Continental and the world for whom He would live and die for. Technology keeps us in touch in one way. Faith hope and love keep us in touch in the old-fashioned way.

I'd like to say a big thanks to everyone who has kept us connected through technology. I invite everyone to stay connected by coming to our worship services and participating with all your hearts. God is so good to us. Let us praise Him together with all that we are.

Have a great week.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week	
<b><u>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1</u></b>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Alphonse &amp; Frances Schulte</b>
<b><u>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2</u></b> <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Thelma Vennekotter (A) - Cuba CLC</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Dan &amp; Earl Kleman &amp; Families</b>
<b><u>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3</u></b> <i>Saint Blaise</i>	
<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Bud Guisinger (A), Carolyn Unverferth</b>
	<b>Leo &amp; Irene Schnipke</b>
<b><u>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4</u></b> <i>First Friday</i>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Tom Recker (HN)</b>
<b><u>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5</u></b> <i>St. Agatha</i>	
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>John Smith, Eleanor Siebeneck</b>
	<b>George, Nora &amp; Dan Basinger</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6</u></b>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Alvin &amp; Mary Hoffman</b>
	<b>Jeanette Knippen</b>
	<b>Larry Peck</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Ron Kahle, Jr., Eileen Decker (CLC)</b>

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for

**Tom Recker**

was held on

Tuesday, January 25.

Please include Tom

and his family

in your prayers.



Thank You

The family of Tom Recker would like to thank you for all the prayers, support and kind words during this difficult time. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all who played a part in making his Celebration of Life so meaningful. We are blessed to live in such a great and supportive community.

*The Tom Recker Family*

Choir Assignments - February 5 & 6

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

Feast Day of St. Blaise

is Thursday, February 3. Fr. Mark will do the blessing of throats at the 7:30 p.m. Mass that evening. He will also offer the blessing after all the Masses next weekend.

Technology Revisited—The New Sound System

More components have come in at St. Michael's and are being installed. We need everyone's help in making sure the speakers are directed in the right locations. PLEASE let us know if you cannot hear in the sections in which you are seated. I know people do not like to complain when it comes to church things, but you will be doing us and the people in the future a huge favor if we can get our sound system working to its highest performance. Thanks to everyone who has and is working on this project so that we can give praise to the Lord.

Fr. Mark

Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, February 6, in the church basement, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome!

Euchre Tournament at Fr. Mark's House

Sunday, February 6, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Father Mark's house (the rectory).

Jr. High Gathering This Sunday

Please pray for our St. Michael Youth and all youth from our St. George Deanery who are attending the Junior High Gathering in Miller City today. They are learning to COME ALIVE in the graces & virtues they will receive through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The retreat starts at 1:00 p.m. and will end with 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas. All are welcome to attend this closing Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration is Monday, February 7

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

Putnam County Right to Life Rally

Putnam County Right to Life invites you to our 2022 Rally for Life this Sunday, 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.

K of C Membership Breakfast

**This Sunday, January 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 years). 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).

Snow Shovelers Needed

Kevin could use some more help when it snows. Contact him if you can volunteer. Thanks!

January Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Kelly Recker	\$100	Kevin Detwiler
\$100	Dave Schumaker	\$100	Tom Janka
\$100	Irma Hoffman	\$ 50	Eugene Foppe
\$ 50	Roger Wellman	\$ 50	Owen Recker
\$ 50	Elaine Laudick	\$ 50	Nick Schulte
\$ 50	Eugene Foppe	\$ 50	Tiffany Landin

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Cindy Fitzgerald's grade 4 class on Wednesday, February 2, at 8:00 a.m. and Jill Zeller's grade 2 class at 9:30 a.m. On Friday, February 4, Stephanie Price's grade 6 class will have Mass at 8:00 a.m.

High School CCD - February 2

Everyone else has class.

First Reconciliation:

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

Retreat for Second Grade & Their Parents

Has Been Postponed to Next Sunday!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Dr. John Wood will not be able to give the retreat this weekend. The new date is **Sunday, February 6.** Same time (1:00 - 3:30 p.m.) in the church basement. This Dragon Slayers Retreat is for our children making First Reconciliation/First Communion and their parents. If unable to make this new retreat day (February 6), one is offered at Sts. Peter and Paul, Ottawa on March 26. Call Connie to attend Ottawa's retreat.

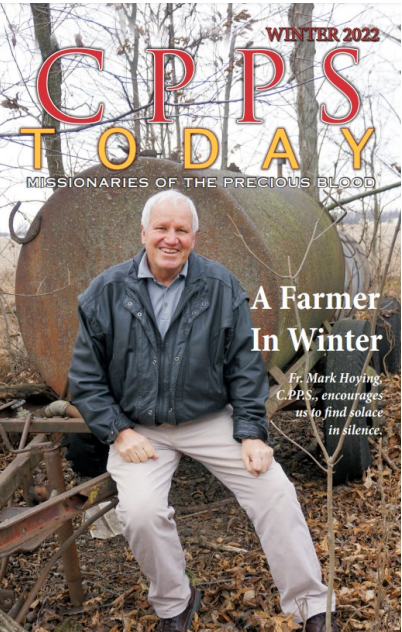
Virtue of the Week is Circumspection

This virtue means thinking about how your actions affect other people, and not just yourself. Think about what you should say and do. Stop before you act. Sometimes silence is the best. A way to practice circumspection is to seek advice from a trusted person. Saints who practiced circumspection were Blessed Miguel Pro, St. John Baptist de la Salle and St. Edmund Campion. Our prayer for this week is *"Dear Jesus, My actions affect not just myself, but others. Please give me the wisdom to think before acting. Please give me the gift of counsel, that I may act in the best way at each moment of the day."*

Homecoming Mass

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

**Last Sunday's Collection**    \$ 7,634.00



Look Who's

On the Cover!

Check out the most

recent issue of

“CPPS Today,”

which features our

very own Fr. Mark.

You can find the

link on our

Facebook page.

There are also

physical copies at

the exits of church.