

# St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - January 5, 2020

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It is the last day of the year as I write this article. I hope all of you have many blessings as we begin another year.

It is a time to look back and look forward. As I look, there is a glint in my eye as I know that God has been, is and will be with us. This past year, for me, has been a time of adjustment. My new knee has taken a bit to get used to. It really feels good. It is the best it has felt for forty years. I don't tense up when I walk on wet pavement or snow. Now I have to adjust so that I walk without fear. That adjustment also applies when I think of getting older. I want to face the future without fear. With the celebration of Fr. Elmer's 90th birthday, I began to wonder about my own aging. I am nearing that 65 benchmark. What do I want my future to look like? I looked at Fr. Elmer's state in life and smiled. It is a blessing that he is doing so well. I hope my life is as good at 90 or even 70. I will have to change a few things so that I can smile as much as he does. I need a complete new way of looking at things if I'm going to be like Fr. Elmer. I will have to arrange my schedule to include poker and naps, or should I say meditations.

From a parish point of view, I smile, also. This past year has brought many blessings. I have seen God's hand in so many occasions and especially in people's lives. I love faith stories. Both parishes have supplied me with times of faith to be celebrated. I'm not sure what the next year and decade may bring, but I am sure that with God and good people at my side, that the future will be a blessing.

As we are about to close down the Christmas season I want to say a big thank you to all who helped create an atmosphere of prayer and celebration. The music and decorations set a stage of holiness. All the ministers help welcome and celebrate who we are as God's loved people. I love when people come home for Christmas. It is nice that college students come back home...come back to celebrate with their church family, also. People always wonder, even on Christmas when church is full, if I can see them. Let me assure you that I can and you get an extra prayer. I love it when our churches are full of a holy spirit and the Holy Spirit. Even though I was a little under the weather this year, I smiled as I saw our church family so alive.

I am about ready to go back to my house to put on some sausage & sauerkraut. My family always shared this tradition for good luck. May your families go way beyond luck, all the way to blessings. May God bless each home with His goodness as we begin a new year. *Peace, Fr. Mark*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

**8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE**

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

**8:00 AM Right to Life (CLC)**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

**8:00 AM Special Intention**

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

**7:30 PM Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth**

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

**8:00 AM**

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

**4:30 PM Ralph (A) & Dolores Verhoff**

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 *Baptism of the Lord*

**8:00 AM Parishioners**

**11:00 AM Gene Stechschulte**

**Christmas Collection:** \$ 71,023.60

**Last Week's Collection:** \$ 10,790.49

## Choir Assignments - January 11 & 12

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

## Students Planning Mass this Week...

are Ruth Kuhlman's 5B class on Wednesday, January 8, and Annette Schroeder's 8B class on Friday, January 10.

## High School CCD – January 8

Everyone will meet at St. Michael's Gym at 7:00 p.m. for a Fun Night. The evening's activities will end at 8:30 p.m. Note the time change for parents to pick up their youth.

## Meeting for Parents of Second Graders

On Tuesday, January 14, there is a mandatory second grade parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. in church. This is for parents only. Fr. Mark will present information on First Reconciliation.

## Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 12, in St. Michael's Church Basement from 8:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, OJ, Coffee and Milk. Suggested Donation is \$7 for adults (12+) and \$4 for children (5-12). Proceeds benefit youth attending the March for Life!

## Sophomore Retreat

January 19-20, 2020.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 8.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

**RCIA:** 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

**HIGH SCHOOL CCD:** 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in St. Mike's Gym

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

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

### **Putnam County Right to Life Meeting**

Tuesday, January 7, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next the Kalida fire station). All are welcome.

### **Putnam County Rally for Life**

January 12 at 2:00 p.m., in the American Legion Hall in Ottawa. Join us for some pro-life inspiration. Refreshments are provided.

### **Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers Needed**

From Saturday morning, January 18 through Sunday morning, January 19, there will be Eucharistic Adoration in the church. We are asking anyone who would like to prayerfully support our Christ Renews His Parish women's retreat participants to sign up on the sheet at the main entrance of the church. Thank you for being a positive role model and a faithful disciple of our Lord.

### **Marriage Encounter Dinner & Dance...**

will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020. The Mass is at 3:00 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C Hall, with a dinner and dance at 4:30 p.m. Music will be provided by "Deuces Wild." Enjoy a beautiful evening with the love of your life. For tickets, contact Ryan & Erin Kerner (419-532-3151).

### **PCYMCA Aerobics (Cardio/Toning)...**

at the Kalida Grade School Cafeteria on Monday/Wednesday, beginning on January 6, from 6:15 -7:00 p.m. Cost: \$20 (monthly) or \$5/per night. Call 419-532-2339 to register.

### **OFFERTORY - January 11 & 12**

**4:30 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**11:00 AM**

Jim & Brenda Burgei Family  
Gus & Judy Brinkman Family  
Joe & Linda Hovest Family

### **USHERS - January 11 & 12**

**4:30 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**11:00 AM**

Team 4

Team 5

Team 6

### **LECTORS - January 11 & 12**

**4:30 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**11:00 AM**

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman  
Bob Buss, Clara Elkins  
Jennifer Erhart, Deb Kahle

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 11 & 12**

**4:30:** Scott Unverferth, Alice Adams, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Bev & Brian Berheide, Matt Bockrath, McKenna Bockrath, Greg Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas

**8:00:** Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Bob Buss, Don Wehri, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Norma Unverferth, Amy Brinkman, Gus & Judy Brinkman

**Ministers to Homebound:** Tony & Sandy Vorst,  
**11:00:** Norma Vorst, Greg, Jill, Jade & Will Zeller, Kamryn Wurth, Sandy Westrick, Janet Burgei, Bob Buss, Dave Buss

### **SERVERS**

Tues, 1/7	8:00 AM	Olivia Olzak Camryn Recker
Wed, 1/8	8:00 AM	Carson Remlinger Elyse Romes
Thurs, 1/9	7:30 PM	Katelyn Roof Ella Schumacher
Fri, 1/10	8:00 AM	Sara Siebeneck Whitney Unverferth
Sat, 1/11	4:30 PM	Dyllan Bendele Hannah Berheide
Sun, 1/12	8:00 AM	Dominic Bockrath Logan Bockrath Kendal Bockrath McKenna Bockrath
	11:00 AM	Will Zeller Drew Buss Emily Buss

