

# Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, January 7, 2018

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Happy New Year and Merry Christmas to everyone. I thought I would change it up, as I usually say Merry Christmas first. Last night, at Kalida, we square danced with our high school CCD students. I hope the students had as much fun as I did. And the smiles on their faces let me know that they did. We usually begin the year with a fun night to get the new year off to a good start. For me, the Christmas season was a blur. With ten Masses in two days and a number of funerals and a wedding thrown in for good measure, there was little time to just sit back and take in the love that God has for all of us in sending us our Savior.

I got to sit back last night as high school students laughed at each others' mistakes and victories. It was joy to see elbow swings and dizziness from swinging too fast. The students were encouraged to go beyond comfort zones and reach out to someone they may have never thought they would dance with. Once the initial clumsiness was overcome, joy took over. There are times when we hold back on our potential as persons and as Christians. We are meant to interact and find joy together as God's people. As I took in the smiles, I smiled on the inside as our young people were not only getting the "left hand on the corner," but were getting what it felt like to work together, play together, be God's people together. I might not have had much of an opportunity to take in Christmas, but the new year began with perfect joy. Jesus came so that we would be free to reach our potential. He came that we would learn how to love in all that we do and take that love all the way to eternal life. Jesus is the Lord of the Dance and I got to see a glimpse of that last night. He invites us to love God and each other in a dance, through mistakes and victories, through our crosses and miracles. Sometimes the dance of life leaves us a little dizzy, but when we know we have a partner in the Lord and have partners with each other, the dance becomes interesting and results in joy.

The Lord invites us to dance. Do we say yes to the invitation or are we content to be a wallflower and miss the joy of the dance? Here's to dancing in the new year!!! **Fr. Mark**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8** *Baptism of the Lord*

**8:00 AM** Loretta Vorst

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

**8:00 AM** Jeanette Wannemacher  
Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**

**8:00 AM** Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**

**7:30 PM** Bill Cleemput

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**

**8:00 AM** Successful Surgery

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

**4:30 PM** George & Dan Basinger  
Stan Haselman, Alfred Landwehr  
Tony, Marie & Mike Langhals

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

**8:00 AM** Jim Hamilton

**11:00 AM** Earl Kleman, Al Siefker & Family  
Pauline Wank

**Christmas Collection:** \$ 66,373.12

**Last Week's Collection:** \$ 8,837.00

## Choir Assignments—January 13 & 14

**4:30:** YAHS **8:00:** HN **11:00:** TBA

## High School CCD - January 10

Fr. Elmer will meet with the seniors in the Parish Center and Fr. Mark will meet with the freshmen in the church basement.

## Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Ellen Millott's 5A class on Wednesday, January 10, and Stephanie Price's 6B class on Friday, January 12.

## Recent Baptism

**AARAV AUGUSTINE THARWANI**

Son of Sandeep & Lauren (Erhart) Tharwani



**MONDAY, JANUARY 8****ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church****TUESDAY, JANUARY 9****RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement****WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10****HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.****THURSDAY, JANUARY 11****ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church****FRIDAY, JANUARY 12****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church****March For Life is Coming Up**

If anyone is interested in going on the March in Washington D.C., please contact Fr. Mark and we will see what kind of arrangements can be made. We can all participate by praying for the sanctity of life and living each day as people of life.

**Mandatory First Reconciliation Parent Meeting**

January 30, at 7:00 p.m., in church, for parents only.

**Sophomore Retreat**

January 14-15, 2018, at Maria Stein Spiritual Center.

**Faith with the Fellas...**

begins Saturday, January 13, in St. Michael's Church basement, from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Men from all ages and experiences are welcome to share our faith, learn more about the faith and enjoy some camaraderie on Saturday mornings. The topics and content have been developed by members of our parish, based on feedback from similar endeavors. The content is unique from week to week and provides the opportunity to participate in a flexible manner, as the previous week is not a building block for the following week. There will be no "signup," cost or requests for donations.

**Knights of Columbus Membership Breakfast**

Sunday, January 14, at the Hall, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass thru EoF (End of Food). Breakfast free with paid annual dues. If you can't make breakfast, dues are due January 31.

**CRHP Women's Retreat**

January 27-28, 2018. Call Ann Selhorst (419-615-3922) Wendy Stechschulte (419-957-4194) or Vicki Winkle (419-236-1198).

**"We've Got Heart!" Awareness Game**

Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) is the most common birth defect among children, affecting nearly 2-3 million individuals from the U.S., including several from Ft. Jennings & Kalida. The key to help is providing awareness, and "We've Got Heart!" - a local Congenital Heart Disease awareness and fund-raising event - is being hosted by the Kalida Biomedical Innovation class. The event will be held at the **Kalida versus Fort Jennings boys basketball game on January 12**, with a 6:00 p.m. start time. Funds raised through raffle baskets and donations will be donated to Nationwide Children's Hospital for CHD research and to afflicted families.

**PCYMCA Aerobics****(Low Impact Aerobics, Stepping & Toning)**

Get the new year off to a great start. Come join us, beginning January 8 (runs monthly) on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at the Kalida grade school cafeteria. Cost is \$20 monthly. Please register by calling Lisa (419-532-2339).

**Ottawa Men's Christ Renews His Parish**

All men are invited on February 17-18, 2018, at Ottawa SPPS. Please contact Jeremy Kuhlman at 419-615-0963 or jkuhlman@ayersvillepilots.org.

**OFFERTORY - January 13 & 14****4:30 PM****8:00 AM****11:00 AM**

Ryan &amp; Erin Kerner Family

Gus &amp; Judy Brinkman Family

Mike &amp; Annette Gerding Family

**USHERS - January 13 & 14****4:30 PM:****8:00 AM:****11:00 AM:**

Team 4

Team 5

Team 6

**LECTORS - January 13 & 14****4:30 PM****8:00 AM****11:00 AM**

Brayden Recker, Wendy Schimmoeller

Mary Plescher, Donna Schnipke

Stacy Knueve, Alexis Meyer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 13 & 14**

**4:30:** Tori Niese, Michele Niese, Tom Roof, Ethan Schmenk, Deb Schroeder, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Duane & Barb Steffan

**8:00:** Joan Peck, Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Norma Unverferth, Norma Vorst, Don Rall, Deb Remlinger, Teresa Rampe, Mark Remlinger

**Ministers to Homebound:** Herm & Rita Borgelt, Joan Peck

**11:00:** Megan Schulte, Dick & Jane Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Stacy Knueve, Kierstan Siebeneck, Kara Siefker, Kay Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth, Scott Unverferth

**SERVERS**

Mon, 1/8	8:00 AM	Gabe von der Embse Logan Bockrath
Tues, 1/9	8:00 AM	Brandt Brinkman Marcus Cox
Wed, 1/10	8:00 AM	Blake Eickholt Kenzie Fortman
Thurs, 1/11	7:30 PM	Alysen Hoyt Ryan Klausing
Fri, 1/12	8:00 AM	Grant Knapke Grace Niemeyer
Sat, 1/13	4:30 PM	Kierstan Siebeneck Kathryn Siebeneck Brenna Smith
Sun, 1/14	8:00 AM	Brad & Trevor Siefker Tyler Unverferth
	11:00 AM	Josh Verhoff Paul & Zach von der Embse

**Holy Name Christmas/New Year's Party**

Friday, January 19, beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m.

**Junior High Gathering**

Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m., at Miller City St. Nicholas. Registrations were mailed & distributed at CCD.

**Earn Money for Youth Account...**

*by helping sell concessions at the CYO games.* If you would like to help out, let Jill know. Money in your account can be used toward retreats and other youth events.

*Please contact Jill Zeller (567-376-9115) with questions.*

**Gracias, Merci, Grazie, Danke,****Mahalo, Todo, Efharisto, Spasiba & Doma**

I am so very grateful to all who sent me cards, family pictures, fruit and baked goods and your generous gifts during the Christmas holidays. Your generosity was overwhelming and filled my heart with so much warmth of your Christmas wishes of peace and love. May the Lord Jesus, who has again made Himself present to us, bring much peace and love to you in this New Year of 2018.

**Fr. Rick**