Attention 8th Grade—Juniors

St. Michael's Youth are planning to attend NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in November 2021. There will be an informational meeting on **Monday, March 22 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.** Check out <u>nfcym.org</u> for more details. What is NCYC? It is three full-to-the-brim days of music, entertainment, incredible speakers, prayer & worship and fun shared with 25,000 Catholic teens from all over the country! It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Plans are under way to begin our fundraising efforts to, once again, travel to the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, to participate in this life-changing opportunity. For current 8th graders thru Junior. Contact Jill Zeller (567-376-9115).

Schedule of Students at Mass This Week

Tuesday: Grade 6 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 3 at 8:50 a.m.

Wednesday: Grade 5 at 8:00 a.m. Grades 1 & 2 at 9:30 am

Grade 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Grade 8 at 8:50 a.m.

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Virtue of the Week is Magnanimity

That virtue means seeking with confidence to do great things in God; literally "having a large soul." Some ways to cultivate magnanimity is to allow others to receive the praise and credit they deserve; ask God to help you recognize the good in others. We should acknowledge the good in others when it is difficult; strive to do difficult tasks with God's grace. Saints who practiced this virtue were St. Philip Neri, St. Louis de Montfort, and St. Paul Miki. Our prayer should be, Sacred Heart of Jesus, You loved us even to the point of death. Give me a big heart! Give me Your heart! Help me to love others with all my heart!

The Search (at Home) Schedule is...

March 13-19: Episode 5 - Who is Jesus? March 20-26: Episode 6 - Am I Saved?

You Now Have Access to Pro-Life Talks

Our parish has a wonderful opportunity for adults. We have purchased access to 68 Catholic pro life talks that were part of an online pro life conference that took place in January. These talks will help form us to be more pro life in thought, word, and action. Parents, after viewing these talks, you may want to share them with your son/daughter (17 years and older). We have access through December 31, 2021. Fr. Leo Patalinghug, host of EWTN's "Savoring our Faith" and founder of "Plating Grace," is the main presenter, along with speakers from the Catholic Speakers Organization. They speak on various topics pertaining to the gift of life from conception to natural death. Good videos to start with are the "Welcome" and "4 Steps to forming a Pro Life Parish and Family" by Fr. Leo and then move to "Virtue of Compassion" by Dr. Ryan Henning, a professor of theology and philosophy who works in the pro life movement. You may want to move from general topics like, "What Does It Mean To Be Pro Life?" (3 presenters on this topic), to more specific topics like "Natural Family Planning vs. Contraception," based on your knowledge. If you have knowledge on some of these topics, you may want to dive into the more specific ones. On the topic "What Does it Mean to be Pro Life," Catholic parish mission speaker Daniel Oberreuter has a very practical talk to start with. Fr. Nathan Cromley's talk is more philosophical. Most talks are within 20- 25 minutes, with a few as little as 2-3 minutes. In future bulletins, there will be some more "picks of the week" to view.

The link to access is: platinggrace.com/livingprolife

The Cookbooks Have Arrived!

Pick up is at the Parish Center, Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - Noon and 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. No extras at this time.

Updated Food Pantry Wish List

The following items are needed to stock the shelves at the food pantry in Ottawa:

Crackers (saltine, round butter or graham), noodles, cake/brownie mix and canned frosting, pizza mix and pizza sauce.

The need is greatest right now for individual or small families. Any donation is appreciated. Please drop off these items at the designated spot by the elevator entrance of church. We will be collecting the whole month of March. It is one way to fulfill one of our Lenten objectives. Thanks for your generosity.

Join "The Search" at the Parish Center

It will be presented every remaining Sunday in Lent (March 14, 21 & 28) from 9:00 – 10:45 a.m., at Parish Center. You can join the group in person or you can

follow from home by joining via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 384 170 7750 Passcode: 45853

You can pick up a copy of the discussion questions at the entrances of church. This is open to all adults!

You can access *The Search by* visiting formed.org. Click to sign up. Select "I belong to a Parish." Find our parish by the zip code 45853. Enter your email and a password and you're in.

It's not too late to join!

Basket Raffle

The KHS Post Prom committee is selling basket raffle tickets with the drawing to take place on April 1st. Tickets are \$15 each or three for \$40. A total of 6 baskets will be raffled with the grand prize basket being valued at over \$1000. Please contact Shonda Vorst (419-615-3837), Julie Brinkman (513-509-8293) or Karen Fortman (419-615-9731) to purchase tickets. Tickets are also available locally at Rach's Barber Co. and Ash & Roots. Thanks for supporting a safe and enjoyable evening for the Kalida youth!

PC Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale

Tuesday, March 23, 9 am - 7 pm, and Wednesday, March 24, 9 am - 3 pm, at the Ottawa K of C Hall (10759 Rd. H, Ottawa, OH). Gently used items and baked goods can be dropped off on Monday, March 22, from 9 am - 6 pm. We are grateful for the loyal support of the residents of this county.

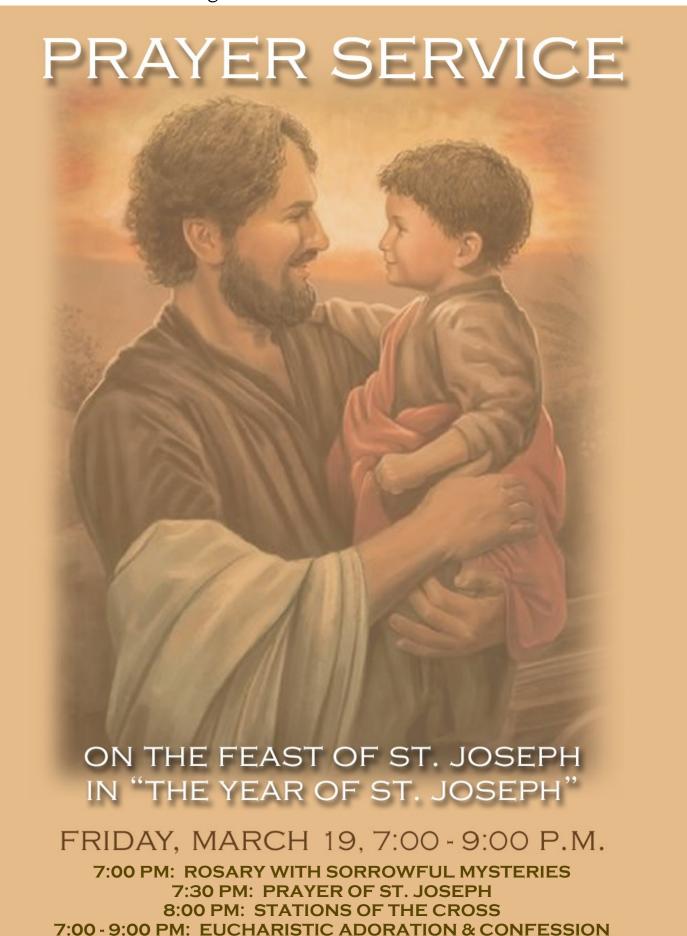
Mark's Gospel Live! This Sunday!

Experience the entire Gospel of St. Mark in two amazing hours of awesome storytelling by priest and actor, Reverend Joseph Morris. Not a reading or a talk, but a dynamic proclamation of an ancient story about God's healing love! Join us Sunday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m. at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Church and experience together the love of Jesus as we journey through Lent. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Rosary for Marriages

In this year of St. Joseph, we especially invoke his protection of families. You are invited to a Traditional Marriage Rosary Rally on Saturday, March 20, at 12:00 Noon <u>in</u> St. Michael's Church, Kalida, OH. The intentions for this Rosary are to beg God, Our Lady, and Saint Joseph to protect and preserve traditional marriages in America. This will last about 45 minutes.

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

I find myself in a strange situation. When I was little, I always wanted to be a cowboy like Roy Rogers. I had a pair of cowboy boots that I wore all the time. Once, I even wore them to church one Sunday when mom wasn't checking our feet before Mass (notice I said once). As I got older, Bart Starr (he played for the Green Bay Packers) was my hero and I wanted to be a big time quarterback. I didn't get to play big time because I was more like Nicodemus, short in stature. And now, I get a role I never dreamed of: I get to be the bishop's representative for Confirmation. Due to the bishop's schedule and the coronavirus, I get to be the celebrant at next weekend's celebration of Confirmation. I won't have the right accessories, namely a miter or crosier. But I trust that the Holy Spirit will be taking over. I've always had a deep trust in God. Next weekend will be no exception. I've already seen the Holy Spirit working in our young people. We have good young people in our parishes. They are good, not because the boots they wear to church or what team they get behind, but their openness to God working in their lives. I've seen how they work as servants as Jesus was a servant. I have seen how they have a heart for those in need as they volunteered in soup kitchens and collected food for those in the area. By their fruits, you will know them. They have blossomed into young people who will change the world because God will and is already gifting them.

There have been many images used to describe Confirmation. When I was confirmed, we became soldiers for Christ. That was during the Vietnam War, and I never liked that image. I prefer that our young people be peacemakers. They bring me peace, as I know that the Church is in good hands. An image that is used today is that once Confirmed, they are now adults in the Church. We have talented young people who will use their gifts for the uplifting of the Church and world. I have heard them defend their faith. As I interviewed them, I saw gifts of Wisdom, Fortitude, Counsel and Courage. In some I saw fear (of the Lord), but down deep, I saw the hand of God with them.

Now I know why the bishops over the years seemed to smile during Confirmation. They saw a Church being lifted up on the wings of the Holy Spirit carrying the future of the Church in the hearts and hands of our young people. Next weekend, I won't be wearing a miter, crosier, cowboy boots or Green Bay helmet, but I will be wearing a smile, as I know the presence of God will be very evident as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for our young people, as we prepare to witness the faith of our Church.

p.s. I hope the Bishop does not tune into Facebook Live to check out how I'm doing as his representative. Maybe you should pray for the bishop, also.

Have a great week.

Fr. Mark

Outdoor Stations Coming Soon

In the next weeks St. Michael's church grounds will come alive with different artistic interpretations of the 14 Stations of the Cross. There will be a walking tour and the artwork can also be viewed from the comfort of your car. I am excited about this project as I have already seen some of the local artists' work. The artwork will make you think about Jesus' final day on earth in a new way. Plan on making this part of your Lenten journey. More information will be coming.

Last Week's Collection: \$8,448.50

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week TUESDAY, MARCH 16 8:00 AM Ron Kahle, Jr., Special Intention Grade 3 8:50 AM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 St. Patrick 8:00 AM **Louis & Molly Osterhage** Grades 1 & 2 9:30 AM **THURSDAY, MARCH 18** 8:00 AM Grade 7 7:30 PM Hubert Horstman, Bud Guisinger FRIDAY, MARCH 19 St. Joseph 8:00 AM 8:50 AM Grade 4 **SATURDAY, MARCH 20** John Phillips, Wilfred & Pauline Bockrath 4:30 PM Ray, Dorothea & Ron Averesch Alvin & Rita Kleman, Andrew Orzechowski **Cure for Cancer** 6:00 PM **Sacrament of Confirmation** 7:30 PM **Sacrament of Confirmation** SUNDAY, MARCH 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM **Urban & Frances Meyer Family**

Our Parish Penance Service This Tuesday, March 16! Join us at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., in church.

Don Holtkamp & Family, Ron Kahle, Jr.

Earl, Pat, Bill, Irene & Joe Kleman

11:00 AM

Stations of the Cross...

will be presented by High School Youth on Sunday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m. We need High School actors and readers. There will be only one practice—Saturday, March 13, at 10:45 a.m.

First Communion...

will be Saturday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 2, at 1:00 p.m. Students with last names beginning with A through N will attend on Saturday, and students with last names O through Z will attend on Sunday. Information will be mailed to the parents next week.

High School CCD - March 17

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

The Sacrament of Confirmation...

will be on Saturday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Due to limited seating, these Masses are for Confirmation candidates and their family & friends.

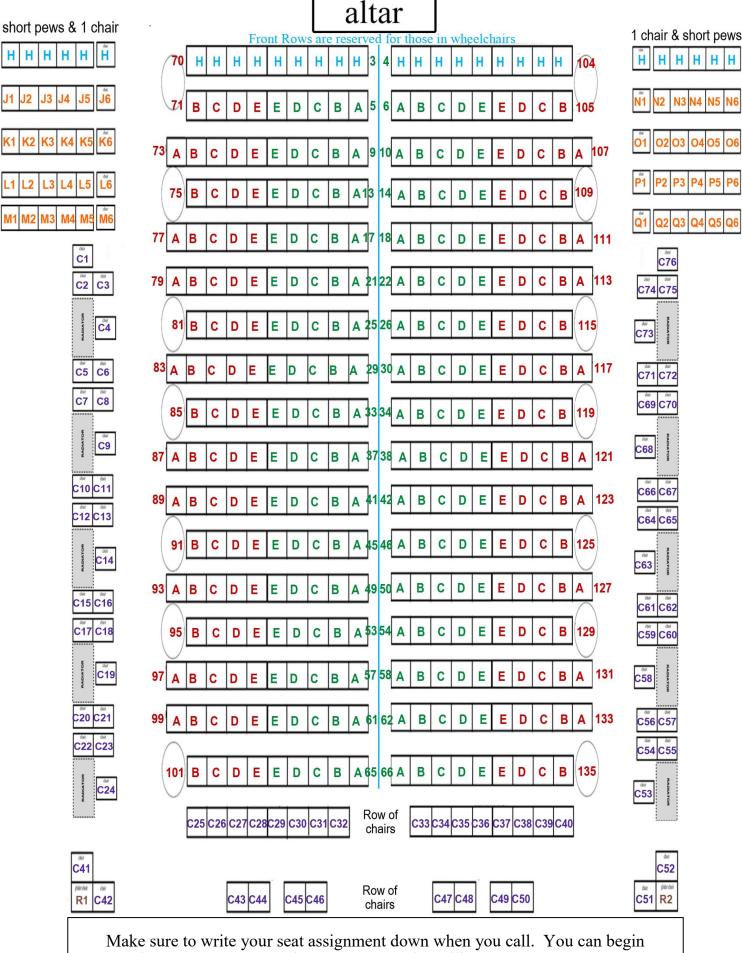
Sign-Up for Easter Masses Begins Monday!

Just like at Christmas, we will be reserving seats for all of the Easter Masses at Kalida. You can begin reserving your seats on Monday, March 15, at 8:00 a.m. by calling 419-532-3474, ext. 100. Please don't leave a message, but wait until your call is answered.

Here are the Mass Times at Kalida:

Holy Saturday: 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



reserving your seat on Monday, at 8:00 a.m., by calling 419-532-3474, ext. 100.