

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - March 3, 2019

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IDEAS FOR



Fast from complaints. Focus on being grateful.

Make a list of 40 people who have touched your life in one way or another. Each day of Lent, write the person on the list a letter of thanks for how they touched your life. Or pick a stranger and write them an anonymous note that you will be praying for them on a certain day.

Be a good listener. Take the focus off yourself and onto the needs of others.

Participate in Christian Prayer at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays of Lent at St. Michael's.

Visit a family member you don't see often enough.

Pray for your enemies. In fact, think of the person who has most hurt you or who most annoys you and spend several minutes each day thanking God for that person and asking God to bless him or her.

Participate in Eucharistic Devotion on Saturdays in Lent from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m., at St. Michael's.

Participate fully in Mass. Come early. Listen to and reflect on the readings. Sing the songs. Respond with conviction.

Compliment at least one person each day.

Give up social media and spend more time in prayer or simply be present with those in your life.

Attend a Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m. on Sundays of Lent.

Fast from insensitive, cruel comments about others. No gossiping or criticizing anyone (including on social media).

Pray the rosary daily, with a different intention each day. Or pray a family rosary once a week.

Don't go out to eat during Lent; instead, donate that money to a good cause.

Visit those in the nursing home.

Attend an extra Mass during the week.

Spread happiness: smile and greet everyone you encounter in your day.

Say "I love you" to your loved ones.

Visit formed.org and watch a video or listen to a book.

***When Easter comes, don't drop the new practices.
Make them a permanent feature of a deeper, richer Christian life!***

Hi, everyone. This coming week is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. I always smile when I think of Ash Wednesday practices of the past. Three particular memories make me smile. When distributing ashes in New Zealand, I recall that I was chosen to go to a mission church at Stewart Island. The island is small and has a population of about two hundred. I had to take an airplane to get to the island and got ready to celebrate with the local Catholic Church. I was prepared for a rousing congregation, as I knew that Mass was only offered several times a year. No one told me about the congregation. As the time was getting close to begin Mass, no one had arrived but myself. Finally with five minutes to go, a car arrived with two people. I greeted them and they informed me that we could start a little early because everyone had arrived. The Catholic community for Stewart Island was two. It made me realize how hard they had to work for their Catholic faith. They had to do lots of reading on their own. Their prayer life looked different because Mass was offered only several times a year and yet they had kept Sunday holy. They prayed with other Christians on the island, yet remained distinctly Catholic. Celebrating the Eucharist was a blessing and a great opportunity. As two faithful persons walked around Stewart Island with ashes on their foreheads, I could really tell it meant something. Those two ministered by presence and had to answer the same question of why a dirty forehead as a definite minority. Ash Wednesday was the beginning of hard work of keeping the faith.

The second smile for Ash Wednesday comes from a parish in Dayton, Ohio. As people formed a line to receive ashes, one participant stood out. Instead of brushing back hair to make ready for ashes, this person put out their tongue as if ready to receive the Lord in Communion. I stood there with ashes on my thumb and looked intently at the person in hopes that a change of posture would follow. Still the tongue was in the receiving position. It took all my Christian virtues to not put a small cross on the person's tongue. It made me think that sometimes our devotions and Christian practices are taken for granted and not for the depth for which they are meant. Perhaps that is a good Lenten practice for this year. Maybe to take a fresh look at the Mass, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, daily Mass, etc. would be good for my spiritual growth. I still think of what might have happened if I had given into temptation!

The third smile for Ash Wednesday comes from a parish in Virginia. There were over 2,000 people in church and only a few distributors. So I tried to say the formula of "Remember, man, that you are dust and to dust you shall return" as fast as I could or I would be there for hours. Sooo, when a woman came through the line I said in my quickest, yet holiest voice, "Remember you are a man." And that is all I could vocalize before I started getting the giggles and couldn't stop. Remembering our humanity during Lent is a good way to get ready for Easter, also. Lent is a good time to remember our sinfulness and wrong decisions we have made that hurt our relationship with God and others. It is a time to remember our humanity to keep us from getting too proud and judging others or gossiping about others. Remembering our humanity is a good way to be in awe of a God who wishes to share eternal life with us. Remembering our humanity makes almsgiving practical.

Lent starts this Wednesday. If you see me smiling, you now have a glimpse of my joy. Lent gives us an opportunity to share in the wonder of God's love for us. Let us make the most of it.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 AM Loretta Vorst

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 *Ash Wednesday*

8:00 AM Tom Schnipke (HN)

7:30 PM Ray & Louella Maenle, Joyce Klausung

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 PM Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Carl Vorst, Annie Ketcham

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:30 PM Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth

Larry Haselman, Frank Gasser

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Mary & Al Siefker Families

11:00 AM Bob & Cleora Winkle

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 10,322.00

Choir - Ash Wednesday 7:30: YAHS (practice follows)

Choir Assignments - March 9 & 10

4:30: Renee 8:00: RA & Renee 11:00: PW



Christian Morning Prayer

7:30 a.m. in church, every weekday of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday.

Our Lenten Theme Is...

"Taking a look at the seven deadly sins and shedding our lives of these vices." Each week, our parish will look at one of these sins and see how we can shed our lives of these sins so that we can rise with Jesus at Easter.

Sunday, March 3: Coffee & Donuts & Euchre

This Sunday, March 3, coffee & donuts will be served after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and a euchre tournament will be from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the church basement. Everyone is invited!



Senior Citizen Prom

RSVP Deadline is This Monday

The Senior Prom will be held Sunday, March 17, at the Kalida K of C. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Dinner served at 5:00 p.m. Wear your green and come enjoy good food, entertainment, games and door prizes during our St. Patrick's Day themed event. This is a free event sponsored by the Youth Ministers and High School Students of the St. George Deanery. Donations will be accepted. **RSVP to 419-532-3494 by Monday, March 4.**

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)...

You should have received your ACA pledge card in the mail. If you did not, there are extra envelopes at the exits of church. Our parish goal is \$35,000. Please send your donation directly to: Diocese of Toledo; ACA Office; PO Box 917; Toledo, OH 43697-0917. Thanks for helping us help our diocese!



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Tom Schnipke was held
on Friday, March 1.
Please include Tom
and his family
in your prayers.

Family Faith Formation Website



St. Michael's Family Faith Formation Resource Center is under construction. When up and running, it will be found under the St. Michael Parish website. Our launch date should be within two weeks. Look for more information in next week's bulletin.

Lenten Daily Reflection Booklets...

are at the entrances of church.

Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama...

will leave from Kalida on Sunday, March 31, and return on Friday, April 5. We will visit the "miniature" Ave Maria Grotto, St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Monastery, EWTN studios, attend "EWTN Live" TV show with Fr. Mitch Pacwa and more! This 6 day/5 night trip costs \$650 per person with two people in a room. It includes transportation, lodging, and most meals. Deadline is March 15. Contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net for reservations and details.

Parish Mission at Lima St. Charles

Josh Blakesley, nationally-known speaker, singer and song writer, will be giving a parish mission at Lima St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, on March 10 & 11, beginning at 7:00 p.m. He has performed at World Youth Day, NCYC and NCCYM, the Steubenville Youth Conference and more. Don't miss this opportunity to hear his witness.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES



**8:00 A.M.
AT KALIDA**

**6:00 P.M.
AT CONTINENTAL**

7:30 P.M. AT KALIDA

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are grade 7 for the All School Mass on Wednesday, March 6. Their teachers are Joyce Bonifas and Jill Zeller. There will be no students at Mass on Friday, March 8.

High School CCD - March 6

Everyone is asked to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Students in Grades 1-8...

will be asked to complete a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy during Lent. Look for more information to be sent home with your child.

Our Students in Grade 7...

will be leading the rosary before the 4:30 p.m. Mass on March 9 and 23. They should be there by 4:00 p.m. and sit up front on Mary's side.

Sacrament of Confirmation...

will be Saturday, March 30, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Confirmation Practice is Wednesday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. in church



Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 7, from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Please join us to start Lent with
prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

There will also be Eucharistic Adoration every
Saturday of Lent, from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.,
in church. Sign up in the back of church.

Help Save the Unborn

This Lent, our parish will be participating in helping to bring an end to abortion by praying for the unborn, women contemplating abortion, abortion clinic workers, and all those affected by abortion. Each Saturday during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. to help save the unborn and bring about a change of heart for the abortion clinic workers. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Another great opportunity is to go to the abortion clinic in Toledo and pray outside of the clinic. Although the thought of praying outside the clinic can be intimidating, it is truly a life-changing experience that you will be grateful for having. We are looking to get a caravan together on Saturdays during Lent when the clinic is open. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Lori Klaus (419-230-6293). The abortion clinic in Toledo is called Capital Care and is located at 1160 W. Sylvania Ave. Toledo, OH 43612. The parish website will contain an up-to-date listing of the hours the clinic is open, as the hours vary from week to week. This will be found at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins." If you can't make it to the clinic on Saturdays, that is okay, as prayer warriors are needed during the week, as well! Thanks for all of your help!



Suitcases for Mission Trip

We have received enough suitcases for several mission trips. These suitcases also serve as the locals' wheel barrels, dressers and food savers. Thank you!!!

MONDAY, MARCH 4**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** 1:30 p.m., in church**HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE:** 7:30 p.m.**TUESDAY, MARCH 5****RCIA:** 7:00 p.m., in the church basement**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6****HIGH SCHOOL CCD:** attend 7:30 p.m. Mass**YAH'S CHOIR PRACTICE:** after 7:30 p.m. Mass**THURSDAY, MARCH 7****ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY:** 7:00 p.m. in church**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., in church**FRIDAY, MARCH 8****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** 3:00 p.m., in church**K OF C FISH FRY:** 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**Putnam County Right to Life Meeting**

Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Michael's Parish Center, Kalida. Everyone is welcome!

Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale

Wednesday, March 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C. Bring donations of gently-used items and baked goods on Tuesday, March 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

KHS Blood Drive—Tuesday, March 12...

at Kalida High School's gym, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Red Cross currently has an emergency need for blood, due to having less than a 3-day supply for most blood types. Please consider donating. Walk-ins are always welcome, but appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, or call Mrs. Beth Grime at 419-532-3529.

Kalida Fish and Game Chicken BBQ

This Sunday, March 3, from 11:00 – gone. Open to the public.

Kalida Area Garage Sales

April 25, 26 & 27. If you are interested in having a garage sale, please sign up at Kalida Telephone, Union Bank or Erhart Stechschulte Insurance by April 10.

Blood Drive in Ft. Jennings

Wednesday, March 6, from noon until 6:00 p.m., in the Auxiliary Gym at Fort Jennings High School. Walk ins are welcome. To make an appointment, please call Mrs. Harmon at the high school (419-286-2238, ext. 2507).

Little Slugger Baseball League Sign-Up...

is open to all boys and girls from Kalida who are currently Pre-K (5yr olds), Kindergarten or 1st Grade. Games are T-Pitch rules with coaches pitching to each player. All players will be able to bat and play defense every inning. All games are played in Kalida Froggy Park on Saturday mornings. Registration forms have been distributed at the elementary and are available in the lobby of the post office. You can also contact Randy Buss (419-532-2208 or bussrandy@yahoo.com) for more information. Deadline for registrations is March 25.

Bus Trip to LaComedia

Join us April 6 on a trip to LaComedia Dinner Theater to see "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" (the story of Joseph from Genesis 37). Cost is \$90 per person, includes coach bus, buffet dinner & show. Contact Don Rall (419-969-0521) to reserve your seat.

OFFERTORY - March 9 & 10

Mark & Deb Kahle Family

Dave & Jane Kahle Family

Barry & Beth von der Embse Family

USHERS – March 9 & 10

Team 9

Team 8

Team 7

LECTORS - March 9 & 10

Deb Schroeder, Mike Kahle

Mary Plescher, Nancy Rampe

Stacy Knueve, Brayden Recker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 9 & 10

4:30: Alice Adams, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Brian & Bev Berheide, McKenna Bockrath, Greg Bockrath, Kelly Buss, Regina Fischnich, Kyla Fortman

8:00: Joan Peck, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Ruth Foppe, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas

Ministers to Homebound: Joan Peck

11:00: Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Janet Burgei, Bob Buss, Dave Buss, Michelle Buss, Eileen Decker, Clara Elkins, Lori Erhart

SERVERS

Tues, 3/5	8:00 AM	Audra Hovest
		Erica Kahle
Wed, 3/6	8:00 AM	Kyle Lammers
		Riley Nienberg
	7:30 PM	Trevor Vorst
		Ella Wehri
Thurs, 3/7	7:30 PM	Kamryn Wurth
		Griffin Nienberg
Fri, 3/8	8:00 AM	Maddalyn Nienberg
		Olivia Olzak
Sat, 3/9	4:30 PM	Camryn Recker
		Peyton Wurth
Sun, 3/10	8:00 AM	Sydney Wurth
		Hannah Berheide
	11:00 AM	Logan Bockrath
		McKenna Bockrath
		Brandt Brinkman
		Jack Zeller
		Will Zeller

March 6 at 7:30 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)

Euch. Ministers: Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Scott Unverferth, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Sandy Westrick, Don Wehri, Kamryn Wurth, Alice Adams

LECTORS: Deb Kahle, Alexis Meyer**K of C Free Throw Contest State Qualifiers**

Andrea Burgei and Jaden Smith won their age divisions at the K of C Regional Free Throw Tournament. They both qualified for the State Free Throw Championship on Saturday, March 16, at Bishop Ready High School, at 1:00 p.m. Zach Unverferth placed 2nd in his age division.