

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 7**  
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church  
 HIGH SCHOOL MONDAYS IN LENT: 7:00 p.m.  
 PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00 p.m.  
 OREMUS BIBLE STUDY: 7:30 p.m., at Parish Center  
 ALTAR ROSARY MEETING: at The Meadows at 7 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**  
 PENANCE SERVICE: 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in church basement  
 CRHP 6: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**  
 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 10**  
 ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**  
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**  
 THAT MAN IS YOU: 6:30 a.m., in basement

**Holy Name Raffle Tickets**  
 If you need a Holy Name raffle ticket for the 2016-17 raffle year, call Mike Schimmoeller (419-532-3521).

**Opiate/Heroin Epidemic—A Town Hall Meeting**  
 March 7, at 6:00 p.m., at the Putnam County ESC (124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa). Everyone is invited.

**We are Fearfully & Wonderfully Made: What They Didn't Teach You in Sex Ed!**  
 Vicki Thorn, founder of Project Rachel, will be speaking to high school and college age students on Friday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Michael's, in Hicksville, OH (100 Antwerp Drive). Parents are most welcome! This talk is free, but please RSVP by contacting Susie Smalley (419-487-2652 or stmikehi@bright.net). Space is limited; please reserve your seats early.

**Science & Faith Conference: Understanding God's Design**  
 Featuring Vicki Thorn, Dr. Todd M. Wiley, Fr. Thomas E. Oedy and Dr. Paul J. Eby, on Saturday, April 2, beginning at 9:00 a.m., and ending prior to the 4:00 p.m. Mass, at St. Michael's Church (100 Antwerp Drive, Hicksville, OH). Cost is \$15 per person, which includes lunch provided by the K of C #10043. To register, contact Susie Smalley (419-487-2652 or stmikehi@bright.net). Space is limited; please reserve your seats early.

**6th Grade CYO Champs**



**OFFERTORY - March 12 & 13**  
 4:30 PM Mike & Norma Unverferth Family  
 8:00 AM Ken & Carol Vennekotter Family  
 11:00 AM Joe & Linda Hovest Family  
**USHERS - March 12 & 13**  
 4:30 PM Team 1  
 8:00 AM Team 2 11:00 AM Team 3  
**LECTORS - March 12 & 13**  
 4:30 PM Bob Buss, Jennifer Erhart  
 8:00 AM Shelly Burkhart, Michele Doepker  
 11:00 AM Sandy Westrick, Maddison Edelbrock

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 12 & 13**  
 4:30: Anna Berheide, Brian & Bev Berheide, Bob Buss, Kelly Buss, Katey Buss, Eric Fischnich, Regina Fischnich, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman  
 8:00: Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Bob & Annette Meyer, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Mel Hanneman, Dave & Jane Kahle  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Bob & Annette Meyer  
 11:00: Dave & Cindy Erhart, Eileen Decker, Brandon Erhart, Lori Erhart, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Lynda Fortman, Janet Burgei, Dave Buss

SERVERS		
Mon, 3/7	8:00 AM	Grace Klausing Jillian Knueve
Tues, 3/8	8:00 AM	Kevin Lammers Marcy Landwehr
Wed, 3/9	8:00 AM	Mitch Langhals Ryan Lucke
Thurs, 3/10	7:30 PM	Luke Meyer Brandon Miller
Fri, 3/11	8:00 AM	Dayna Schimmoeller Kathryn Siebeneck
Sat, 3/12	4:30 PM	Griffin Recker Sam Recker Dakota Rosselit
Sun, 3/13	8:00 AM	Brad Siefker Michael Schroeder Megan Schulte
	11:00 AM	Trent Siebeneck Kierstan Siebeneck Ethan Schmenk

**Putnam County Catholic Young Adult Group**  
 Young adults (18-39), join us every other Monday night for food, fellowship, prayer and learning more about our Catholic faith together. Newcomers always welcome! Search "Putnam County Young Adult Group" on Facebook and request to join in order to stay connected with upcoming events & details, or contact DeVon (dunlap.bft@gmail.com).

Kalida 6th grade boys defeated Glandorf on February 13, clinching back to back CYO championships.  
 Front Row (L-R): Justin Siebeneck, Adam Siefker, Gabe Roof, Ryan Klausing & Brandt Brinkman  
 Back Row: (L-R): Jakob Swyers, Tyson Siefker, Grant Knapke, Grant Vorst & Nathan Schroeder  
 Coaches (L-R): Ron Knapke, Greg Vorst & Dale Siebeneck

**St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 6, 2016**

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebe, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M.  
 Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Mary Siefker  
 Address: 312 N. Broad St.; PO Box 387, Kalida, OH 45853 Phone: 419-532-3474 Website: stmichaelskalida.org

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**THIS WEEK IN LENT**

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everybody. I'm getting ready to head to Cincinnati to baptize another great-grandnephew. His name is Clark and he goes by Sparky. I'm not telling my niece that Sparky was the name of one of our dogs on the farm. I liked the dog, so I guess it is alright to give him that nickname. I'm especially not going to tell her that that dog never got trained to go outside to do its business. They are going to have a hard time potty training that one. I'm a little afraid to pour the water. Just kidding. Our family will gather in the same church where my niece, Clark's mom, was the fainting bride a couple years ago. It will be a joy to welcome Clark into the family of the Lord. It's time to welcome him home.

As we continue to look at the works of mercy, our fourth week takes us to **sheltering the homeless**. As I look around Continental and Kalida, I wonder about homeless people. I used to live in Washington D.C., Detroit, Dayton, and Columbus. It didn't take too long to find homeless persons in a larger city. I have a clear picture of persons with frost on them from the homeless sleeping on air vents in Washington D.C. I wondered what I could do, if anything. What would be our response to the homeless? What would Jesus' response be? The homeless somehow make us uncomfortable.

As I reflected on the homeless who stuck out in big cities, I thought about the homeless here. Although they may not be as obvious, there are still persons who feel like they have no home. I have heard it said that people who move into a small community can feel homeless. Everyone else seems so connected. Families and friendships have been established for many years, even generations. When does an outsider move into an insider status? When do "they" become an "us"? Although I haven't seen any people sleeping on steam vents in Putnam County, it doesn't mean that the homeless aren't here.

To make this corporal work of mercy come alive, maybe we need to consider different categories of homeless people. I'd like to think about those who come to worship in our churches. Because we have many visitors to our churches due to weddings, college friends or people who are passing through, we have people who attend our churches who are not parishioners and perhaps not Catholic or Christian. They are homeless for a weekend. Do we welcome them? Do we give them shelter and cover them with hospitality? I give permission to everyone to welcome the stranger and a friend in church. Yes, I give permission to welcome the homeless in the pew before Mass begins and after Mass ends. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord by welcoming the homeless.

The homeless can also be found in persons who join the Catholic faith. We have a number of RCIA candidates who can somehow feel that they aren't as welcome as lifelong Catholics. What a shame it is for a new Catholic to feel like an outsider. Some have left the comfort of their family's faith tradition to journey to God as a Catholic. Jesus welcomed children so graciously. See in your neighbor a child of God.

Sometimes people feel homeless because they don't fit in with the majority. Are we welcoming to people who are different from us? Not all people like sports or beer or college or our favorite team or church (I can't imagine that). Do we welcome people who are outside the walls of our interests? Our Lord calls us to build bridges, instead of building walls (thanks, Pope Francis). I think we need to build homes.

The spiritual work of mercy this week is to **comfort the afflicted**. People can be affected by grief, loneliness, a terminal illness or many other afflictions. Are we ready to bring comfort? In high school, I had a teacher who started each class by asking all the students to say a kind word to a classmate. Usually I would turn around and tell Jim, "a kind word." To bring a sense of mercy to our neighbor asks us to go outside of our comfort zone to bring comfort to another. Look for this opportunity and say a kind word to a neighbor and, if you have a chance, bring a cupcake with those words.

Welcome to the fifth week of Lent, as we journey to Easter. Bring it on home. *Fr. Mark*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### MONDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 AM Gene Stechschulte, Rita Croy

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Alphonse & Eleanore Jerwers, Nora O'Dell

4:00 PM PENANCE SERVICE

7:00 PM PENANCE SERVICE

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 AM Marcella Kerner

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 PM Carl Kehres, Ed Giesige

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 AM Mary Siebeneck

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

4:30 PM Marietta Stoepfel, Mike Verhoff

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 13 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Helen Korte, Rita Croy (RA)

11:00 AM Jim Knueven, Doris Deters (RA)

Don Kahle, Ted Kahle

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Last Sunday's Collection:** \$ 8,110.00

**Choir Assignments - March 12 & 13**

**4:30:** RA **8:00:** HN **11:00:** PW

### The Lenten Challenge

Lent gives us time to take time. By prayer, almsgiving and fasting, we get to take time for God, others and ourselves. Everyone agrees that time moves too fast—I don't have enough time, etc. So for Lent, I challenge everyone in our parishes to slow down. Take a little extra time at the table when eating with family. Actually, take time to talk to our neighbor, rather than waving with one finger as we drive by. There are many ways to slow ourselves down. From a worship perspective, I challenge parishioners to get an early start when it comes to Mass. Arrive a little early and prepare for meeting God. It's hard to meet God when you rush out of the house and get there right on time. Get there a little early and read the Gospel beforehand. Maybe you can guess what the sermon will be this week. Slow down when it comes to the end of Mass. Instead of rushing off and getting back in the rat race, take time to hear the last song and greet neighbors. As people leave early, I wonder if it was something I said or what must be so important that leads people to leave early. Mass is such an opportunity to meet God and be in God's presence. I usually say a prayer so that everything is alright for those who leave early. And once one leaves early, it makes it a little easier for others to leave early and get back in the rat race, also. So my Lenten Challenge to our parishes is to make the most of our time spent with the Lord at Mass. *Fr. Mark*

**Communal Confessions at St. Michael's**  
**Our Lenten confessions will be held this coming**  
**Tuesday, March 8, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.**  
**Make this a special time for God's mercy.**

### Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Rita Croy** was held on Tuesday, March 1, and the Funeral Mass for **Doris Deters** was held on Thursday, March 3. Please include Rita & Doris and their families in your prayers.

### Parish Euchre Tournament This Sunday

As a Year of Mercy Family Event, we will have a Euchre Tournament in the church basement this Sunday, March 6, starting at 2:00 p.m. Parishioners of all ages are invited to come and enjoy the fun and companionship. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

### Recent Baptism

**ADDISON JANE VERHOFF**

Daughter of Brian & Tara (Czubik) Verhoff

### Important: Attention Engaged Couples

The Diocese of Toledo has a new marriage preparation (Pre-Cana) class entitled "A Joy-Filled Marriage. This is a mandatory, two-day program for engaged couples, to be held at St. Michael's on April 9 & 10, 2016. Use the following link to register:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/o/joy-filled-marriage-engaged-couple-workshop-7474823041>

Call Fr. Mark (419-969-0148) with questions. If you can't make the date at St. Michael's, other dates are available at area parishes. You can find these dates on the above link.

### High School Teens - Act Fast!

The Diocese Youth Ministry Office has offered free vouchers for the premiere viewing of "The Young Messiah" for Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m., in Toledo. We have requested a limited quantity of vouchers. If you would like to reserve a spot, please call Mary Siefker (419-812-2511) TODAY. We will carpool, meeting at the Parish Center at 5:00 p.m. that evening. Only a limited number of vouchers are available.

### Traditional Marriage Rosary Rally

Saturday, March 19, at Noon. More details to follow.

### Everyone is Invited to the Liturgy of the Hours

7:30 a.m., in church, on the weekdays during Lent.

### Mondays in Lent for High School Students

This Monday, March 7, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at the Parish Center, Fr. Mark will present: "Does the Church still practice exorcism? And is there a priority of one sex over the other?"

### Attention Food Pantry Volunteers

Please note that we are scheduled to work at the Ottawa Food Pantry on Tuesday, March 8, and Tuesday, March 22. Please call Kay Unverferth (419-796-0748) if you are able to work either or both of those days, so that I can make sure that we have plenty of help. Thank you for your continued support.

### Weekday Euch. Minister/Lector Schedule...

is at [stmichaelskalida.org](http://stmichaelskalida.org), under "Ministry Schedules."

### Students Planning Mass This Week

are Ellen Millott's 5A class on Wednesday, March 9, and Jill Zeller's 7B class on Friday, March 11.

### High School CCD—March 9

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Elmer will be meeting with the Juniors in the church basement.

### Our Book Study Group Will Meet...

Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center Library. No book study this week due to the Penance Service.

### Senior Citizen Prom—Last Call!

Come spend a "Night at the Museum," on March 20, at the Kalida K of C, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. (doors won't open early). **Please RSVP to 419-532-3474 by March 7.** The "museum" will be free of charge and filled with famous wax people, artwork, games, entertainment, food and good friends.

### March Altar Rosary Meeting

On Monday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m., the Altar Rosary will be "Growing in Fun" and moving their meeting out to The Meadows of Kalida, where we will be playing Bingo. Committee: Jessica Siebeneck, Rose Siebeneck, Marlene Siebeneck & Julie Siebeneck. Come join the fun!

### Have a Gardening Question?

Our speaker at the April Altar Rosary meeting will be a Master Gardener. She requests that we send her all of our gardening questions prior to the meeting so she can be prepared. You can email them to Maggie Wehri at [dmwehri@bright.net](mailto:dmwehri@bright.net) or mail them to Maggie at 15897 Rd. 19, Ft Jennings, OH 45844, or drop them into the collection in an envelope labeled "Rosary Altar." Thanks.

**First Communion:** Sunday, May 1, 2016,

### Froggy Park Tennis Courts

The Kalida Park Board is looking for your input! We will be applying for a grant to refurbish the current tennis courts at Froggy Park, and perhaps turn them into multi-sport courts. You may have noticed they are showing some age. It has been 20 years since they were last refurbished. For what would you like to see these courts configured? Tennis? Basketball? Pickleball? Volleyball? Badminton? Other possibilities? Visit [kalidaparks.com](http://kalidaparks.com) and give us your input, or call Ken (419-235-0831). All community input is appreciated.

### Bread Braids on Sale Now

The Junior class is selling bread braids for the Post Prom. Anyone who has had these in the past has commented about how good and easy they are to make. They will be delivered just in time for Easter. They come in 12 different flavors, including double chocolate, raspberry, Bavarian cream and apple. Cost is \$13. If you would like to place an order or learn more about it, please text, call or email Rosie Langhals (419-302-7724 or [rose@bridgewaypro.com](mailto:rose@bridgewaypro.com)) or contact your favorite Junior student.

### Kalida Area Garage Sales Will Be Held...

April 21, 22 & 23. If you are interested in having a garage sale, please sign up at Kalida Telephone, Union Bank or Erhart-Stechschulte Insurance by April 8.