

Expressions of Christmas



Sunday, December 6, 2020

St. Michael's will host two special events to help you get into the Christmas spirit.

A Christmas Quartet

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in church

A string quartet, comprised of members of the Lima Symphony Orchestra, will present an hour of Christmas music. The sounds of violins, viola and cello will fill the church with Christmas music like never before.

Space will be limited, so look for sign-up sheets in the back of church this week.

Drive-By Nativity Scene

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on church grounds

7th & 8th grade students will be reenacting scenes from the Nativity on the church lawn as you drive by in your car. Check next week's bulletin for more information.



Gene Stechschulte Award Nominations

In 2015, Kalida Local Schools established The Gene Stechschulte Award to honor Gene's lifetime contributions to youth and to recognize others who have made a positive impact on our children. We are again seeking nominations for the next presentation of the award. Information on the qualifications and the nomination process can be found at kalidaschools.org or picked up in any of the school offices. Deadline for nominations is January 1.

Kalida Kindergarten Registration 2021-22

Please use this link to register online. <https://forms.gle/oC3276TnLeeszTTKA>. A completed registration form with a copy of a certified birth certificate should be completed and returned before December 15. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2021, in order to register. For additional information, contact the school office at 532-3845.

Pillow Found in Yard

A pillow was found in Jeff & Marcia Vennekotter's yard this past week, after a strong wind. Contact them to claim.

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - November 22, 2020

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M. Deacon Robert Klausing

Give Thanks



THANKSGIVING MASS TIMES

6:00 p.m. Wednesday at Continental

7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Kalida

9:00 a.m. Thursday at Kalida

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Happy Thanksgiving Week. This is so much better than “Unhappy Coronavirus Week.” I don’t think this holiday will catch on. Because of my encounter with the virus, I believe I am more grateful this Thanksgiving than many other years. People have asked how my quarantine days were and what kind of symptoms I had. I’d like to use my experience with the virus as my reflection for Thanksgiving.

My first indication that I might have the bug was that I lost my sense of taste and smell. Along with those losses, I lost my appetite. For over a week I had no desire to eat or drink. Sure, I lost a few pounds ,but it was strange to have to force myself to be hydrated and fed. Now that I have my senses about me (no comments please) I am grateful for the taste of hot sauce and ketchup. I am grateful for the crunchiness of carrots. I am amazed at how amazing God made food. I’m sure I will not like fish or broccoli, but tasting other foods will be like tasting them for the first time and enjoying them on a different level. It is amazing how I thank God for the smallest of things, even a radish, due to the virus.

My second indication that I had the virus was that I didn’t have the same energy. During my quarantine, I took naps (I think I am going to like getting old). As a child I always took naps on the farm since I woke up early to milk the cows. A good nap in the middle of the day gave me strength to do some work and get some exercise. The problem with the virus was that I wanted to take about 4 naps a day (I was turning into Fr. Elmer. Now that is scary). It is nice to have energy and feel good. I have taken good health for granted for many years. Good health is something to thank the Lord about. During my down time, I always remembered the sick of our parishes in my prayers.

About midway through my quarantine I received a letter of isolation from the health department. It gave me permission to be isolated. As a public person as a priest for over 35 years, I almost needed a letter to say that it was alright to be away from people. I have to admit that I felt a little guilty about not working in the office or going to meetings or other ways that put me in contact with people. I missed everyone. Even when people dropped food off, I let them leave before I would retrieve the food from the stoop. I watched Mass on television, but that only made me hungrier for human contact. I realize how much of my spiritual journey and ministry depends on human contact. People are fun. People are work. People are gifts from God. And people take care of me. Besides food left at the house, many people let me know that they were praying for me. I felt and appreciate those prayers. I thank the Lord for all the people who add to my life in so many ways.

In the year 2020 everything seems to be turned on its ear. My family will not be gathering for Thanksgiving this year. But I am pretty sure I will be more thankful this year than other years. Thank you, Lord for so much. I’m pretty sure that God can use everything for His glory...even the virus.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving Week. *Fr. Mark*

Drive by Christmas

I am looking for interested parishioners who would like to help with ideas for a drive by Christmas on the St. Michael’s front yard. With all the coronavirus cancelations, we want to make Christmas 2020 something special this year. Give me a call if you are interested. *Fr. Mark*

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1:00 PM Funeral Mass - Tom Hoffman

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 AM Sister Catherine Mary Holtkamp

7:30 PM L/D Carl Webken Family, Doris Deters

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM Carolyn Unverferth, Jim Hamilton
Joyce Klausung, Klara Frommherz
Ed Schroeder, Paul Stechschulte
Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth, Hicks Family
James Peck, Philip Kahle, Michael Kahle
L/D Tony & Bernadine Hoersten Family
L/D Alphonse & Frances Schulte Family
Norbert & Belva Berelsman
Tony, Marie & Mike Langhals
L/D Nartker Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 AM Tom Hoffman (HN)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

4:30 PM NM Kahle & Klass
Pete & Alice (A) Gerding, Helen Korte
L/D Korte & Brickner Families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM L/D Recker & Smith Families
11:00 AM Bob Unverferth, Triena Kahle
Therese (Vorst) Wantuch, Jim Unverferth
Ron Kahle, Jr.

Collection (November 8): 14,173.00

Collection (November 15): 5,798.00

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Tom Hoffman** will be held on Monday, November 23, at 1:00 p.m.
Visitation will be held in church from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Please include Tom & his family in your prayers.

No Students at Mass This Week

Recent Baptism

LIV MARIE UNVERFERTH

Daughter of Ross & Kaylan (Griffith) Unverferth

November Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Joyce Wurth	\$100	Rex Johnson
\$100	Daren Miller	\$100	Kelsey Conkright
\$100	Landon Unverferth	\$ 50	Jasmine Vorst
\$ 50	Lennox Yarnell	\$ 50	Ralph Miller
\$ 50	Pat (Mel) Hanneman	\$ 50	Gene Deters
\$ 50	Austin Schulte	\$ 50	Tracy Vorst

Thanksgiving Donations for Food Pantry

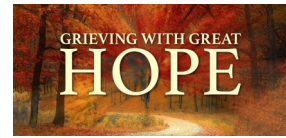
As it is our tradition at St Michael’s to donate food items at Thanksgiving, here are a few suggested items that are needed at the food pantry: Crackers, any kind as long as in a sleeve; Ritz, Townhouse, graham crackers, cake or brownie mix, frosting, canned veggies except green beans & corn, Broth, Cereal, Boxed potatoes and pasta/rice side dishes. Thanks for your continued support.

Reflection Booklets for Advent at Church

Available at the church entrances are the Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw for Advent. These booklets feature a reflection on the previous Sunday Gospel readings, along with thoughts about Advent and Christmas seasons, the feast of the day, and various traditions and customs. Pick one up today!

This Week on FORMED

Grieving with Great Hope is a grief support program and a healing ministry. It introduces The Seven Intentions of Mourning, each having its own unique purpose in helping to heal our wounds when someone we love dies.



The Challenge Club is Off to a Great Start!

Over 40 girls in grades 4-8 have been growing in faith and virtue. Our November virtue is charity. We worked as a club to complete our first apostolic project by filling over 53 Boxes of Joy for the Cross Catholic Outreach Organization. This was in conjunction with Sts. Peter and Paul and St. John the Baptist Parishes. These were shipped out this week in order to arrive on time for Christmas to children in poverty-stricken areas of the world. Many members did jobs for their families in order to earn money to purchase the gift items they put in the boxes. What a wonderful way to live out the virtue of charity. We are making plans to Christmas Carol around the community on December 18! Check next week’s bulletin for more info.



Stretched Canvas of Our Nativity Window

Two sizes of St. Michael’s Nativity window on stretched canvas are available to order. They can both be viewed in the back of church until this Monday only.

16x30 inch canvas: \$30

12x20 inch canvas: \$20

Deadline to order is This Monday, November 23!

_____ 16x30 canvas(es)

_____ 12x20 canvas(es)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to “St. Michael’s Church”

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Canvases take about a week to receive, once ordered, so they should hopefully arrive the first week of Advent!

Instead of a Giving Tree

This year we will be supporting two charities: The St. Vincent de Paul Society and Christian Corner Community Center. Both of these organizations serve the poor and needy in the area. St. Vincent de Paul Society provides for the needs of over 100 households. Their list of needs includes any item found in the grocery store, **except** fresh or frozen foods or refrigerated foods. They need any canned or boxed foods, cereals, cake mixes, cookies, household items, soaps, shampoo, and detergents. Think of any items you need in your family. For the Christian Corner Community Center, you can adopt a family by providing an Essential Gift Bag. It includes things we take for granted and no one thinks of. By providing those items, it will help that family have a little extra money to get a loved one something they have wanted all year, but were not able to afford. Items for the Essential Gift Bag include toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, laundry soap, socks of all sizes, diapers of all sizes and large Depends. They ask that those items be put in either a laundry basket or a basket of some kind that they can use and not throw away. The Christian Corner Community Center also provides a meal everyday for 50 to 100 people and hands out 50 food boxes a month. If you would like to make a cash donation, both of these organizations are 501 (c) (3). These items can be dropped off during the drive-by Live Nativity on December 6 at St. Michael's Church or at the entrances of church.

November 25 & 26 (Thanksgiving)

7:30: Greg & Jill Zeller, Mark Remlinger

LECTOR: Greg Zeller

9:00: Duane & Barb Steffan, Kay Unverferth

LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart

November 28 & 29

4:30: Lisa Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Matt Bockrath

LECTOR: Deb Kahle

8:00: Donna Schnipke, Deb Schroeder, Janice Foppe

LECTOR: Donna Schnipke

11:00: Norma Vorst, Ryan & Erin Kerner

LECTOR: Erin Kerner

2021 Offertory Envelopes in Back of Church

Please pick up your box as soon as possible. If you don’t see your box, call the Parish Center and we’ll get one for you.

Upcoming Wedding

Chelsea Kahle

& Chandler Klass

will be married on

November 28, 2020.

Please include them

in your prayers.

