St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - November 25, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone, and Happy Thanksgiving. I'm writing this bulletin article before so that it can get in for this Sunday, so it is before the actual day of Thanksgiving. Today, I am very thankful for what happened yesterday.

Yesterday, I drove down to Beattyville, Kentucky with a fellow summer missionary. If you remember, Beattyville was the site of our Mission trip this past Summer. After loading a van with blankets, towels and an assortment of necessities, off we drove through snow, rain and construction traffic. We wanted to get the supplies to Dora, the coordinator of the mission, so that she could organize all the donated items to distribute to hundreds of needy families in the Appalachian area. Once we got to the mission house, we were surprised by the amount of food, clothing, necessities and toys for kids that were already collected. One 70ish woman organizes this activity year after year. It takes a lot of donated items to make sure that every family gets something. From working on homes over the past years, I know how important blankets, coats, etc. are for families who live in homes which are not well insulated and windows that are not even in the frames.

Dora greeted us with a warm welcome and helped us unload our vanload of goodies. Dora has a broken arm, but that did not hinder her from carrying boxes and bags full of warm blankets. Her arm may have been broken but definitely not her spirit. She is truly an example of how God works through each of us. It is amazing how this little woman almost single-handedly began and continues a mission which reaches persons in a depressed area. She is quick to say that it is definitely not her hand that makes all this happen— it is the Hand of God. To encounter such a person of deep faith and deep conviction made my day.

When I asked about our summer project of rehabbing a complete trailer house, Dora was quick to say that the family living there was happier than they had ever been. The children are all doing well in school and they are so happy with the house. Paisley, the youngest girl, was going to be gifted with a new Barbie doll, furnished by a Putnam County donor. I smiled as we drove by the house as no one was home. It made me smile to think of all the work done by people a whole world away in the name of our Lord has made this house a home. This will be a special Thanksgiving for them, but it is a special Thanksgiving for me as I saw firsthand how donations of towels, blankets, toiletries, toys, time and exper-



tise in construction, plumbing, painting, cleaning and Christianity have changed the lives of a family we had never known until last Summer.

This coming Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. We follow the Lord of Love and Life. It is a blessing to work for such a King. It is an honor to be His subject. As we celebrate the last Sunday of the year, we take stock of how we are loved and all the life we have. With God blessing us greatly, we say THANK YOU. Have a blessed week. *Fr. Mark*

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 AM Sr. Catherine Mary Holtkamp

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 8:00 AM Richard Grote Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30 PM Norbert & Bernadine Miller

Deceased Lawrence & Loretta Unverferth Fam

Deceased Cy & Frances Kahle Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 St. Andrew, apostle

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

4:30 PM Joe Morman, Dave Brinkman

Charlie Gerdeman, Alvin & Marcella Recker

George Basinger, Dan Basinger Norbert & Angie Recker L/D Niemeyer Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman

11:00 AM Dick & Edna Kruse, Sylvester Hanneman

Al & Anna Warnecke

Last Sunday's Collection: \$8,968.43

Choir Assignments - December 1 & 2

4:30: YAHS 8:00: HN 11:00: Youth (practice at 10 am)

Christmas Party for Women & Girls of Parish

Monday, December 3, beginning with a 6:00 p.m. Mass Women and girls of all ages are invited. The meat will be provided by Fr. Mark. Those whose last name begins with A-M are asked to bring a side dish. Those whose last name begins with N-Z are asked to bring a dessert. No need to RSVP. We hope you'll join us!

High School CCD - November 28

Everyone will have class at 7:00 p.m.

6th Grade to Do Ministries at 11 am Mass...

on Sunday, December 2.

Christmas School Deadline is This Monday!

Christmas School will be held on Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m. - Noon, at the Kalida K of C. Registrations are due on Monday, November 26, and can be found online at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins."

Recent Baptisms

GRAYSON WILLIAM CLEEMPUT

Son of Mark & Megan (Hoffman) Cleemput

ROBIN CECELIA HANNEMAN

Daughter of Logan & Stephanie (Roller) Hanneman

KYNLEE SUE KAHLE

Daughter of Justin & Kara (Kaufman) Kahle

MARSHALL WILLIAM WOOD

Son of William & Francine (Miller) Wood

Holv Name Christmas/New Year's Partv...

will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m. YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church

November Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Sharon Askins	\$100	Ron Kerner
\$100	Ron Knapke	\$100	Sue Gerdeman
\$100	Mildred Remlinger	\$ 50	Gus Brinkman
\$ 50	Todd Laudick	\$ 50	Sue Gerdeman
\$ 50	Roger Niese	\$ 50	Mike Schimmoeller
\$ 50	Dave Steffes	\$ 50	Jerry Heitmeyer

Putnam County Challenge Club...

is open to all girls in Putnam County in grades 5-8. Our first meeting will be Friday, November 30, 2018, after school - 5:00 p.m., in Kalida St. Michael's Church Basement. One parent must come at 4:50 p.m. for a parent meeting and to register your daughter. *NEW this year is "Challenge Junior,"* open to all girls in fourth grade. Challenge meetings are for young ladies, led by high school team leaders, where the girls explore their faith, deepen friendships and serve their parish and community in an atmosphere of Christian charity. In addition to learning more about this personal relationship with Christ, the girls spread that love to others through apostolic projects. Please join us to find out more about Challenge. Questions? Call Julie Siebeneck (419-532-2572) or Mary Siefker (419-532-2480).

Youth Night-Open to All High School Students

Sunday, November 25, at 6:00 p.m., in the Parish Center.

Attention Women of the Parish

You are invited to the Magnificat Ministry Breakfast on Saturday, December 1, at 9:30 a.m., at the Old Barn Out Back, Lima. Ellen Millott will speak on the topic of taking risks and of her calling to the needs of Tanzania. \$10 includes breakfast. A copy of Ellen's novel, Full of Clover, will be available for a freewill donation to her mission. Call Kay Smith (419-339-8971) for reservations or mail a check to: Magnificat Breakfast; 2825 Hummingbird; Elida, OH 45807.

Kalida 2019-20 Kindergarten Registration

Registration forms are available in the elementary office. Please return the completed registration form, with a copy of a certified birth certificate, before December 15. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2019, in order to register. For additional information, please contact the school office (419-532-3845).

Tree Gala at The Meadows of Kalida

Sunday, December 16, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Join us for our silent auction and raffle, including a visit from Santa! Live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and activities for kids. 100% of proceeds benefit the PHAALS Foundation. Please make donations by calling Grace (419-532-2961).

OFFERTORY - December 1 & 2

4:30 PM	Jim & Brenda Burgei Family
8:00 AM	Marc & Renee Kerner Family
11:00 AM	Sixth Grade

<u>USHERS – December 1 & 2</u>

4:30 PM Team 4 8:00 AM Team 5 11:00 AM Team 6

LECTORS - December 1 & 2

4:30 PM: Brayden Recker, Wendy Schimmoeller
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Donna Schnipke, Joyce Schnipke
Sixth Grade

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 1 & 2

4:30: Brian & Bev Berheide, Matt Bockrath, Janet Burgei, Bob Buss, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss, Michelle Buss, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman

8:00: Amy Brinkman, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Dave & Jane Kahle

Ministers to Homebound: Amy Brinkman

<u>11:00</u>: Dave & Cindy Erhart, Lori Erhart, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Eileen Decker, Regina Fischnich, Lynda Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Tara Gerding

SERVERS

SLIVERS					
Mon, 11/26	8:00 AM	Sean Maag & EJ Miller			
Tues, 11/27	8:00 AM	Kayla Nartker			
		Andrew Peck			
Wed, 11/28	8:00 AM	Leo Rafaniello			
		Hanna Rampe			
Thurs, 11/29	7:30 PM	Livia Recker			
		Kevin Schumaker			
Fri, 11/30	8:00 AM	Jaden Smith			
		Allison Stechschulte			
Sat, 12/1	4:30 PM	Connor & Luke Erhart			
		Adam Fitzgerald			
Sun, 12/2	8:00 AM	Collin Fortman			
		Kenzie & Kyla Forman			
	11:00 AM	Nicole Fortman			
		Jayce Horstman			
		Paige Helmke			

CLC Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 12, at Fort Haven (the former Ft. Jennings Elementary School). Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. RSVP by calling Ann Warnecke (419-532-3662) by December 5. Kalida CLC will pay for your meal.

Sacred Music Unveiled at Ottoville

A 3-Part Event at Immaculate Conception, on Sunday, December 2, at 3:00 p.m. Join a choir of young adults from the Toledo Diocese, Antwerp, and Fort Wayne as they share the joy and beauty of sacred music in liturgy and concert!

From the beloved chant, *O Come O Come Emmanuel*, to the haunting carol, *Lully Lulla Lullay*, to Pitoni's dance-like *Cantate Domino*, this concert will fill the church with Advent music that has echoed down through the centuries.

All are welcome! Bring your entire family and enjoy some beautiful Christmas music! Free and open to the public.

Part I: The Mass: Sunday, December 2, at 10:30 a.m., at Immaculate Conception, Ottoville

Part II: The Concert: In the church at 3:00 p.m.

Part III: The Seminar: Immediately following the concert