Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Christmas 2016

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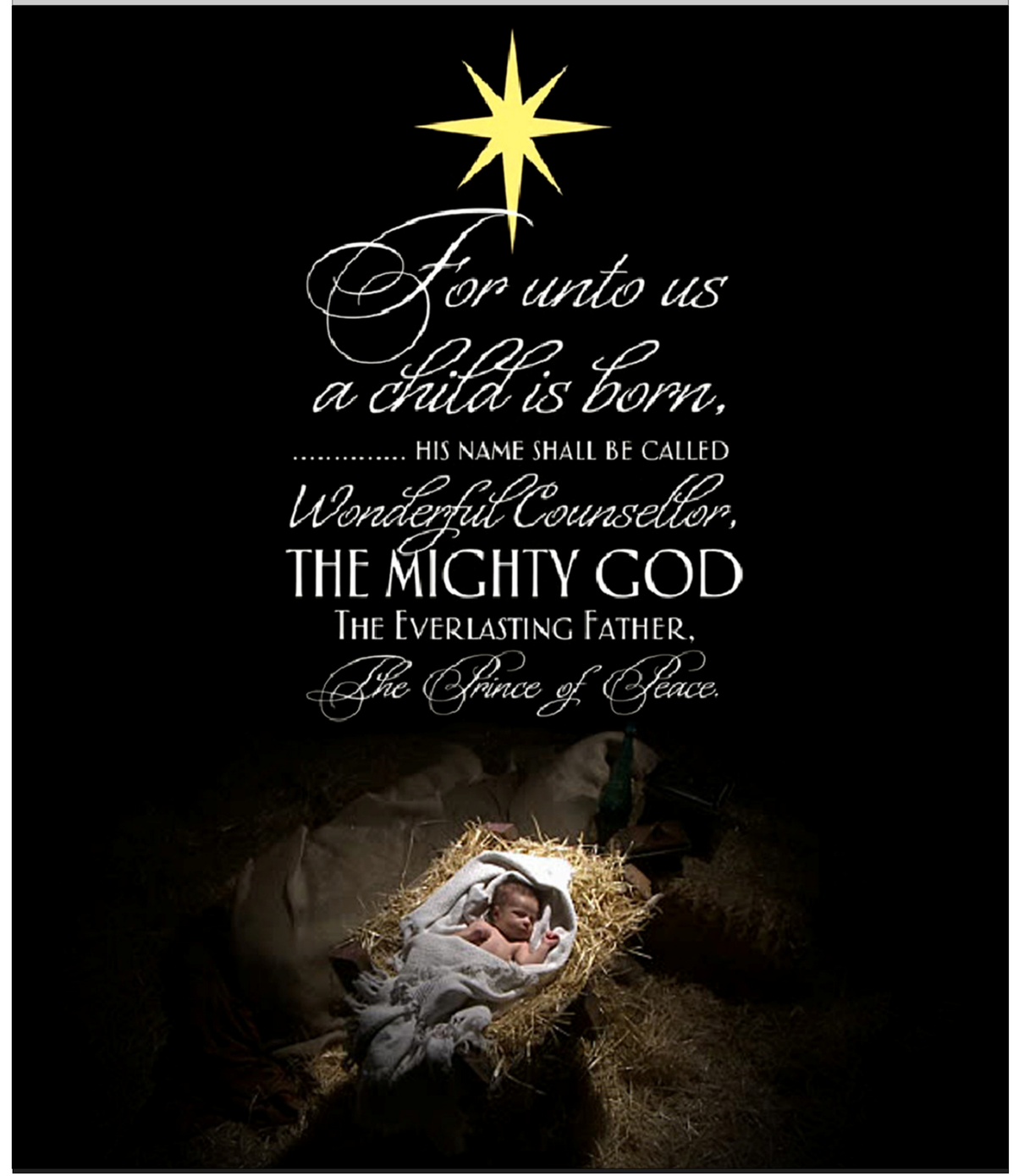

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church
MONDAY, JANUARY 2
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
CRHP 6: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
HIGH SCHOOL CCD FUN NIGHT: 7:00 p.m., in gym
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church

OFFERTORY - JANUARY 7 & 8

4:30 PM Joe & Lisa Roebke Family
8:00 AM Karl & Darlene Miller Family
11:00 AM Paul & Rose Recker Family

USHERS – JANUARY 7 & 8

4:30 PM Team 1
8:00 AM Team 2 **11:00 AM** Team 3

LECTORS – JANUARY 7 & 8

4:30 PM Ed Schroeder, Beth Selhorst
8:00 AM Donna Schnipke, Dennis Turnwald
11:00 AM Brayden Recker, Wendy Schimmoeller

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - JANUARY 7 & 8

4:30: Nicole Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Grace Haselman, Jacob Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Mark Kahle
8:00: Joan Peck, Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Mel Hanneman, Dave & Jane Kahle, Joyce Klausing, Jane Kleman, Ron & Dorothy Kerner
Ministers to Homebound: Joan Peck, Denny & Blyth Turnwald
11:00: Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Halie Kaufman, Sarah Klausing, Darlene Hanneman, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert, Abby Langhals, Becky Lucke, Taylor Lucke

A Scene from Christmas School 2016
L-R: Kaley Dickman, Ella Schroeder, Avery & Blake Kerner

OFFERTORY - DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1

4:30 PM Carl & Rhonda Osterhage Family
8:00 AM Marc & Renee Kerner Family
11:00 AM Joe & Linda Hovest Family

USHERS – DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1

4:30 PM Collin Wurth, Jeff Knueve, Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg, Collin Nartker, Christian Nartker, Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk
8:00 AM Adam von der Embse, Paul von der Embse, Trent Siebeneck, Griffin Recker, Derek Buss, Trevor Vorst, Clay Meyer, Mason Kerner
11:00 AM Team 12

LECTORS – DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1

4:30 PM Clara Elkins, Erin Kerner
8:00 AM Kyla Fortman, Mary Plescher
11:00 AM Stacy Knueve, Alexis Meyer

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - DEC. 31 & JANUARY 1

4:30: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Marilyn Becker, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Janet Burgei, Bob Buss, Kelly Buss, Brandon Erhart, Lori Erhart
8:00: Mary Siefker, Bob & Annette Meyer, Amy Brinkman, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Ruth Foppe, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Mary Grote
Ministers to Homebound: Bob & Annette Meyer, Amy Brinkman
11:00: Kara Siefker, Kierstan Siebeneck, Sandy Westrick, Norma Vorst, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Eileen Decker, Bailey Eickholt, Regina Fischnich, Lynda Fortman

SERVERS

Mon, 12/26	8:00 AM	Kathryn Siebeneck Brenna Smith
Tues, 12/27	8:00 AM	Tyler Unverferth Jasmine Vorst
Wed, 12/28	8:00 AM	Will Zeller & Logan Bockrath
Thurs, 12/29	7:30 PM	Brandt Brinkman Marcus Cox
Fri, 12/30	8:00 AM	Blake Eickholt Kenzie Fortman
Sat, 12/31	4:30 PM	Makenzie Smith Paul, Adam von der Embse
Sun, 1/1	8:00 AM	Zach von der Embse Trevor Vorst, Kamryn Wurth
	11:00 AM	Sydney & Trevor Wurth Taylor Zeller
Mon, 1/2	8:00 AM	Alysen Hoyt Ryan Klausing
Tues, 1/3	8:00 AM	Grant Knapke Cole Nienberg
Wed, 1/4	8:00 AM	Gabe Roof Leah Schnipke
Thurs, 1/5	7:30 PM	Nathan Schroeder Justin Siebeneck
Fri, 1/6	8:00 AM	Adam & Tyson Siefker
Sat, 1/7	4:30 PM	Jack Zeller Kage Bockrath McKenna Bockrath
Sun, 1/8	8:00 AM	Derek Buss Kelly Doepker Alecia Dunn
	11:00 AM	Alec & Morggan Edelbrock Bailey Eickholt

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good life,

I know that is not how it goes, but a Saviour born in a stable is not how it was supposed to happen either. I believe that is how it is supposed to be when it comes to life: God surprises us. Sometimes it is something small that touches us at the depth of our humanity, while at other times a huge event causes us to wonder at our God. This time of year is a "wonder" filled time of year. At the same moment we take in the birth of a child, we take in the wonder of God taking on our humanity. God surprises us with simplicity and wonder in the same event. That is why I believe that there should be days during this Christmas season to sit in the stillness of dimmed lights to let our souls take in wonder. I like to sit in front of the manger scene and think of what Mary and Joseph must have thought. I picture the ox breathing down on baby Jesus to keep him warm (Klara the housekeeper put that thought in my mind and now it is there forever). I think of wise men and if I would have been wise enough to leave my comforts to find true joy. Am I wise enough to follow Him today. I think of shepherds and how simple the message of God is to all of us. Why do we complicate life so much? Loving each other should not be so hard. If we picture a child in a manger as pure love, our hearts will be warm against the coldness of our world. I like to come back to the rectory after all the Masses are over and be still with God. Later in the day I will be with family, but for a few moments, I want to thank God for such a great gift. Jesus has and is still changing my life.

I want to say Merry Christmas to all of you. Part of the stillness in front of the manger is devoted to those who have touched my life. God gets the first thought, but I want to say that so many people have touched my life since I have arrived in Putnam County. I have had the opportunity to coach and teach. I have shared meals and laughter. I have prayed and celebrated God's presence. Christmas celebrates that God took on our humanity. I want to say, from my vantage point, that humanity looks pretty good. Thanks to all who make God so real to me.

God has blessed us with wonders, large and small. May God bless all of you with much love, joy and peace.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 *St. Stephen*
8:00 AM **Loretta Vorst**
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 *St. John*
8:00 AM **Betty Maag**
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 *The Holy Innocents*
8:00 AM **Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart**
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:30 PM **Deb & Bob Grote**
L/D Lawrence Unverferth & Cy Kahle Fam
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 *Holy Family of Jesus*
8:00 AM **Margaret & Wilfred Warnecke**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
4:30 PM **Dick, Sally & Tommy Goedde**
Art & Trudy Reed, Sylvester Hanneman
Deacon Frank Knueve, Vince Erhart
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 *Solemnity of Mary*
8:00 AM **Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Annie Ketcham**
11:00 AM **Leanne Goedde Pardo, Connie Miller (A)**
Kenneth & Stephen Moening
MONDAY, JANUARY 2 *Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen*
8:00 AM **Oscar & Leona Verhoff**
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
8:00 AM **Alphonse & Eleanore Jerwers**
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*
8:00 AM **Alaina & Mia Landwehr**
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 *St. John Neumann*
7:30 PM **Arlene Edelbrock**
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
8:00 AM **Bill Cleemput**
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
4:30 PM **Cy, Cecelia & Nick Vorst, Mike Rampe**
L/D Joseph Gerding Family, Mike Burgei
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 *Epiphany of the Lord*
8:00 AM **Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth**
11:00 AM **Maddielyn Metzger**

Last Sunday's Collection: $ 9,659.10

Choir Assignments - December 31/January 1

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

Choir Assignments - January 7 & 8

4:30: Renee **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Youth

Christmas Flower Intentions Continued….

In loving memory of Roger Vorst & Paul J. & Dorothy Vorst from Gary, Lisa, Austin & Jasmine
L/D Rosengarten & Schulte Family from Norm & Dianne Schulte
In loving memory of Dan Siefker from Steve & Diane Siefker & Family
In loving memory of our family and friends from Dale & Jan Schroeder
L/D Recker & Schmenk Families from Jim & Bonnie Schmenk
In loving memory of Hubert Warnecke from Marilyn & Family
In loving memory of Cornelius & Elizabeth Meyer and Len & Agnes Warnecke from Marilyn Warnecke & Family
In loving memory of Craig McElwain, Harry & Mary Ann McElwain, Ed & Mary Ann Halker & Jennifer Halker Wood and The L/D McElwain & Halker Families
L/D Schroeder/Miller Families from Dick & Angie Schroeder
Prayer for the Recker & Kahle Families from Jim & Diane Recker
In loving memory of Rob Kortokrax and L/D Wenzinger & Maag Families from Gary & Diane Maag
In loving memory of Carl & Florentine Klausing and Ray Hoffman & Charles Gerdeman from M/M Gerald Hoffman
In loving memory of Martha & Edwin Siefker from Arnold Siefker
L/D Kleman & Siefker Families from Jane Kleman
In thanksgiving for God's healing power and the blessing of wonderful family and friends. We are blessed - Glen & Lynda Fortman
In loving memory of Bob Schimmoeller & Jerome & Ethel Bendele from Joan Schimmoeller
In loving memory of Lawrence & Loretta Unverferth and Cy & Frances Kahle

Offices Closed for Christmas Break

This bulletin will be the last until January 8, so hang on to it. Offices are closed between Christmas & New Year's.

Thanks

Thanks to all you wonderful parishioners for your Christmas greetings and kindness. I'll get back to you when I finish my pictorial news update. ***Fr. Elmer***

Television Ministry

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with making Mass available to those unable to attend in person. Through the means of television, persons can now attend in their home church setting. Although there are still some bugs we are working out, the overall consensus is very favorable. The feed is live and is on channel 70 for those who have Kalida cable. For the present, we keep the church setting on 24 hours a day (I have to say that the church setting is very beautiful and peaceful). In the future, we will put informational details regarding our parish on the screen, like a bulletin.

I would like to share some of the responses to the television ministry. Many people from The Meadows view the peaceful setting of the church throughout the day. Some "attend" Mass every day and twice on Sunday. Weddings have been a big hit for the nursing home setting. The St. Michael's setting has been a good atmosphere to say the rosary. Even at night, the dark church with the focus on the tabernacle has helped people pray. Grandparents enjoy the children's Masses through the week. I couldn't believe the number of children who turn on channel 70 to be in a holy atmosphere.

We are seeking creative ways to reach out through this ministry and would like your help. If you have any ideas of how to use this ministry to reach out to the parish, please let us know. In the meantime, we will pray for all those unable to attend Mass at St. Michael's. We join in Communion with the Lord and with the whole parish. Again, thanks to all who have brought the Lord to those wise people who seek Him. Merry Christmas. ***Fr. Mark***

Thanks!!!

Christmas is always a special time for parishes. People come home to a place of comfort and joy. That includes our church. There are so many people who help make St. Michael's a place of worship and community. Thanks to all who minister through music, Word, environment and welcome. Thanks to all who minister within the liturgy and those hidden people who sweep and clean. A new group this year is a snow shoveling group. With snow and ice already hitting before Christmas, a group of energetic men have come to the church to make sure people are safe when they arrive at each Mass. Kevin, our custodian, especially appreciates the help. May God bless everyone who makes St. Michael's such a place that welcomes the Lord. ***Fr. Mark***

Holy Name Christmas/New Year's Party

January 20, 2017. Tickets will be on sale January 7 & 8.

Putnam County Right to Life Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next to the fire station). All are welcome.

Visit Ireland & Scotland

Spaces remain for Gasser 2018 tour of Ireland and Scotland. Go to explorica.com/gasser-7466 for itinerary/registration.

High School CCD - January 4

Everyone is to meet at St. Michael's Gym for a Fun Night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This counts as class and attendance will be taken.

Students Planning Mass...

are Judy Birkemeier's 5B class on Wednesday, January 4, and Stephanie Price's 6B class on Friday, January 6.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, January 5, from 8:00-9:30 a.m. This is for everyone in the parish, along with students in grades 3-8.

The Culture Project Presentation

The Culture Project missionaries will be speaking to our students in grades 7 and 8 on Wednesday, January 11, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. They will also present to our high school students that evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Recent Baptism

EVE MARIE SCHNIPKE
Daughter of Eric & Holly (Horstman) Schnipke

With Much Appreciation

As the birth of Christ quickly approaches and we reflect back on this year, we want to express our appreciation for the love and support shown to our family during Dale's recent surgery. From prayers, to cards, to visits, to gifts, to meals and snacks and for the wonderful care of our children, we are forever grateful and hope you all know how that made the whole process easier. We are blessed by our family, friends and this awesome parish community. Merry Christmas!

Dale and Julie Siebeneck

2017 Offertory Envelopes

Are currently in the church basement, in the middle classrooms. If you need a box, contact the Parish Center.

December Holy Name Raffle Winners

$250	Ella Joos	$100	Allison Recker
$100	Sue Clementz	$100	Dick Gerdeman
$100	Josie Kremzar	$ 50	Andrew Wilhelm
$ 50	Lane Deters	$ 50	Barb Niese
$ 50	Paul & Ellen Niemeyer	$ 50	Greg Knueve
$ 50	Briggs Fortman	$ 50	Kathy Hanneman

Do You Know Someone Who Has Had A Positive Impact on the Youth of Kalida?

Kalida Schools is now accepting nominations for ***The Gene Stechschulte Award***, which recognizes those who have made a positive impact on our children. Qualifications and the nomination process can be found on the school's webpage or picked up in any of the school offices. Deadline is January 1.

PCYMCA Aerobics

On Mondays & Wednesdays, from 6:15-7:15 p.m., starting January 9, in the Kalida Grade School cafeteria. Cost is $20 (runs monthly). Any questions or to register, please call Lisa (419-532-2339).

Trees, Picnic Tables, Swings, Walking Path

Give a tribute to family or friend that will keep their name in the eyes of the community, and be an enhancement to Kalida Parks. Contact Dick Schulte (419-615-7221) or visit kalidaparks.com. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.