

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

PENANCE SERVICE: 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

OFFERTORY - December 16 & 17

4:30 PM Tony & Sandy Vorst Family
8:00 AM Paul & Rose Recker Family
11:00 AM Dick & Jane Schulte Family

USHERS - December 16 & 17

4:30 PM Team 9
8:00 AM Team 8
11:00 AM Team 7

LECTORS - December 16 & 17

4:30 PM Jennifer Erhart, Tara Gerding
8:00 AM Mike Kahle, Deb Schroeder
11:00 AM Chris & Kyla Fortman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 16 & 17

4:30: Grace Haselman, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Lynda Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Bob Gerde- man, Sue Gerdeman, Tara Gerding

8:00: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Mel Hanneman, Darlene Han- neman, Dave & Jane Kahle, Joyce Klausung, Jane Kleman, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert

Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Denny & Blyth Turnwald

11:00: Regina Fischnich, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Jacob Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Mark Kahle, Halie Kaufman, Sarah Klausung, Deb Knueve, Stacy Knueve

SERVERS

Mon, 12/11	8:00 AM	Tyson Siefker Jakob Swyers
Tues, 12/12	8:00 AM	Amanda Unverferth Brooke Vennekotter
Wed, 12/13	8:00 AM	Noah Verhoff Grant Vorst
Thurs, 12/14	7:30 PM	Ella Wehri Peyton Wurth
Fri, 12/15	8:00 AM	Dyllan Bendele Dominic Bockrath
Sat, 12/16	4:30 PM	Connor & Luke Erhart Collin Fortman
Sun, 12/17	8:00 AM	Kyla & Nicole Fortman Tara Gerding
	11:00 AM	Kevin Hamburg Paige Helmke Noah Hermiller



**Left:
7th Graders
at Christmas
in Kalida's
Live Nativity**



**Right:
Christmas
School**

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photos on our
Facebook page.*

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday - December 10, 2017

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 Klausung DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Jill Zeller
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Carol Fest
And Scripture Reflections



This Sunday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Let the St. Michael Choirs help you in your "Journey to Perfect Joy!"

After the program, everyone is invited to the rectory for refreshments.

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone, and Happy Advent.

With the Advent theme of "A Journey to Perfect Joy" in mind, I have a couple of thoughts. And two thoughts in one day is taxing for me.

My first reflection is that of unexpected joy. Last Sunday night, I went to Christmas in Kalida. As I listened to choirs sing, the moon began to rise. Being a super moon, it looked huge and the colors were fantastic. With the moon in the background, youth choirs began to sing Christmas tunes. The atmosphere of joy was contagious. People who showed up for a concert were treated to a heavenly show. People couldn't help but smile. As I walked to the next exhibit of the live nativity, joy again filled my heart. Young people were in the characters of the first Christmas in Bethlehem. Maybe because of the lighting, the innocence, the simplicity or being proud of our young people, I was hit with joy again.

My second reflection on joy has to deal with planned joy. There are times, when due to good planning, that joy happens. I have a couple of examples. This past week, I butchered three hogs with the help of a good number of volunteers. I purposely invited a special guest: Klara Frommherz, St. Michael's retired housekeeper. A stroke has left her unable to use her right arm. For anyone who knows Klara, she has always been a worker. From the seat of her wheelchair, Klara cranked the sausage stuffer for hours. To see her outside of a nursing facility, with a determined joyful look on her face, put joy in my heart. I knew she would enjoy herself, but didn't know how much. I'm sure she was sore, as turning a crank was better than any therapy ordered by a doctor. My cheeks were sore, as I smiled for hours after all the sausage was put in the cooler. Klara's joy became my joy.

A second planned joy is all the charity that surrounds our parishes. Toys for Tots, Appalachian Missions, food for those in need and many other ways that charity from our parishes reaches out to others bring joy to so many. I am blessed to be one of the ones who gets to see joy on the faces of recipients. For some families, the donated toys might be the only gifts received this Christmas.

I often think of the Bible verse from John that Jesus' joy be in us and that our joy would be complete. Advent is a time of expectant joy in welcoming the Savior. Advent is a time to plan for joy and to be overtaken with joy. If we are expecting long lines or getting ready to return unwanted or unneeded gifts, perhaps we are preparing for something other than joy. But if we are preparing for Jesus, we will not be disappointed. His joy of loving us will be our joy, as we love Him and others. His love is perfect. Let us prepare for perfect love and perfect joy. Have a great week.
Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11	
8:00 AM	Jeanette Wannemacher
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	
8:00 AM	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 <i>St. Lucy</i>	
8:00 AM	Don & Carol Goodman, Gene Stechschulte
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	
7:30 PM	Amos & Blanche Morman
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15	
8:00 AM	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16	
4:30 PM	Ron & Dorothea Aversch, Jim Kahle L/D Virgil & Clara Horstman Family Leo & Irene Schnipke, Alfred Landwehr Paul & Hilda Fortman Pete & Alice Gerding, Maddilyn Metzger
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:00 AM	Gene & Mary Ann Recker
11:00 AM	Don Holtkamp, Emily Kahle Steve Strauer, Richard Wurth Mike Burgei, Mike Feldman George Grone & Else Burgei Geraldine Stechschulte, Thomas Ricker Suzanne Ricker-Tate

Last Week's Collection: \$ 13,316.00

Choir Assignments - December 16 & 17

4:30: RA **8:00:** YAHS **11:00:** Renee

Scripture & Carol Fest...

will be held tonight, Sunday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m., in church. The Holy Name, Youth, Praise & Worship and Young Adult Choirs will each present two songs, with congregational carols and Scripture in between. Following the program, everyone is invited to the rectory for refreshments.

Thank You

Thanks go out to the parish HELPING HANDS for providing workers, desserts, etc. for the recent funeral of Norman von der Embse. Yours is a quiet ministry, but one that is greatly appreciated by grieving families. Thank you!

K of C Children's Christmas Party

**Sunday December 10,
at St. Michael's
Parish Center, from
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**



Games, Cookies, Movies & Stories! We will also be displaying and judging the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Open to all in grades K-6. Anyone grade 7 and older who wants to help bring Christmas is VERY welcome to come to the Center!

Advent Communal Penance Service

On **Tuesday, December 12**, St. Michael's will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Emptying ourselves of sin and darkness is an excellent way to prepare for Christmas joy. Make plans to join us.

Giving Tree Gifts

The deadline to put your donated gifts in church is this Sunday, December 10. The gifts from the Giving Tree will be taken to Catholic Charities **early** Monday morning. Thanks to everyone who purchased a gift for those families in need!

High School CCD - December 13

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Flower Intentions

Deadline for intentions is Sunday, December 17. Thanks!

A Special Thanks...

to our Holy Name Society for the purchase of 5 smart TVs for the classrooms in the Parish Center. With these TVs, our teachers will be able to utilize resources on the FORMED.org program, along with other Catholic programming available on the internet. Thanks to Phil Fuerst, who programmed the TVs and to Don Wehri, who mounted the TVs on the wall.

Christ Bearers at the Christmas Masses

If you would like your child (age 5 or older) to bring up the statue of Baby Jesus at any of the Christmas Masses, please email stmich@bright.net or call Leslie at 419-532-3474, and indicate which Mass you would like. The Mass times for Christmas are 4:00, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. The names will be randomly drawn and we will contact those chosen. Deadline is December 18. If you have several children, they can walk up together, then one can place Baby Jesus in the manger or you can walk up as a family.

CLC Christmas Party

Wednesday December 13, at 6:00 p.m., in St. Michael's Church Basement, catered by Dick's Steak House. The Kalida Council will pay for any member from our council who attends. Please make a reservation by calling Ann Warnecke (419-532-3662) by Monday, December 11. We will be hosting the Ft. Jennings Council.

Putnam County Museum Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 10, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. This year's theme is the "ABCs of Christmas," featuring Christmas in the one-room school. There will be trees decorated by Putnam County elementary students, WWI memorabilia, carols on the parlor organ, antique Christmas décor and more. Free admission!

KHS High School Softball Coach Needed

Interested applicants can contact Adam Huber (532-3529).

Family Christmas Ornaments

This year, all families in the parish are invited to make an ornament to be placed on Family Christmas Trees in church. The homemade ornament should represent your family and may include your name, if you'd like. Please have your ornament to the Parish Center by Friday, December 15. After the Christmas season, you can have your ornament back. The idea is to work together as a family to create the ornament. Contact a Liturgy Committee member with questions.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's 1A class on Wednesday, December 13, and Jill Zeller's 7B class, on Friday, December 15.

Save the Date...Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) women's retreat on January 27-28, 2018. CRHP (a.k.a. "Chirp") is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help you grow your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Join other women of all ages from our parish community in this faith-filled weekend! Unsure if this is for you? Pray about it. The Holy Spirit will guide you. Talk with those who have attended previous years and you will find it is a life-changing weekend that will help you grow in your Catholic faith. Space is limited, so please call to reserve your spot. To register or for more information contact Ann Selhorst (419-615-3922), Wendy Stechschulte (419-957-4194), or Vicki Winkle (419-236-1198).

Kalida Kindergarten Registration

Kalida Elementary is conducting kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year. 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 5 on or before September 30, 2018, in order to register. For additional information, please contact the school (532-3845).

Christmas at The Meadows of Ottawa

The Meadows of Ottawa invites the community to our 3rd Annual fundraiser Sunday, December 10, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at The Meadows of Ottawa. Donations are welcome. Live Reindeer, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, Face Painting, Appetizers & Prize Raffles. All proceeds benefit Putnam County Cancer Assistance Program.

Christmas Tree Gala at The Meadows

The Meadows of Kalida is currently accepting donations for our 11th annual Hope for the Holidays fundraiser. This year, our proceeds will be going towards The PHAALS Foundation, Playing Hardball Against ALS. A silent auction will be held Sunday, December 17, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., with many beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths on display. Our campus will be open to the community now through December 17 to set up and decorate their donated items. We look forward to your participation in helping raise money for our local families affected by ALS. Call Cindy at our campus with any additional questions (419-532-2961).