

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
 WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: after 6:00 p.m. Mass
 HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
 YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
 ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church

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).

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

How Will You Prepare for Christmas?

("Advent Reflections" on formed.org)

This Advent, enrich your daily prayer by walking with Dr.

FORMED.org Tim Gray on a journey of renewal. Ready your heart for the coming of

Christ. Watch an inspiring video reflection from Dr. Tim Gray, read a passage from the Word of God and reflect on how you can prepare for Christ's coming. **Want to include the whole family?** Add children's reflections to your daily reflection email! Herald Entertainment's beloved Brother Francis will help your children prepare for Christmas with joyful songs and valuable lessons. Visit formed.org for more information! Use the link on our parish website, under "Recent Bulletins."

OFFERTORY - December 8 & 9

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Ryan & Erin Kerner Family

Karl & Darlene Miller Family

Joe & Linda Hovest Family

USHERS - December 8 & 9

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Team 7

Team 8

Team 9

LECTORS - December 8 & 9

4:30 PM:

8:00 AM:

11:00 AM

Barb Unverferth, Paul Bonifas

Shelly Burkhart, Bob Buss

Clara Elkins, Jennifer Erhart

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 8 & 9

4:30: Bob & Annette Meyer, Maclerin Morrissey, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg, Deanna Nienberg, Lisa Niese, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder

8:00: Dianna Kehres, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Joan Peck, Teresa Rampe, Rose Recker, Deb Remlinger, Donna Schnipke, Karen Sarka

Ministers to Homebound: Dianna Kehres

11:00: Tom Roof, Ethan Schmenk, Mark Remlinger, Deb Schroeder, Don Rall, Lisa Rampe, Michele Niese, Dick & Jane Schulte, Megan Schulte

SERVERS

Mon, 12/3	8:00 AM	Evan Stechschulte Gabe von der Embse
Tues, 12/4	8:00 AM	Katie Bendele Andrea Burgei
Wed, 12/5	8:00 AM	Maria Gerding Meredyth Horstman
Thurs, 12/6	7:30 PM	Audra Hovest Erica Kahle
Fri, 12/7	8:00 AM	Kyle Lammers Riley Nienberg
Fri, 12/7	7:30 PM	Tara Gerding Alysen Hoyt
Sat, 12/8	9:00 AM	Makenna Hoyt Katelyn Kahle Stephanie Kahle
Sat, 12/8	4:30 PM	Ella Kaufman Gabe Hovest Matt Kehres
Sun, 12/9	8:00 AM	Mason Kerner Grace Klausung Ryan & Tyler Klausung
	11:00 AM	Grant Knapke Jillian Knueve Connor Krouse

December 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Euch. Min: Phil & Sue Fuerst, Mel Hanneman, Grace Haselman, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Mark Kahle, Halie Kaufman, Ryan Kerner, Deb Miller

LECTORS: Beth Selhorst, Brenda Aversch

USHERS: Team 7

December 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Euch. Min: Jane Kleman, Deb Knueve, Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Becky Lucke, McKayla Maag, Deb McIntyre, Alexis Meyer

LECTORS: Don Wehri, Sandy Westrick

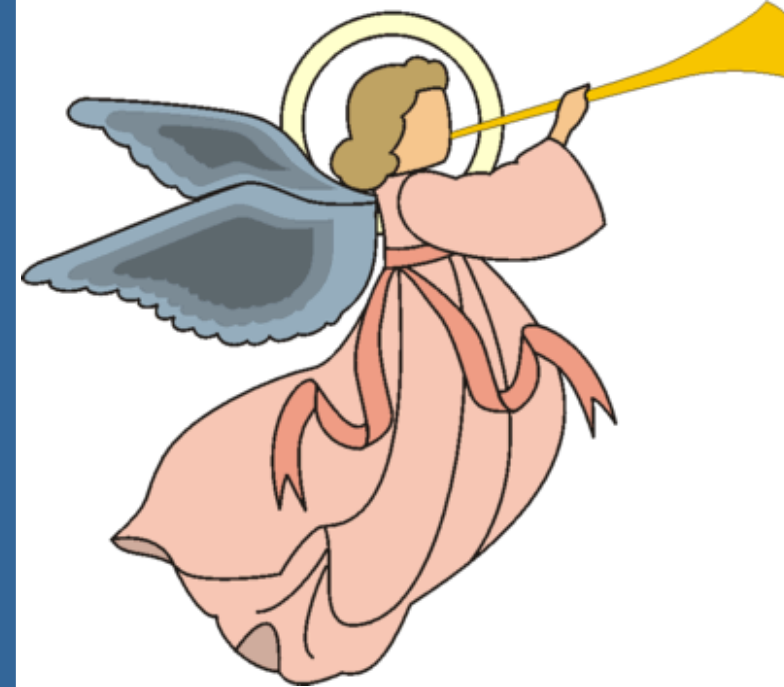
USHERS: Team 8

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

First Sunday of Advent - December 2, 2018

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

Advent Angels



This season of Advent is a busy time for us. The four weeks before Christmas are filled with shopping, baking, decorating and attending parties, concerts and special worship services. The first Advent was also a busy season for the angels! As the events of our salvation unfolded, God's messengers were sent out with the astounding news of the Advent of God's son. The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary, a virgin of Nazareth. He said to her, "Do not be afraid,

Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call him Jesus." (Luke 1: 30 - 31)

Joseph, Mary's betrothed husband, struggled with the news that Mary was with child. Should he take her as his wife or divorce her? God sent his angel to tell Joseph to take Mary as his wife. Her son was the long-awaited Messiah: "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1: 20-21).

Angels will be the theme of Advent for our parish this year. See inside how you can be an Advent Angel for someone in the parish!

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Happy Advent.

When I think of Advent, I think of things which should be that aren't. For my Dad, his big Advent dream was that there would be no hungry people in the world. As we planted our crops in the Spring, he would pray for the crops to feed a hungry world. Perhaps it was because my Dad lived through the Depression and World War II with its rationing that made him feel this way. Many times Dad spoke of times hobos or drifters would stop by the farm to get something to eat. Mom and Dad spoke of how they may not have had much, but they had food to eat by being a farmer. Dad's Advent dream would be to feed the world. Perhaps this year's bumper crop made Dad smile in heaven. If these resources were shared with the world, Dad would laugh for joy.

I thought of families whose sons and daughters have been affected by war by being soldiers. I think of Klara, our old housekeeper at St. Michael's who lived through World War II. She tells of how hard war is for soldiers and people who live in the war-torn areas. From not knowing if your family member is living or deceased to having to fear all kinds of weapons and bombs, war is not what God intended for us. Not only Miss America contestants want for world peace. I also think of our Precious Blood members in the violent streets of Chicago. A Christmas of peace would be an Advent dream.

I thought of my family during the Thanksgiving season. It was such a joy to see generations of family together. People are a gift. Life is a gift. A full life is what God wants for all of us, but sometimes isn't what it should be. For all those who find life tough, Advent is a time to dream big. Presents don't necessarily bring fullness of joy, but God's gift of life does. For life that should be but isn't, here's our Advent pledge to live better.

So what is my Advent thought or dream? I would like all people to know God, including me. For mankind to really know God is one reason of why Jesus was born. We get to see the face of God through the face of Jesus. From the time of Adam and Eve when they hid from God to today when we turn our back on God, we all desire to be reunited with Him. To be with God is life itself. To be with God is joy. To be with God is everything. So what do I want for Advent: for everyone to know the real reason for the Christmas season. To know the Lord.

Advent is a season to see and dream of what perfect would look like. Isaiah had lions and lambs laying down together. He had swords being made into tools for farming. Deserts were made into the best farm land. Be perfect as your Father is perfect. Advent gives us a time to see who we are and dream of what we should be. To be a child of God is a pretty good dream. Have a blessed week. *Fr. Mark*

Advent Angels - Connecting Us to One Another

Instead of Secret Santa, we decided to do Advent Angels. The idea is nearly the same. At the Masses this weekend, we will draw names to find out who we are called to be an angel to during this Advent season. You and your family are to do something charitable/angelic to a complete stranger in the parish (pray for them, send them a card, etc.). If you weren't at Mass this weekend and would like to be a part of the program, call 419-532-3474. You can reveal your identity on Christmas or thereafter.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	
8:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
6:00 PM	Women of the Parish
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4	
8:00 AM	Loretta Vorst
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5	
8:00 AM	Earl, Irene & Joe Kleman Families Pats & Rita Broecker
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 <i>St. Nicholas</i>	
7:30 PM	Sylvester & Ina Kleman Norbert & Viola Wank Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 <i>Immaculate Conception Vigil</i>	
8:00 AM	Dolores I. Verhoff, Sandra Kay Verhoff
7:30 PM	Leonard & Dolores Verhoff
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 <i>Immaculate Conception of Mary</i>	
9:00 AM	Bill Cleemput
4:30 PM	Tom Siefker, Leo & Irene Schnipke Else Burgei, Mike Burgei, George Grone Mike Feldman, Gary Bockrath Paul & Hilda Fortman, Leo & Irene Schnipke
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:00 AM	Alfred & Irene Peck, Lorene & Norbert Fuerst, Cindy & Moxie Wehri Kate & Alfred Wehri
11:00 AM	Harry & Alberta Selhorst Family Connie Miller

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 8,673.02

Choir Assignments - December 7 & 8

7:30: PW 9:00: HN

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4:30: Marcie 8:00: HN 11:00: YAHS

Christmas Party for Women & Girls of Parish

Monday, December 3, beginning with a 6:00 p.m. Mass. 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!

Recent Baptism

LEXI MARIE SEHLHORST

Daughter of Jody & Kelly (Smith) Sehlhorst

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.

Holy Name Christmas/New Year's Party...

will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 6, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., in church. Please join our students in this season of Advent.

Giving Tree

This year's Giving Tree will benefit needy families in the Diocese of Toledo, through Project Bethlehem. Please return your present, attached with the tag from the tree. Deadline is Sunday, December 16. Thanks for your help!

Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Friday, December 7

6:00 p.m. at Continental

7:30 p.m. at Kalida

Saturday, December 8

9:00 a.m. at Kalida

10:30 a.m. at Continental

Holy Day: The Immaculate Conception

A number of people have asked me about this Holy Day. Since it falls on a Saturday, why is it not put to Sunday like other Holy Days? The Immaculate Conception is special because the patroness of our country is Mary. Because of this, the Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of obligation in the United States, even when it falls on Saturday or Monday. This gives us an extra day to celebrate how God looked over Mary from her conception and also looks over us from our beginning.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this Advent season, I encourage the use of a powerful way to encounter the Lord: the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation. It may be easy to see what is wrong with the world or our neighbor, but it is a challenge to admit our own ways that we add to the sin of the world. This sacrament is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of the Lord. To be forgiven and have our hearts open to God's continual call to love rather than have them clouded with sin brings great peace. If you haven't been for a while, make this Advent a time to return to the Lord. Check below for additional opportunities to celebrate God's love for us by forgiving us:

Area Penance Services

Glandorf: Tuesday, December 4, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

New Cleveland: Wednesday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Ottoville: Sunday, December 9, at 2:00 p.m..

Kalida: Tuesday, December 11, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Ft. Jennings: Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Col. Grove: Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Ottawa: Monday, December 17, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

The Mass with Bishop Baron...

moderated with Fr. Rick, will not be meeting until Monday, January 7, 2019, and then on January 14 & 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement.

March for Life (January 16-18, 2019)

We will depart on January 16, from Glandorf, at 9:30 p.m. and travel overnight to Washington D.C. On January 17, we will have all day sightseeing, including the Franciscan Monastery, St. John Paul II National Shrine, attend Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and then to the hotel overnight. On January 18, we will participate in the youth rally and Mass for Life at Capitol One Arena, then to the March for Life. Reserve your seat with a deposit of \$80. Contact Diane Utrup (stjohnsreled@bright.net or 419-538-6335). RSVP by December 14. Total cost is \$180/person, which includes bus, sightseeing and hotel room. There is a meeting for marchers on Thursday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m., at St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria. Payment balance is due at this meeting.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Pat Broecker's 1B class on Wednesday, Dec. 5, and Jill Zeller's 7B class on Friday, Dec. 7.

High School CCD - December 5

The freshmen and sophomores will meet in the church basement for a presentation from the Culture Project missionaries on Human Dignity. Everyone else has class.

Presentation for Parents in January

On Tuesday, January 8, the Culture Project will give a presentation for parents. It will be from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in church. This is mandatory for parents of students in grades 2, 7 and 8 as part of sacramental preparation required by the Diocese. All parents are invited.

Women's Retreat in January

There will be a women's retreat from January 26-27, 2019, called Christ Renews His Parish (C.R.H.P.). It is a spiritual weekend, designed to help you grow in your faith with God and to form new friendships with your fellow parishioners. This is for women of all ages, and it is a very moving and rewarding weekend. There will be limited openings, so if you want to reserve a spot, or just want more information, call Kelly Webken (419-863-0168) or Joanne Horstman (419-234-3204).

Kalida High School Christmas Concert

Monday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the KHS Auditoria, featuring the Jr. High and High School band and choirs. Bring a non-perishable food item or \$1 donation for the Putnam County Food Bank.

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. They are again seeking nominations for the next presentation of the award. Information on the qualifications and the nomination process can be found on the school's webpage or in any school office. Deadline is Jan. 1.

Kalida Athletic Boosters Membership Drive

Moving to a calendar year, effective January 1, 2019. Rates for 2019 are \$50/single, \$75/double. There will be a \$200, \$100 & \$50 prize drawing at each meeting. (10 meetings in total). A double membership gives you two entries into the drawings. Please contact a Boosters officer for more information. Thanks for your support of our young athletes!

Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

December 5 & 6, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., sponsored by the Ottawa Senior Citizens Association, Inc. (1035 East Third St., Ottawa). Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The menu for Wednesday, December 5: Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, BBQ pork sandwich, Hot Dogs (plain or southern style), Brat Sandwich, Homemade desserts and Drinks. Menu for December 6: Potato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Hot Dogs (plain or southern style), Brats Sandwich, Home made Desserts and Drinks. Come check out our craft items or indulge in a holiday dessert. Cakes, cookies, pies, candy, bread, noodles and snacks will be available. Eat in the center or call 419-523-5593 for a carry out order.