

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - December 30, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Merry Christmas to all of you. May God's blessings of peace and joy be with you and your families. As we remember the birth of Jesus into humanity, may all humanity know comfort and joy. May Isaiah's prophesy come true in that weapons of war be changed into implements to feed a hungry world. And the world is hungry. Our hearts are hungry. We hunger for love. We hunger for God. May the God of love be born this day and every day in our world, our families and our hearts. May God bless us all.

I always try to slow down during this week. I try to put myself at the manger with Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I remember that there was no electric for lights. No electric for television or radios. Can you imagine life without the Hallmark channel? No wonder people sang "Joy to the World!" In the darkness without electric, stars could be seen. I wonder if Mary and Joseph knew the star was meant for their child? Was that something that Mary treasured in her heart? To be visited by kings and shepherds must have been overwhelming to a lowly servant of the Lord. The birth of a child is a miracle. The birth of Jesus, the Son of God, would be so much to take in. Perhaps a quiet manger away from the busyness of a census-filled Bethlehem was the only way to take in such a God-filled wonder. Maybe we should all turn out the noise of our world to take in such a wonder.

Christmas is the celebration of the wonder of God loving us so much that Jesus was sent to us. Of the millions of possibilities of how God could send his love, He did it best through the person of Jesus. God reveals his love and power through creation, but by sending His love through the birth of a child shows that love can be simple, small, humble, and relational. God's love isn't something to be awed at, but something to be embraced. God's love embraces us and He asks us to embrace Him like a parent embraces a child. Love is vulnerable and powerful at the same time. Maybe that is why John says in scripture that God is love. True love has been born today. It is Christ the Lord.

Merry Christmas to all of you. Thanks to everyone who helped make Christmas a God-filled event. Thanks to musicians and artists. Thanks to children and those more experienced in living. Thanks to all who made God come alive, not only at Christmas, but every day of the year. We often hear that people wish that it could be Christmas every day of the year. Make God's love come alive each day and it will be Christmas every day. Thanks to everyone who showed love. May God bless you all.

Fr. Mark

Advent Angels

It has been fun to participate in this project and try to figure out who my angel has been. It was nice to know someone was praying for me. It was also nice to pray for someone and connect with someone in the parish. Angels are messengers of God. These Advent angels brought the message of God's love home to St. Michael's. Thanks to everyone who participated in this project. *If you haven't already revealed yourself to the person or family to whom you've been an angel, feel free to do so.*

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

will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 *Vigil of Solemnity of Mary*

NM Utendorf & Neidert

4:30 PM Jim Unverferth

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 *Solemnity of Mary*

9:00 AM L/D Harold Vorst Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2 *Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen*

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

7:30 PM Cleora Winkle

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

8:00 AM Loretta Vorst

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 *St. John Neumann, bishop*

4:30 PM George & Dan Basinger

Leanne Goedde Pardo

Norbert & Angie Recker

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 *Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman

11:00 AM Harold, Evangeline, Nick & Chris Potts

Steve Killion

Collection: *This bulletin was printed before Christmas.*

Choir Assignments - Solemnity of Mary

4:30: PW 9:00: HN

Choir Assignments - December January 5 & 6

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

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Ruth Kuhlman's 5B class on Wednesday, January 2, and Michele Doepker's 8A class on Friday, January 4.

High School CCD - January 2

Everyone will meet at St. Michael's Gym at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, January 3, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., in church. Please consider joining us to start the New Year off right!

Parish Offices Closed Until January 2

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, but all parents are invited.

Mandatory Meeting for First Reconciliation

January 22, at 7:00 p.m. in church for parents of students in Grade 2.

The Mass with Bishop Baron...

moderated with Fr. Rick, will resume Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, and then on January 14 & 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the basement.

Solemnity of Mary Mass Times

December 31

4:30 p.m. at Kalida

January 1

9:00 a.m. at Kalida

10:30 a.m. at Continental

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

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

K of C Opportunities!

Our K of C is looking for a Financial Secretary for the council and a Bar Manager for the Hall as we move into 2019. Both of these are important (and also paid!) positions for us. Contact Phil Fuerst for the Secretary role and either John Schulte or Duane Steffan for the Bar Manager role. Both are great opportunities to serve our council, parish and communities.

Women's CRHP—January 26-27, 2019...

Call Kelly Webken (863-0168) or Joanne Horstman (234-3204).

Paper Recycling – Another Change/Update

While paper can no longer be recycled in the cardboard trailer, we have come up with another option to recycle paper here in Kalida! The county will be providing a bin for paper recycling the first full week of every month, similar to what is now done for plastics. Thank you for continuing to recycle!

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.

Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama

A Spring-Lenten Bus Pilgrimage to shrines in Alabama will leave from Kalida on Sunday, March 31, and return on Friday, April 5, 2019. We'll visit the "miniature" Ave Maria Grotto, St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Monastery, EWTN studios, attend "EWTN Live" TV show with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Our Lady of Good Hope rehab center, and the Basilica of the Assumption. Cost is \$650/person with 2 people in a room. Contact Rita (419-532-3637).

PCYMCA Aerobics (Cardio, Toning & Stepping)

Beginning January 8 (runs monthly). New Year – New Beginnings! Mondays/Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m., at the Kalida Grade school cafeteria. Cost is \$20 (monthly). Any questions or to register, call 419-532-2339.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY ASSIGNMENTS

December 31 at 4:30 p.m. Mass

Euch. Min: Bob Buss, Michelle Buss, Eileen Decker, Clara Elkins, Lori Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Kyla Fortman, Lynda Fortman

LECTORS: Deb Kahle, Alexis Meyer

USHERS: Team 4

January 1 at 9:00 a.m. Mass

Euch. Min: Dave Buss, Kelly Buss, Ruth Foppe, Nicole Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Tara Gerding, Mary Grote

LECTORS: Mike Kahle, Deb Schroeder

USHERS: Team 6

OFFERTORY - January 5 & 6

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Tony & Sandy Vorst Family
Gus & Judy Brinkman Family
Greg & Kim Bockrath Family

USHERS – January 5 & 6

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Team 4
Team 5
Team 6

LECTORS - January 5 & 6

4:30 PM:

8:00 AM:

11:00 AM

Erin Kerner, Stacy Knueve
Mary Plescher, Donna Schnipke
Brayden Recker, Wendy Schimmoeller

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 5 & 6

4:30: Mel Hanneman, Grace Haselman, Becky Lucke, Deb McIntyre, Annette Meyer, Alexis Meyer, Deb Miller, Maclerin Morrissey, Peter Morrissey

8:00: Ryan Kerner, Darlene Hanneman, Dave & Jane Kahle, Jane Kleman, Karl & Darlene Miller, Beth Nienberg, Deanna Nienberg, Joan Niese

Ministers to Homebound: Ryan & Erin Kerner

11:00: Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Mark Kahle, Halie Kaufman, Deb Knueve, Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert, Lauren Langhals, McKayla Maag

SERVERS

Mon, 12/31	4:30 PM	Noah Verhoff Paul von der Embse Zach von der Embse
Tues, 1/1	9:00 AM	Grant Vorst Jasmine Vorst Trevor Vorst
Wed, 1/2	8:00 AM	John Kaufman Mariah Kerner
Thurs, 1/3	7:30 PM	Carson Klausung Evan Klausung
Fri, 1/4	8:00 AM	Jeret Landwehr Sean Maag
Sat, 1/5	4:30 PM	Ella Wehri Peyton Wurth Sydney Wurth
Sun, 1/6	8:00 AM	Kamryn Wurth Jack Zeller Will Zeller
	11:00 AM	Logan Bockrath McKenna Bockrath Brandt Brinkman

People Needed to Shovel Snow

If you can help, please contact Kevin Fischer.



Upcoming Wedding

*Mollie Utendorf
and
Nicholas Neidert*

will be married on
December 31, 2018.
Please include them
in your prayers.

