MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: after 6:00 p.m. Mass

PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:15 p.m.

HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., in church ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: after we sing 7:30 p.m. Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

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



Feast of St. Nicholas

The Feast of St. Nicholas is December 6. Historically, St. Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor. Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable

to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, Saint Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

Mass Times Immaculate Conception of Mary



Thursday,
December 7
6:00 p.m.
at Continental

7:30 p.m. at Kalida

Friday, December 8 8:00 a.m. at Kalida

7:30 p.m. at Kalida

OFFERTORY - December 9 & 10

4:30 PM
 8:00 AM
 11:00 AM
 Beth & Barry von der Embse Family
 Karl & Darlene Miller Family
 Joe & Linda Hovest Family

USHERS - December 9 & 10

 4:30 PM
 Team 9

 8:00 AM
 Team 8

 11:00 AM
 Team 7

LECTORS - December 9 & 10

4:30 PMPaul Bonifas, Bob Buss8:00 AMShelly Burkhart, Clara Elkins11:00 AMSandy Westrick, Carl Siefker

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 9 & 10

4:30: Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Janet Burgei, Joyce Bonifas, Bob Buss, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss, Michelle Buss, Eileen Decker

8:00: Joan Peck, Dianna Kehres, Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote

Ministers to Homebound: Joan Peck, Dianna Kehres 11:00: Sandy Westrick, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Brian, Bev & Anna Berheide, Erica Edwards, Dave & Cindy Erhart

SERVERS

	OLIVEINO			
Mon, 12/4	8:00 AM	Ryan Klausing		
		Grant Knapke		
Tues, 12/5	8:00 AM	Grace Niemeyer		
		Cole Nienberg		
Wed, 12/6	8:00 AM	Gabe Roof		
		Nathan Schroeder		
Thurs, 12/7	7:30 PM	Sydney Wurth		
		Trevor Wurth		
		Taylor Zeller		
Fri, 12/8	8:00 AM	Justin Siebeneck		
		Adam Siefker		
	7:30 PM	Jack Zeller		
		Will Zeller		
		Hannah Berheide		
Sat, 12/9	4:30 PM	McKenna Bockrath		
		Emily Buss		
		Alecia Dunn		
Sun, 12/10	8:00 AM	Brian Edwards		
		Clara Elkins		
		Adam Fitzgerald		
	11:00 AM	Alec Edelbrock		
		Morggan Edelbrock		
		Colin Erhart		

December 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Euch. Min: Deb Schroeder, Diane Schroeder, Dick & Jane Schulte, Megan Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Kierstan Siebeneck, Kara Siefker, Norma Unverferth, Scott Unverferth **LECTORS:** Joyce Schnipke, Barb Unverferth

<u>USHERS</u>: Team 4

December 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Euch. Min: Kay Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth, Duane & Barb Steffan, Norma Vorst, Diane Vorst, Don Wehri, Alice Adams, Jim & Marilyn Becker

LECTORS: Don Wehri, Brenda Averesch

USHERS: Team 5

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday - December 3, 2017

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.PP.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebel, C.PP.S.



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone, and Happy Advent.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving, with lots of blessings that you thanked God for. Thanksgiving is a time to look backwards and the harvest of what has been. For me, Advent is a time of wishing, hoping and dreaming, a time to look forward.

When I was young, I did a lot of wishing. I think of the old Sears Roebuck catalog and how the pages of the toy section were worn out. After going through all us kids, those pages had all the shine worn right off of them. With all the shine off them, the catalogue was ready and better suited for the outhouse. I think of those days and just smile. What I really wished for was to get a glimpse of Santa Claus. We had no fireplace, but wished I could catch Santa's magic as he would slip down the chimney, through the fiery furnace up through the slits in the register, carrying a magic bag of toys. At least that is how I imagined I would one day see Santa at the Hoying residence.

I believe in wishing. Life is more than today and life can be better than today. I believe that wishing is for a child and for us adults. When we think that today is everything and that everything has been accomplished, we miss part of what God gave us: hope.

I believe in hope. Hope is Christian wishing. To have Jesus as part of our looking forward is important. I hope for all people to be one. I hope for an end of poverty and disease. I hope for swords to be beat into plow shares. Isaiah hoped with God in mind. That is why we read Isaiah during Advent. He hoped in a world that seemed hopeless. He knew that all things are possible with God. Hope is real because God is real.

I believe in dreaming. Sometimes my dreams make sense and sometimes they don't. There are times I fly in my dreams. Most times I solve murder mysteries. Those are the kind of dreams I have, at least when I sleep. But I also dream when I'm fully awake. I take my Christian hope for a ride. If all things are possible with God I should dream beyond what my senses tell me. Isaiah believed and helped people dream of heavenly things. Life takes on new meaning when death does not have the victory. By God embracing us, we get to go beyond hopes all the way to dreams. Advent calls us to dream big because God is so big. Gifts slipped through register slits seem small compared to all that God has waiting for us.

I like Advent because in the quietness of a Winter season I get to wish, hope and dream. I know that these are just glimpses of what God hopes for me and for all of us.

Have a great week. Help the children who are looking for a glimpse of Santa to get a glimpse of a Savior. *Fr. Mark*

Advent Theme: Perfect Joy

If we are called to have "Joy to the World" at Christmas, perhaps we should prepare for perfect joy during Advent. There are many things which make us happy, but joy requires something deeper. During this first week of Advent try being quiet to be able to listen to your heart. Find out what your heart, what God is calling you to. By being quiet, joy may be found.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 8:00 AM Loretta Vorst

6:00 PM Loretta Vorst
Women of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM Alaina & Mia Landwehr WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas 8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose

7:30 PM Bruce, Ralph & Judy Honigfort

Herk Selhorst, Dolores I. Verhoff Jos & Cecilia Schroeder Sandra Kay Verhoff Tom & Alice Unverferth

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary

8:00 AM Alfred & Irene Peck, Carol Morman

7:30 PM Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:30 PM Pete & Alice Gerding, Russell Caskey

Gary Bockrath, Carol Cattell
Dan Siefker Family

Hubert & Irma Pohlman
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Esther & Randy Siefker

11:00 AM L/D Harry & Alberta Selhorst Family

Jim Knueven, Luke Stechschulte Norman von der Embse (from neighbors)

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,032.51

Choir Assignments - December 7

7:30: YAHS (Practice to follow)

Choir Assignments - December 8

7:30: PW & RA

Choir Assignments - December 9 & 10

4:30: PW **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Youth (Practice at 10 am)

Scripture & Carol Fest...

will be next Sunday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m., in church.

Thank You

The family of Norman von der Embse would like to thank Fr. Mark, Fr. Elmer and Fr. Rick for their blessings, compassion and assistance before and after Norman's death. We would also like to extend our thanks to the St. Michael's Parish family for all their prayers and kind expressions of sympathy.

Christmas Giving Tree

This year, our Giving Tree will benefit Project Bethlehem, through Catholic Charities of our Diocese. The gifts are due back by Sunday, December 10, and will be taken to Toledo on Monday morning, December 11. Thanks for your generosity!

K of C Children's Christmas Party...

has a new date (Sunday, December 10) and a new place (the <u>Parish Center</u>), starting at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. We will feature a movie, snacks, games, and also judging the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest, which we are coordinating through the CCD teachers. The party and poster contest is open to all children of the parish from K-6th grade. This is the same evening as the parish choir concert in St. Michael's (hint).

Christmas Party for Women of Parish

All women, ages 18 and older, are invited to a Christmas Party this **Monday, December 4**, with Mass at 6:00 p.m., and a banquet following in the church basement. Last names A-L bring a salad/side and M-Z bring a dessert. Drinks and meat provided. There is no sign-up for this meal - you just simply show up! Fr. Mark says there will be door prizes.

The Mission Continues

This past Monday, five parishioners from St. John's and St. Michael's went back to Kentucky to reach out to the people of Appalachia. Homemade blankets, children's clothing, school supplies and food were some of the items which will be distributed to hundreds of needy families. Box springs were also transported to a family who needed a good bed. It was reported that joy reached all the way from Putnam County to Kentucky this past Monday. Thanks to so many who fed the hungry, clothed the naked and visited those imprisoned by poverty. We did see you, Lord. Thanks for responding.

Christmas Flower Intentions

Deadline for intentions is Sunday, December 17. Thanks!

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.

November Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	William Miller	\$100	Deb Heitmeyer
\$100	Karen Fortman	\$100	Avrie Unverferth
\$100	Denny Kahle	\$ 50	Bob Kahle
\$ 50	Steve Mock	\$ 50	Roberto Miller
\$ 50	Gery Wurth	\$ 50	Tony Vorst
\$ 50	John Sharp	\$ 50	Kelly Recker

Putnam County Museum Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 3, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and 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...

will be grade 6 for our All School Mass on Fri., December 8.

High School CCD - December 6

The Culture Project missionaries will be speaking to our freshmen and sophomores on Human Dignity in the church basement. Everyone else has class.

Eucharistic Adoration - Thursday, December 7

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., in church. Please join the students for a time of quiet during Advent.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

The new schedule can be found at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Ministry Schedules." There are also copies at the front entrance of church, with a phone list on the back. Thanks!

Christmas in Kalida This Sunday!

December 3, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., at Four Seasons Park.

Updates to Recycling Trailers

NEW STEPS have been installed at the Park Recycling trailers (wide-grip treads with low rise from step to step, as well as hand rails on both sides). Thank you to Village of Kalida for updating for easy access. We thank everyone for their continued recycling of aluminum, metal, paper and cardboard. Recycle all wrapping paper and cardboard!

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 five years old on or before September 30, 2018, in order to register. For additional information, please contact the school office (419-532-3845).

Ohio Polka Boosters Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 6, at the Bavarian House, in Deshler. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Dance to follow. Call 419-236-8029 with questions.

Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

December 6 & 7, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the Ottawa Senior Citizens Center. Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Menu for December 6: Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, BBQ Pork Sandwich, Hot Dogs (plain or southern style), Brats Sandwich, Homemade Desserts and Drinks. December 7 menu: Cheesy Potato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Hot Dogs (plain or southern style), Brats Sandwich, Homemade 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.