

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, December 9, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

I hope your first week of Advent has gone well. It is the time for Reconciliation Services in the area and First Reconciliation in many parishes. This past Wednesday was First Reconciliation at Continental. There were some scared children and parents who were scared for their children who attended the service. As I spoke with a number of parents after the service, they said that what they enjoyed most about the service was the look on their child's face after they had participated in the sacrament. When the children were all done with confessing their sins, there were smiles of relief that they had remembered all the steps to make a good Confession. They examined their conscience, confessed their sins, received a penance, made an act of contrition and received absolution. All the right steps were taken along with feeling new and forgiven. There is something really peaceful about knowing that your sins are forgiven. The faces of the children glowed with gladness as their whole selves were made like new. I wish everyone could experience that feeling of newness. I guess all of us can...we can celebrate this sacrament of forgiveness, too. It's not easy to admit our faults. It's easy to pretend that sinful things don't happen. But we don't have to pretend that the healing power of God is with us every time we go to Reconciliation. I encourage all of us to prepare the way of the Lord by going to Confession.

Just a quick news item to keep you in my loop. Today was butchering day. Each December, for the past nine years, I, along with a whole group of parishioners, butcher pigs. The pigs have been fed the scraps from school lunches and a lot of chocolate milk. Throughout the school year, tons of food gets thrown away. We get the benefit, as delicious chocolate-flavored bacon fills our plates during the winter months. Thanks to all who make this a project of conservation and conversation. Our butchering crew talks as much as we stuff sausage. A good time is had by all.

Have a great week, everyone. May this Advent be a time of continued closeness to the Lord.

Fr. Mark

Area Penance Services

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 AM Carl Plescher Family, Ray Schumaker Fam.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 *St. Lucy*

7:30 PM Carol Morman, Eugene Stechschulte

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 *St. John of the Cross*

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:30 PM Ron Averagesch, Dorothea Averagesch

L/D Harold & Millie Vorst Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Bill Niese, Dick Langhals

Matilda Hohenbrink

11:00 AM Bill & Alice Kahle, Matilda Hohenbrink

Last Sunday's Collection: \$

Choir Assignments - December 15 & 16

4:30: HN **8:00:** YAHS (practice at 9:00 a.m.)

11:00: Youth (practice at 10:00 a.m.)

Christmas Flower Intentions Deadline...

is Sunday, December 16. Thanks!

2019 Offertory Envelopes...

are in the back of church. Call the Parish Center (419-532-3474) if you can't find yours.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Stephanie Price's grade 1C on Wednesday, December 12 and her 6B class on Friday, December 14.

High School CCD - December 12

The Culture Project missionaries will be speaking to the juniors and seniors. Everyone else has class.

Our Students in Grade 4...

will be leading the rosary before the 4:30 Mass on December 8 and 22. Please have your child there by 4:00 p.m.

Recent Baptism

ELLA MARIE HEITMEYER

Daughter of Brian & Courtney (Bellmann) Heitmeyer

Giving Tree Gifts...

need to be returned to church by **Sunday, December 16**. The gifts will be brought to Toledo early Monday morning, December 17. Thank you to all those who gave gifts for Project Bethlehem, through Catholic Charities.

St. Michael's Christmas School...

was held this past Saturday at the Kalida K of C Hall. Almost 40 children and 12 high school students enjoyed a fun morning. Thank you to all who attended. The poster contest winners were: Grade 3-4 grade category: 1st place – Morgan Bockrath; 2nd place – Madison Verhoff; 3rd place – Shelby Jerwers. Kdg-2nd grade category: 1st place – Emma Verhoff; 2nd place – Anna McVey; 3rd place – Avery Bockrath. Please enjoy all the posters hanging in the entrances of the church.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

PENANCE SERVICE: 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama

Need a special Christmas gift? A slower paced trip? Time for prayer and daily Mass? A Spring-Lenten Bus Pilgrimage to shrines in Alabama will leave from Kalida on Sunday, March 31, and return on Friday, April 5, 2019. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will visit the "miniature" Ave Maria Grotto, St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most 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. This 6 day/5 night trip costs \$650 per person with 2 people in a room includes transportation, lodging, and most meals. Deadline is March 15, 2019. Contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net for reservations and details.

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).

Want to Lose Weight & Be Fed Spiritually?

Come explore the Light Weigh 12-week Catholic Bible Study program which will be held at Glandorf St. John's Parish Center for 12 consecutive Mondays (January 7- March 25) from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This program is recommended by priests, doctors, nurses & Prevention Magazine for weight-loss and health. There are no weigh-ins! View the Light Weigh Orientation video at www.lightweigh.com and click on Light Weigh One King Orientation Video on the right side of the screen, halfway down. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Sue Leopold (419-538-6914) by December 21 to order your program materials and join this life changing program!

People Needed to Shovel Snow

If you are willing to volunteer and help remove snow from the steps of church this winter, please contact our Head of Maintenance, Kevin Fischer.

OFFERTORY - December 15 & 16**4:30 PM**

Joe & Lisa Roebke Family

8:00 AM

Paul & Rose Recker Family

11:00 AM

Dick & Jane Schulte Family

USHERS - December 15 & 16**4:30 PM**

Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk,

Trevor Vorst, Connor Erhart

Cole Nienberg, Grant Knapke

8:00 AM

Christian Nartker, Paul von der Embse

Clay Meyer, Mason Kerner

Connor Krouse, Colin Erhart

11:00 AM

Team 12

LECTORS - December 15 & 16**4:30 PM:**

Tara Gerding, Deb Kahle

8:00 AM:

Mike Kahle, Deb Schroeder

11:00 AM

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 15 & 16

4:30: Stacy Schulte, Duane & Barb Steffan, Kay Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Jim & Marilyn Becker

8:00: Mary Siefker, Norma Vorst, Don Wehri, Amy Brinkman, Dick & Judy Bockrath, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Gus & Judy Brinkman

Ministers to Homebound: Herm & Rita Borgelt

11:00: Sandy Westrick, Kamryn Wurth, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Alice Adams, Brian & Bev Berheide, Greg Bockrath, McKenna Bockrath

SERVERS

Tues, 12/11	8:00 AM	Maddalyn Nienberg Griffin Nienberg
Wed, 12/12	8:00 AM	Olivia Olzak Camryn Recker
Thurs, 12/13	7:30 PM	Carson Remlinger Elyse Romes
Fri, 12/14	8:00 AM	Katelyn Roof Ella Schumacher
Sat, 12/15	4:30 PM	Trevor Lambert Kevin Lammers Marcy Landwehr
Sun, 12/16	8:00 AM	Logan Langhals Madison Langhals Mitch Langhals
	11:00 AM	Grant Laudick Ryan Lucke McKayla Maag

CLC Christmas Party

For those who signed up, the party is on 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.

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).