

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, February 11, 2018



**Ash Wednesday
Mass Schedule**
8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. at Kalida
6:00 p.m. at Continental

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. This coming week we have a combination of two events on the same day. On Wednesday, as Catholics, we celebrate Ash Wednesday, while in the United States, we celebrate Valentine's Day. I don't know about you, but I get a lot more advertisements on my computer and on television for Valentine's Day than for Ash Wednesday. I think to myself that all that "love" advertising is being wasted on me. It's been a while since I've bought flowers or jewelry. And then it hit me that maybe if we combined these two events of Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday, that it might come to something.

If God is supposed to be our first love, then all the ads might make sense. A special meal for Valentine's Day is always a good thought. With Lent in mind, it might be a good idea to appreciate the Mass. This special meal is done in remembrance of Jesus. We remember that He is truly with us to forgive us, make us one and lead us to eternal life and so much more. We celebrate His great love for us and return that love as we gather around the altar table. Maybe during Lent we could have a new appreciation for the Mass and maybe take time to attend an extra Mass through the week.

Valentine's Day is a big day for Hallmark. Cards help us say what is in our hearts. Lent is a time to say what is in our hearts to God and to have our hearts on fire for love of God. The theme around our parishes this year is to make Lent a time of prayer. Maybe we need to send God a card or at least give Him our hearts. Prayer is so important in our lives. But just like we might not take the time to communicate to our loved ones, we sometimes forget to say we love the Lord. There are many ways to pray out there. For some, the Bible hits the spot, while others pray a rosary. For people like me, there is nothing like quiet time in a woods or on a tractor. Devotionals like the St. Michael prayer or Divine Mercy speak to many people. Some pray in the morning, some at night and others at every meal. Take time with the One you love. Love the Lord first.

Speaking of Hallmark, there will be no watching of the Hallmark channel for me. I always give up television for Lent. Fasting is a part of our Lenten practices. Most people think of food when it comes to fasting, but there are all kinds of fasting. We abstain from meat because Jesus gave his body and blood, all that He could, so that we could have life. Because of His sacrifice, we sacrifice. These difficult acts are meant to remind us of what the Lord went through for us so that we could be united with our God. So our fasting of food, television or whatever is appropriate is supposed to unite us with God. Find something to fast about and dedicate it to God. It is also humbling and powerful that, as a whole Church around the world, we fast together and abstain from meat together to remember that Jesus gave His life on the cross for us.

Jewelry stores make a big pitch during Valentine's Day. Showing you love someone by giving them the finest is not a bad idea. The giving of alms has always been part of Lent. It is one thing to say we love someone and another to show it. We show our love for God by loving others. There are so many ways to show love and to make love tangible. It might be to send a card of thanksgiving or condolence. It might be to donate food or clothing. It might be to give to the

poor through the Rice Bowl. To make love real will make the world shine brighter than jewelry.

You can combine these two events. I was thinking that this year, since it is a special year, I might make a little stamp of a heart. Then when I distribute ashes, there would be an imprint of a heart on everyone's foreheads. Then when someone would ask "What is that on your forehead?" a person could respond that, during this season, I am going to remember how much God loves me and that I am going to try to love more. Happy Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day.
Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
8:00 AM Jeanette Wannemacher

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
8:00 AM Dolores I. Verhoff

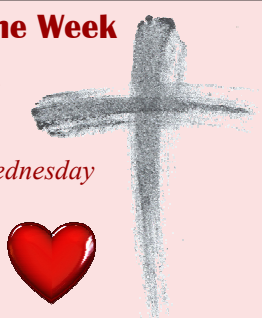
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 *Ash Wednesday*
8:00 AM Ray & Louella Maenle
Gene Stechschulte
Mike Schroeder
7:30 PM Annie Ketcham

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
7:30 PM John Phillips, Gary Bockrath

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
8:00 AM Matilda Hohenbrink

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
4:30 PM Rich Vorst, Ron & Dorothea Averagesch
Norman von der Embse, Bob Grote
Alfred Landwehr

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 *First Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM Elaine Schimmoller
11:00 AM Eugene Hoersten, Alvera Verhoff
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross



Last Week's Collection: \$ 10,238.00

Choir Assignments—February 17 & 18

4:30: Marcie **8:00:** Laura **11:00:** Youth (Practice at 10 am)

Seventh Grade to Lead Rosary

Saturday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m., in church.

High School CCD - Ash Wednesday

Everyone is asked to attend the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are the 7th grade classes on February 14 (Ash Wednesday). There will be no students at Mass on Friday, February 16.

Liturgy of the Hours

Lent Weekdays, at 7:30 a.m., in church, beginning Wednesday.

all High School students are invited:

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Thursday, February 15 6:30pm-7:25pm

in the Parish Center

no need to sign-up, just come for an hour of Prayer (& Pizza)

it's FREE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
VBS PLANNING MEETING: 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center
CLC MEETING: 7:00 p.m., in church basement
PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: Please attend 7:30 p.m. Mass
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: after we sing for 7:30 Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

HIGH SCHOOL PIZZA & PRAYER: 6:30 - 7:25 p.m.
ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

FAITH WITH THE FELLAS: 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. in basement

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

Please send your donations directly to: **Diocese of Toledo;**
ACA; PO Box 917; Toledo, OH 43697-0917. Thank you!!!

Thank You

The family of Mike Schroeder would like to thank Helping Hands, the choir, Leslie Stechschulte and especially Fr. Mark and Fr. Elmer for their great service in our time of grief. We would also like to thank everyone who brought food, visited the funeral home to offer their condolences and those who offered prayers at this time. Your kindness is appreciated.

VBS Planning Meeting - February 12...

at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome.

CLC Meeting

Monday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. Chase away the winter blues and come play Bingo with CLC sisters and enjoy some Valentine's candy.

Engaged Couple Workshop (Pre-Cana)

To register, visit www.jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com (and choose from the different dates at the bottom). The workshop at Kalida is held on March 3 & 4, but you can attend any workshop.

All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Fry...

at Cloverdale St. Barbara Parish Center this **Sunday, February 11**, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (12 & under). Carry-outs will be available.

Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ - Presale Only

Sunday, March 11. The cost is \$8. Student athletes have been given tickets to sell. Since this is a presale event only, we ask that you turn in the proceeds and any unsold tickets back to Carol Bockrath or the high school office by Friday, February 23. If you need more tickets, let us know.

K of C Men's Euchre Tournament...

continues on the Mondays of February, at 7:30 p.m., at the Kalida K of C. The public is welcome.

Eric Ulm Cancer Benefit

Eric Ulm, son of Bob & Kathy Ulm, and nephew of Nancy Grote (of Kalida), was diagnosed in November with pancreatic cancer. There will be a benefit on March 31, from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., at the Delphos K of C. There will be auctions, gift baskets, meal tickets and special drawings all night. You can help by purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket, with the first prize being \$2,000. Contact Mary Grote or Nancy Grote for tickets.

OFFERTORY - February 17 & 18

4:30 PM

Tony & Sandy Vorst Family

8:00 AM

Paul & Rose Recker Family

11:00 AM

Dick & Jane Schulte Family

USHERS - February 17 & 18

4:30 PM

Team 1

8:00 AM:

Team 2

11:00 AM:

Team 3

LECTORS - February 17 & 18

4:30 PM

Joyce Schnipke, Beth Selhorst

8:00 AM

Donna Schnipke, Mary Plescher

11:00 AM

Carl Siefker, Barb Unverferth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 17 & 18

4:30: Bob Buss, Michelle Buss, Erica Edwards, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Lynda Fortman, Bob Gerde- man, Sue Gerdeman, Grace Haselman

8:00: Tom & Judy Bonifas, Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Ruth Foppe, Eileen Decker, Darlene Hanne- man, Mary Grote

Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas, Dennis & Blyth Turnwald

11:00: Sandy Westrick, Lori Erhart, Nicole Fortman, Keith & AnnRea Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Tara Gerding, Bill & Shane Hill

SERVERS

Mon, 2/12	8:00 AM	Evan Stechschulte Gabe von der Embse
Tues, 2/13	8:00 AM	Logan Bockrath Brandt Brinkman
Wed, 2/14	8:00 AM	Marcus Cox Blake Eickholt
	7:30 PM	Logan & Madison Langhals Mitch Langhals
Thurs, 2/15	7:30 PM	Kenzie Fortman Alysen Hoyt
Fri, 2/16	8:00 AM	Ryan Klausung Grant Knapke
Sat, 2/17	4:30 PM	Grace & Sarah Klausung Jillian Kneuve
Sun, 2/18	8:00 AM	Josh & Tyler Klausung Connor Krouse
	11:00 AM	Trevor Lambert Kevin Lammers Marcy Landwehr

February 14 at 7:30 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim & Marilyn Becker, Bev, Brian & Anna Berheide, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Janet Burgei, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss

LECTORS: *Brayden Recker, Wendy Schimmoeller*

Eight Part Bible Study at Ottawa

"Walking Toward Eternity; Daring to Walk the Walk" will be held from 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul Cafete- ria, on consecutive Mondays, from February 26 – April 16. To order journal, visit:

ascensionpress.com/categories/bible_study/programs

Contact Fr. Rick (419-523-5216) to register.

Putnam County Hospice Benefit

Saturday, February 17, at the Ottawa K of C, at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact 419-523-4449. Presale tickets are also on sale for \$30 each. Events include horse racing, auctions, raffles and more.