

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - February 12, 2017

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Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Jill Zeller Maintenance: Kevin Fischer

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

It is Wednesday afternoon and I'm watching the snow fly. I'm trying to think of white sands in New Zealand, but the temperature won't let me. Even if I close my eyes, snow comes back every time I reopen them.

Our spiritual lives are somewhat like this scene. We read amazing stories of miracles in the Gospels. There are people who come back from the dead, or lepers whose skin becomes the skin of a child, or a blind man able to see after being born blind. Jesus seems like He can do anything. The scriptures seem to be filled with amazing ways that God breaks into the reality of humanity. There are times when I want to close my eyes and open them to find the power of God right in front of me. Unfortunately, I open my eyes to see the reality of ordinary life right in front of me.

Have I looked at religious life wrongly? Can't God intervene and do the same powerful miracles which Jesus did 2000 years ago? My faith would be stronger if an angel would come to visit me, or if I would get a 100% on my test if I didn't study, or my knees would miraculously not need replaced.

To be honest, I have seen amazing things. I've seen created wonders that only God could be responsible for (this Friday there is supposed to be a full moon, an eclipse and a comet all on the same night). I've seen healings which doctors could not explain. I've known the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist when others saw bread and wine. And so, I have seen my share of miracles.

Maybe to see the face of God in the ordinary is the true miracle. To believe that God would take on our humanity in the limitation of space and time is something to take in. To be subject to hunger, thirst, life and death and love is a lot to ask of God. Maybe I should look at religious life in the way that God entered this world—through Jesus, from a very human perspective. When Jesus asked us if we took care of the hungry or thirsty or loved someone who was sick or in prison, He truly meant it in a real, human way. I might prefer white sands, but the reality is that there are times when the world is cold and might need a blanket of warmth from a real human, from me. If Jesus came as a real human, we need to see the face of God in very human ways. That is true religious life.

I'm off to Continental for evening Mass. Before I go, I might build a snowman. If life gives you snow, use what God gives you. Have a great week. See God in the ordinary.
Fr. Mark

High School Youth Night This Sunday

All High School students are invited to **Youth Night** at the Parish Center on Sunday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. There will be games, food & volunteer opportunities. We hope you see you there!

Happy Birthday, Deacon Bob!

Deacon Bob Klausing celebrated his birthday this past Friday. Happy Birthday, Bob, and thanks for all you do!

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM Gene Stechschulte

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 *St. Cyril & Methodius*

8:00 AM Harold Vorst, Rose Ann Heck
Mary Lou Altenburger, Jeff Vorst
Ray & Louella Maenle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM Gary Bockrath

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 PM John Phillips

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM For Health

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:30 PM Mike Burgei, George Grone, Mike Feldman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM Rosemary Siefker

11:00 AM Don Holtkamp, Rich Vorst

Charlie Berheide



Last Sunday's Collection: \$

Choir Assignments - February 18 & 19

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

High School CCD - February 15

Everyone will have class at 7:00 p.m. There will be no CCD classes on February 22, due to the girls' sectional basketball game in Bluffton at 8:00 p.m.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Jill Zeller's 2B class on Wednesday, February 15, and Stephanie Price's 6B class on Friday, February 17.

CLC Meeting

February 13, at 7:00 p.m. Gail F. Kroll, CLC Life Insurance Sales & Marketing Director, will be coming to our meeting to address any comments or questions CLC members may have concerning policies/annuities, etc. If you are unable to attend, please contact her at the following and she will get back to you: Direct: 614-560-7718 or CLC Home Office: 800-845-0494

Engaged Couple Workshop (Pre-Cana)

If you are engaged to be married, you'll want to register for this two-part interactive, enjoyable, and comprehensive workshop for engaged couples. This workshop will delve into practical "life skills" as well as the sacramentality of marriage, guided by a dedicated team of married couples and individuals. This also fulfills the "marriage class" component, which is part of the requirements for marriage in the Catholic Church. To register, visit www.jfntoledo.eventbrite.com (and choose from the different dates at the bottom of the page) or contact Nick De La Torre in the Office for Marriage & Family at ndelatorre@toledodiocese.org. *The workshop at Kalida will be held on March 11 & 12, but you can attend any workshop.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

CLC MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

CRHP 6: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

TMIY: 6:30 a.m., in the church basement

Dear Fr. Mark & Parishioners

Thanks for the most generous mission gift for the renewal of several earthquake-devastated villages in Nepal. I sent the check out this week.

Fr. Elmer

2017 Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama...

is April 2-7, 2017. Contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net. Deadline is March 1.

You're Invited to the Delphos Parish Mission

Presented by Father Joshua Wagner, of the Diocese of Columbus, this mission will be held on February 13-15, at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be offered following the Mission on February 14. The talks will be conducted at St. John's Catholic Church (331 E. Second St. Delphos, Ohio 45833). Three nights, three incredible topics: February 13 - Making Christ Present in the Family; February 14 - Healing our Relationships; and February 15 - Inspiration in the Spirit: Imitating the Blessed Mother. For more information about Father Joshua Wagner or the parish mission, please visit www.FatherWagner.com/delphos.

Kalida Athletic Boosters BBQ Chicken Dinner

Sunday, March 12, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. BBQ Chicken Dinner includes baked potato, applesauce, and roll. \$8 per meal (carry out only) with pick up at Old Vo-Ag shop. Tickets available from any KHS student athlete or Kalida Boosters member. Funds will support KHS student athletes.

Kalida Athletic Boosters Detergent Sale**Deadline is This Week**

Kalida Athletic Boosters is currently selling 5 gallon buckets (640 oz.) of detergents/softeners, comparable to Tide and Gain HE detergents for \$45 each, which is half the price of what consumers pay in the store for name brands, and at the same time, you are supporting our student athletes. All detergents/softeners are HE and can be used in any machine. We would like all order forms/checks returned by Feb. 15. If interested in an order form, please contact 419-615-7791. Thank you for your support.

Fish & Chicken Fry

St. Barbara Catholic Church, Cloverdale, is having an All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Fry on Sunday, February 26, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. Cost is \$8 for Adults and \$4 for Children (12 & under). Carry-outs available. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society. All are welcome.

OFFERTORY - FEBRUARY 18 & 19**4:30 PM**

Ryan & Erin Kerner Family

8:00 AM

Dave & Jane Kahle Family

11:00 AM

Barry & Beth von der Embse Family

USHERS - FEBRUARY 18 & 19**4:30 PM**

Adam von der Embse, Paul von der Embse, Trent Siebeneck, Griffin Recker, Derek Buss, Trevor Vorst, Clay Meyer, Mason Kerner

8:00 AM

Collin Wurth, Jeff Knueve, Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg, Collin Nartker, Christian Nartker, Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk

11:00 AM

Team 12

LECTORS - FEBRUARY 18 & 19**4:30 PM**

Alexis Meyer, Shelly Burkhart

8:00 AM

Paul Bonifas, Don Wehri

11:00 AM

Carl Siefker, Brayden Recker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - FEBRUARY 18 & 19**4:30:**

Alice Adams, Marilyn Becker, Matt Bockrath, Janet Burgei, Bob Buss, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss, Eileen Decker, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman

8:00:

Tom & Judy Bonifas, Amy Brinkman, Joyce Bonifas, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote

Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas, Amy Brinkman**11:00:**

Brian & Bev Berheide, Lori Erhart, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Bailey Eickholt, Bill Hill, Shane Hill

SERVERS

Mon, 2/13

8:00 AM

Ella Wehri

Peyton Wurth

Tues, 2/14

8:00 AM

Hannah Berheide

Emily Buss

Wed, 2/15

8:00 AM

Connor Erhart

Luke Erhart

Thurs, 2/16

7:30 PM

Paige Helmke

Jayce Horstman

Fri, 2/17

8:00 AM

Katelyn Kahle

Stephanie Kahle

Sat, 2/18

4:30 PM

David Peck

Griffin Recker

Dakota Rosselit

Sun, 2/19

8:00 AM

Carlie Rampe

Michael Schroeder

Megan Schulte

11:00 AM

Evan Roebke

Ethan Schmenk

Jenna Siefker

Parish Community Prayer Opportunities

Every Monday, at 1:30 p.m., the rosary is prayed for world peace. On Friday at 3:00 p.m., the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed. The rosary for our nation is also prayed every Thursday evening before Mass. On the First Saturday of each month, the rosary is prayed continuously from 7:00 a.m. until approximately 10:15 a.m. This practice of praying the rosary on the First Saturday comes from Our Lady's request of the children of Fatima. Before the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays, the rosary is prayed. Lastly, the ladies of the Altar Rosary pray the rosary before the Funeral Mass of any woman of our parish and also at the funeral home, if the family request. All are welcome to join these times of prayer. You do not have to sign up. Join us!