

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - February 14, 2021

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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. To start off with...I like Winter. I enjoy the snow, the cold which makes Spring seem so nice, and lots of blankets. I haven't tried the weighted blankets, which is the new rage, but I like waking up toasty in the morning. With Winter in mind, I hear of people who say they want to go back to normal and the way things used to be. I think of Winter as a child and I'm not quite so sure I want to go all the way back.

Going all the way back to my childhood meant not taking a glass of water to my upstairs bedroom because the water would freeze. The windows were not insulated or well constructed, so wind and snow would blow right in. Getting out of bed was an eye-opening event, as you might step onto a pile of snow. When the inside bathroom was taken, the run to the outhouse was not pleasant. The experience was something to remember, but you wish you didn't have to. At least the aroma of a Winter outhouse was not the same as a Summer experience.

The electricity would go out in Winter, as snow and ice would cover the wires. That meant milking the cows by hand which was a terrible job. The cows liked it less than us human milkers. I'd rather be a milker than a milkee. Kicks from cows and toppled-over buckets brought frustration and yelling at brothers. At least we got warm from our heated exchanges.

I did enjoy bringing baby pigs into the house. I liked hot chocolate after ice skating. Our family played a game called fox and goose when there was snow on the ground. It was like tag with snow trails. I liked sitting by the big furnace which heated the first floor of the house. The use of coal or wood gave off such a hot heat that present day heating units don't provide. Wet gloves and socks were temporarily put on the furnace to dry off and warm up. I can still hear the sound of sizzles and the sight of steam rising from drying Winter clothes.

When I go back to Winter, I can go back to good memories or not such good ones. Where I stay depends on me. As a Church, we will be going into the season of Lent. Where I stay depends on me. Will my heart remain cold or will the warmth of God's love prepare me for a Springtime of growth. Will the cross be an instrument of life or death. Where I stay depends on me. The theme this year is to go out into the desert. Deserts can be hot or cold. Where I stay depends on me. Jesus stayed 40 days in the desert and came out ready to minister and love. How will we spend the next 40 days?

Have a great week, everyone. Enjoy the cold. I will.

Fr. Mark

Happy Valentine's Day!!!

I just wanted to wish all of you a happy Valentine's Day. I still believe in the power of love. Love covers a multitude of sins. I believe in being proactive when it comes to love. Instead of waiting for love to come to us, perhaps this year we should be the instigator of love. Send a card instead of waiting to receive a card. Invite someone on a date rather than waiting to be invited. In the scriptures, it says that they were known as Christians because of the love shown. Let us change the world and let's do it with love. If God is love, we will change the world through God. Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM Phil & Mike Kahle, Larry Haselman

7:30 PM Bill Cleemput

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 *Ash Wednesday*

8:00 AM Grades 5 & 6

8:50 AM Grades 3 & 4

9:30 AM Grades 1 & 2

NOON Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes

7:30 PM Gene Stechschulte

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM Grade 7

7:30 PM Bud Guisinger

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM Grade 8

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4:30 PM Ron, Ray & Dorothea Aversch
Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family
Walter & Marie Becker
Alfred (A) & Marcella Ellerbrock

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Dorothy Miller

11:00 AM Don Holtkamp & Family, Ron Kahle, Jr.
Eugene Hoersten, Carolyn Unverferth
Urban Selhorst



If school is delayed or canceled, the extra Masses listed in red will be canceled.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 8,756.00

Thank You

The family of Bud Guisinger would like to thank Fr. Mark, Deacon Bob & Laura for the beautiful Funeral Mass. Thanks to all who attended and watched on TV and to the ladies who brought desserts. Thanks to Dr. Klir, Niemeyer, The Meadows, Kalida EMS, St. Rita's and all who provided for his care.

With grateful hearts, Wilda & Family

2021-22 Holy Name Raffle Tickets

Call Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke for tickets.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Tuesday, February 16 (Kalida)

Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17 (Kalida)

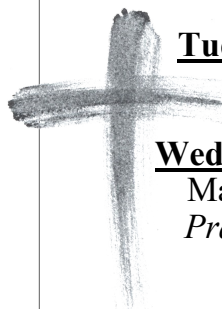
Mass at 8:00, 8:45 & 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Service and Distribution
of Ashes at Noon

Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17 (Continental)

Mass at both 6:00 p.m. & 6:45 p.m.



Annual Catholic Appeal Kick-Off...

is this weekend. Our parish goal is \$35,810.

Please send your donation directly to:

**Diocese of Toledo; Annual Catholic Appeal Office;
PO Box 917; Toledo, OH 43697-0917.**

Pre-addressed envelopes are available at the entrances of church if you need one.

Thanks, in advance, for your generosity.

High School CCD - February 17

Everyone is encouraged to attend the 7:30 p.m. Mass for Ash Wednesday.

Confirmation

There will be two Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Letters have been mailed to the parents with more information.

All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders...

in Putnam County are invited to the St. George Deanery Junior High Gathering "HOLY COW" Our Cloud Of Witnesses are the Saints. Who are the saints? What can we learn from them? How can we become a saint? and much more! It will be held on **Sunday, February 14, 2021** at Ottawa St. Peter and Paul Church, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 3:15p.m. \$6 at the door. Contact Jill Zeller with questions.

Basement Rental

When renting the church basement, the number of people in attendance at any event is still limited to 50.

Detergent, Fabric Softener, Dish Soap & Scent Crystals Fundraiser

The Kalida Varsity Softball team is again doing the laundry detergent fundraiser. 5 gallon buckets of liquid detergent are \$45. We also have fabric softener and dish soap and scent crystals available, too. Interested buyers can pick up order forms at the post office lobby, at the high school office, or you can contact any varsity softball player or Coach Randy Buss at 419-234-5660. **Deadline for orders is February 19**, with delivery on March 14, at the Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ.

The Little Black Books for Lent...

can be found at the entrances of church. Be sure to pick one up.

This Week at FORMED.org

Lenten Daily Reflections: Encounter Christ this Lent with daily Lenten reflection videos from esteemed Scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray. Sign up and receive daily emails to engage with your faith this holy season.

Mardi Gras (Prepare Your Heart for Lent): Dr. Gray welcomes Curtis Martin, found of FOCUS, on Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m.

The Search: This Lent check out "The Search" on FORMED. Invite anyone who lives with you to watch and then discuss "The Search" questions, which can be found at the entrances of church or at kalidastmichaels.org.

"The Search" schedule for Lent is as follows:

Feb. 13-19: Episode 1 - What Do You Seek?

Feb. 20-26: Who Are You?

Feb. 27-March 5: Why a God?

March 6-12: What's Our Story?

Lion's Chicken BBQ Drive Thru - February 14

Drive Thru Carryout at High School 11:00-1:00. Thank you from Kalida Lion's for supporting our community projects

February 16 (Ash Wednesday Vigil)

7:30: Erin Kerner, Regina Fischnich, Lynda Fortman

LECTOR: Erin Kerner

February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

7:30: Jerry Ellerbrock, Beth Nienberg, Mark Remlinger

LECTOR: Jill Laudick

February 20 & 21

4:30: Kyla Fortman, Duane & Barb Steffan

LECTOR: Nancy Rampe

8:00: Donna Schnipke, Norma Unverferth, Janice Foppe

LECTOR: Donna Schnipke

11:00: Deb Schroeder, Lisa Unverferth, Kay Unverferth

LECTOR: Deb Schroeder



The Challenge Girls Club hosted a Prayer Service for Life on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Thank you to everyone involved.