

# Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2018

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. Lent is upon us and I'm smiling rather than paying attention to the ashes on my forehead. It is Wednesday as I write this and I just came back from a whole church full of people. Our school children led the Mass, with singing and reading of the scriptures. I am smiling because the church was not only full of people, but also full of prayer. If singing is praying twice, the church was doubly full. Today was a day I wish all of you could be a priest. To be in an atmosphere where it is easy to be overtaken by a sea of people who believe and overwhelmed by voices praising God is a great thing and really helps me on my faith journey. One song that was sung this morning was "Indescribable." You can't put into words the sight and sound of God's creation and so many people praising God. I get to be blessed by being the priest up front when all these voices of faith are joined.

That indescribable feeling is in our churches whenever we do Baptisms, also. I get to see the smiles of families when a child is named and covered with Baptismal water, covered with God and His love. When a child is held up by the altar and people smile, I get to see a life of faith on God's people's faces. More people should get to see and experience what I see as faith comes alive in our churches.

This year's Lenten theme is prayer. Prayer takes many forms, as many as there are people. Because God makes us all unique, there are different kinds of prayer for all of us. Some of us pray best from a tractor or while holding a fishing pole. Some people pray best in a group and take in the spirit of "where two or more gather." Some people are readers, while others listen to music to be inspired by God. Some people meditate on God as Creator, while some take in everything they can about our Savior while others are taken by the Holy Spirit. Whatever way we pray, Lent calls the community to pray from the oldest to the youngest. It is inspiring to be in the atmosphere of prayer, as I said earlier in this column. Throughout this Lenten season, our parishes will offer prayer opportunities. There are Stations of the Cross, daily Mass, special prayer opportunities, booklets, etc. One special opportunity that I would like to highlight is the website "Formed.org." In this technological age, "Formed.org" presents many resources to help in spiritual growth. Check it out! Any questions, give me a call.

The last prayer opportunity that I would like to highlight as we begin Lent is the prayer board at the entrances of our churches. As people enter or exit, a person or family can put on the board their request for the week. Our whole community can pray for that intention throughout the week and at Mass. The board will be wiped clean so that every weekend new prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving can be added. Let us pray as a church family.

Happy Lent, everyone. As we turn more to the Lord this Lenten season, let God's love grow in all of us.

Fr. Mark

## Pope Francis on Lent

Fast from **HURTING WORDS** and say **KIND WORDS**.  
Fast from **SADNESS** and be filled with **GRATITUDE**.  
Fast from **ANGER** and be filled with **PATIENCE**.  
Fast from **PESSIMISM** and be filled with **HOPE**.  
Fast from **WORRIES** and **TRUST GOD**.  
Fast from **COMPLAINTS** and contemplate **SIMPLICITY**.  
Fast from **PRESSURES** and be **PRAYERFUL**.  
Fast from **BITTERNESS** and fill your heart with **JOY**.  
Fast from **SELFBISHNESS** and be **COMPASSIONATE**.  
Fast from **GRUDGES** and be **RECONCILED**.  
Fast from **WORDS** and be **SILENT** so you can listen.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM Rosalia Osterhage (RA)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM Loretta Vorst

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 AM Special Intention

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 *The chair of St. Peter, apostle*

7:30 PM Alvera Verhoff, Frances Meyer  
Martin & Barney Ellerbrock

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM Dorothea Aversch

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:30 PM Richard, Gladys & Mark Unverferth  
Dee Wueller (A)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart

11:00 AM Stan Haselman, Don Holtkamp

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Last Week's Collection:** \$ 9,999.01

## Choir Assignments—February 24 & 25

**4:30:** YAHS **8:00:** Laura **11:00:** PW

## Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Rosalia Osterhage** was held on Tuesday, February 13. Please include Rosalia and her family in your prayers.

## High School CCD - February 21

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

## Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Stephanie Price's 3B class on Wednesday, February 21 and Ellen Millott's 6A class on February 23.

## Stations of the Cross Through the Eyes of Mary

Will be next Sunday, February 25. This meditation has been very popular for the past years. Come join us. Also, join us for fellowship and soup (by Fr. Mark) beforehand in the church basement.



All high school students are invited to the Parish Center this Thursday, February 22, from 6:30 - 7:25 p.m. No need to sign-up.

Just come for an hour of prayer...and popcorn! It's free!

## FORMED.org

Check out FORMED.org for Lent. To register, click on the code box on the left. Enter **4QM74M**. Enter your name and email. Create a password. You are now ready to enjoy all the features available on FORMED: audio books, movies, reflections, videos, apologetics, etc., all in one place!

A parishioner writes: *"I find inspiration for Lent by listening to Bishop Robert Barron's 'My Beloved Son' reflections. I have signed up for the Daily Lenten Reflections with Bishop Hying. These emails can be listened to on any computer and also on a smart phone. I use my smart phone to listen to Formed.org audios on my way to work. There is even a Stations of the Cross audio to help me on my Lenten journey."*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 (Offices are Closed)**  
**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** 1:30 p.m., in church  
**HOLY NAME MEETING:** 8:00 p.m., in church basement  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
**RCIA:** 7:00 p.m., in the church basement  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
**HIGH SCHOOL CCD:** 7:00 p.m.  
**YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE:** 8:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
**HIGH SCHOOL POPCORN & PRAYER:** 6:30 - 7:25 p.m.  
**ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY:** 7:00 p.m. in church  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** 3:00 p.m. in church

**Homecoming Mass This Sunday, February 18**  
 4:30 p.m. at St. Michael's. Everyone is welcome.

**VBS is July 16-19, 2018**  
 Our next planning meeting is Monday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.

**Eighth Grade to Lead Rosary**  
 Saturday, February 24, at 4:00 p.m., in church.

**Liturgy of the Hours**  
 Weekdays at 7:30 a.m., in church. Join us!

**Thank You**  
 The Rosalia Osterhage family would like to thank Helping Hands, the choir, Steve Unverferth, the adult servers, Leslie Stechschulte and Fr. Mark, Fr. Elmer & Fr. Rick for their talent, support and compassion at this most difficult time. We would also like to thank everyone who brought food, drinks, came to our homes and the funeral home to offer condolences and prayers! Your thoughtfulness and kindness were very much appreciated!

**Draw Your Child Back to Church**  
 Remember me talking about the Book "RETURN: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church," by Brandon Vogt? It is available in the back of Sts. Peter and Paul Church for \$8. You can put it in an envelope with cash or check, made out to "Fr. Rick Friebel," and drop it in the church collection. I hope this book can be of help to many families. *Fr. Rick*

**K of C Membership Levels**  
*Knights of Columbus* is offering an opportunity to obtain the 2<sup>nd</sup> "Formation" and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree "Knighthood" levels of membership. This will be Sunday, March 4, at the Ottawa Council Hall, 10760 Road H, starting at 10:30 a.m. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, followed by lunch and the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at 1:00 p.m. No need to pre-register and will not tie up your whole day. Two degrees at once – never easier than this.

**Senior Citizen Prom – March 18...**  
 at Ottoville Immaculate Conception, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. RSVP by calling Jill Zeller (419-532-3494, ext. 103) by Monday, March 5.

**KHS Blood Drive - Thursday, March 1...**  
 at the KHS Gym, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Mrs. Beth Grime (419-532-3529).

**Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ - Presale Only**  
 Sunday, March 11. Cost is \$8. Turn in proceeds and unsold tickets to Carol Bockrath or the high school by Fri., Feb. 23.

**OFFERTORY - February 24 & 25**  
 4:30 PM Larry & Grace Haselman Family  
 8:00 AM Mike & Norma Unverferth Family  
 11:00 AM Dale & Julie Siebeneck Family

**USHERS – February 24 & 25**  
 4:30 PM Team 1  
 8:00 AM Team 2      11:00 AM: Team 3

**LECTORS - February 24 & 25**  
 4:30 PM Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle  
 8:00 AM Dennis Turnwald, Don Wehri  
 11:00 AM Sandy Westrick, Brenda Averagesch

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 24 & 25**  
 4:30: Jacob Kahle, Deb Knueve, Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Mary Lou Merschman, Alexis Meyer, Deb Miller, Maclerin Morrissey, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg  
 8:00: Joan Peck, Dave & Jane Kahle, Joyce Klausung, Jane Kleman, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Connor Niese  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Herm & Rita Borgelt, Joan Peck  
 11:00: Rachel Kahle, Mark Kahle, Halie Kaufman, Sarah Klausung, Mandy Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Becky Lucke, Taylor Lucke, McKayla Maag, Deb McIntyre

<b>SERVERS</b>		
Mon, 2/19	8:00 AM	Grace Niemeyer Cole Nienberg
Tues, 2/20	8:00 AM	Gabe Roof Nathan Schroeder
Wed, 2/21	8:00 AM	Justin Siebeneck Adam Siefker
Thurs, 2/22	7:30 PM	Tyson Siefker Jakob Swyers
Fri, 2/23	8:00 AM	Amanda Unverferth Brooke Vennekotter
Sat, 2/24	4:30 PM	Grant Laudick Ryan & Taylor Lucke
Sun, 2/25	8:00 AM	Alexis Meyer Clay & Luke Meyer
	11:00 AM	McKayla Maag Brandon Miller Morgan Mock

**Recent Baptisms**  
**KAISEI WILBUR YOSHIDA**  
 Son of Shunsuke & Julia (Hoying) Yoshida  
**NATALIE JEAN WANNEMACHER**  
 Daughter of Doug & Amy (Byrne) Wannemacher

**A Connection to Medjugorje**  
 Fr. Leon, from Medjugorje, will be in Cleveland on March 10. There will be a bus trip to see him, leaving the Kalida K of C at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 10. We will attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church, at 4:00 p.m. Fr. Leon will concelebrate and have the homily. At your own expense, will eat in "Little Italy." We'll then be bused to a hall, where Fr. Leon will be speaking. Cost is \$50, which includes bus and a tip for driver. Call Rose Schumaker (419-236-2696) to reserve your spot.

**Lent Invitation**  
 Luminous Ministries Lenten program will be at Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul Church on February 18, 19 & 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. It will energize your faith life with scripture, musical interpretations and prayer. For more information, contact Sts. Peter & Paul or visit [luminousministries.com](http://luminousministries.com).