St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - February 21, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi. Did you know that I like snow? It's been a good couple of weeks and it sounds like it will continue into next week. It is below zero as I write this. The walk over to the office brought crunches to the snow that only cold weather can bring. Of course my nostrils stuck together as I breathed in, but the snow sounded good.

The snow is deep this year and we had to break out the snow blower. The sidewalks are like hallways or paths with white hedges. There is a certain surety where to walk as you can't get off the path…unless you are a squirrel or rabbit. It is easy to track them in the deep snow. It is fun to watch them as they navigate from shrub to shrub (they are snacking on the small bushes). As I check out the trails, I see where they have been and the paths they take. I've noticed that there are times when the snow got too deep and the rabbits and squirrels just stopped and turned around and retraced their steps till they found a better path.

With the start of Lent, I thought that the image of retracing one's steps might be a good image to meditate on. At times in our lives we find ourselves going down the wrong path. The rabbits and squirrels were smart enough to turn around. Sometimes pride and stubbornness keep us from admitting that we are on the wrong path and we continue. Sometimes it takes a little more energy to retrace one's steps and begin again, so we keep going the wrong way and hope we can get out of our mess. The words of scripture tell us to "Repent." It is not easy to admit that we are wrong sometimes. To say that we are sinners and not following the Way of our Lord is hard. But if we are to find our way to the right path, we need to repent. I think we all know that we all sin, but to do something about it: that takes work. The Church gives us the whole season of Lent to reflect on how Jesus' way and our path of life should go together.

I encourage everyone to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this year. To know the Lord's forgiveness is powerful and something to celebrate. It starts with admitting that we are on the wrong path. If squirrels and rabbits can do it, so can we. Enjoy the snow, everyone. Enjoy God's forgiveness more. ***Fr. Mark***

Looking for a Few Good Artists

Inspired by last year's chalk drawings surrounding St. Michael's church, it was suggested that we do the same project this year with a twist. We will still invite people/families/children to do chalk drawings but this year we would like to invite 14 artists to recreate the Stations of the Cross to be displayed along the roadway so that people can walk or drive by to pray the Stations of the Cross. If you would be interested in helping with this project, please let us know. Different artistic styles are preferred. The church will provide some sort of "canvas," possibly made of wood. Give Fr. Mark a call at 419-969-0148. Thank you for your interest.

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
8:00 AM Don Erhart, Special Intention
8:50 AM Grade 3
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
8:00 AM Grades 5 & 6
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
8:00 AM Grade 7
7:30 PM Ron Kahle, Jr.
L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
8:00 AM Grade 8
8:50 AM Grade 4
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
NM Jorrey & Odenweller
4:30 PM Virgil & Junilla Karhoff, Doris Deters
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 *Second Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM Alphonse & Frances Schulte
11:00 AM In Thanksgiving
Don & Ted Kahle, Jr. Kahle
Jim, Gladys, Richard, Mark, Bob & Keith Unverferth, L/D Hamburg & Utendorf Family, L/D Kahle, Ellerbrock, Clement & Ardner Families, Jim & Angie Erhart

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

Last Week's Collection: $ 6,655.55

2021-22 Holy Name Raffle Tickets

Call Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke for tickets.

Recent Baptisms

CHANDLER ALEXANDER FOUNTAIN
ELIZABETH ANN LITWILLER

Soup Night

St. Michael's is hosting their Soup Nights again this Lent. If your name was on the list from previous years, you will be contacted. For anyone who cannot easily be out and about and are wanting soup delivered to your home, please call the Parish Center at 419-532-3474.

Area Penance Services

Tuesday, February 23, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Glandorf
Sunday, February 28, at 2:00 p.m., at Ottoville

Stations of the Cross

Each Sunday, beginning this Sunday, February 21, St. Michael's will pray the Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m., in church Please join us in this Lenten devotion. St. Michael's also has outdoor stations by the Mary Garden. When the weather gets better, walk the church grounds and take time to reflect on the Way of the Cross.

Annual Catholic Appeal

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.

The Little Black Books for Lent…

can be found at the entrances of church for you to pick up.

The Virtue of the Week for Religious Education

The virtue of the week is **Foresight**. This virtue means to consider the consequences of one's actions, to think ahead. Foresight means to pray, think, act and learn how to gather information to make a decision; to plan for both the long-term and short-term goals.

High School CCD - February 24

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

Schedule of Students at Mass This Week

Tuesday:	Grade 6 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 3 at 8:50 a.m.
Wednesday:	Grade 5 at 8:00 a.m.
Thursday:	Grade 7 at 8:00 a.m.
Friday:	Grade 8 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 4 at 8:50 a.m.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, March 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Make time for our Lord during this Lenten season. Join us.

Basement Rental

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

Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ

The Kalida Athletic Boosters are sponsoring their annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, March 14. Student athletes have the tickets for sale. The cost of the dinner is $9. 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 **Tuesday, February 23**. If you need more tickets, please let us know.

Upcoming Wedding

Melissa Jorrey
and
Craig Odenweller

will be married on February 27, 2021.

Please include them in your prayers.

We're in the "Year of St. Joseph"

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church, by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1870. "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," Pope Francis wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers." The year of St. Joseph began December 8, 2020, and concludes on December 8, 2021.

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
God our Father in heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.
Noble son of the House of David, pray for us.
Light of patriarchs, pray for us.
Husband of the Mother of God, pray for us.
Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God, pray for us.
Faithful guardian of Christ, pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us.
Joseph, chaste and just, pray for us.
Joseph, prudent and brave, pray for us.
Joseph, obedient and loyal, pray for us.
Pattern of patience, pray for us.
Lover of poverty, pray for us.
Model of workers, pray for us.
Example to parents, pray for us.
Guardian of virgins, pray for us.
Pillar of family life, pray for us.
Comfort of the troubled, pray for us.
Hope of the sick, pray for us.
Patron of the dying, pray for us.
Terror of evil spirits, pray for us.
Protector of the Church, pray for us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. God made him master of his household, and put him in charge of all that he owned. Let us pray: O God, who in your inexpressible providence were pleased to choose Saint Joseph as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son, grant, we pray, that we, who revere him as our protector on earth, may be worthy of his heavenly intercession. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.