

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - February 24, 2019

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Looking Ahead to Lent

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, March 3: Coffee & Donuts & Euchre Tournament

Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 10: Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 17: Stations Through the Eyes of Mary at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24: Stations presented by High School Students at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30: Confirmation at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 31: Stations led by Holy Name at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2: Penance Service at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3: "Be a Mission Church" Presentation at 7:00 p.m. in church

Saturday, April 6: Anointing of the Sick Mass at 11:00 a.m. (luncheon to follow)

Sunday, April 7: Coffee & Donuts, Stations, Euchre Tournament & Junior Retreat

Wednesday, April 10: Final High School CCD Class

Wednesday, April 10: "Be a Mission Church" Presentation at 7:00 p.m. in church

Sunday, April 14: Stations presented by Seventh Grade at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17: "Be a Mission Church" Presentation at 7:00 p.m. in church

Saturdays in Lent: Prayer/Eucharistic Devotion from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. in church

Hi, everyone.

As I write this column it is Wednesday and another day off school. That also means that CCD (Religious Education) has also been canceled. I'm wondering if we will ever have a full week of classes. Kevin, our maintenance person at St. Michael's, has said that we have already had 22 precipitation days which needed salt or shoveling. Last year there were 24 days. I'm looking forward to the last two days so we can call Winter quits.

One event that didn't get canceled is a basketball game tonight between our two high school boys CYO teams at St. Michael's. It is for bragging rights and fun at the same time. I liken it to the All Star basketball game from last weekend between the NBA East and West. It should be mostly for fun, but a little competitive at the same time. There is no dunk contest, as in diocesan competition there is a fine for dunking. I told the players that I would pay the fine for dunking so we may have a few dunks anyway, or at least a few tries.

From my days of basketball, I wondered if I was more motivated by fun or by competition. There were and still are times when I think that beating someone is what motivates me. My sister-in-law refuses to play cards with me because she thinks I play cards just to beat her. I tried to tell her that I have fun beating her, but that doesn't bring her back to the table. Through the years, I have come to the conclusion that having fun was more important than beating someone. To look through the eyes of having to beat someone may close my eyes to the beauty of a sport or a person. Today I cheer for good plays, sportsmanship and for teams that play the game right.

From a spiritual point of view, if we always look at life through the eyes of beating sin, we may close our eyes to the blessings of each day. We might become like my sister-in-law and just drop out of the game rather than enjoy God's gifts. We do live in a fallen world, but we also live in a world blessed by God. If we only see the sin of abortion, we may miss the amazing miracle of a child in the womb or the miracle of a birth of a child or the hope and love of God as that child grows. If we see the sinfulness within our Church, we will miss the blessings of the celebrations of sacraments and the coming to the table as God's people to share in the presence of our Lord. If we give more attention to sin, we truly miss the wonder of our faith that sin has been conquered by the love of God. If love makes all things possible, because God is love, we need to put the fun before the competition. We need to put goodness of God first before seeing the bad first, and that is a slam dunk.

I will cheer for both teams tonight as I did last Friday night, as I cheered for both Continental and Kalida. May both teams be winners. That can only happen when the joy of the game comes before the competition of the game. May we always see the joy of the gospel by living the love of the gospel.

May God bless everyone with a good week. May those last two snowfalls come quickly. *Fr. Mark*

Sunday, March 3: Coffee & Donuts & Euchre

On Sunday, March 3, coffee & donuts will be served after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and a euchre tournament will be from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the church basement. Everyone is invited!

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM Loretta Vorst

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 AM Sr. Catherine Mary Holtkamp, Rita Croy

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 PM Jim Unverferth

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 *World Day of Prayer*

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

**4:30 PM Eleanor Siebeneck, George & Dan Basinger
Norbert & Angie Recker**

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Jim Hohenbrink

11:00 AM Joe & Rita Hanneman & Family

Clete & Anna Mae Verhoff, Doris Deters

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 8,783.50

Choir Assignments - March 2 & 3

4:30: Renee 8:00: HN 11:00: PW

Recent Baptisms

MITCHEL GLEN BOWLING

Son of Zachary & Kayla (Fortman) Bowling

IYLA MAE UNVERFERTH

Daughter of Dustin & Katie (Slusser) Unverferth

February Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Alaina Recker	\$100	Mike Santaguida
\$100	Brenda Burgei	\$100	Mya Miehls
\$100	Sarah Fink	\$ 50	Gary Kahle
\$ 50	Austin Schulte	\$ 50	Tim Verhoff
\$ 50	Ron Rampe	\$ 50	Karen Warnimont
\$ 50	Grant Klosterman	\$ 50	Logan Hanneman

Dr. John Wood Coming to Ottoville

Dr. John Wood is coming to Immaculate Conception Parish, Ottoville, on March 24, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. He is the author of, "Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission: 5 Steps to Winning the War Within." John will be leading us in a reflection on the crucifix and the last words of Christ. Come rediscover the power of FORGIVENESS! Penance Service immediately following the presentation.

Bus Trip to LaComedia

Join us April 6 on a trip to LaComedia Dinner Theater to see "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" (the story of Joseph from Genesis 37). Cost is \$90 per person, includes coach bus, buffet dinner & show. Contact Don Rall (419-969-0521) to reserve your seat.

St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom

March 17, at the Kalida K of C. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Dinner served at 5:00 p.m. Wear your green and come enjoy good food, entertainment, games and door prizes during our St. Patrick's Day themed event. This is a free event sponsored by the Youth Ministers and High School Students of the St. George Deanery. Donations will be accepted. Please RSVP by calling the parish office (419-532-3494) by Monday, March 4.



Family Faith Formation Website

Our parish is working on launching our very own Family Faith Formation website. If you would like to see specific topics covered or have ideas to share, please contact Phil Fuerst or Connie Cleemput. We envision this website to be a resource for our families as they form their children in the Catholic faith. We are also looking for parents who would like to be on a committee to oversee the content of the website by providing current ideas and needs for our families.

Bible Study for Men...

with Fr. Rick is held in the church basement, from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., on Saturdays. It is a study of the Gospel of Matthew, the King and His Kingdom. It's not too late to join in.

Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama

A Spring-Lenten Bus Pilgrimage to shrines in Alabama will leave from Kalida on Sunday, March 31, and return on Friday, April 5, 2019. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will visit the "miniature" Ave Maria Grotto, St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Monastery, EWTN studios, attend "EWTN Live" TV show with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Our Lady of Good Hope rehab center, and the Basilica of the Assumption. This 6 day/5 night trip costs \$650 per person with two people in a room. It includes transportation, lodging, and most meals. Deadline is March 15, 2019. Contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net for reservations and details.

Calling all Junior and Senior Guys...

for a boys TEC on March 23-25. A TEC is a three day retreat beginning Saturday morning and ending Monday afternoon. Having been on teams for several boys TECs, I can say I saw lives dramatically changed. Take a chance and sign up for this boys TEC. Registrations can be made by going to the Diocese of Toledo website. Our parish will pay part of the registration cost.

Connie

Passion & Purpose for Marriage

Dynamic Catholic presents "Passion & Purpose for Marriage," featuring author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt, on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at St. Mary of the Snows, in Mansfield. Tickets are \$25 per person. Order online: DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900.

"You cannot imagine how much better your marriage will be once you start applying Allen's life-changing wisdom to your relationship and life!" -Matthew Kelly

Lenten Mission on Wednesday, March 20...

at St. John Church, Glandorf. Carol & Kristen Kurival of Luminous Ministries will present *The Demands of Love - Through Mary's Eyes*. Mass is at 6:00 p.m. and the presentation starts at 6:40 p.m., in the church. Come experience Mary's life as never seen before - from her yes to Jesus' death. Bring the whole family!

Parish Mission at Lima St. Charles

Josh Blakeksley, nationally-known speaker, singer and song writer, will be giving a parish mission at Lima St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, on March 10 & 11, beginning at 7:00 p.m. He has performed at World Youth Day, NCYC and NCCYM, the Steubenville Youth Conference and more. Don't miss this opportunity to hear his witness.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Annette Schroeder's 2C class on Wednesday, February 27, and Joyce Bonifas's 7A class on Friday, March 1.

High School CCD - February 27

Everyone has class.

Our First VBS Planning Meeting...

will be Monday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. Our theme this year is "Roar, Life is Wild, God is Good." VBS is July 15-19, 2019.

Students in Grade 4...

are planning the ministries for the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 3. A permission form was sent home with the students.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This year we have 46 students in grade 8 who will be confirmed on Saturday, March 30, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete their Confirmation preparation. They will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 21, during their religion class time.

First Communion...

will be Sunday, May 5, at 11:00 a.m., with practice on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m., in church. There will be a First Communion mandatory parent meeting on April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Our Students in Grade 7...

will be leading the outdoor Stations on Sunday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m. Permission forms will be sent home with the students. Please pray for good weather.

Choosing to Be Catholic Retreat...

will be held in Ottoville on Saturday, March 23, 10:00 a.m. to March 24 at 4:00 p.m.. This is Charis retreat which is led by peers. On the retreat, young men and women are given time to think, reflect, pray and see where God is working in their lives at the moment and where God might be leading them. It's not too late to register. They are taking registrations up until the Friday before the retreat starts.

Catholic Preschool in Glandorf

Looking for a preschool with kindergarten readiness AND a Catholic faith curriculum? Glandorf St. John's Catholic Preschool registration will be March 25 (parishioners) and March 27 (non-parishioners) at 7:00 p.m., at St. John's Parish Center. Registration forms are available at stjohnsglandorf.org or by contacting the preschool (419-538-6264).

K of C 2nd & 3rd Degree Day...

will be held Sunday, March 3, at the OTTAWA K of C Hall for our area. This is a great opportunity for Council 5669 Knights with only their 1st degree to pick up their 2nd (Unity) and 3rd (Fraternity) degrees and complete the trifacta. The degree day registration starts at 10:00 a.m. and the event is complete by early afternoon. Lunch provided. If you can attend, please drop an email with your name and phone # to kofc5669@gmail.com or call Phil Fuerst (419-532-3268) to make a reservation!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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

OFFERTORY - March 2 & 3

Jim & Brenda Burgei Family
Gus & Judy Brinkman Family
Grade 4

4:30 PM
8:00 AM
11:00 AM

USHERS - March 2 & 3

Team 4
Team 5
Team 6

4:30 PM
8:00 AM
11:00 AM

LECTORS - March 2 & 3

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman
Tara Gerding, Erin Kerner
Grade 4

4:30 PM:
8:00 AM:
11:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 2 & 3

4:30: Annette Meyer, Deanna Nienberg, Lisa Niese, Teresa Rampe, Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger, Karen Schroeder, Deb Schroeder, Glen & Annette Schroeder
8:00: Erin Kerner, Mike & Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Duane & Barb Steffan, Lisa Unverferth, Norma Unverferth, Norma Vorst
Ministers to Homebound: Ryan & Erin Kerner
11:00: Michele Niese, Don Rall, Lisa Rampe, Carlie Rampe, Ethan Schmenk, Tom Roof, Dick & Jane Schulte, Megan Schulte, Stacy Schulte

SERVERS

Tues, 2/26	8:00 AM	Jaden Smith Allison Stechschulte
Wed, 2/27	8:00 AM	Evan Stechschulte Gabe von der Embse
Thurs, 2/28	7:30 PM	Katie Bendele Andrea Burgei
Fri, 3/1	8:00 AM	Maria Gerding Meredyth Horstman
Sat, 3/2	4:30 PM	Amanda Unverferth Tyler Unverferth Brooke Vennekotter
Sun, 3/3	8:00 AM	Josh Verhoff Noah Verhoff Paul von der Embse Zach von der Embse Grant Vorst Jasmine Vorst
	11:00 AM	



5th Grade CYO Boys are Runners-Up & Champs (They Met Each Other in the Finals)

Team Members (Back Row): Jaxon Hoffman, Parker Vorst, Griffin Klausung, Landon Verhoff, Logan Kerner, Ethan Hundley, Grady Kuhlman, Elijah Patrick and Adam & Jack Buell

Team Members (Front Row): Caden Looser, Alex Shininger, Cole Goubeaux, Owen Siebeneck, Nathan Kahle, Deacon Unverferth & Owen Askins *Not pictured is Stanley Burgei*