

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, February 4, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I am feeling wonderful for a change. Between the flu and a bad knee, it has been a little while since I have felt like myself. I celebrated today by visiting shut-ins and residents in The Meadows. I really enjoyed myself, as I got to hear new old stories and stories from new perspectives. I had a great time filling people in on church news. I think the people who have been shut in all Winter are all caught up on the news from Kalida and Continental.

While I was feeling so well, I took an afternoon off to go to Carthagen, my home town. Where I really went was a woods, which is owned by the Precious Blood Community. It was a joy to spend time with God in a setting which is like a second home to me. Woodpeckers and small birds filled the trees. All you had to do was listen in silence and the woods became filled with surround-sound bird calls. As a pair of hawks flew overhead, the woods became silent, except for the warning call of a squirrel. The deer were bunched up and I came upon a small herd of ten. I snuck up and I got pretty close to them, until all at once, bright flashing white tails darted through the woods in response to my noisy walk in their neighborhood. I built a blazing fire and sat in the quiet, as the woods was shutting down for the evening. From previous experience, I know that the woods does not truly shut down. Owls screech and hoot all through the night.

This week is First Reconciliation for the second graders at Kalida. We are trying to teach the Ten Commandments so that they have a basis to measure their lives. Besides learning what are the "Thou shalt nots," I believe it is important to teach "Thou shalt." Because God is so good all the time, we shall use His name well, take care of His creation and spend time with God on His day. We should be the best person who He created us to be. We should talk to God regularly as a friend. The children gave lots of ways to make the Ten Commandments more positive and how to live more fully than how to avoid with "shalt nots."

Please pray for our children as they grow in their faith lives. They are part of the wonder of which God has blessed us. Have a great week, everyone.

Fr. Mark

Happy Birthday, Deacon Bob!

Deacon Bob Klausing celebrates his birthday on Saturday, February 10. Enjoy your day and thanks for all you do!

Ash Wednesday is Coming Up

If anyone would like to bring in their old palms for us to burn and make new ashes for Ash Wednesday, please drop them off at the church entrances or the parish office before Tuesday.

Knee Update

Thanks to all who have helped me stay on my non-food diet. I'm losing some weight and have been exercising to get my muscles ready to accept a replacement knee. My replacement surgery is scheduled for February 28. Please keep the prayers coming. I'm hoping for a quick recovery. What was a monetary challenge (a bet) for me to go through with this procedure has blossomed into funds which have helped behind the scenes recipients. Thanks to those who have contributed to a special fund to bring extra incentive to get my knees taken care of.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 *St. Agatha*

8:00 AM Leon Kahle and Successful Surgery

10:30 AM Funeral Mass - Donald "Mike" Schroeder

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 *St. Paul Miki & Companions*

8:00 AM Alaina & Mia Landwehr

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 AM Good Test Results for Deacon Bob
Vince Siefker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30 PM Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher
Alvera Verhoff

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 AM Mike Schroeder (HN)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 *St. Scholastica*

4:30 PM Helen Korte, L/D Korte/Brickner Families
George Basinger, Dan Basinger
Carol Cattell, Eleanor Siebeneck
Jeff Heitmeyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 *World Day of the Sick*

8:00 AM Jim Hamilton

11:00 AM Barbara Wannemacher, Roger Vorst
Paul & Dorothy Vorst
Kevin (A) and Paul Lammers

Last Week's Collection: \$ 7,367.50

Choir Assignments—February 10 & 11

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

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for Donald "Mike" Schroeder will held on Monday, February 5, at 10:30 a.m. Please include Mike and his family in your prayers.

Sixth Grade to Lead Rosary

Saturday, February 10, at 4:00 p.m., in church.

Euchre Tournament This Sunday!

This Sunday, February 4, there will be a euchre tournament, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the church basement. All welcome.

First Reconciliation for Second Graders

Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. in church.

High School CCD - February 7

Fr. Elmer will be with the sophomores in the church basement. Everyone else has class.

Fifth Grade to Plan 11:00 a.m. Mass...

on Sunday, February 11.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's 3A class on Wednesday, February 7 and Jill Zeller's 7B class on Friday, February 9.

VBS Planning Meeting - February 12...

at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome.

A Ton of Lenten Resources

Take time to check out the FORMED.org website for a "Lent to Remember" for individual or small group during Lent. There are some great resources for faith formation on FORMED.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION: 7:00 p.m., in church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: after 7:30 p.m. Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

Putnam County Right to Life Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next to Kalida fire station). All are welcome.

Faith with the Fellas (a.k.a. "Coffee with the Guys)

filled up the Parish Center this past Saturday morning and had a great discussion, even though the internet didn't cooperate. Part of the discussion was how to unplug from media, so the Holy Spirit provided the lesson. Anyways, we will be back in St. Michael's Church basement again this Saturday from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. We'll provide the coffee, but bring your own donut. We hope to publish a list of upcoming topics soon.

Recent Baptism**QUINNLAY AMANDA STRAUER**

Daughter of Ryan & Amanda (Schroeder) Strauer

Engaged Couple Workshop (Pre-Cana)

To register, visit www.jfntoledo.eventbrite.com (and choose from the different dates at the bottom). The workshop at Kalida is held on March 3 & 4, but you can attend any workshop.

Knights of Columbus & Heartbeat...

again wish to congratulate everyone on their generosity towards the new ultrasound machine for Heartbeat of Lima. The machine was delivered Monday, January 29, having been ordered in November when the area K of C Councils committed money in advance of fund raisers, knowing we would have your support. If all goes well, the first images happened this past week and we can say goodbye to the old loaner machine.

Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ - Presale Only

The Kalida Athletic Boosters are sponsoring their annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, March 11. The cost is \$8. Student athletes have been given tickets to sell. 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 Friday, February 23. If you need more tickets, please let us know.

K of C Men's Euchre Tournament...

begins Tuesday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., and continues the following three Monday nights of February. Public welcome.

PCYMCA Aerobics Begins February 5

Low impact aerobics, stepping, toning, on Mondays & Wednesdays, from 6:15 -7:00 p.m., in the Kalida Grade School Cafeteria, beginning February 5 (runs monthly). Cost: \$20/monthly or \$5 per night. To register or for questions, please call Lisa (419-532-2339).

OFFERTORY - February 10 & 11**4:30 PM**

Barry & Beth von der Embse Family

8:00 AM

Karl & Darlene Miller Family

11:00 AM

Paul & Rose Recker Family

USHERS - February 10 & 11**4:30 PM**Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg
Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk**8:00 AM:**Christian Nartker, Paul von der Embse,
Trevor Vorst, Clay Meyer, Mason Kerner**11:00 AM:**

Team 12

LECTORS - February 10 & 11**4:30 PM**

Tara Gerding, Erin Kerner

8:00 AM

Stacy Knueve, Alexis Meyer

11:00 AM

Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 10 & 11

4:30: Tom Roof, Ethan Schmenk, Deb Schroeder, Diane Schroeder, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Dick & Jane Schulte, Kierstan Siebeneck

8:00: Amy Brinkman, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Mary Siefker, Kara Siefker, Norma Unverferth, Norma Vorst, Diane Vorst, Don Wehri, Alice Adams

Ministers to Homebound: Amy Brinkman, Tony & Sandy Vorst

11:00: Megan Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Duane & Barb Stefan, Kay Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller

SERVERS

Mon, 2/5	8:00 AM	EJ Miller & Malie Miller
Tues, 2/6	8:00 AM	Kayla Nartker Andrew Peck
Wed, 2/7	8:00 AM	Leo Rafaniello Hanna Rampe
Thurs, 2/8	7:30 PM	Livia Recker Kevin Schumaker
Fri, 2/9	8:00 AM	Jaden Smith Allison Stechschulte
Sat, 2/10	4:30 PM	Jayce Horstman Gabe Hovest Makenna Hoyt
Sun, 2/11	8:00 AM	Jacob Kahle Rachel & Stephanie Kahle
	11:00 AM	Ella Kaufman Matt Kehres Mason Kerner

Eric Ulm Cancer Benefit

Eric Ulm, son of Bob Ulm and nephew of Nancy Grote (of Kalida), was diagnosed in November with pancreatic cancer. To help with medical bills, there will be a benefit on March 31, from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., at the Delphos K of C Hall. There will be silent auctions, gift baskets, meal tickets and special drawings all night. You can help by purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket, with the first prize being \$2,000. Contact Mary Grote or Nancy Grote for tickets.

Putnam County Hospice Benefit

Saturday, February 17, at the Ottawa K of C, at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact 419-523-4449. Pre-sale tickets are also on sale for \$30 each. Events include horse racing, auctions, raffles and more.