

St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - January 10, 2016

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebel, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M.

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I hope everyone had a great Christmas season. It might not have been a white Christmas, but it was a nice Christmas. Thanks to everyone who made this season about the wonder of the Lord.

Instead of moving into a new "season," we are beginning to celebrate and reflect on what this "year" of mercy is. Already there are books and articles written about "mercy." I'm not a big reader, but the whole concept of mercy is something I grew up with. Being the youngest boy, it always seemed that others were bigger, stronger and better than me in many facets of my life. The older boys got to do all the cool jobs, like drive tractors, while I got to clean out the hog stables or pack bales in the mow. Being inexperienced at farming, if anything broke or didn't work right, it must have been my fault (or it seemed that way). Then I got a lesson on mercy. The day came when my brother claimed responsibility for the baler breaking. I thought somehow it must have been me. To hear that someone older and wiser can make mistakes and own up to it gave me a whole new respect for my brother and taught me a lot about mercy. He didn't allow me to carry the burden of guilt or feel small. Although older, he was an equal in sharing the joys of farm life, but also was a fellow weak-link in the ups and downs of everyday chores.

Now that I'm all grown up (not even close) people sometimes see me as older and more experienced in the life of the Church because of my title of priest. I realize how sometimes people can feel small when it comes to the bigness of the Church. Mistakes happen and feelings get hurt. Divisions can keep a Church separated. With mercy, the playing field gets equaled. By realizing that we are all on the same journey and all flawed, we can help each other, rather than be separated from each other.

In this year of mercy, it is important to admit our flaws and mistakes. We will hear of times of reconciliation, which comes from humility. Part of that humility will come from the older brother...the Church. Over the years, people have run into grumpy priests or people who represent the Church who are having bad days. Some old teachings, some new teachings have brought divisions. Whatever the division, now is a time of mercy. Sorry is not an easy word to say, but so important to hear. In this year of mercy, let's work on getting back as a Church family so that we can share in the joys and works of God's people.

Over the next weeks I would like to explore and say sorry for some of the ways divisions happen.

As we begin this year of mercy, remember that it is also a year of love. Have a great week. *Fr. Mark*

Holy Name Christmas/New Year's Party

Friday, January 22, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. We'll be selling tickets this weekend and next weekend at the Masses. Call Phil Fuerst (532-3268) or Mike Schimmoeller (532-3521). Hope to see you there!

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 AM Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00 AM Successful Surgery

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 AM Successful Cancer Treatment

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 PM Blanche Morman

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 AM Catherine Wehri

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

4:30 PM Jim Knueven, Mike Rampe
Tom L. Siebeneck, Mike Verhoff

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 AM Parish

11:00 AM Suzanne (Ricker) Tate, Gerri Stechschulte

Christmas Collection: \$ 66,474.05

December 27 Collection: \$ 9,776.96

January 3 Collection: \$ 9,127.78

Choir Assignments - January 16 & 17

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

Pancake, Sausage & Egg Breakfast

The youth group is sponsoring a pancake breakfast this Sunday, January 10, from 8:45 a.m. - 11:45 p.m., in the church basement. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee. Carry-outs are available. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for those age 5-12 and free for those age 4 and under.

Thank You

The family of Suzanne (Ricker) Tate would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and prayers. A special thanks to Fr. Mark, the choir, and Laura Warnement, for singing my sister's favorite song during the Funeral Mass, honoring her life. Also, thank you to Dick's Steak House and Helping Hands for the delicious luncheon.
Mindi Maag & Family

2016 Offertory Envelopes...

can be found in the back of church.

2015 Contribution Statements...

were mailed on Thursday.

That Man Is You (TMIY) Spring Session...

begins Saturday, January 16, and continues through Lenten season for 13 weeks. This is a continuation from our fall session. *More men are always welcome.* So far, we are averaging 50 men attending every Saturday morning (starts at 6:30 a.m.) and about 60 total attending - you do not have to commit to every week with videos online. So, veterans, see you on the 16th and bring along someone new since the donuts don't eat themselves!

March For Life 2016 in Washington, D.C.

The dates are January 21-23. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Don Rall (532-2565 or drall323@gmail.com).

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

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

CLC MEETING: 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

THAT MAN IS YOU: 6:30 a.m., in basement

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's 3A class on Wednesday, January 13, and Judy Birkemeier's 7A class on Friday, January 15.

High School CCD—January 13

Everyone has class.

Lent by Candlelight

Saturday, February 13, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in St. Michael's Church Basement. Our speaker will be Pat Oedy Murray. Jan Kahle will be there with Lent and Easter items for sale.

CYO Basketball This Sunday

Boys A team at Home vs Ottawa at 1:00 p.m. and Boys B at Home at 2:15 p.m., vs. Shelby. Girls have a bye week, which is lucky for the other teams!

Are You Looking to Boost Your Prayer Life?

Join us for Oremus (Let Us Pray) Bible Study, which begins Monday, February 1, 2016. To register or for more information, call Millie McElwain (419-231-5656) or Diane Schroeder (419-890-7004) by Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

K of C Breakfast

It's that time of year again when your dues need to be paid. Dues are \$25/year and are due by January 31. On Sunday, January 17, we will be serving a free breakfast for the member and his family if dues are paid that day or earlier. Dues can also be mailed to Ken Hanneman (126 Eastwick Dr., Ottawa, OH 45875). Also, if you sign up a new member that day, they also get a free breakfast.

K of C Free Throw Contest—Sunday, Jan. 17...

at Kalida High School Gymnasium, for boys and girls, ages 9-14 (as of January 1). January 24 is reserved as a makeup date (if needed). Entry forms will be available at the gym the day of the contest and must be signed by a parent or guardian. The gym will be open at 12:30 p.m. and competition will begin at 1:00 p.m. Winners advance to district competition.

High School Friday Frenzy—January 15

All high school students are invited to our Snow Tubing Friday Frenzy, at Mad River Mountain. Cost is \$20 (you'll need additional money for any food). Leaving Parish Center at 6:30 p.m. and returning about Midnight. **Registration forms are online and are due back by Tuesday, January 12.** Adults are needed to transport and chaperone. Contact Mary (419-812-2511 or 419-532-2480) with any questions or if you can help out!

OFFERTORY - January 16 & 17

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Tony & Sandy Vorst Family

Herm & Rita Borgelt Family

John & Jackie Schimmoeller Family

USHERS – January 16 & 17

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Team 1

Team 2

Team 3

LECTORS – January 16 & 17

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Stacy Knueve, Katia Roehrig

Erin Kerner, Mary Plescher

Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 16 & 17

4:30:

Tom Roof, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Cassy Schulte, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Stacy Schulte, Duane & Barb Steffan

8:00:

Joan Peck, Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Norma Unverferth, Kay Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth, Dick & Jane Schulte

Ministers to Homebound: Denny & Blyth Turnwald

11:00:

Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Norma Vorst, Renee Vorst, Diane Vorst, Casey Wehri, Don Wehri, Sandy Westrick, Allison Wurth, Jade Zeller

SERVERS

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| Mon, 1/11 | 8:00 AM | Mitch Langhals Ryan Lucke |
| Tues, 1/12 | 8:00 AM | Luke Meyer Brandon Miller |
| Wed, 1/13 | 8:00 AM | Dayna Schimmoeller Kathryn Siebeneck |
| Thurs, 1/14 | 7:30 PM | Brenna Smith Tyler Unverferth |
| Fri, 1/15 | 8:00 AM | Jasmine Vorst Will Zeller |
| Sat, 1/16 | 4:30 PM | Jenna Siefker Taylor Siefker Kara Siefker |
| Sun, 1/17 | 8:00 AM | Brad Siefker Makenzie Smith Grant Unverferth |
| | 11:00 AM | Allison Siebeneck Katelyn Siebeneck |

Parents of 7th & 8th Grade Students

You should have received information in the mail about the St. George Deanery Junior High Gathering on January 31, from 12:30 - 7:00 p.m., at Miller City's old high school. Cost is \$8 (if registered by Jan. 15). Forms on St. Mike's website.

High School Retreat Team Leaders Needed!

Looking for teens to share their faith with the Jr. High teens at the Gathering in Miller City, on Jan. 31! Additional info. and registration forms can be found at stmichaelskalida.org, under the Youth Group Tab. Registrations due by January 15!

H.S. Juniors, Seniors & College Freshmen

Take part in a T.E.C. weekend retreat, held on the following dates, at OLC Retreat House, in Carey, OH:

Guys: 2016: Jan. 30—Feb. 1, Feb. 20-22, Mar. 19-21

Girls: 2016: Feb 6-8, Mar. 12-14, Apr 2-4

Cost to you is only \$50 and all forms are on St. Michael's Website, Youth Group Tab! Contact Mary with questions!

Teen 120 for All High School Students

We'll have 60 minutes of fun and 60 minutes of faith on Monday, January 11, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Parish Center. No cost! Drink and snack provided!