

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - January 12, 2020

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

It is a new year and a new decade. The readings this



week have to do with the Baptism of the Lord. Christmas season has ended and it is time to start working. The Baptism of the Lord isn't about forgiveness of Jesus' sins, but about starting his

public ministry. It might be a reminder for us about starting our ministries, also.

I have a little story which might relate to our getting started in our works for the Lord. This past week, my Aunt Sally passed away. She was 101 years old and lived a very full life. She was Dad's little sister and the fun aunt in that she lived a very full life. Part of her life was that she went away at an early age due to the death of her parents and the Depression. She packed up all her possessions in one trunk and went to work for a rich couple. Because of this, she lived in different cities including Miami, Florida. While there, she met many famous people including Lucy and Desi, and my favorite, Babe Ruth. He even gave her an autographed baseball. When she returned for a visit to Mercer County, she allowed cousin, Lester, to play with the ball. Of course the autograph and ball were gradually lost. I looked up what an autographed Babe Ruth baseball would be worth today: \$300,000!!! What were my cousins thinking? The ball was made to be played with and so they did. The ball might have been worth a lot of money today, but playing with cousins and making memories for a lifetime is priceless.

If we see the Catholic Church in terms of a rich history, beautiful artwork, amazing church structures and what it might be worth in monetary figures, we've missed the workings of what Jesus set up. We are called to help heal the sick, bring food to the hungry, comfort the lowly and so many things. We are called to thank the Lord in worship and forgive the sinner and be forgiven, ourselves. We are called to be His children and live lives fully. We are called to be part of the kingdom and not just see the kingdom from thrones. Loving God and our neighbors is worth so much more than an autographed baseball.

So we need to get started. We need to be active in the living out of our faith. What are your plans to be more active in our Church? We always need more choir members. It might be the year to volunteer to be a lector, Eucharistic Minister or usher. You might join in on the mission trip this year. You might stay for the whole Mass and not leave early. You might participate at Mass by responding and singing. You might visit a nursing home or work in the food bank. You might take time to pray before meals or with your family at home. You might look at becoming a priest or religious.

All these "mights" never become realities until we get started. Today we celebrate that Jesus got started. It "might" be a good day for us to get started, too.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 AM Ed Schroeder

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 AM Wilbur & Mildred Remlinger
Successful Surgery

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 *St. Anthony*

8:00 AM Successful Surgery, Special Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

4:30 PM L/D William Ellerbrock Family

John Phillips, Louis Verhoff

Mike Kahle, Ron & Dorothea Aversch

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 *Ecumenical Sunday*

8:00 AM L/D Richard & Sally Goedde Family

11:00 AM Don Holtkamp & Family, Kelly Miller

Last Week's Collection: \$ 13,251.42

Choir Assignments - January 18 & 19

4:30: Laura **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Matt

Students Planning Mass this Week...

are Cindy Fitzgerald's 4A class on Wednesday, January 15, and Ruth Kuhlman's 7A class on Friday, January 17.

High School CCD – January 15

Everyone has class. The juniors will meet with Fr. Mark.

Meeting for Parents of Second Graders

On Tuesday, January 14, there is a mandatory second grade parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. in church. This is for parents only. Fr. Mark will present information on First Reconciliation.

Pancake Breakfast

This Sunday!

January 12, in St. Michael's Church Basement, from 8:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, OJ, Coffee and Milk. Suggested Donation is \$7 for adults (12+) and \$4 for children (5-12). Proceeds benefit youth attending the March for Life!



First Reconciliation for Second Grade

Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in church.

Fr. Muehe K of C Annual Membership Breakfast

Sunday, January 19, at the hall. All members & family are invited, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending when out of food! Great opportunity to get a free breakfast for the family when paying the January membership dues!!! Eggs, sausages (yes, that's "sausages") and awesome cinnamon rolls. If you cannot make the breakfast, dues are due January 31, and can be sent to K of C; PO Box 138; Kalida. Regular members \$25, students & honorary members (silver card) \$12.50.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

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



RALLY for LIFE

Putnam County Rally for Life This Sunday!

January 12 at 2:00 p.m., inside the American Legion Hall, in Ottawa. Join us for some pro-life inspiration. Refreshments are provided.



Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers Needed

From Saturday morning, January 18 through Sunday morning, January 19, there will be Eucharistic Adoration in the church. We are asking anyone who would like to prayerfully support our Christ Renews His Parish women's retreat participants to sign up on the sheet at the main entrance of the church. Thank you for being a positive role model and a

faithful disciple of our Lord.

Marriage Encounter Dinner & Dance...

will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020. The Mass is at 3:00 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C Hall, with a dinner and dance at 4:30 p.m. Music will be provided by "Deuces Wild." Enjoy a beautiful evening with the love of your life. For tickets, contact Ryan & Erin Kerner (419-532-3151).

Thank You

The staff of the Putnam County Council on Aging would like to thank the parishioners of St. Michael's Catholic Church for your kind donation of personal hygiene items, cleaning products, and paper products collected during the recent Advent season. We were able to share these items with over two dozen senior citizens and households in Putnam County during the holidays, making their Christmas season shine a bit brighter. Thank you so much!

St. Michael Parish Cook Book

Deadline for submissions is at the end of this month.

Email recipe and photo to stmich@bright.net

OFFERTORY - January 18 & 19

4:30 PM

Mark & Deb Kahle Family

8:00 AM

Dave & Jane Kahle Family

11:00 AM

Dick & Jane Schulte Family

USHERS - January 18 & 19

4:30 PM

Team 7

8:00 AM

Team 8

11:00 AM

Team 9

LECTORS - January 18 & 19

4:30 PM

Erin Kerner, Stacy Knueve

8:00 AM

Deb Schroeder, Lynda Fortman

11:00 AM

Jill Laudick, Nancy Rampe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 18 & 19

4:30: Erin Kerner, Michelle Buss, Stacy Knueve, Courtney Ehrnsberger, Lori Erhart, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Grace Haselman

8:00: Tom & Judy Bonifas, Janice Foppe, Ruth Foppe, Lynda Fortman, Mary Grote, Darlene Han-neman, Jane Kleman, Dave & Jane Kahle

Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas

11:00: Kelly Buss, Regina Fischnich, Kyla Fortman, Clara Elkins, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Shane Hill, Mark Kahle, Eileen Decker, Mike Krouse

SERVERS

Tues, 1/14	8:00 AM	Alexander Verhoff Tucker Anspach
Wed, 1/15	8:00 AM	Kaylyn Bockrath Meredith Bockrath
Thurs, 1/16	7:30 PM	Gabi Brinkman Evan Fischnich
Fri, 1/17	8:00 AM	Grant Fortman Alex Gardner
Sat, 1/18	4:30 PM	Blake Eickholt Clara Elkins Colin Erhart
Sun, 1/19	8:00 AM	Brandt Brinkman Ryan Fischnich Nick Foppe
	11:00 AM	Brooke Erhart Connor Erhart Luke Erhart

2020 St. Michael Church Calendars



If you ordered a 2020 church calendar, please pick up your copy at the Parish Center by **January 15.**

After January 15, we will make them available to others. Thanks!