

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, January 14, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

I am trying to prepare for the big snow of 2018. I saw one report calling for 29 inches of snow this weekend. I saw another report for 4 inches. The bad part about doing this column early is that I can look like a fool, depending on the outcome of something I am not in control of. The last time something like this happened was in 1978 when I was in college. School was closed and I was helping on a local pig farm (imagine that). There was lots of work, as water and feed had to be carried through ten-foot-high snow drifts to hundreds of hogs. I remember icicles hanging from my nose as I tried to save piglets born in the storm of 1978. I thought to myself how hard I was working in such tough conditions. It felt good to come in from the cold and warm up with a hot shower and hot chocolate. It didn't take long, since classes were canceled, that I was back out in the snow digging tunnels to dorm rooms and sledding on cafeteria trays with fellow students. I thought to myself, as icicles hung from my nose, how much fun I was having in such tough conditions.

Perspective means a lot. Being in the same situation, one's perspective can either be fun or work. The same situation can either be secular or holy. Adding God to any situation changes how we look at most everything. Ordinary meals around an ordinary table with ordinary people becomes something different when the people, place and food are blessed. As we begin a new year, it may be a good time to change our perspectives. We may not be able to control the weather, but we can control how we put things in perspective. Have a great week, everyone. Bring on the snow.

Fr. Mark

Knee Update

I went to the doctor today and found out that I have bone on bone (I have had that since 1979). Now would be a good time to get something done. My plan is to do some extra exercises to strengthen muscles and to lose weight. Those two initiatives should help in recovery time once surgery is scheduled. With that in mind, no more food for the rectory (everyone has been so kind, especially around Christmas). If you want to feed Fr. Elmer, he will take you out for dinner. The less food around, the better. I grew up with Depression Era parents. If there is food around, it needs to be eaten and not go to waste. The problem is that it goes to my waist and I cannot resist food that is on the counter in my house. So please, pray for me in the next months. Bring me no food and ask me how my exercising is going (shame me into a healthier self). I'd like to say thanks for all the prayers already and keep them coming.

Eucharistic Ministers to Homebound Needed

Our list is down to about six people/couples who take Holy Communion to the homebound. If you are willing to join this ministry, please call Fr. Mark for details. Thanks!

Rally for Life at Ottawa Legion This Sunday

Putnam County Right to Life is hosting a Rally for Life on Sunday, January 14, at 2:00 p.m., in the Ottawa American Legion. All are welcome to join us for inspiration from our pro-life speakers. Refreshments will be served. Donations of a plate of cookies would be appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 AM Don Horstman

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 AM Don & Joyce Jerwers, Matilda Hohenbrink

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 *St. Anthony, abbot*

8:00 AM Alberta Utrup

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 PM Alvera Verhoff

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart

6:00 PM L/D Holy Name

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

4:30 PM Tom L. Siebeneck, John Phillips
Joseph & Marjorie Verhoff Family
Ron & Dorothea Aversch, Steve Strauer
Carol Cattell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 *Ecumenical Sunday*

8:00 AM Don Warnement (HN)

11:00 AM Don Holtkamp

Mary Ann & Craig McElwain

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,737.00

Choir Assignments—January 20 & 21

4:30: Marcie 8:00: HN 11:00: Youth

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Don Warnement** was held on Monday, January 8. The Funeral Mass for **Alberta Utrup** was held on Thursday, January 11. Please include Don, Alberta and their families in your prayers.

High School CCD - January 17

Father Elmer will be with the juniors in the Parish Center and Fr. Mark will be with the seniors in the Parish Center. The sophomores will be with Marv Kromer in the room next to the kitchen in the church basement.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Judy Birkemeier's 5B class on Wednesday, January 17, and Michele Doepker's 8A class on Friday, January 19.

Saturday Rosary at 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, January 20, the students in grade 3 will be leading the rosary prior to the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Please be there at 4:00 p.m. and sit in the front benches on Mary's side of church.

Mandatory First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory parent meeting for the parents of our students in grade 2 who will be making their First Reconciliation. The meeting will be Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m., in church. First Reconciliation will be Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 21, in the church basement, from 8:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee and Milk. Suggested Donation is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, ages 5-12. Proceeds benefit St. Michael youth.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Michael's

Thursdays 6:45 - 7:15 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 (OFFICES ARE CLOSED)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

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

HOLY NAME PARTY: after 6:00 p.m. Mass

Thank You

The family of Don Warnement would like to thank the women of Helping Hands for the delicious desserts and for coming out in bad weather to help with the funeral luncheon. Thanks, also, to the choir for the beautiful music.

Holy Name Christmas/New Year's Party

Friday, January 19, with Mass at 6:00 p.m. Call Mike (419-532-3521) if you would like a meal delivered that night.

Thank You

The family of Don Rampe would like to thank Fr. Mark and Helping Hands for their great service in our time of grief. We would like to thank everyone who brought food, their kind words and those who visited the funeral home to offer their condolences. It was all greatly appreciated.

Recent Baptisms

VIVIANA KAY STECHSCHULTE

Daughter of Adam & Kayla (King) Stechschulte

TINLEY JOSEPHINE UNVERFERTH

Daughter of Cory & Megan Unverferth

Heartbeat of Lima Ultrasound

Replacement Special Collection

will be NEXT weekend, January 20-21, to raise funds to replace the broken down ultrasound at the Lima office. This machine is capable of detecting a baby's heartbeat at five weeks and the imaging of a baby is critical in changing minds toward life. Accepting cash or checks, payable to "K of C Ultrasound Project." The national council matches one half of the cost of the machine, which is about \$24,000.

Is the Holy Spirit Calling You?

There are only a few spots available for this year's Christ Renew His Parish (CRHP) retreat on January 27 & 28. Please call to reserve your spot: Ann Selhorst (419-615-3922) Wendy Stechschulte (419-957-4194) or Vicki Winkle (419-236-1198).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Celebrates World Marriage Day

Sunday, February 11, 2018. All encountered couples are invited. Mass is at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Church, Wapak, with a dinner and dance to follow from 5-9 p.m., at St. Joseph School, 1101 Lincoln Hwy, Wapak. Presale tickets are \$30/couple. Contact Ryan & Erin Kerner (532-3151) by January 30. Door prizes are welcome the night of the celebration.

Attention KHS Soccer Alumni

We are having soccer open gyms, at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays for the next several weeks, beginning this Sunday, January 14, at the high school gym. Any former players are invited to join us. Call Coach Czubik (419-796-0771) with questions.

OFFERTORY - January 20 & 21

4:30 PM

Carl & Rhonda Osterhage Family

8:00 AM

Dave & Jane Kahle Family

11:00 AM

Mary Ann Hoersten Family

USHERS - January 20 & 21

4:30 PM:

Team 7

8:00 AM:

Team 8

11:00 AM:

Team 9

LECTORS - January 20 & 21

4:30 PM

Joyce Schnipke, Beth Selhorst

8:00 AM

Dennis Turnwald, Don Wehri

11:00 AM

Carl Siefker, Barb Unverferth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 20 & 21

4:30:

Diane Vorst, Alice Adams, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Matt Bockrath, Kelly Buss, Michelle Buss, Erica Edwards, Dave & Cindy Erhart

8:00:

Amy Brinkman, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Don Wehri, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Joyce Bonifas, Dave Buss, Eileen Decker, Ruth Foppe

Min. to Homebound:

Amy Brinkman, Tony & Sandy Vorst

11:00:

Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Brian, Bev & Anna Berheide, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Janet Burgei, Bob Buss

SERVERS

Mon, 1/15

8:00 AM

Cole Nienberg

Gabe Roof

Tues, 1/16

8:00 AM

Nathan Schroeder

Justin Siebeneck

Wed, 1/17

8:00 AM

Adam Siefker

Tyson Siefker

Thurs, 1/18

7:30 PM

Jakob Swyers

Amanda Unverferth

Fri, 1/19

8:00 AM

Brooke Vennekotter

Noah Verhoff

Sat, 1/20

4:30 PM

Jasmine Vorst

Trevor Vorst

Sun, 1/21

8:00 AM

Kamryn Wurth

Sydney Wurth

Trevor Wurth

Taylor Zeller

11:00 AM

Jack & Will Zeller

Hannah Berheide

Knights of Columbus Membership Breakfast

Sunday, January 14, at the Hall, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free breakfast with paid annual dues. Come on out and save the stamp & get some great food!

K of C Free Throw Contest

Kalida K of C Council 5669 will be sponsoring a Free Throw Contest on **Sunday, January 14**, for **girls and boys ages 9 - 14**. Students must fill out a registration form and have it signed by a parent at the door. The contest will be held at the Kalida High School gym, starting at 1:00 p.m. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. This is a free contest with refreshments for all participants, so bring a friend! If you have any questions, call Brian Gerdeman at 419-532-3270.

Faith with the Fellas...

kicked off this Saturday and will continue Saturday mornings, from 6:30-7:30 a.m. (in the church basement) through Easter. Check out this men's ministry at St. Michael's. The only thing we ask is if it's snowing, don't park in handicapped lot near the elevator entrance so it can be plowed.