

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, January 21, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone, I am just about done with the Winter weather. I'm hoping that my thoughts are God's thoughts. I know that I have to remember the opposite, but am a little tired of slick sidewalks, with my bad knees in mind. I have a new appreciation for people with disabilities.

My eyes were opened on a number of accounts this week as our custodian has been on vacation to Florida. I wore a new hat, as I had to shovel snow, tend to the boiler, clean rest-rooms, etc. I really enjoyed it, as I like physical labor, but made me open my eyes to another side of parish life.

As I worked, I noticed how many meetings there are in parish life. Facilities are used for 4-H, scouts, bible studies, committee meetings of all kinds, teaching and the list goes on.

It reminded me of this past weekend. I spent time with sophomores at Maria Stein for a retreat. One of the activities was to build church. I purposely said to build "church" not "a church." Of course they built structures with steeples and bell towers. There was stained glass and an altar, all made of gum drops and spaghetti. With a couple minutes left in the activity, I mentioned that I said "church" not "a church." They got the point and started adding people made of sweet candy. A parish center was added, along with a pond to meditate by. One "church" included persons with disabilities. Different colored gumdrops were used to say that their "church" had room for a diverse congregation. It was fun to watch eyes opened to a different view of what church should be. I really enjoyed our group and all that they taught me.

I'd like to thank all the people who are behind the scenes of church. Thanks to all those who take time to run meetings. Thanks to all the coaches and custodians. Thanks to cooks and cleaners. Thanks to snow shovelers and money monitors. So many people make up our "church" and fill a church on Sundays with faith. Thanks to all who build our faith community. Have a blessed week. *Fr. Mark*

Knee Update

No food!!! The exercise seems to be helping. I hope to be more ready in a month when I hope to get something scheduled. Thanks for prayers and a little less food. Keep the prayers coming, but not the food.

Family Christmas Tree Ornaments

We tried a new project this year to get families involved: we had families make and display ornaments on our trees for Christmas. The project was a success as the families who participated enjoyed the time spent together. The parish enjoyed the decorations in front of church. If families would like to take their ornaments home, now is the time. We are almost ready to decorate for Lent. Thanks again to all the families who added to our spirit of Christmas which filled St. Michael's.

A Lent to Remember on FORMED.ORG

FORMED.org has a Lenten program. It's called "A Lent to Remember." With Ash Wednesday less than a month away, it's time to think about what we can do to make this Lent the best one ever. Consider inviting people to do it as a group.

Fourth Grade to Lead the Rosary...

on Saturday, January 27, at 4:00 p.m., in church.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 *Day of Prayer for the Unborn*

8:00 AM Respect for all Life (CLC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Ann Hoffman, KHS Class of 1959

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 *St. Francis de Sales*

8:00 AM Good Test Results for Deacon Bob

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 *The Conversion of St. Paul*

7:30 PM L/D Harold Vorst (A) Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 *St. Timothy and St. Titus*

8:00 AM Alaina & Mia Landwehr

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:30 PM Norman von der Embse

Richard, Gladys & Mark Unverferth

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth

Ron Foppe, Emily Kahle

11:00 AM Leroy Warnement (A)

Last Week's Collection: \$ 10,653.66

Choir Assignments—January 27 & 28

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

High School CCD - January 24

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Annette Schroeder's 4A class on Wednesday, January 24, and her 8B class on Friday, January 26.

Recent Baptisms

JAKE LIAM ROLLINS

Son of Aaron & Andrea (Notestine) Rollins

ALLIE JOSEPHINE SCHROEDER

Daughter of Thomas & Rachel (Kahle) Schroeder

Mandatory First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m. in church. This is just for parents. First Reconciliation will be Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. in church. Parents, please check out "How to Make a Good Confession" on FORMED.org with your child. It's a great program explaining the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a child's level. There is also a video for parents. Do a search of "Reconciliation for Parents." It's the first selection entitled "For Parents."

6th, 7th and 8th Graders

There is still time to register for the Junior High Gathering, to be held on Sunday, January 28, in Miller City. See stmichael-skalida.org for the registration and emergency medical form. Contact Jill Zeller with questions.

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

Continues each Saturday, from 6:30-7:30 a.m. through Easter. Check out this men's ministry at St. Michael's. Each week something new – not a "canned" program!

Lions Club KomedY Knight

Saturday, February 3, at the Kalida K of C. Pre-sale tickets only. Call Greg Knueve (419-233-4223), Tony Martinez (419-788-6449), Kent Kahle (419-796-9192) or Harry Horstman (419-303-3530).

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

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



Happy Birthday, Klara!

On January 24, former St. Michael's housekeeper Klara Frommherz celebrates her birthday. You can visit her at The Meadows of Kalida or send cards to: Klara Frommherz; PO Box 388; Kalida, OH 45853.



45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

60 million unborn babies have been killed by abortion since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. See below for ways you can join the fight to protect life. And, as always, continue to pray for an end to abortion and for healing for those affected by it.

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Heartbeat of Lima Ultrasound Replacement Special Collection...

is this weekend, Jan. 20-21, to raise funds to replace the broken down ultrasound at the Lima office. Thank you for your support this Right to Life weekend. 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."

March for Life in Lima This Sunday

Heartbeat of Lima would like to invite you to the annual "March for Life - Lima" on Sunday, January 21, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at Heartbeat of Lima's Satellite office (226 S. Elizabeth St.) and concluding before 4:00 p.m. We will stop at the Meeting Place for some warmth and fellowship! While we enjoy warm drinks and cookies, a speaker will share her personal story. The March for Life - Lima will be a peaceful, prayerful way of offering the community a positive pro-life message. Please consider joining us, in support of life! If you have questions, please call Heartbeat of Lima (419-222-7945).

OFFERTORY - January 27 & 28

4:30 PM

Mike & Norma Unverferth Family

8:00 AM

Roger & Ruth Kahle Family

11:00 AM

Joe & Linda Hovest Family

USHERS - January 27 & 28

4:30 PM:

Team 7

8:00 AM:

Team 8

11:00 AM:

Team 9

LECTORS - January 27 & 28

4:30 PM

Brenda Averagesch, Paul Bonifas

8:00 AM

Shelly Burkhart, Clara Elkins

11:00 AM

Sandy Westrick, Jennifer Erhart

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 27 & 28

4:30:

Regina Fischnich, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Lynda Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Bob Gerde-man, Sue Gerdeman, Mel Hanneman

8:00:

Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Darlene Hanneman, Dave & Jane Kahle, Joyce Klausing, Jane Kleman, Ryan Kerner, Deb Knueve, Mike Krouse

Ministers to Homebound:

Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Herm & Rita Borgelt

11:00:

Sandy Westrick, Tara Gerding, Lori Erhart, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Jacob Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Mark Kahle, Halie Kaufman, Sarah Klausing

SERVERS

Mon, 1/22

8:00 AM

Grant Vorst

Ella Wehri

Tues, 1/23

8:00 AM

Peyton Wurth

Dyllan Bendele

Wed, 1/24

8:00 AM

Dominic & Kendal Bockrath

Thurs, 1/25

7:30 PM

Drew Buss

Brooke Erhart

Fri, 1/26

8:00 AM

Ryan Fischnich

Nick Foppe

Sat, 1/27

4:30 PM

McKenna Bockrath

Emily Buss

Alecia Dunn

Sun, 1/28

8:00 AM

Brian Edwards

Clara Elkins

Adam Fitzgerald

11:00 AM

Alec & Morggan Edelbrock

Sophomore Retreat at Maria Stein

Thanks to the following for participating: **L-R:** Carlie Rampe, McKayla Maag, Madison Langhals, McKenna Bockrath, Kameron Wurth, Kyla Fortman, Colin Erhart, Matt Kehres, Trevor Siefker, Zach von der Embse, Gabe Hovest & Mason Kerner. *In the picture below, they are visiting St. Charles, Carthagen.*

