

St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - January 24, 2016

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I'm writing this article before I'm off to the airport. I figured I better get it done now because there is no way I'm going to do extra work while I'm on vacation. The only work I'm going to do is to pray for my lottery ticket. I figured that since I'm a little closer to heaven, my chance of winning the big bucks might increase. If I do win, I'll write to tell you where to send my possessions. I will be back, winning the lottery or not.

Getting this article done before the bulletin deadline will shock Leslie and Wendy, who put the bulletins together. I am always running right on time, if not a little behind. I find I have to trust the Lord even more and, believe it or not, God has and continues to come through. I am a terrible procrastinator.

Today, I'd like to talk about the human side of the Church. The Church is holy and is also at times sooooo human. In this year of mercy, I'd like to ask forgiveness for all the human parts of the Church, which sometimes leave bad tastes in our mouths. Procrastinators like me might not return a phone call as quickly as one might like. Sometimes a church member might have a temper, like St. Peter. Some priests may be more of a traveler, like St. Paul. Some may seem to turn their back on their redeemer, again like St. Peter. For some people, the sermons are too long or too boring (I've rarely heard someone complain that the sermons are too short, lol). For some, the Church is changing too fast while for others, the Church is changing too slowly. I remember many of the tensions of the changes of Vatican II and many hard feelings which came from opening of the windows of the Church. Some people are still holding grudges.

Whatever the human reason, we are all called to love our Lord as a community, which we call the Church. Because of humanity, the Church is far from perfect. And that is part of the beauty of it. We need to work at loving one another. Think of how hard the Lord worked to love us. In this year of mercy, it is a time to rededicate ourselves to love the human, imperfect side of the Church. I'm sure that there have been times I've been grumpy or sermons have gotten too long or boring. Maybe I've changed something too fast or too slow. Whatever the human aspect, it is good to find God together. Thanks for showing me God and for challenging me with your humanity. We have a great Church. We find God together. In this year of mercy, let us see our humanity as something to embrace. Our Lord did.

Have a great week.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 AM Right to Life (CLC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM Steve & Laura Schulte

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30 PM Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth, Emily Kahle

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM Betty Nartker (CLC)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

4:30 PM Eleanor Siebeneck

L/D Gib & Loretta Siebeneck Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 AM Loretta Siebeneck (100th Birthday)

Lou Leidy, Ron Foppe

11:00 AM Bernard Aversch, Leroy Warnement (A)

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Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 8,850.00

Choir Assignments - January 30 & 31

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

Lent by Candlelight...Join Us!

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, from the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, in Bellevue, will be there with Lenten/Easter items for sale.

Spring Bus Pilgrimage...

from Kalida to Alabama, from Monday, April 11 to Friday, April 15, 2016. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will visit the Basilica of the Assumption, Ave Maria Grotto/St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Monastery, EWTN studios and Sacred Heart Church, Cullman. Cost is \$525 per person (includes transportation, lodging and 9 meals). Men and women are welcome. Contact Rita (419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net) for reservations and details.

Blank Cards or Birthday Cards Wanted

Do you get blank greeting cards or birthday cards for free in the mail that you never use? If so, drop the unused cards and envelopes in the back of church, as we have a use for them.



SOPHOMORE RETREAT: Back Row: Elizabeth Loveland, Ciera Elmerick, Josh Klausung, Noah Hermiller & Kevin Hamburg
Front Row: Anna Berheide, Rachel Kahle, Tori Niese, Kamryn Webken, Kara Siefker, Kierstan Siebeneck & Connor Niese

Important Abortion Talk This Wednesday,

Clarissa Lapinski, Diocese of Toledo Director of Project Rachel, will be at St. Michael's this **Wednesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m., in church**, to give her personal testimony on how abortion affects the mother, father and extended family. All adults are welcome to come hear her powerful and very personal testimony.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in church basement
CONFIRMATION MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
THE AFTERMATH OF ABORTION: 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30
THAT MAN IS YOU: 6:30 a.m., in basement

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Annette Schroeder's 4A Class on Wednesday, January 27, and Stephanie Price's 6A class, on Friday, January 29.

High School CCD—January 27, at 7:00 p.m.
Everyone has class.

Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Meeting
Tues., Jan. 26, at 7:00 p.m.— classroom side of basement.

“His Mercy is Everlasting” Presentation

On Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m., in St. Michael's Church, Fr. Rick Friebel will talk on the “Jubilee Year of Mercy” document by Pope Francis, The Mass of Mercy and share his conversion as a grace of mercy. Join us!

St. George Deanery Junior High Gathering

January 31, from 12:30 - 7:00 p.m., at Miller City's old high school. Forms at stmichaelskalida.org, under Youth Group.

Homecoming Mass

Sunday, February 14, at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

CYO Basketball This Sunday, January 24

Girls fight the Dragons @ Glandorf at 2:00...pray they don't get burnt. Boys A is home at 1:00 p.m. vs Shelby MPH and Boys B take on Miller City St. Nick's at home at 3:30. Trivia: What does MPH stand for? Come to the game to find out!

Men's Euchre Tournament...

at the Kalida K of C Hall on the first four Mondays of February. For the first Monday, February 1, be there by 7:20 p.m.

Youth Group Meeting

This Sunday, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at the Parish Center.

World Marriage Day at Glandorf St. John's

All encountered couples are invited on Sunday, February 14, 2016. Mass at 2:30 p.m. A dinner and dance from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the Glandorf Parish Center. Presale tickets are \$30/couple. For tickets, contact Erin & Ryan Kerner (419-532-3151 or 419-615-9103) by February 1.

OFFERTORY - January 30 & 31

4:30 PM Jim & Brenda Burgei Family
8:00 AM Tom & Alice Brinkman Family
11:00 AM Greg & Jill Zeller Family

USHERS – January 30 & 31

4:30 PM Team 4
8:00 AM Team 5 **11:00 AM** Team 6

LECTORS – January 30 & 31

4:30 PM Renee Vorst, Barb Unverferth
8:00 AM Dennis Turnwald, Don Wehri
11:00 AM Carl Siefker, Sandy Westrick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 30 & 31

4:30: Regina Fischnich, Lynda Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Grace Haselman, Ericka Kimball, Stacy Knueve
8:00: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanne- man, Mel Hanneman, Mary Lou Hoffman, Dave & Jane Kahle, Joyce Klausung, Ryan Kerner
Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Ryan & Erin Kerner
11:00: Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Jacob Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Mark Kahle, Mandy Lambert, Becky Lucke, Brooke Lucke, Trevor Maag, Deb McIntyre

SERVERS

Mon, 1/25	8:00 AM	Logan & Madison Langhals
Tues, 1/26	8:00 AM	McKayla Maag David Peck
Wed, 1/27	8:00 AM	Carlie Rampe Evan Roebke
Thurs, 1/28	7:30 PM	Trevor Siefker Zach von der Embse
Fri, 1/29	8:00 AM	Kamryn & Sydney Wurth
Sat, 1/30	4:30 PM	Taylor & Jack Zeller Kage Bockrath
Sun, 1/31	8:00 AM	Derek Buss Kelly Doepker Alecia Dunn
	11:00 AM	Maddison Edelbrock Morggan Edelbrock Bailey Eickholt

Kalida Athletic Boosters Detergent Sale

5 gallon buckets (with dispensing pump) of laundry detergent and fabric softener for only \$45 per bucket. Order forms are available in the back of church. Orders must be received by February 17. Delivery of detergent is mid-March. Save money and help support Kalida Athletics.

Christ Renews His Parish Women's Retreat February 6 & 7, 2016

CRHP is a spiritual renewal weekend to help you grow in faith. Join other women of all ages from our parish community in this faith-filled weekend, at no cost! To register, complete this registration and place it in the collection. You can also register by calling Katy (419-302-2745) or Amanda (419-796-0386).

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