

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, January 28, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Good morning, everyone. I've spent the week trying to avoid people. I've had the flu and have only tried to do the necessary parts of my work. I hope I haven't affected anyone because I don't want anyone to get what I've got. I've really tried to avoid Fr. Elmer. Maybe the flu isn't such a bad thing!!! Just kidding. We enjoy giving each other a hard time. We enjoy picking on each other, but would do anything for each other, also. Stay healthy, Fr. Elmer.

I've found out that avoiding people is not so easy or nice. Meetings have to be rescheduled or shortened. People wonder why you don't appear at places where you usually attend. Conversations don't happen like they used to because you try to keep everything brief. It's tough to be sick.

It is First Reconciliation time for our second graders. Our Continental class started us off this past Wednesday and Kalida is coming up soon. I never realized how having the flu was like having or being in sin. Sin makes you avoid people. Guilt makes you avoid people in case that they may know about your sin. You avoid the person whom you may have offended and everyone who knows that person. Pretty soon you try to avoid everyone. It's tough to be in sin.

But the reality is that we all get sick and we want everyone to get better. After having this flu for a week, I sure want to be better. It is not just the physical parts of the flu which are so bad, but the extras that go with it that really hurt. I miss being with all you guys. So why is it so hard to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Maybe it is hard to admit that I need help getting better. I know that I was hacking around for a day or so before I would admit that I was sick. I can get better all by myself. I think that is part of the goodness of this Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is so good to know that God and the people of God forgive me and that I can stop avoiding people again. After hearing the Confession of one of the children they said, "That was so easy." God forgives us so easily and so completely. And so should we.

Maybe we should all take a new look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The very best to our second graders. May God's forgiveness and love be with you. Have a great week.

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Vince Siefker** was held on Friday, January 26. Please include Vince and his family in your prayers.

February 4: Euchre Tournament & Donuts

On Sunday, February 4, there will be Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. That afternoon, there will be a Euchre Tournament from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Fifth Grade to Lead Rosary

Saturday, February 3, at 4:00 p.m., in church.

"We've Got Heart" was a Success

The fourth year Kalida Biomedical class recently hosted the "We've Got Heart!" event during the Ft. Jennings - Kalida basketball game, raising awareness about Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) while raising funds to support CHD research. The event provided an opportunity for two communities to unite for a cause that affects both. The generosity shown by the communities was amazing. 100% of the funds raised is being donated to Nationwide Children's Hospital for CHD research, in honor of our local CHD heroes. Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM Loretta Vorst

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Tom Warnecke

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 *St. John Bosco*

8:00 AM Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30 PM Marcus Landin, Leo & Irene Schnipke
Norbert & Angie Recker

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 AM Martha, Aaron & Loretta Miller

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4:30 PM Sylvester Hanneman and For good health
and a successful surgery for Altman Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM Mary Ann Schnipke & Family

11:00 AM Cub Scouts

Last Week's Collection: \$ 8,694.50

Choir Assignments—February 3 & 4

4:30: Marcie **8:00:** Laura **11:00:** Youth (practice at 10 am)

Volunteers are welcome in the loft to sing at the 4:30 Mass.

High School CCD - January 31

Fr. Elmer will meet with the freshmen in the church basement. Everyone else has regular class at 7:00 p.m.

Blessing of Throats

We will have the Blessing of Throats, in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, after the weekend Masses on February 3 & 4.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

Are Ruth Kuhlman's 4B class on Wednesday, January 31, and Judy Birkemeier's 7A class on Friday, February 2.

Recent Baptism

TAYLOR MAE SCHNIPKE

Daughter of Rick & Diana (Smith) Schnipke

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!

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, February 1, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., in church.

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

Men's group continues to meet each Saturday morning with coffee, saint of the day, video presentation and all-important table discussions, from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Come when you can - attendance building every week - bring a topic, bring a friend.

Chicken & Fish Fry to Benefit PC Right to Life

Friday, February 2, at the Ottawa K of C Hall, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit Putnam County Right to Life.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

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

PARENT 1ST RECONCILIATION MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

OFFERTORY - February 3 & 4

4:30 PM

Joe & Lisa Roebke Family

8:00 AM

Marc & Renee Kerner Family

11:00 AM

Scouts

USHERS - February 3 & 4

4:30 PM

Christian Nartker, Paul von der Embse, Trevor Vorst, Clay Meyer, Mason Kerner

8:00 AM:

Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk

11:00 AM:

Team 12 & Scouts

LECTORS - February 3 & 4

4:30 PM

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman

8:00 AM

Mike Kahle, Deb Schroeder

11:00 AM

Scouts

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 3 & 4

4:30: Stacy Knueve, Mandy Lambert, Lauren Langhals, Deb McIntyre, Mary Lou Merschman, Bob & Annette Meyer, Alexis Meyer, Deb Miller, Lisa Niese

8:00: Joan Peck, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Connor Niese, Mary Plescher, Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke, Teresa Rampe, Rose Recker

Ministers to Homebound: Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Joan Peck

11:00: Taylor Lucke, Becky Lucke, McKayla Maag, Beth Nienberg, Michele Niese, Tori Niese, Don Rall, Lisa Rampe, Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger

SERVERS

Mon, 1/29	8:00 AM	Grant Helmke Colin Hoffman
Tues, 1/30	8:00 AM	Joel Horstman Camille Hovest
Wed, 1/31	8:00 AM	John Kaufman Mariah Kerner
Thurs, 2/1	7:30 PM	Carson & Evan Klausung
Fri, 2/2	8:00 AM	Jeret Landwehr Sean Maag
Sat, 2/3	4:30 PM	Colin Erhart Kyla Fortman Nicole Fortman
Sun, 2/4	8:00 AM	Connor & Luke Erhart Tara Gerding
	11:00 AM	Kevin Hamburg Paige Helmke Noah Hermiller

Heartbeat Ultrasound Update

Last weekend's extra collection for the replacement Ultrasound machine netted over \$9,000 from St. Michael's. This is almost 3/4 of what is needed and we have parishes all over Putnam & Allen County, separate from this total, which cover the cost and build towards the future. We are absolutely amazingly stunned and appreciative of

your response – the Culture of Life is strong in our parishes. The Knights and Heartbeat of Lima thanks you and the B.A. BIES given that chance at life thank you.



Thank You



Thank you to the John & Sharon Stechschulte family for displaying the dates Saint Michael's Church was established and erected. They are engraved in stone and can be seen on the front façade of the church. The family provided the idea and resources needed to complete this project. Be sure to check them out when you get a chance.

January Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250 Julie Singhaus	\$100 Randy Maag
\$100 Paul Utendorf	\$100 Lauren Tharwani
\$100 Dee Hoffman	\$ 50 Karla Beckman
\$ 50 Gene Foppe	\$ 50 David Kehres
\$ 50 Dan Pothast	\$ 50 Kevin Quinn
\$ 50 Mallory Unverferth	\$ 50 Bob Kahle

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 (419-532-3151) by January 30. Door prizes are welcome the night of the celebration.

Lions Club Komedey 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).

A One Day Bus Pilgrimage...

to Blessed Solanus Casey Center and Sainte Anne de Detroit Church, Detroit, will leave the Kalida K of C parking lot at 7:00 a.m., on July 18, 2018, and return at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$70. Included is a tour of the Center, Confession, Mass, lunch, a healing service and a tour of Sainte Anne de Detroit, the second oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in America (July 26, 1701). Fr. Solanus Casey, a native of Wisconsin, Capuchin friar, and miracle-worker, was recently beatified in Detroit, with 70,000 people in attendance. By his gentle, cheerful example, he taught others to have that same trust in God. Blessed Casey was widely sought after for his wise counsel, powerful prayers and miraculous healings. Visitors flocked to the humble monastery doorkeeper, seeking physical cures, advice, and spiritual renewal. Please contact Rita Borgelt (419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net) for details.