

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - January 6, 2019

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone, and welcome to 2019. So far I haven't written the wrong year. I have tried to pay special attention to every date that I write that I put down 2019 and not 2018. I once knew a wise person who told me that if you worry about not doing the wrong thing that you might not do the right thing when it comes along. If we are defined only by what we don't do, we might miss God's call to live fully. As I begin 2019, I want to live even more fully than 2018. Now that I have a fully functioning knee...look out world.

Last night we had "fun night" at our high school religious education program. For the past couple of years, we start out the year with a night of games and dance. Of course I get to call square dances. We had more guys than girls, but that did not stop the guys from having an all guys square and having lots of fun. Instead of seeing a problem, they made the most of the situation and laughed as they had a hot time in the old town tonight. It was fun to watch the whole group roll out the barrel and fish in the dark. I was pretty proud of our high school classes that they took the risk of doing the right thing rather than be defined by a problem and doing nothing.

My hope is that 2019 will be a great year with lots of blessings from God. I know that I have four family weddings this year and lots of weddings in our parishes of St. Michael's and St. John's. I know of a number of Baptisms that are coming up. But I also know that there will be difficult times. When those times happen, I try to see what the Lord is leading me to. Another wise person told me that if God leads you to it, He will lead you through it.

Speaking of Wise Men, there is a home blessing which I think about every year. Above the front door of your house, the family can put in chalk the initials of the Wise Men, surrounded by the numbers of the year. In the end the top of the doorway should look like 20 + C + M + B + 19. The Wise Men of Casper, Melchior and Balthasar went to the Bethlehem to find the Lord. I encourage every home to find the Lord a little deeper this year. Maybe your family could do a prayer and put these initials on the lintel of your home. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

I know that this article is about doing things and not getting too tied to the past, but I have to say a big thank you to all those who made the Christmas season such a prayerful time in our parishes. The music and decorations set a wonderful tone to a joyous celebration. Servers and ministers of lectors and ushers helped make the Word of God come alive. I'd like to thank everyone in the pews who added with your voices and



your prayers to honor the Newborn King. It is a wonderful Christmas season. The Church gives us one more week to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Let us be like the three kings—Wise people still follow Him.

I'm looking forward to a year of blessings from the Lord. May God bless us all. *Fr. Mark*

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM Carolyn Unverferth

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 PM Arnold Siebeneck, Jeff Siebeneck
Alan Heuss

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

4:30 PM Tom L. Siebeneck

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 AM 58th W.A. Hubert & Joyce Wehri
Successful Surgery

11:00 AM Jim Unverferth

Christmas Collection: 74,686.00

Last Sunday's Collection: 7,479.00

Choir Assignments - January 12 & 13

4:30: YAHS 8:00: HN 11:00: RA

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Annette Schroeder's 4A class on Wednesday, January 9, and her 8B class on Friday, January 11.

High School CCD - January 9

The freshmen and sophomores will meet in the church basement for a presentation on Sexual Integrity by the Culture Project Missionaries. Adam von der Embse will be speaking to the seniors and Fr. Mark will be with the juniors.

Presentation for Parents This Week

On Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in church, the Culture Project Missionaries will speaking to all parents. This is a mandatory parent meeting for parents of students in grades 2, 7 and 8. There is a Jr. High girls basketball game at 5:00 p.m. If the games run past 7:00 p.m., one parent must attend this meeting at 7 p.m., with the other coming when the game is over. This presentation is open to any interested adults in our parish.

Advent Angels at St. Michael's

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in this activity. I know that I had a good time praying for my family and being prayed for by another. I have heard many good comments about knowing someone else in our parish family. Know that angels don't only happen in Advent and families can adopt each other throughout the year. Again, thanks to all who make our parish a family of God. *Fr. Mark*

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

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

CULTURE PROJECT: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

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

Mandatory Meeting – January 22

On January 22, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a mandatory parent meeting for parents of our students in grade 2 who are preparing for First Reconciliation. This meeting will be held in church. First Reconciliation will be February 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You

I am so grateful to all of you for your kindness to me at Christmas. All your Christmas cards and gifts were overwhelming. I am so very thankful to all of you who were so giving, you are truly a blessing to me. I am so blessed to be serving you, and yet so unworthy a servant who misses the mark. Our Savior who came to us continues to bless our parish with so much love. May the Jesus, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords bless each of you for blessing me. Let us pray for each other. *Fr. Rick*

Recent Baptisms

CADEN JAMES EHRNSBERGER

CARTER JOHN EHRNSBERGER

Sons of Chad & Courtney (Kimmel) Ehrnsberger

ELI WADE MAURER

Son of Landon & Stacy (Nartker) Maurer

Holy Name Christmas/New Year's Party...

will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019.

The Mass with Bishop Baron...

moderated with Fr. Rick, will resume Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, and then on January 14 & 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the basement.

K of C Annual Membership Breakfast

Sunday, January 13, at the hall. All members & family invited starting at 9:00 and ending at 11:00. Great opportunity to get a free breakfast when paying the January membership dues!!!

Paper Recycling – Another Change/Update

While paper can no longer be recycled in the cardboard trailer, we have come up with another option to recycle paper here in Kalida! The county will be providing a bin for paper recycling the first full week of every month, similar to what is now done for plastics. Thank you for continuing to recycle!

Wade Wehri Family Benefit - February 3

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Chicken Dinners **Pre-Sale ONLY** \$8. If you are interested in donating a Silent Auction/Raffle item or would like to purchase Chicken Dinner tickets, Get-away Raffle tickets, or t-shirts, please visit The Gentry or The Express Mart, in Ottoville or contact Sara Beining (419-230-5823).

KHS Volleyball Coach Needed...

for the 2019-20 school year. Applicants email AD Adam Huber, adam.huber@kalidaschools.org. Deadline is January 11.

OFFERTORY - January 12 & 13

4:30 PM

Jim & Brenda Burgei Family

8:00 AM

Dave & Jane Kahle Family

11:00 AM

Mike & Annette Gerding Family

USHERS – January 12 & 13

4:30 PM

Team 8

8:00 AM

Team 9

11:00 AM

Team 7

LECTORS - January 12 & 13

4:30 PM:

Joyce Schnipke, Barb Unverferth

8:00 AM:

Dennis Turnwald, Don Wehri

11:00 AM

Beth Selhorst, Sandy Westrick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 12 & 13

4:30: Lisa Niese, Michele Niese, Don Rall, Lisa Rampe, Carlie Rampe, Teresa Rampe, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Lisa Unverferth

8:00: Joan Peck, Mary Plescher, Rose Recker, Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Duane & Barb Stefan, Dennis & Blyth Turnwald

Ministers to Homebound: Joan Peck

11:00: Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger, Tom Roof, Ethan Schmenk, Deb Schroeder, Dick & Jane Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Megan Schulte, Kay Unverferth

SERVERS

Tues, 1/7	8:00 AM	EJ Miller Malie Miller
Wed, 1/8	8:00 AM	Kayla Nartker Andrew Peck
Thurs, 1/9	7:30 PM	Leo Rafaniello Hanna Rampe
Fri, 1/10	8:00 AM	Livia Recker Kevin Schumaker
Sat, 1/12	4:30 PM	Hannah Berheide Emily Buss Marcus Cox
Sun, 1/13	8:00 AM	Brian Edwards Blake Eickholt Clara Elkins
	11:00 AM	Alec Edelbrock Morgan Edelbrock Colin Erhart

World Marriage Day Celebrated in Ottawa

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 10, 2019. All encountered couples are invited to attend the celebration, hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa. Mass is at 3:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul, with a dinner and dance from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C. A collection will be taken at Mass to assist with Marriage Encounter events. Presale tickets are \$30/couple. Contact Ryan & Erin Kerner (419-532-3151) by January 28. Anyone wishing to donate a door prize can bring the item the night of the celebration.

People Needed to Shovel Snow

If you can help, please contact Kevin Fischer.

PCYMCA Aerobics (Cardio, Toning & Stepping)

Beginning January 8 (runs monthly). New Year – New Beginnings! Mondays/Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:00 p.m., at the Kalida Grade school cafeteria. Cost is \$20 (monthly). Any questions or to register, call 419-532-2339.