

# Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - March 12, 2017

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 13**  
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**  
 APPALACHIAN MISSION TRIP MEETING: 7:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**  
 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.  
 ADULT TALK ON MORALITY: 7:00 p.m., in church  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**  
 ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**  
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**  
 TMIY: 6:30 a.m., in the church basement

**Kalida Athletic Boosters BBQ Chicken Dinner**  
 Sunday, March 12, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Carry out only, with pick up at Old Vo-Ag shop.

**Kalida Area Garage Sales**  
 April 20, 21 & 22. If you are interested in having a garage sale, please sign up at Kalida Telephone, Union Bank or Erhart-Steichschulte Insurance by April 7.

**Blood Drive in Ft. Jennings**  
 The Fort Jennings High School National Honor Society will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 15, from Noon - 6:00 p.m., at Fort Jennings Local Schools Auxiliary Gym. Donors can donate if they haven't donated within the previous 56 days. Walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call Mrs. Harmon at Fort Jennings High School (419-286-2238, ext. 2507) or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule online.

**Rosary for Marriage**  
 Please join the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade in support of traditional marriage. Please join us in praying for our nation on Sat., March 18, at Noon, at Our Lord's Park on Main Street, in Ottawa. Please contact Alice Siefker (419-538-6629) for more information.

**Michael O'Brien Concert in Continental**  
 On March 26, at Continental High School Auditorium, St. John's Catholic Church, welcomes Michael O'Brien, one of the top Catholic recording artists. Come listen to his message about our Blessed Mother and hear his stories of transformation. Bring the whole family to enjoy his life changing message. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. This will be a free will donation concert.

**Glen Miller Orchestra in Ft. Jennings**  
 The Jennings Memorial Association presents *The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra* at Memorial Hall, in Fort Jennings, on Monday, March 27. Doors open 6:00 p.m., with the performance at 7:00 p.m. Admission to this unbelievable, one of a kind show is \$25, with limited seating available. Snacks and refreshments are included. To order tickets, please call Renee Neidert (419-286-2577 or 419-283-2438).

**Upcoming Wedding**  
**Lindy Petersen & Tyson Schroeder**  
 will be married on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Please include them in your prayers.

**OFFERTORY - MARCH 18 & 19**  
**4:30 PM** Beth & Barry von der Embse Family  
**8:00 AM** Paul & Rose Recker Family  
**11:00 AM** Mary Ann Hoersten Family

**USHERS - MARCH 18 & 19**  
**4:30 PM** Team 4  
**8:00 AM** Team 5  
**11:00 AM** Team 6

**LECTORS - MARCH 18 & 19**  
**4:30 PM** Joyce Schnipke, Ed Schroeder  
**8:00 AM** Beth Selhorst, Donna Schnipke  
**11:00 AM** Carl Siefker, Barb Unverferth

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - MARCH 18 & 19**  
**4:30:** Nicole Fortman, Stacy Knueve, Mandy Lambert, Abby Langhals, Mary Lou Merschman, Deb Miller, Maclerin Morrissey, Lisa Niese, Michele Niese, Tori Niese  
**8:00:** Ryan Kerner, Bob & Annette Meyer, Mel Hanne-man, Joyce Klausing, Jane Kleman, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Connor Niese  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Ryan & Erin Kerner, Bob & Annette Meyer  
**11:00:** Jacob Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Mark Kahle, Halie Kaufman, Sarah Klausing, Mike Krouse, Deb McIntyre, Becky Lucke, Taylor Lucke, Don Rall

SERVERS		
Mon, 3/13	8:00 AM	Jakob Swyers Amanda Unverferth
Tues, 3/14	8:00 AM	Brooke Vennekotter Noah Verhoff
Wed, 3/15	8:00 AM	Grant Vorst Ella Wehri
Thurs, 3/16	7:30 PM	Peyton Wurth Hannah Berheide
Fri, 3/17	8:00 AM	Emily Buss Paige Helmke
Sat, 3/18	4:30 PM	Kristen Fortman Nicole Fortman Kyla Fortman
Sun, 3/19	8:00 AM	Tara Gerding Kevin Hamburg Noah Hermiller
	11:00 AM	Kelsi Hipsher Gabe Hovest Makenna Hoyt



**Regional Free Throw Contest Winner**  
 Congratulations to Melanie Meyers for winning the Regional Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, held in Bowling Green. She made 22 of 25 free throws. She advances to the state contest, on March 18, at 1:00 p.m., at Columbus Bishop Ready High School. Good luck, Melanie!

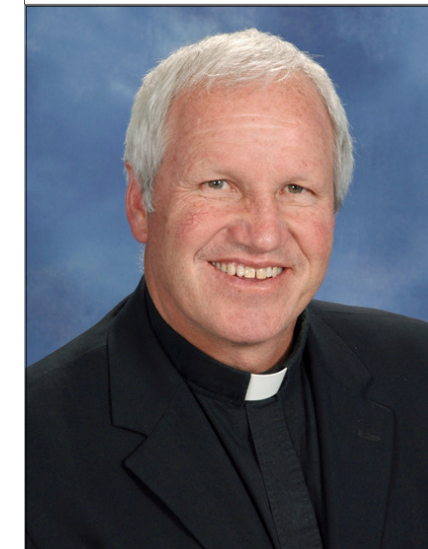


Pat Oedy-Murray

## Christian Morality is the Good Life

St. Michael's Church  
 This Wednesday, March 15  
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

*This presentation will focus on the connection between the moral law and God's great love for us. Is morality just about following God's law or is there more to it? Living the good life is what God wants for all of us and He gives us the road map to the great treasure. We just have to trust Him.*



Fr. Mark Hoying

## FORGIVENESS

St. Michael's Church  
 Wednesday, March 22  
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

*Join Fr. Mark as he presents a unique perspective on the Sacrament of Reconciliation & Forgiveness.*



Fr. Scott Woods

## SALVATION

St. Michael's Church  
 Wednesday, March 29,  
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

*Fr. Scott Woods is the Associate Pastor at St. Michael's, Findlay, and is a dynamic speaker. Please join us for his talk on salvation.*

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Good day, everyone.

With Spring around the corner, I have been trimming fruit trees. I'm not particularly good at it. We had fruit trees on the farm when I was really young. I never learned to trim trees, so I did the next best thing. I looked up on Youtube how to prune a fruit tree. It was amazing how many videos there are out there. What most of the videos showed was that you have to take the diseased parts off first. Then you cut out the branches going in the wrong direction. Then you thin until you can throw a bushel basket through the middle of the tree or a bird can easily navigate through the middle of the tree and not hit any branches. Basically, you can cut off about a third of the tree every year and still have a healthy tree and a tree that would produce more and better fruit.

So off to the orchard I went with knowledge from Youtube. It was hard for me to start cutting on the trees. They looked so full and they produced some fruit last year. I had to look for diseased or dead branches. It wasn't always easy to tell the healthy from the sick branches. But once I knew what to look for, trimming the sick branches was the easiest part of trimming. That branch had to go.

Then there were the branches going the wrong way that needed trimmed. This part was tough, also. Although growing the wrong way, the branch could produce fruit this year and fill in a hole in the middle of the tree. But if it keeps growing wrong, that branch could choke off sunlight from parts which would be productive for years to come. So, unwillingly, I cut the branch. Do you know how long it takes to trim a tree when you have to decide good branch, bad branch, right direction wrong direction?

Then the hardest part: decide how much to trim off the rest of the tree. I kept thinking of birds flying through the middle of the tree. With less small branches, more air and sunlight could get to the new fruit. Those small branches just got attached and now I have to cut them off the tree. Many of the small branches come right from the main branches and are called suckers because they take from the energy of the tree.

I don't know about you, but I pray when I work. I thought of the dead and diseased parts of my life that I should get rid of. What part of my life is toxic that I should get rid of? Are there habits that need to be trimmed so that I can be healthy again? Maybe others can see how sick I am, but I missed it entirely. I know I would feel better and be more productive if that branch of me was cut off.

Then there are the branches which are going the wrong direction that needed trimmed from my life. There are things which seemed like a good idea at one time, but now that they are growing, cut off some of my life. Maybe there are activities in my life that have become overgrown that are not really good for me. Maybe even some friends are taking me into wrong directions. These are hard to cut out, just like in a tree.

Then come the small sucker branches that need trimmed. If that bird (the Holy Spirit) is supposed to fly through my life, what little things need to be cut out? Television and technology don't seem so bad, but they fill my life until they shade my fruitfulness. Maybe I work too much and don't spend enough time with those I should. I started looking at little things which have taken over the tree of my life, and they are many. Last year the fruit was small because the small branches took over.

As a Church, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us reflect on how to trim our trees. A good Act of Contrition makes us reflect on wrong directions in our lives. Lent is a time to trim our trees so that there is room for the Lord and He can make us fruitful.

I have lots of dead branches that need picked up and thrown into a fire. There is joy in that activity as well. Have a great day, everyone.

*Fr. Mark*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### MONDAY, MARCH 13

8:00 AM Successful Surgery & Gene Stechschulte

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM Good Health (J.R.)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM Loretta Vorst

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 PM Harold, Evangeline, Nick & Chris Potts  
Steve Killion

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 17 *St. Patrick, bishop*

8:00 AM Dorothea Aversch

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

4:30 PM NM Tyson Schroeder & Lindy Petersen  
Cy, Cecelia & Nick Vorst  
Dan Schroeder, Special Intention

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 19 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Tim Fuerst

11:00 AM Dick Langhals, Ron Ellerbrock  
Don Holtkamp, Ralph & Bruce Honigfort  
Jazzlyn Gray

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Last Sunday's Collection:** \$ 10,340.23

### Choir Assignments - March 18 & 19

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

### Three Adult Spiritual Presentations in Lent

March 15: Pat Oedy-Murray (Morality)

March 22: Fr. Mark Hoying (Reconciliation/Forgiveness)

March 29: Fr. Scott Woods (Salvation)

All talks are 7:00-8:00 p.m., in St. Michael's Church

### Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 19, in the church basement, from 8:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, OJ, Coffee and Milk. Suggested Donation is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 5-12. Proceeds benefit youth attending National Catholic Youth Conference, in November 2017.



### House Cleaner Needed

We are looking for someone to work four hours a week to handle the common areas of the rectory. If you are interested, please call Fr. Mark (419-969-0148) for details.

### Liturgy of the Hours

Join Deacon Bob for this prayer at 7:30 a.m., in church, during the weekdays of Lent.

## Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Patti Kennedy, from Heartbeat of Lima, to speak at the Masses. Please help support the work of Heartbeat, as they support those who chose life!

### Stations of the Cross

Every Sunday of Lent, at 1:00 p.m.

### Engaged Couples Conference...

Is taking place at St. Michael's this weekend. Thanks to the couples and the presenters who are participating.

### Annual Catholic Appeal

If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, there are extras available at the exits of church. Please send your donation directly to: **Diocese of Toledo ACA; PO Box 917; Toledo, OH 43697-0917.** Thanks for helping us make our goal. Every donation counts.

### VBS Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Center Library room. Our theme this year is "Maker Fun Factory," to be held July 10-13.

### What are You Doing for Lent?

Why not look into Theology of the Body? St Michael's CCD program has been implementing this innovative program since 2007. On the Sundays of Lent, we will be introducing Theology of the Body to adults. We will meet in the church basement, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (between the Masses). We will read, share and talk about how to use St John Paul II's material for the good of our families and Church. Please contact Diana Roehrig (419-615-8205 or 5bronzbombers@gmail.com). Babysitting will be arranged, if needed.

### Parish Mission Trip 2017

St. Michael's 2017 Mission Trip to Appalachia will be June 18-23. The team will be going to Beattyville, Kentucky (to Kentucky Cornerstone Missions). Children are able to go along with parents on this trip. The first meeting with information about the area and the cost of the trip will be held March 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center Library.

### Senior Citizen Prom 2017

Please join the youth of Putnam County for a "A Night in Lights" Vegas style Senior Citizen Prom on Sunday, April 9, starting at 4:00 p.m. This year we will be hosting the prom at Leipsic St. Mary's Parish Life Center. This event is open for all adults! Please RSVP to Jill Zeller (419-532-3474, ext. 103) by April 3. There is no cost to attend, but there will be a freewill offering at the end of the night. Please come and join us! We hope to see you there! We know Elvis will be!

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together! Enrich your marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it – you DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! For more information or to apply for a weekend, contact Brian & Chris Schroeder (419-538-7210 or bcschroeder@bright.net) or go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information. The next weekend in the diocese is March 31-April 2, 2017, in Lima.

## High School CCD - March 15

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

### Students Planning Mass This Week

are Kelli Ellerbrock's 1B class on Wednesday, March 15, and Judy Birkemeier's 7A class on Friday, March 17.

### High School Friday Frenzy

All High School Students are invited to St. Michael's Church Basement on Friday, March 17, from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Cost is only \$4/person. Come on down and eat, drink, play games, watch a movie and BE IRISH!

### Attention High School Students

All High School Students are invited to help present the Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m. Please come to Youth Night in the church basement on Sunday, March 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to sign up and practice. We are in need of actors, readers, stage hands, lighting, music and projection crew members.

### Have Items for the Parish Garage Sale?

Kalida St. Michael Youth will be out and around town neighborhoods on Saturday April 1, from 9:00 a.m. – Noon, to collect anything you want to donate for the Basement Sale. Please call Jill, at the Parish Office (419-532-3494, ext. 103) if you want someone to pick up your items. You may also drop off items in the church basement on the counter closest to the elevator entrance. All proceeds from the sale (held during the Community Garage Sales on April 20-21, 2017) will go to help support the Missions in Tanzania.

### Ottoville Park 5K to Play

**Saturday, March 25.** There will be three different events including **Walk the Block** (8:30 - 10:00 a.m.), **Kids Fun Run** (10:30 a.m.) and the **5K Run/Walk** (11:00 a.m.). Both the Walk the Block and the Kids Fun Run are **free events** to help make the event fun and affordable for families (donations appreciated). There will also be a BBQ Pork lunch that will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Visit [www.runsignup.com/5K2PLAY](http://www.runsignup.com/5K2PLAY). Proceeds to benefit the Ottoville Park Playground Equipment Fund. Please contact Michelle Kortokrax (419-234-7600) with questions.

### Little Slugger Baseball League...

is open to all boys and girls from Kalida who are currently Pre-K (5 yr. olds), Kindergarten or 1st Grade. Games are T-Pitch rules, with coaches pitching. All games are played at Froggy Park, on Saturday mornings. Registration forms are available at the post office. Contact Randy Buss (419-532-2208 or [bussrandy@yahoo.com](mailto:bussrandy@yahoo.com)) for more information. Deadline for registrations is March 27.

### CLC Meeting is Monday, March 13, at 7 p.m.

"Always Blessed" Co-Owner Deb will have some gift items to show for First Communion and all occasions. Also the **CLC RIGHT TO LIFE Bake Sale** will be held on Friday, March 17, at the Kalida K of C, during the fish fry.

### Glandorf Catholic Preschool Registration

Contact the Preschool Office (419-538-6264).