

**MONDAY, MARCH 14**

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church  
HIGH SCHOOL MONDAYS IN LENT: 7:00 p.m.  
OREMUS BIBLE STUDY: 7:30 p.m., at Parish Center  
CLC MEETING: 7:30 p.m.  
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in church basement  
BOOK STUDY: 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center  
CRHP 6: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

THAT MAN IS YOU: 6:30 a.m., in basement

**Krystal's Byrne Rubber Run 5K Run/Walk**

The Ottoville Mother's Club will be sponsoring Krystal's "Byrne" Rubber Run in remembrance of Krystal Byrne, on Saturday, March 26, at the Ottoville Parish Center. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., the 5K Run/Walk starts at 10:00 a.m. and the ¼ Mile Fun Run/Walk starts at 11:00 a.m. Other events include a 50/50 drawing, silent auction, bake sale & lunch stand. To register, visit [itsyourrace.com](http://itsyourrace.com) and search for "Krystal's Byrne Rubber Run." Race forms are also available at the Ottoville Post Office and on the Ottoville Mother's Club 5K Facebook page. The early-bird and t-shirt registration deadline is Tuesday, March 15. To donate a silent auction item, please contact Marilyn Calvelage (419-453-3219 or 419-605-7897) by Sunday, March 20, 2016.

**Chicken BBQ Benefit (Presale Only)**

There will be a presale-only chicken BBQ (Uncle Buck's) on Sunday, March 20, from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at The Meadows in Ottawa. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, a bake sale, and raffle items. All proceeds will go to Amy Schnipke-Snavley, a Kalida resident and STNA of The Meadows, as she battles stage 4 breast cancer. Dinners are \$8 each, which include a baked potato, baked beans, and a roll. For tickets, contact Jenny Goubeaux (419-371-3437).

**Keep Your Farm & Other Assets in the Family**

All Catholics are welcome to an Educational Seminar, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, entitled "How to Keep Your Farm & Other Assets in the Family." These benefits are available for Catholic families only. We can provide solutions with guarantees that are built upon Catholic values and sound financial principles. The presentation will be March 15, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C. Contact Dan Turnwald, 538-6438 to RSVP. In addition to Dan Turnwald, Attorney Joe Schroeder, of the law firm *Schroeder, Blankemeyer, Schroeder*, will present.

**Blood Drive—Wednesday, March 16**

from Noon - 6:00 p.m., at Ft. Jennings High School. Blood donors must be at least 16, weigh at least 110 lbs., and be in good health. Donors can donate if they haven't donated within the previous 56 days. Walk-ins welcome. To make an appointment, call Heather Harmon at the school (286-2238, ext. 2507).

**OFFERTORY - March 19 & 20**

**4:30 PM** Beth & Barry von der Embse Family  
**8:00 AM** Gus & Judy Brinkman Family  
**11:00 AM** Paul & Rose Recker Family

**USHERS - March 19 & 20**

**4:30 PM** Team 1  
**8:00 AM** Team 2  
**11:00 AM** Team 3

**LECTORS - March 19 & 20**

**4:30 PM** Tara Gerding, Mike Kahle  
**8:00 AM** Erin Kerner, Mary Plescher  
**11:00 AM** Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 19 & 20**

**4:30:** Grace Haselman, Mary Lou Hoffman, Ericka Kimball, Trevor Maag, Deb McIntyre, Deb Miller, Lisa Niese, Michele Niese, Morgan Niese, Don Rall  
**8:00:** Tom & Judy Bonifas, Amy Brinkman, Joyce Klaus-ing, Jane Kleman, Mary Lou Merschman, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Mary Plescher  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Tom & Judy Bonifas, Amy Brinkman  
**11:00:** Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Jacob Kahle, Mark Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert, Becky Lucke, Brooke Lucke

**SERVERS**

Mon, 3/14	8:00 AM	Brenna Smith Tyler Unverferth
Tues, 3/15	8:00 AM	Jasmine Vorst Will Zeller
Wed, 3/16	8:00 AM	McKenna Bockrath Alec Edelbrock
Thurs, 3/17	7:30 PM	Clara Elkins Colin Erhart
Fri, 3/18	8:00 AM	Kyla Fortman Gabe Hovest
Sat, 3/19	4:30 PM	Allison Siebeneck Katelyn Siebeneck Makenzie Smith
Sun, 3/20	8:00 AM	Jenna Siefker Taylor Siefker Kara Siefker
	11:00 AM	Grant Unverferth Brandon Verhoff Josh Verhoff

**Progressive Euchre Tournament**

Columbus Grove St. Anthony's School Advisory Council Progressive Euchre Tournament tickets are on sale now! This year's tournament will be held on **Friday, March 18**, in the church basement. A \$25 ticket will include a fish fry & potato soup dinner and 8 games of Euchre. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner to be served at 6:00 p.m., with Euchre to follow. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 8 players. Drinks and raffle items will be available, too. Contact Mitch Schroeder (419-303-4715), Amy Stechschulte (419-641-6280) or the parish office (419-659-2263 for tickets). If interested, please get your tickets as soon as it is convenient. Thank you!

**St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - March 13, 2016**

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebel, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M.  
Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Mary Siefker  
Address: 312 N. Broad St.; PO Box 387, Kalida, OH 45853 Phone: 419-532-3474 Website: [stmichaelskalida.org](http://stmichaelskalida.org)



We would like to sign up as many parishioners as possible to participate in the St. Michael's Prayer Line. To accomplish that goal, we will be expanding the methods of contact to include text and email, as well as continuing the telephone option currently in use. In this *Year of Mercy*, please consider joining St. Michael's Prayer Line because prayer is something we can all do for someone in need. You can become a member of the prayer line in one of three ways: 1) there will be sign up sheets at the church entrances 2) you can complete the form below and return it in the collection basket or 3) you can contact Leslie at the Parish Center ([stmich@bright.net](mailto:stmich@bright.net) or 419-532-3474, ext. 100).

**To Join St. Michael's Prayer Line:**  
*On the form to the right, just fill in your name and the one way you would like to be contacted...either by text, email or phone, and place in the collection. You can also email this information to: [stmich@bright.net](mailto:stmich@bright.net) or sign-up at the entrances of church.*

Clip and return in the collection basket

I would like to be a part of the St Michael's Prayer Line and receive prayer requests by text, email or telephone

My Name

By Text: Cell Phone Number   
Carrier (AT&T, Sprint etc.)

By Email: Address:

By Phone: Phone Number

**Leaders Needed for Prayer Line**

We are in need of volunteers to begin the process of the Prayer Line. The primary duty of the volunteers would be to send the text messages and emails. Technology has made this as easy as a sending a single email. If you are interested in serving God and our parish in this manner, please contact Paul Bonifas (419-532-3362) or the Parish Center (419-532-3474, ext. 100). Thank you.

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I continue to be inspired by people who are living out their Lenten journeys. The Cross of Mercy is nearly covered with works of mercy from people of all ages. Both Saint Francis and Pope Francis would be proud of children who are taking care of their animals during this season. The Holy Family would be smiling at how so many children are babysitting and taking care of younger siblings without complaint. At least that is what some of the white sheets are saying, which are placed on the cross at St. Michael's.

This past week I had family visitors and a priest from Dominica came along. He is visiting my sister, Lois, and he wanted to see our churches since he is building one in his home country, since an earthquake destroyed the old church. He thought both of our churches were beautiful (I told him you should see the people). I stopped to get the wasted food from the school to feed my pigs. When a large bag emerged, the priest said that the sight of the amount wasted food would make the people he served sick. On his island, people rarely have meat, as it is truly a luxury. As we fed the pigs, he stared in amazement at the pigs eating people food. I thought about how we take food for granted. Feeding the hungry became a little more clear as I reflected on wasted food.

The works of mercy this week are to visit the sick and to forgive offenses willingly. I have to say that visiting the sick is not much work for me. Instead of giving in this act, I find that I receive so much. The shut-ins are always so welcoming. They actually like my stories. They like that I hear their stories. I learned from being a hospital chaplain that one should never go to visit a sick person. Always go to visit a person who is sick. Keep the dignity of a person in mind first and the visit will take care of itself. If we see the sickness first, we might not see the face of a child of God. That point of view also applies to a person who is sick spiritually. Instead of seeing a hurting person, sin is seen first. Jesus didn't come condemn. He came to heal and make whole. This week, our work of mercy calls us to see the dignity of each person.

Now this week's spiritual work of mercy can be difficult. To forgive offenses willingly is tough. I want to be right and I want the other person to know that I'm right. Grudges can be held, rather than reconciliation be offered. When we realize how freely God offers mercy and forgiveness to us, we can give it more freely to others. This spiritual work of mercy requires humility. As we would like to be forgiven, we should measure out with the same forgiveness. Are we ready to cast the first stone or are we ready to put the stone down to build a bridge? For competitors, this work of mercy can be difficult. We are taught to be the winner (I'm glad that I'm not competitive, lol) For this work of mercy, there is no winner, unless both are winners.

Make this week and its mercies practical. Visit someone and get rid of that grudge. I can't wait to see what will be on the cross next week. Have a blessed week. *Fr. Mark*

## Palm Sunday

Be ready to be part of the procession. If the weather is favorable, we will have a commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem, beginning with an outdoor rite to begin each Mass. Please plan accordingly.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM Rita Croy

### TUESDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM Tony Brinkman

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM Edna Kruse

### THURSDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 PM Ralph Honigfort, Bruce Honigfort

Jazzlyn Gray

### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 AM Monica Verhoff

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19

4:30 PM Mike Rampe, Barbara June Warnement

Bernie, Helen & Denny Sehlhorst

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20 *Palm Sunday*

8:00 AM Charlie Gerdeman

11:00 AM Don Holtkamp, Paul & Dorothy Vorst

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Last Sunday's Collection:** \$ 8,996.60

## Choir Assignments - March 19 & 20

4:30: PW 8:00: RA 11:00: Youth

## Kalida Community Good Friday Walk

March 25, at 9:30 a.m. The Good Friday Walk will begin at the Kalida Outreach Center and finish at The Meadows of Kalida, following a prayer service. The walk will be approximately 1.5 hours, followed by visitation and refreshments at The Meadows.

## Easter Flower Intentions Deadline...

is Sunday, March 20. Please place them in the collection or drop them off at the Parish Center. Thanks!

## Night of Mercy

Thanks to all who participated in the Friday night of Mercy. People from our parishes and around the county took time out of their days to spend time with the Lord and the Lord's people. We had a great turnout. You guys keep inspiring me.

## Thanks to All the Card Players

Last week's euchre tournament was a huge success. Fr. Mark did not win. He didn't care because he is not competitive. :)

## Important: Attention Engaged Couples

The Diocese of Toledo has a new marriage preparation (Pre-Cana) class entitled "A Joy-Filled Marriage. This is a mandatory, two-day program for engaged couples, to be held at St. Michael's on April 9 & 10, 2016. Use the following link to register:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/o/joy-filled-marriage-engaged-couple-workshop-7474823041>

Call Fr. Mark (419-969-0148) with questions. If you can't make the date at St. Michael's, other dates are available at area parishes. You can find these dates on the above link.

## Area Penance Services

Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m., at Ottoville

Monday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m., at Columbus Grove

Monday, March 21, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Ottawa

## Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross

The 7th grade religious education class invites everyone to walk the Stations of the Cross around the block of St. Michael's at 1:00 p.m., on Palm Sunday. We would like to give a witness to the community and those driving down the highway of the Lord's love for us, as He walked the Way of the Cross. Soup is served beforehand. All are welcome. Traditional stations are to be held at St. Michael's at the same time.

## Desperately Needed Item for the Food Pantry

The food pantry is completely out of ketchup. We would like to bring a supply the next time our parish volunteers. There will be a box at the back and side entrances of church to collect bottles of ketchup. They prefer the small size bottles. We will collect until March 22. Thank you for helping us restock their shelves.

## Special Thanks...

to Fr. Mark, Fr. Wurth, Fr. Rick, Deacon Bob, 8th graders, Rosary & Communion groups, servers, Helping Hands, Funeral Choir, and St. Michael's community. Thank you so much for everything you did to make the funeral a great celebration of Rita's life. Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, and gifts over the past several months and the compassion you showed while she was at The Meadows. It has been extremely humbling and appreciated more than words can say.

*The Family of Rita Croy*

## CLC Meeting

Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. Pizza Party & regular meeting. March Birthdays will be celebrated. Since there will be no Fish Fry on Good Friday, the CLC **WILL NOT** be having the Bake Sale or selling colored eggs this year.

## Thank You

The family of Doris Deters would like to thank Fr. Mark for the special Mass, the choir and soloists, Mass servers and Eucharistic Ministers. Also, a special thanks to Dick's Steak House and Helping Hands for the delicious luncheon.

*Gene Deters & Family*

## Mondays in Lent for High School Students at Parish Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

March 14—Phil Fuerst will be presenting "Top Secret Topic!"

March 21—Scott & Sherry Unverferth share their journey of faith and service experience in the Appalachian Mountains.

## Samaritan House Donations

The Challenge group would like to thank the Kalida community for their generous donations to the Samaritan House. The Challenge girls dropped off a van-load of donations at the Samaritan House, toured the house and learned about the program. The recipients were very grateful for all the donations!

## Breakfast With the Easter Bunny

Saturday, March 19, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., at The Meadows of Kalida. This is a free community event, with door prizes, a continental breakfast, kids crafts and a visit and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Call 419-532-2961 for more information.

## Students Planning Mass This Week

are Judy Birkemeier's 5B class on Wednesday, March 16, and Stephanie Price's 6A class on Friday, March 18.

## High School CCD—March 16

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

## History of the Diocese of Toledo Book

We have extra copies of these beautiful, hardbound books, detailing the history of our diocese, including color photos and a full page on each parish. They are **free** for the taking, in the tower entrance; so if you want one, get one quickly!

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt...

is set for the Kalida Knights of Columbus Hall on Holy Saturday (March 26) at 1:00 p.m. It's open to ALL children of the community. To color the eggs, we need talented Knights, spouses and kids to help right after Mass on Holy Thursday. No talent required to paint or collect eggs...just enthusiasm.

## Rosary Rally for Traditional Marriage...

is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, on the front steps of Kalida St. Michael's, starting at Noon. It will be one of some 3,000 at the same time across the country. Traditional marriage is part of the bedrock of our country and our faith. Any and all can attend for the rosary, a bit of singing and otherwise making a personal, visible, statement. Rain or shine! (rain in, shine out).

## Have a Gardening Question?

Our speaker at the April Altar Rosary meeting will be a Master Gardener. She requests that we send her all of our gardening questions prior to the meeting so she can be prepared. You can email them to Maggie Wehri at [dmwehri@bright.net](mailto:dmwehri@bright.net) or mail them to Maggie at 15897 Rd. 19, Ft Jennings, OH 45844, or drop them into the collection in an envelope labeled "Rosary Altar." Thanks.

## Froggy Park Tennis Courts

The Kalida Park Board is looking for your input! We will be applying for a grant to refurbish the current tennis courts at Froggy Park, and perhaps turn them into multi-sport courts. You may have noticed they are showing some age. It has been 20 years since they were last refurbished. For what would you like to see these courts configured? Tennis? Basketball? Pickleball? Volleyball? Badminton? Other possibilities? Visit [kalidaparks.com](http://kalidaparks.com) and give us your input, or call Ken (419-235-0831). All community input is appreciated.

## Mom to Mom Sale

March 26, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at Kalida High School. You can rent 3 tables for \$28 and 6 tables for \$56. Register by March 14 to reserve your spot. Admission is \$1. Setup is Friday, March 25, from 5:00 -9:00 p.m. All kids-related products are allowed (toys, clothes, maternity, etc.). Please make sure all items are clean, with no holes and that there are no recalled items. Beverages, snacks and lunch available for purchase. Sellers must be at their tables by 8:30 a.m. and can shop from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. (make sure someone is at your table at this time). Any money you make is yours. Please bring bags and change for customers. If you like, any of your unsold items can be left on the table and will be donated to Heartbeat of Lima. Call Shelly Horstman (419-615-9337) to register.