

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OHIO - MARCH 13, 2022

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

I hope everyone's Lent is off to a good start. I've asked the children if they are doing anything for Lent and they all put their hands up. There are times I wonder if our world treats Easter like it does Christmas and make it a holiday for children. Lent is a season in which we all need to participate as we live and say in many ways that we need a Redeemer and celebrate at Easter that it is Jesus. So what are all you adults doing for Lent this year? As for me, I am not going to say what I am doing but my heart is torn by what is going on in the Ukraine. Pray with me for the whole situation as we pray for leaders, soldiers and families.

This coming Saturday at the 4:30 Mass in Kalida we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Students from St. Michael's and St. John's will gather for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Our young people have been in my prayers especially over these past weeks. They have shown growth in their faith and love for their God. They have been attending Mass and showing their faith in works of mercy. One of my favorite parts of Confirmation preparation is I get to see our young people up front and personal. I get to ask them questions and try to help them on their faith journeys. This year, especially at St. Michael's, I asked the candidates to treat the interviews like a job interview. For some I had them shake my hand, introduce themselves and say why they wanted this job of being a Christian. Since they were becoming "adults" in the Church, it was time to get to work. I asked if they had any work experience (works of mercy), job references (sponsor), anyone they looked up to in the workplace (their saint) and could they be depended upon to show up on time (having their bulletins signed). I asked if they knew the boss (God) and that there are many branch offices and if they were ready to work while on the road. We talked about benefits programs both while they worked (the Kingdom of God is here) and when they retired (Heaven). They really don't get any vacations but if you like your work it is not really work. I let the students know that when I got Confirmed that the bishop slapped me on the cheek to remind me that the work of being a Christian would not always be easy. Many of the students remarked that some of the difficult work that they would encounter would be to stand up for their faith. They are recognizing that the world is not always as Christian as we would like it to be. They knew that part of their response to being a Christian would be to be counter cultural. They knew that going to church was important in keeping strong in their faith. I told them that talking to the boss often would get them brownie points.

We had a good time in the interviews, at least I did. I wondered if adults would have to interview for the job of being Christian if there would be many applicants. At the end of the student interviews I usually shook their hand and said that they were hired. If Jesus would be doing the interview would I get the job. It was fun to do the interviews and hear the young people express their faith. As adults do we express our faith in words and actions as well as we should?

Have a great week, everyone. Please pray for the situation in the Ukraine and pray for our Confirmation candidates.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM Harold Barnhart

9:30 AM Pats & Rita Broecker

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 PM L/D Haselman & Verhoff Family

Marlene Verhoff, Barb Sehlhorst

Louis & Mollie Osterhage, Dorothy Miller

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

4:30 PM Ray, Dorothea & Ron Averagesch

John Phillips, Loretta, Cy, Cecelia, Nick &

Arnie Vorst, Confirmandi

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 AM Jeanette Knippen

11:00 AM Don Holtkamp & Family, Joe & Rita

Hanneman Family, Clete & Anna Mae

Verhoff Family, Dan & Earl Kleman

Tom Recker, Alvin & Rita Kleman

Andrew Orzechowski, Courtney Ehrnsberger

L/D Gene & Mary Jane Stechschulte Family

L/D Bill & Anita Doepker Family

Lincoln Harold Roebke, Bob Schimmoeller

Harold & Marilyn Roebke

1:00 PM

Stations of the Cross



Last Sunday's Collection \$ 7,513.00

Choir Assignments - March 19 & 20

4:30: Laura **8:00:** Ashleigh **11:00:** Renee

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Ruth Kuhlman's Grade 5 on Wednesday, March 16, at 8:00 a.m. and Pat Broecker's Grade 1 at 9:30 a.m. Jill Zeller's Grade 7 class will have Mass on Friday, March 18.

High School CCD - March 16

Everyone has class.

The Sacrament of Confirmation...

Saturday, March 19, at 4:30 p.m. with Rev. Msgr. William Kubaeki. Continental St. John's will be joining us. Please pray for our Confirmandi and their sponsors.

St. Michael's Children's Choir

All students in grades 3-6 are invited to join the Children's Choir. Registration forms were handed out in religion class. **Deadline is March 18.** Contact Ashleigh Kahle (419-615-9701 or ashleigh.s.kahle@gmail.com) with questions.

Soup Served Every Tuesday in Lent

This week's soup is potato and vegetable. Items needed are potatoes, celery, cream of chicken soup and onions. These items can be dropped off at the church basement. Other dates are March 22, 29 and April 5 & 12 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. This is for pickup and, if needed, delivery. Open to anyone in the Kalida community. All are welcome. Call Diane (419-890-7004) or Millie (419-231-5656).

MONDAY, MARCH 14

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
CLC MEETING: 6:00 p.m. at 1820 Brewworks

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

RCIA: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church

(for our Country and Traditional Marriage)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

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

**Virtue of the Week is Magnificence**

This virtue means doing great things for God. You may ask how does one do that. You can share and help others when you are good at something and they are not. You can be generous with your time. You can use your talents for the good without complaining. Saints who modeled magnificence were St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Pope John Paul II. Our prayer for this week is "*Heavenly Father, You have given me the gift of this day, the gift of this moment. Help me to use my time well. Give me the grace to do all for Your greater glory.*"

Have a Prayer Line Request?

Call Rita Borgelt (532-3637).

Please leave a message if not answer.

Volunteers Needed for Funeral Luncheons

Call Mary Grote (532-3161) if you can help. Thanks!

Why Do I Have to Go to Mass?

If you are in high school and have ever asked this question (or not) this might be a learning experience for you. We hope you come to appreciate the beauty and mystery of the Mass. Each session includes a few short video clips and discussion. No preparation is required. You can come to as many sessions as you would like. The sessions will be Wednesdays, from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center on March 16, 23, 30 & April 6. **Open to high school students only.**

Prayer Gathering for Women of All Ages

Every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in church. All women are welcome.

CLC Meeting Monday, March 14...

at 6:00 p.m. (note time change) at 1820 Brewworks.

Come join us for Pizza Buffet, and a short meeting.

Putnam Co. Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale

Tuesday, April 5, & Wednesday, April 6, with donation drop off on Monday, April 4, at the Ottawa K of C Hall.

Girl Scouts Collecting Used Crayons

The Girl Scouts are collecting crayons for The Crayon Initiative. The Crayon Initiative collects used and unwanted crayons donated from homes, restaurants, and schools across the country, then melts them down and remanufactures them, reducing environmental waste. The crayons are distributed to child life programs at children's hospitals in all 50 states, to brighten the lives of young patients during their stay. These programs provide countless children with a creative outlet to express themselves, while at the same time helping to ease anxiety. They also enhance problem-solving and critical thinking skills, while promoting creativity and imagination.

Please drop your crayons off at the exits of church.

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 3/15	8:00 AM	Nathan Wannemacher Maya Wehri
Wed, 3/16	8:00 AM	Owen Askins Lauren Bockrath
Thurs, 3/17	7:30 PM	Faith Feldman Katelyn Foppe
Fri, 3/18	8:00 AM	Cole Goubeaux Kyla Grime
Sat, 3/19	4:30 PM	Nick Foppe Logan Bockrath
Sun, 3/20	8:00 AM	Kaylyn Bockrath Whitney Unverferth
	11:00 AM	Madison Unverferth Avrie Unverferth Alexander Verhoff Noah Verhoff Ella Wehri

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - March 19 & 20

4:30: Matt Bockrath, Ryan Kerner, Mark Kahle
(Confirmation Mass) **LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher**

8:00: Joan Niese, Rose Recker, Deb Remlinger, Mary Siefker
LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald

Ministers to Homebound: Diane Schroeder

11:00: Deb McIntyre, Mark Remlinger, Wendy Schimmoeller, Lisa Trentman **LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart**

USHERS - March 19 & 20

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

Kalida K of C Fish Frys...

Fridays of Lent from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Kalida Baseball Association Purse Raffle

Twelve purses will be given away. Winners will be announced after the varsity baseball game on May 10. Tickets are \$20 each. Anyone interested can contact any KBA Committee Person, Randy Buss or Brian Hoffman.

Little Slugger Baseball Sign-Up Now Open

Little Slugger League is open to all boys and girls from Kalida who are currently Pre-K (5 years old), Kindergarten or 1st Grade. Games are T-Pitch rules with coaches pitching to each player. All players will be able to bat and play defense every inning. All games are played in Kalida at Froggy Park on Saturday mornings of May and June. Registration forms have been distributed at the elementary and are available at in the lobby of the post office. Or you can contact Randy Buss at 419-532-2208 or bussrandy@yahoo.com for more information. Deadline for registrations is March 21.

Kalida Area Garage Sales

April 28, 29 & 30. If interested in having a garage sale, please sign up at Kalida Telephone or Union Bank by April 15.

Protecting Our Youth

The Diocese of Toledo and St. Michael's Church remain committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.