

St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - November 22, 2015

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m.
 PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:00 p.m.
 HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in church basement

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: attend 7:30 p.m. Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
 THAT MAN IS YOU: 6:30 a.m.

Poinsettia Sales

KHS Cats Who Care Service Organization is once again holding their annual Poinsettia Sale! There are two sizes available: 6" pot (available in red, white, or pink) for \$8, and 7 1/2" pot (available in red only) for \$12. The sale continues until Monday, November 30. Poinsettias will be delivered December 16, just in time for Christmas! Contact any Cats Who Care member or the High School Office (419-532-3529) if you are interested. Money raised goes to fund group activities and charitable donations.

Christmas School—December 5

The Youth Group is hosting a Christmas School, for children ages 4-9, and a babysitting service for infants up to age 3, on Saturday, December 5, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, at St. Michael's Parish Center. This is to give parents a chance to do some Christmas family duties, while we share the Christmas stories with your children, with fun and creative workshops. To register, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Center by **Monday, November 30**. This is free, but any donations received will be donated to the Teddy Bear Fund. Babysitting will be provided to the first 12 children signed up, under the age of 4. **NEW THIS YEAR:** AT 11:55 A.M. THAT DAY, THE CHILDREN WILL PRESENT A SONG FOR THEIR PARENTS IN THE CHURCH! Contact Mary Siefker with questions.

Christmas School Registration

Parents' Names _____
 Emergency Contact Number _____
 Child's Name _____
 Age _____ Grade _____
 Allergies: _____
 Child's Name _____
 Age _____ Grade _____
 Allergies: _____

OFFERTORY - November 28 & 29

4:30 PM Don & Mary Lou Hoffman Family
8:00 AM Dave & Jane Kahle Family
11:00 AM Greg & Jill Zeller Family

USHERS – November 28 & 29

4:30 PM Alex von der Embse, Adam von der Embse, Paul von der Embse, Brandon Erhart, Kaleb Selhorst, Trent Gerding, Trent Siebeneck, Griffin Recker, Derek Buss, Trevor Vorst, Clay Meyer

8:00 AM Drew Hovest, Austin Klausung, Collin Wurth, Jeff Knueve, Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg, Collin Nartker, Christian Nartker, Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk

11:00 AM Team 12

LECTORS – November 28 & 29

4:30 PM Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle
8:00 AM Tara Gerding, Erin Kerner
11:00 AM Jennifer Erhart, Mike Kahle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - November 28 & 29

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4:30: Alice Adams, Marilyn Becker, Anna Berheide, Brian & Bev Berheide, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Janet Burgei, Bob Buss, Kelly Buss

8:00: Tom & Judy Bonifas, Norma Vorst, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Ruth Foppe, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, , Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman

Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas

11:00: Katey Buss, Dave Buss, Eileen Decker, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Brandon Erhart, Lori Erhart, Eric Fischnich, Regina Fischnich, Lynda Fortman

SERVERS

Mon, 11/23	8:00 AM	Carlie Rampe Evan Roebke
Tues, 11/24	8:00 AM	Trevor Siefker Zach von der Embse
Wed, 11/25	8:00 AM	Kamryn & Sydney Wurth
Wed, 11/25	7:30 PM	Michael Schroeder Alyssa & Megan Schulte
Thurs, 11/26	9:00 AM	Trent Siebeneck Kierstan Siebeneck Brad Siefker
Fri, 11/27	8:00 AM	Hannah Berheide Emily Buss
Sat, 11/28	4:30 PM	Jenna & Taylor Siefker Kara Siefker
Sun, 11/29	8:00 AM	Allison Siebeneck Katelyn Siebeneck Brad Siefker
	11:00 AM	Makenzie Smith Grant Unverferth Brandon Verhoff

7:30 p.m. Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve Mass

EUCH. MIN.: Dick & Jane Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Duane & Barb Steffan, Kay Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth

LECTORS: Shelly Burkhart, Bob Buss

USHERS: Team 8

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass

EUCH. MIN.: Diane Vorst, Renee Vorst, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Don Wehri, Sandy Westrick, Allison Wurth, Greg & Jill Zeller, Jade Zeller

LECTORS: Michele Doepker, Maddison Edelbrock

USHERS: Team 9



I AM
thankful
 FOR:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
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7. _____
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10. _____

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Happy Thanksgiving week.

I took a little time this morning to get in the mood of thankfulness. I thought of categories to help me organize my morning meditation (not like Fr. Elmer's meditation which involves closed eyes in the rocking chair in the back of church). I thought people, places and things would be a good way to begin the meditation.

When it comes to people, the list went on and on. Mom and Dad make the list and continue to form me and ground me in simple roots. Even though they've been up in heaven for many years, they touch my life. They are truly part of the living communion of saints. Even though I like to tease my family members and put them in sermons, they get a shout out of people I thank God for. My family also keeps me praying, as there is always someone getting married or baptized or needs a prayer for a job or health or something. I just realized I would have a lot more free time if I wouldn't have to pray for so many family members. But, without them, I wouldn't be as holy and that is scary. Maybe I need more family members.

I thank God so often for people who have touched my life. I think of families and the love they have shared with me through baptisms, weddings, funerals, sports events, hospital visits and just by being friends. I hope you know that I thank God for a lot of Putnam County people.

Being thankful for places brought me to many locales and ministry sites. Being an outdoors person, I thanked the Lord for woods, farms, open skies for stars and sunsets, all the parishes I have ever served, United States and New Zealand. I prayed for France, as I cherished the freedoms I have by living in America.

For the things that I am thankful for, I had a difficult time. I am not a thing person. The things I have usually come back to being a memory of a person. I have my family rosary, a jelly jar that we used on the farm, dad's pocket knife. I'm thankful for a bed and food.

As I thought of being thankful, I thought of whom I say thanks to. I realized I didn't say thanks enough. I am very blessed to work with great people, be surrounded by great people, have a great family and have had the opportunity to see God in so many faces. And as I think of everyone whom I should be thanking, I think of how much I should say thanks be to God. All belongs to Him and He shares it all with all of us. Every breath, grain of sand, star in the sky and person I meet are there because of Him. Before I get distracted by all the people, places and things to be grateful for, I want to say, "Thanks God! You are the best."

Have a great Thanksgiving, everyone. *Fr. Mark*

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 AM Alaina & Mia Landwehr

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 AM Abbie & Louise Llewellyn

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 AM Gary Bockrath

7:30 PM Don Laudick

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 *Thanksgiving*

9:00 AM L/D Vorst Family, Loretta Miller

L/D Tony & Bernadine Hoersten Family

L/D Alphonse & Frances Schulte Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 AM Alfred & Irene Peck

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

4:30 PM 50th W.A. Don & Mary Lou Hoffman

Joan & Junior Kaufman, John Miller

Greg, Laura, Ron & Theresa Foppe

Paul Kahle, Dolores & Carl Remlinger

Ray Gerding, Helen Korte

L/D Brickner & Korte Families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Parish

11:00 AM Gene Stechschulte

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,019.25

Choir Assignments—Thanksgiving

7:30: YAHS 9:00: PW, RA

Choir Assignments—November 28 & 29

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

Holy Name Choir

Please note another practice has been added to the November calendar for Monday, November 30, at 8:30 p.m. Also, please bring your Christmas music to the next practice.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

Help those in need by bringing in canned goods to help needy families. Canned goods will be brought up during offertory at our Thanksgiving Masses. Thanks to all who participate.

Recent Baptisms

TATUM LEE BOCKRATH

Child of Jeff & Erin (Miller) Bockrath

OLIVIA RENEE HASELMAN

Child of Derek & Amanda (Fischer) Haselman

Thanksgiving Basket Service Day – Nov. 24

High School youth and adults are invited to help distribute Thanksgiving Food Boxes at St. Vincent De Paul Society Food Pantry, located in Columbus, on Tuesday, November 24. We will leave at 5:45 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m. Contact Mary Siefker if you are interested in volunteering. A fun afternoon activity is planned! BE PREPARED: we carry food boxes up a flight of stairs and are on our feet all day

Thanksgiving Mass Times

Wednesday, November 25, at 6:00 p.m. (Continental)

Wednesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. (Kalida)

Thursday, November 26, at 9:00 a.m. (Kalida)

The Giving Tree

We're changing things up a little bit this year and giving not only our **presents**, but also our **presence** through our Giving Tree project. This year, it will benefit the residents at The Meadows of Kalida through the sharing of our time and talents (especially with those who don't get many outside visitors). We will also be seeking physical gifts, as well, for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood inner city work, in Chicago. Seminarian Matt Keller, who lived at St. Michael's last year, works at the Precious Blood Reconciliation Center, in Chicago, and will be our contact person for this project. Items purchased for the missions in Chicago can be placed under the tree by December 11. The tags for The Meadows involve giving of your time and talents and can be completed throughout the year.

Items Needed for Precious Blood Reconciliation Center: If we run out of tags on the trees, these are the items we need for the young males (age 14-24) at the Reconciliation Center in Chicago:

- black hoodies
- skull caps (with the cuff)
- medium or small white t-shirts
- medium boxers
- warm gloves
- men's winter coats
- long white sweat socks

Just place your own tag on the box, with "Chicago" and its contents written on it. As these are Christmas gifts, we are only accepting **brand new** items. Thanks!!!

Guitar Players, Musicians & Singers...

are needed for upcoming Mass at St. Michael's. Please contact Fr. Mark or come to gathering at St. Michael's Church at 7:00 p.m., on Monday November 23.

CLC Christmas Party

Thursday December 10, at 6:00 p.m. (not on Wednesday the 9th). Please call Ann Warnecke for reservations (419-532-3662) by December 7.

Save the Date...Women's Retreat

Mark your calendar for Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) women's retreat on February 6-7, 2016. CRHP (a.k.a. Chirp) is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help you grow your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Join other women of all ages from our parish community in this faith-filled weekend! Unsure if this is for you? Pray about it. The Holy Spirit will guide you. Talk with those who have attended previous years and you will find it is a life-changing weekend. Space is limited, so please call to reserve your spot. To register or for more information, contact Katy Potts (302-2745) or Amanda Recker (796-0386).

A Mary Christmas

On Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m., our elementary students in grades 1-5 will be presenting "A Mary Christmas" play at St. Michael's Gym. Students will be bringing home a permission form, indicating if they can attend.

Students Planning Mass This Week

There will be no students at Mass this week.

High School CCD - November 25

There is no class. Please attend the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

Altar Rosary Christmas Party...

will be Monday, November 30 after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. The cost of the meal is \$9 and it will be catered by Dick's Restaurant. If anyone still needs a ticket, call Maggie Wehri (419-532-3791) by this Wednesday, November 25.

Advent by Candlelight

All ladies are invited to Advent by Candlelight on Saturday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Church Basement. Please join us as we gather to grow in our beautiful faith and learn more about the season of preparation to celebrate Christ's birth. Our featured speaker will be Jan Kahle, from the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, in Bellevue. Hors d'Oeuvres, desserts and drinks will be provided. Call Connie Cleemput (419-532-3494, ext. 102), Jill Zeller (419-532-2511) or Adriene Swyers (419-532-2557) by December 1 to reserve your spot. Walk-ins are welcome. Advent wreaths, calendars and books will be available for purchase, as well as some Christmas items (please bring cash or checks to purchase items...thanks!)

November Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Jerry Miller	\$100	Mia Unverferth
\$100	Fred Heitmeyer	\$100	Angel Lambert
\$100	Al Fortman	\$ 50	Jeff Schulte
\$ 50	Bob Winkle	\$ 50	Ron Kahle, Jr.
\$ 50	Andrew Wilhelm	\$ 50	John Altieri
\$ 50	Irma Kahle	\$ 50	Lou Ellerbrock

Christmas in Kalida is on a Sunday!

Sunday, December 6, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., at Four Season Park. The day of the week has changed, but the schedule is as fun as ever: food, horse carriage rides, the Lima Bean Choir, choirs from school, Live Nativity, Yule Log, Santa, and more! Come out and enjoy the season!

PTO – SCRIP Cards

The Kalida Elementary PTO will be placing a SCRIP gift card order on December 4 and December 15. Gift cards arrive approximately one week from the order date. Your purchase of gift cards through the PTO will help generate funds for new playground equipment at the Elementary School. Order forms can be found at kalida.k12.oh.us/cms/uploads/file/PTO/Scrip1516.pdf or in the Elementary School office.

Sophomore Retreat—Save the Date!

Sunday, January 17, 2016 to Monday, January 18, 2016