

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
 CRHP 6: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center  
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
 ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
 TMIY: 6:30 a.m., in the church basement

**SCRIP Gift Card Order**

The Kalida Elementary PTO will be placing a SCRIP gift card order on December 5 & 14. Delivery is approximately one week from the order date. SCRIP is a great way to buy all of your gift cards in one place and at the same time support the Kalida Elementary PTO. Order forms are available in the school office or on the school's website at <http://kalidaschools.org/cms/uploads/file/PTO/Scrip1617.pdf>

**Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry**

Brother Virg Siefker is celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> year of ministry within the Home Missions with the Glenmary Home Missioners. He attended St Michael's Church and took his education through Kalida Schools. *"I am grateful to my parents (Edwin and Martha), siblings (Carl, Ag, Arnie, Marge, and Mary) and to the many people who have touched my life, directing me and giving me inspiration that set me on the path of my ministry. I have lived in Windsor, NC for the last five years. Currently I am active in the food pantry, prison ministry, and nursing home. I am grateful for the many experiences that being a Brother in the Glenmary Home Missions has given me and the many people that have touched my life through it."* Brother Virg Siefker



**OFFERTORY - December 3 & 4**

**4:30 PM** Mark & Deb Kahle Family  
**8:00 AM** Gus & Judy Brinkman Family  
**11:00 AM** Grade 6

**USHERS - December 3 & 4**

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

**LECTORS - December 3 & 4**

**4:30 PM** Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle  
**8:00 AM** Tara Gerding, Mike Kahle  
**11:00 AM** Grade 6

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 3 & 4**

**4:30:** Deb McIntyre, Mary Lou Merschman, Deb Miller, Jane Kleman, Bob & Annette Meyer, Ed Schroeder, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder  
**8:00:** Dianna Kehres, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Connor Niese, Mary Plescher, Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Dianna Kehres, M/M Tony Vorst  
**11:00:** Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert, Abby Langhals, Becky Lucke, Taylor Lucke, Michele Niese, Tori Niese, Don Rall, Rose Recker

**SERVERS**

Mon, 11/28	8:00 AM	Logan Bockrath Brandt Brinkman
Tues, 11/29	8:00 AM	Marcus Cox Blake Eickholt
Wed, 11/30	8:00 AM	Kenzie Fortman Alysen Hoyt
Thurs, 12/1	7:30 PM	Ryan Klausing Grant Knapke
Fri, 12/2	8:00 AM	Grace Niemeyer Cole Nienberg
Sat, 12/3	4:30 PM	Makenna Hoyt Hannah Kahle
Sun, 12/4	8:00 AM	Mason Kerner
		Rachel Kahle Ella Kaufman
		Matt Kehres Jacob Kahle Brooke Kimball Sarah Klausing

**Upcoming Wedding**

**Billie Jean Gerding & Nathan Hovest**  
 will be married on Saturday, December 3, 2016.  
 Please include them in your prayers.

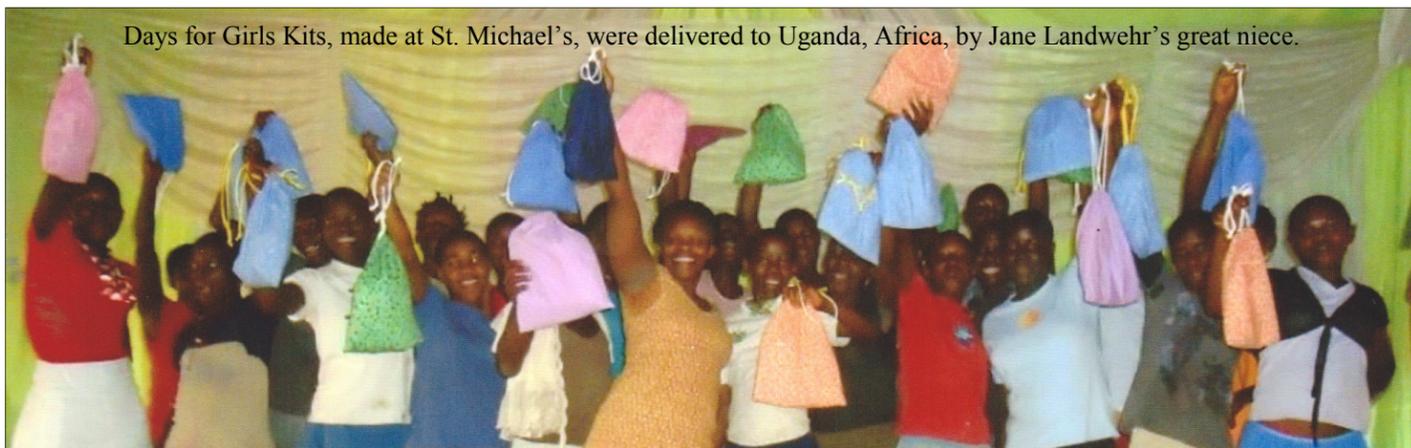
**Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio**  
**First Sunday of Advent: November 27, 2016**

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebe, C.P.P.S.  
 Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Jill Zeller Maintenance: Kevin Fischer  
 Address: 312 N. Broad St.; PO Box 387, Kalida, OH 45853 Phone: 419-532-3474 Website: stmichaelskalida.org

*Light the Advent  
 candle one; now the  
 waiting has begun.*



Days for Girls Kits, made at St. Michael's, were delivered to Uganda, Africa, by Jane Landwehr's great niece.



## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi and Happy Thanksgiving. I'm writing this before the family celebration, which happens all day Thursday. For my article this week I thought of Thanksgivings past and what I learned from them. I am hoping that many people can relate to my past Thanksgivings on the farm.

**The turkey:** For our family, the turkey had to be huge; so huge that it barely fit in the oven. It was at least twenty some pounds and usually a Butterball, complete with the pop out timer when it was ready. Mom would get up at 4 in the morning, before she would milk the cows, to get the bird started. She had her special seasonings which would make the bird taste just right and not come out dry. Paprika was always sprinkled on top. Thawing (unthawing in our family terms) had to happen two days in advance for such a huge bird. Basting needed to be done to keep things moist and perfect for the day. Dad did the carving, which always led to a discussion of, "Slice with the grain or against the grain." Dad figured it out after a few tastings. Through it all, I thanked God for the hard work which kept a family together.

**The cranberries:** This was the job for the kids. Mom's sauce was a combination of cranberries, oranges and some walnuts. The cranberries and oranges went through the same grinder which grandma used. The cranberries would occasionally pop and smiles appeared on children's faces. The combination of smells of ground fruits filled the kitchen. I thanked God for the delight of sweet smells.

**The dressing:** In our house, dressing was a must. Mom had her own recipe and used all the parts of the turkey. Neck meat and giblets were part of the recipe. Going through The Depression, made Mom and Dad very frugal. Adding raisins to the recipe was extravagant, but a necessity. Sometimes you needed to splurge. I thanked God for all the extras of life.

**Thanksgiving itself:** Thanksgiving was Mom's favorite. It was a time of just family. There were no presents to buy or wrap. When I was young, there was no Black Friday to interfere with family. One could eat, sit down for cards, go for a walk or just feel comfortable to be full, in a full house of family. I'm sure Mom looked over her brood and smiled. I still smile when I think of those days. I did thank and still thank God for family.

**Health:** Most every Thanksgiving the whole family joined together. That included my older brothers and sisters who had moved to other states. Brothers and sisters came from Illinois, Kentucky, and Indiana and brought their children and babies with them. Thanksgiving was always great, but after was not always so nice. Germs from these states joined with Ohio germs to make little children lose their cookies, their turkey and cranberries on the way back to their home states. It was never very pleasant, but by Christmas all were healthy again for another family gathering. I thank God for health.

**Prayer:** We prayed as a family. The Thanksgiving prayer was the only prayer throughout the year which was spontaneous. It was one day where we thanked God with audible voices to say how blessed we were. With so many kids joined you never knew what God was going to be thanked for. It may have been the newly-born calf, a good corn crop or the addition of a new in-law, usually in that order. No matter what, God was always there. Perhaps that is why Thanksgiving is near the feast of Christ the King. God was always first in our family and maybe that is why we are still strong today.

Happy Thanksgiving. May God bless us all. **Fr. Mark**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM Arlene Edelbrock

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM Alphonse & Eleanore Jerwers

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 *St. Andrew, apostle*

8:00 AM Alaina & Mia Landwehr

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 PM Leo & Irene Schnipke, Amos Morman

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 *First Friday*

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

NM Gerding & Hovest

4:30 PM Alvin & Marcella Recker

L/D Urban & Mary Quinn Family

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Jim Hamilton

11:00 AM Kenneth Schulte, Edwin & Martha Siefker

Al & Anna Marie Warnecke Family

**Last Sunday's Collection:** \$ 9,328.20

### Choir Assignments - December 3 & 4

4:30: YAHS 8:00: HN 11:00: Youth (Practice at 10 am)

### November Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Greg Recker	\$100	Keith Hamburg
\$100	Mike Schimmoeller	\$100	Pat Broecker
\$100	Ken Landwehr	\$ 50	Steve Myers
\$ 50	Brandon Tiell	\$ 50	Judy Bockrath
\$ 50	Charlie Schroeder	\$ 50	Ron Kahle, Jr.
\$ 50	Lisa Young	\$ 50	Brian Recker

### Informational Meeting for NCYC

#### National Catholic Youth Conference

Thursday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m., in St. Michael Church Basement. This meeting is for all 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents interested in learning more about the conference. I have some ideas for fund raising for this November 2017 conference. If you'd like to check out the NCYC 2017 program, go to [www.ncyc.nfcym.org](http://www.ncyc.nfcym.org). Any questions, please contact Jill Zeller (419-532-3494, ext. 103).

### Wanted: CYO Athletic Director & Boys Coach

Both spots need filled for the fast-approaching basketball season. Contact Fr. Mark (419-969-0148) if interested.

### Christmas in Kalida - Sunday, December 4

4:00-7:00 p.m., at Four Seasons Park.

### Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

December 7 & 8, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the Ottawa Senior Center (1035 East Third Street in Ottawa). We will be selling greeting cards, Christmas cards, crafts and home made baked goods, including our home made peanut brittle and noodles. Lunch will be served both days from 11:00 - 1:00. Wednesday menu: chicken noodle soup, BBQ pork, hot dog or brat sandwich or platter, home made desserts and drink. Thursday menu: cheesy potato soup, egg salad, hot dog or brat sandwich or platter, home made desserts and drinks. Carry out orders are available by calling 419-523-9953.

## Advent Begins

It is a time of joyful celebration as we await the coming of our Savior. It is a celebration of anticipation as we await the fullness of the Lord. Take time this year to prepare with hope and joy with times of prayer.

### "A Season of Praise" Advent Booklets

are available at the church entrances. Pope Francis said: "Praise...gives us life, because it is intimacy with God, which grows with praise every day." Pick up your copy today and prepare for Christ's coming.

### Giving Tree 2016

This year we are teaming up with the diocese to help families through Catholic Charities (through their program, "Project Bethlehem"). These gifts will help families in the diocese have a brighter Christmas. Take a tag or tags off the Giving Trees and return the wrapped present/presents by **Dec. 4**, so that we can get the presents up to Toledo for distribution.

### Thanks from the Youth Group

The Youth Group would like to thank you for all the donations collected last Sunday for the food pantry and the Bigger/Better contest. Some Bigger/Better items "traded up" from a paper clip, a stamp, a pen, a balloon and rubber band include: bottles of soap, a set of dishes, some rugs, and even a huge map of the United States, plus lots more. Thank you for your generosity. In the spring, we will have a collection day for items we could sell at the Parish Garage Sale (during the Kalida Garage Sale in April). Proceeds will go to our Mission project in Tanzania.

### CLC Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m., at the Outpost (17747 SR 190). Kalida CLC will pay the cost for members attending. Please call Ann Warnecke (419-532-3662) by December 5 for a reservation. Hosted by Ft. Jennings Council.

### Altar Rosary Christmas Party

The Altar Rosary Party will be having a Christmas Party on Monday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8. Contact Judy Brinkman (419-532-3348) or Sandy Vorst (419-532-3288) if you would like a meal delivered to your home that evening.

### Money Stall for Kalida Grades 7-12

On Friday, December 1, the KHS Cats Who Care Service Group, with help from the National Honor Society, will be sponsoring a Money Stall for students in Grades 7-12. The purpose of the activity is to delay or stall the start of each class by making the teachers count any money that they bring in. All proceeds from the money stall will be donated to Autumn Sprunger and her family. Autumn is a junior at Pandora-Gilboa High School and is currently undergoing treatments for a very aggressive form of T-Cell Lymphoma. Anyone who would like to make a donation may drop it off at the high school office. Thank you for your support!

### Nativity Displays in Glandorf

Over 35 different nativities from around the world will be on display Sunday, December 4, from 9:00 am-3:00 p.m., at the St. John the Baptist Parish Center. Freewill offering to support Heartbeat of Lima.

## High School CCD - November 30

Everyone has class.

### Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Kelli Ellerbrock's 1B class on Wednesday, November 30, and Jill Zeller's 7B class, on Friday, December 2.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 1, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. This time of adoration is available for adults as well the school children. Come and spend time with the Jesus.

### CYO Basketball Parents Meeting

Wednesday, November 30, from 8:00-8:45 p.m., in the church basement. We will collect/fill out required forms, go over program rules and answer any questions. New for this year will be a nominal \$10 per player fee to cover referee fees to start the year, which will come back in pizza at the end. Go Crusaders!

### 2017 March for Life Bus Trip

Sign up today for the March For Life in Washington DC, (January 26-29). Contact Don Rall for more information (419-532-2565 or [drall323@gmail.com](mailto:drall323@gmail.com)).

## CHRISTMAS SCHOOL

Saturday, December 17, 2016

Ages 4-9 years ~ babysitting available too!



The Youth Group is hosting a Christmas School for children ages 4-9, on **Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 9:00am-noon** at St. Michael's Parish Center. While we share Christmas stories & activities with your children, parents will have a chance to do a little shopping or attend to some Christmas duties at home. **Return the registration form to the Parish Center by Monday, Dec. 5, 2016.** There is no cost for Christmas School, any donations received will be sent to the Teddy Bear Fund. Babysitting for children under 4 will be provided to the first 10 children signed up.

Contact Jill Zeller with questions 419-532-3494 X103.

### Christmas School Registration

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_ Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_ Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_