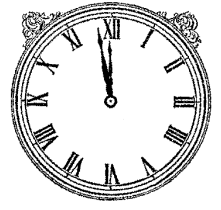




# St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

Advent...A Time of Preparation...A Time of Change

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**



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## “Together Again” A St. Michael Parish Christmas”

Friday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m.

- We will begin in church with short presentations by the school children, songs by the choir and a **special presentation, which you won't want to miss!**
- We will head outdoors to sing some songs and light the Parish Christmas Tree. Did you know that this tree was a gift from the Godson of housekeeper Klara Frommherz, back in 1984?
- You are invited to come into **Fr. Mark's house** for some h'ordeuvres, see his decorations and view nativity sets from around the world; there will also be a **Live Nativity** in Fr. Mark's garage.
- You are also invited to gather around the **bonfire** outdoors. We will have pork sandwiches.
- You can also gather in the church basement, where you will find MORE FOOD and DRINKS, and **cookie-decorating and crafts for the kids**. Bring your camera for a picture with **Saint Nicholas**, who will have his own Winter Wonderland room! There will also be playing cards for adults, if you want to play a hand of Euchre.
- And your pictures...your wonderful **old Christmas photos!!!** They will be on display in the church basement. Take your time, grab some food and walk down memory lane, as you smile at the photos from Christmases past.

## What We Need from You...

### 1. *More of your OLD Christmas pictures!*

We are extending the deadline because we know that once you see what we're doing, you're going to wish you submitted some! We have photos from as far back as 1944...the older the better! But if your family is young, just give us some of your earliest photos. We want to look back and remember when...not only of when your current family was younger, but when YOU were a kid at Christmas, as well. And the holidays can be a tough time if you've lost a loved one; but we'd love to remember them that evening, as well, so if you have a picture of them at Christmastime, that would be wonderful. **Deadline is now Sunday, December 11.**

### 2. *H'ordeuvres*

We also invite you to bring an h'oeuvre to share at our Parish Christmas Celebration on December 16. If you would like to bring something to share, that would be great, but it's definitely not a requirement. But if you do, please drop it off at the Parish Center either on Thursday, December 15 or Friday, December 16, during the day.

### 3. *You!*

We want to share the evening with you! It is a busy time of year, but we know that it will be a night to remember, so we hope to see you all at 7:30 p.m., on December 16!

**Mass Times:**

**Immaculate**

**Conception**

**Wed., December 7**

7:30 p.m.

**Thurs., December 8**

8:00 a.m.

& 7:30 p.m.



## From Fr. Mark...

Hi to all of you and Happy Advent.

The first week of December, I always celebrate a couple of family birthdays. My mom's birthday (she would have been 94) is December 3, and my brother Ron's birthday is December 5, the eve of St. Nick's day. Birthdays in the Hoying house growing up were always big events. The birthday person got to sit at the kitchen table with the whole family standing around in a circle to sing Happy Birthday. With so many people in the family, it was like being sung to by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir...only with bad voices. The gift (we only ever got one gift for birthdays) was opened with everyone standing around in anticipation. Special food was prepared and the cake, of the person of honor's choosing with ice cream, accompanied the day. On a cold Winter's day, it was nice to take some time to celebrate something special.

For Mom on this birthday week, she was happy to see everyone else happy. She said that her birthday was not as important and that she would share Ron's cake. We still sang around the table for her, but she was just as pleased to see others happy when it came to the food and presents. Her happiness was others' happiness. She was just as happy to share her day.

That image is something to think about in this second week of Advent. As we look at "Time to Prepare, Time to Change," perhaps if we took time to notice and appreciate our neighbors and their wishes, true joy and happiness would be our gifts at Christmas. To be ready for the coming of the love of the Lord, calls us to be ready to love our neighbors. To see their joy becomes our joy. We see that as we watch children get ready for St. Nick. We want them to be so happy and we smile when grins appear on their faces. To want joy for our neighbors can become our joy.

At Advent, we say, "Come, Lord Jesus." A new way to prepare for His coming would be to say, "Come, Lord Jesus for my neighbor." Since time is the theme for our Advent celebrations, take time for a neighbor this week.

Happy St. Nick's Day to everyone. Hope he brings all of you an orange and not a stick. *Fr. Mark*

### CYO Games – Sunday, December 4

Boys (Josh) vs. Leipsic, at Kalida at 1:00 p.m.

Boys (Recker) vs. Ft. Jennings, at Kalida at 2:15 p.m.

Boys (Fischnich) vs. Glandorf, at Kalida at 3:30 p.m.

Girls (Knueve) at Grove, at 1:00 p.m.

Girls (Fr. Mark) vs. Leipsic, at Home at 4:45 p.m.

Girls (Bockrath) at Ottawa at 3:30 p.m.

### Heartbeat's New Ultrasound Machine

Heartbeat is proud to announce that on Sunday, December 11, at 1:30 p.m., there will be a Dedication and Open House at the satellite office, located at 226 S. Elizabeth St., for the ultrasound machine. The funds for the ultrasound, training and other expenses were raised by the Knights of Columbus Councils and the parishioners of Allen, Putnam & Van Wert counties. Please feel free to come to see our new location, and to thank those whose generosity made our ultrasound machine a reality!

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 *St. Nicholas*

8:00 AM Loretta Vorst (CLC)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM Rita Birkemeier

7:30 PM Richard & Gladys Unverferth (RA)

Rose Siefker (RA)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 AM Marsha Courtright

7:30 PM Carol Morman (A)

Alfred Peck

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

NM Haselman & Wilson

4:30 PM

Lee & Annette Kromer, Paul Burgei

Thomas Siefker, Marcella Karhoff

Jeff Heitmeyer, L/D Kalida EMS

Virgil & Clara Horstman

Esther Siefker, Randy Siefker

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM

Gregory & Laura Foppe

Clete Hoffman &

Bertha (Hoffman) Kuhlman

11:00 AM

Tom & Janet Schroeder

Neil Warnecke

L/D Harry & Alberta Selhorst Family

Wilfred & Gertrude Hark



**Last Week's Collection: \$ 8,314.38**

**Thanksgiving Collection: \$ 4,683.00**

### Choir Assignments—December 7 & 8

7:30 Wednesday: YAHS 7:30 Thursday: RA

### Choir Assignments—December 10 & 11

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

### Christmas Flower Intentions...

are being accepted. Please place them in the collection by Sunday, December 18.

### Mass in the Barn

All are invited to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent with Mass in the Barn, at Ron & Ruth Foppe's Farm. Mass at 7:00 p.m., with refreshments (provided by the Rosary Altar Society) to follow in the garage. The farm is located just two miles north of Kalida, on St. Rt. 115 (a white farm house and red barn on the east side of the road).

### Area Penance Services

Sunday, December 4. at 2:00 p.m., at Ottoville

Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Grove

Wednesday, December 14, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Kalida

Monday, December 19, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Ottawa

### Christmas Bible Study

Fr. Mark will be hosting a Bible study session to help prepare for the coming of Christmas. On Mondays, December 12 & 19, at Noon, we will gather at the rectory. Food will be provided for a quick 30-45 minutes for both lunch and a lesson, to study of the story of the birth of Jesus.

## **High School CCD - December 7**

Everyone to attend Holy Day Mass at 7:30 p.m.

## **All School Mass—Thursday, December 8**

Michele Doepker's 5A Class will plan the Mass.

### **Recent Baptisms**

**MADISON ARIA JAMES-BURDEN**

Daughter of Eugene & Kelly (Rampe) Burden

**LOUIE WILLIAM THOMAS**

Son of & Garrick & Molly (Rampe) Thomas

**GAVIN WILLIAM VERHOFF**

Son of Brian & Tara (Czubik) Verhoff

### **CLC Christmas Party...**

will be December 12, in the church basement, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Dinner and entertainment to follow. The theme for the evening is "The Perfect Gift." Tickets are \$5.00 and a \$5.00 gift exchange is optional. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on December 3 & 4, or you may call Ann Warnecke (419-532-3662) to reserve a ticket. Please remember to bring your volunteer hours paper or email/send, as stated on the paper you received in August.

### **K of C Christmas This Sunday!**

Bring your kids or grandchildren to the Kalida K of C Hall on Sunday December 4, at 1:00 p.m., to see Santa. There will be cookies to decorate, games for the kids, and treats from Santa. Don't miss your chance to tell Santa that you've been good, and what you wish for this Christmas!

### **Thank You**

The family of Rose Marie Siefker would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards, support, and expressions of sympathy. We would especially like to thank Fr. Mark, the staff at The Meadows of Kalida, our neighbors, friends, Helping Hands, the choir and organist and any one else who helped out in any way during this difficult time.

Harry Siefker & Family

### **March for Life in Washington D.C.**

**January 21-24, 2012**

Plans are underway to take a bus from the Putnam County area to the March. Along with the March, we will be visiting many sites, including: Holocaust Memorial Museum, Arlington Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Smithsonian Museums, Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, March for Life 2012 Rally to the Supreme Court, etc. There will be lots of walking, as we will be traveling throughout D.C. by the Metro system. We are estimating the cost to be \$180-\$200 per person. More details will be forthcoming. Reserve your seat on the motor coach by calling Mary Siefker (419-796-0180) by December 20.

### **A Unique Christmas Gift!**

**Need a Christmas gift** for that someone special? Give a **Lenten Bus Pilgrimage** to Alabama to see the "miniature" Ave Maria Grotto, attend the televised Mass at Our Lady of Angels Monastery, tour EWTN studios, be in the live TV audience of "Theology of Hope" with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, and spend an entire day at the inspirational Shrine of the Most

Blessed Sacrament. Sponsored by St. Michael's Rosary Altar Society. This 5day/4night trip costs \$425 per person and leaves Kalida on March 25 and returns March 29, 2012. Men and women are welcome. Registration deadline is March 1, 2012. Contact Rita Borgelt (419-532-3637) for details.

### **Chastity Committee to Continue**

The St. George Deanery Chastity Committee has received very uplifting feedback, as to the success of Jason Evert's presentation this past October. We have decided to continue this committee to promote the virtue of chastity. As year end approaches, we realize that some people might be looking for a program to which to donate for their tax deduction. This would help to ensure that funds are available to continue promoting the message of chastity to all the youth of the St. George Deanery. Checks can be made out to "Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church," with "St. George Deanery Chastity Program" in the memo line. Thank you again for supporting the youth of the St. George Deanery.

### **Save the Date...**

to attend a Christ Renews His Parish Women's Weekend on February 18-19, 2012. What is Christ Renews His Parish? Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP, pronounced "Chirp") is a spiritual renewal weekend, designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with others in their faith community. It is an excellent opportunity for Catholics to renew their understanding of the basic beliefs and traditions of their faith. Say a prayer. Ask God what you should do. We believe He wants you here. More details to come. God Bless! Kalida St. Michael's CRHP Team.

### **Ottawa Legion Auxiliary Christmas Party**

We would like to invite you to attend the Christmas party and celebrate with our Unit, on Monday, December 12. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment provided by OGHS Show Choir. Birthdays will be honored and cards will be played. Husbands and guests are invited to come. Please bring canned items for the hungry. Please RSVP by calling Darlene Hanneman (419-532-3871) by December 7.

### **Walking in St. Michael's Gym**

During regular school days, the gym is open for walking from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Please enter through the main office doors. Thanks!

### **Youth Group Meeting**

Today, Sunday, December 4, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., with "Talk it Up" to follow from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

### **Sophomore Retreat**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 15-16, 2012. Forms were sent out this week and are due back by Dec. 20.

### **Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C.)**

This weekend retreat is open to current Juniors, Seniors and College Freshman. The next TEC weekends are Boys: Jan.28-30, Girls: Feb. 18-20. For more information, contact Mary Siefker (419-532-3494, ext. 103).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: after school

ROSARY ALTAR CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:30 p.m.

PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:30 p.m.

HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: after 7:30 p.m. Mass

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

OFFICES CLOSED DUE TO HOLY DAY

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

## Kalida Kindergarten Registration

Kalida Elementary School is conducting kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration forms are available in the elementary office. Please return the completed registration form, with a certified birth certificate, before December 15. Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2012, in order to register. For additional info., contact the school office (419-532-3845).

## Scrip Card Order

The Kalida Elementary PTO will be placing a SCRIP card order on December 12, for delivery by Christmas. SCRIP is a wonderful way to do your shopping or give a gift card to someone special, and at the same time, support the efforts of the students and teachers at Kalida Elementary. Order forms are available by contacting the elementary office or on the school's website, at [www.kalida.k12.oh.us](http://www.kalida.k12.oh.us). Click on the Elementary Tab and PTO. You can print out the order form and return it to the Kalida Elementary School office. Thanks for your support.

## Public Transportation to Walmart & Downtown Ottawa

On December 8, 2011, the Putnam County Office of Public Safety is offering transportation for those not comfortable making the drive to Ottawa. For \$5, you will receive transportation to and from your community and a one and a half hour shopping trip to Walmart or Downtown Ottawa. Pick-up will be at 10:00 a.m., at The Meadows of Kalida and we will return at 1:30 p.m. RSVP to the Office of Public Safety (1-866-366-7294) by December 6.

## HOLY DAY ASSIGNMENTS

### December 7 at 7:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min:** Megan Meyer, Deanna Kahle, Austin Roebke, Brooke Schnipke, Kylie Siebeneck, Elizabeth Turnwald, Casey Unverferth, Justine Verhoff, Sarah Verhoff, Halie Zenz

**Lectors:** Whitney Smith, Amy Smith

**Ushers:** Team 8

### December 8, at 7:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min:** Kayla Siefker, Regina Fischnich, Sean Fischnich, Ruth Foppe, Linda Fortman, Sue Fuerst, Carrie Gerding, Darlene Hanneman, Grace Haselman

**Lectors:** Barb Unverferth, Melissa Verhoff

**Ushers:** Team 9

## GIFT BEARERS – December 10 & 11

**4:30 PM** Fran & Diane Vorst Family

**8:00 AM** Tom & Alice Brinkman Family

**11:00 AM** Joe & Linda Hovest Family

## USHERS – December 10 & 11

**4:30 PM** Team 8

**8:00 AM** Team 9

**11:00 AM** Team 7

## LECTORS – December 10 & 11

**4:30 PM** Paul Bonifas, Shelly Burkhart

**8:00 AM** Elizabeth Turnwald, Dennis Turnwald

**11:00 AM** Carl Siefker, Don Wehri

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December 10 & 11

**4:30:** Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Miranda Hermler, Mark Kahle, Mary Ellen Killion, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Don Rall, Lisa Rampe, Rose Recker

**8:00:** Mary Grote, Dave & Jane Kahle, Mary Lou Hoffman, Jim Hanneman, Joyce Klausing, Dianna Kehres, Joan Peck, Norma Vorst, Donna Schnipke

**Minister to the Sick:** Jim Hanneman

**11:00:** Kristi Honigfort, Mark Remlinger, Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Bob & Annette Meyer, Cassy Schulte, Dick & Jane Schulte, Mary Siefker

## SERVERS

Tues, 12/6	8:00 AM	Makenzie Smith Adam von der Embse
Wed, 12/7	8:00 AM	Sarah Cleemput Maddison Edelbrock
	7:30 PM	Summer Holtkamp Trevor Holtkamp Kristi Honigfort
Thurs, 12/8	7:30 PM	Eric Kahle Ryan Kahle Luke Kaufman
Fri, 12/9	8:00 AM	Brandon Erhart Alec Fortman
Sat, 12/10	4:30 PM	Nicole Kaufman Mitchell Kerner Kyle Kehres
Sun, 12/11	8:00 AM	Rob Kleman Adam Knueve Erin Knueve
	11:00 AM	Nathan Kortokrax Katelyn Kortokrax Meredith Kromer

## Hospital Visitation

December 5: Brenda      December 7: Joan & Rose

## Upcoming Wedding

*Heather Haselman & Shannon Wilson*

will be married on Saturday, December 10, 2011.

Please include them in your prayers.

## “A Cozy Christmas” Open House...

at Putnam County Historical Museum on Friday, December 9, from 6:00—9:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 11, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. St. Michael's YAHS Choir will be at the museum at 7:45 p.m. on Friday.

## Meadows of Kalida Tree Gala - Dec. 18

Snacks & appetizers begin at 1:30 p.m.; auction at 4:00 p.m.