



St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Sunday, February 28, 2010

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CATHOLIC 101: THE BASICS

The First in a Series of 4 Tuesdays in Lent—An Adult Education Opportunity!

COME JOIN US THIS TUESDAY!

“The Creed: Breaking it down to help us better understand its meaning”

This program will focus on the creeds, the existence of God in our lives, God revealed in the Bible, and our unquenchable thirst for happiness. This program will end with a fun game of group Jeopardy (winners to receive prizes chosen specially for you).

Tuesday, March 2, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

St. Michael Church Basement

Soup & Stations

Let's Get Together This Sunday!

On Sunday, February 28, there will be a special presentation with the Youth Group leading the Stations of the Cross. After the 10:00 a.m. Mass, soup and bread will be served for a simple lunch, followed by the Stations at 12:30 p.m. Please join us as we reflect on Jesus' walk to Calvary.

Father-Son Retreat

All fathers and sons (ages 5-15) are invited to a Father & Son Lenten Retreat, to be held at Kalida St. Michael Church and Gym, on Sunday, March 7, from 8:00 a.m. until approximately noon. We will attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass and then meet at the gym for donuts, spiritual talks led by Fr. Martin Connor LC, Stations of the Cross, and sports. If interested, please contact Greg Zeller (532-2511) or Dale Siebeneck (532-2572). Please RSVP by March 5.

Pastor's Notes

Good day and happy Lent. It is windy this morning, which reminds me of a famous saying at this time of year. With March 1 upon us, when the wind roars like a lion, April comes in like a lamb. In the United States we have Chicago, the Windy City. In New Zealand we have Te Aroha, known for its windy conditions. I remember a day in Te Aroha when I leaned as far forward as I could, like an Olympic ski jumper, and couldn't take a step forward, the wind was that strong against me.

With our Lenten theme of walking in the desert with the Lord, I just imagined what a good wind would do to all the sand in front of the altar. We would have a dust storm in church. But if our spiritual journeys have dried up, a good wind, especially if it is a gust of the Holy Spirit, might just blow some life into our journey. It might disturb our walk, change our direction, make us walk faster, even blow us away. But the Holy Spirit will change us. And that is what Lent is about. Our lives have become dusty, dirty in fact, and we need the life-giving waters of the Lord to cleanse us. In Lent our prayer opens our minds to awareness of the dirt, our fasting opens our hearts to the affects of the dirt in our lives and almsgiving opens our lives to change so that the dirt may be lifted off others.

So, send us some wind, Lord. Shake the dust off our lives. When April comes, and Easter also, may our lives be ready for the True Lamb to blow into our lives. That Lamb will bring us peace and true life.

A good wind actually helps us walk during Lent. Happy Lent to all of you. *Fr. Mark*

Rosary Altar is "On the Move"...

to the Meadows of Kalida for the March 1st meeting, beginning at 7:30 p.m. We will be enjoying bingo with the residents. Committee is Amy Cleemput (chairperson), Connie Cleemput, Sue Clementz, and Rita Croy. Positive Action for March: Attend a weekday Mass each week.

History Book of the Diocese of Toledo

As part of the celebration of the Centenary of the Diocese of Toledo in 2010, a book has been compiled of the history of our diocese, along with the history each of its parishes, including St. Michael's. It is a beautiful, hard-cover book, filled with tons of information and colored pictures. You can purchase a copy for \$20 at the Parish Center.

Youth Offertory Envelopes...

are available in the back of church. In the past, we gave all Elementary & Jr. High Students a set of envelopes. This year, to eliminate waste, we ask that parents take a box for their children, if they are interested in utilizing it as a stewardship lesson.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 AM

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

NOON

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

7:30 PM Blanche Morman

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 AM Loretta Miller

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

4:30 PM Rose Erhart

Sister Angela Marie Fortman

Sister Helen Joseph Fortman

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Rita Schroeder (RA)

10:00 AM Tony & Marie Langhals Family

1:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Last Week's Collection: \$ 7,507.83

Choir Schedule - March 6 & 7

4:30: Lauren 8:00: Kayla 10:00: RAS, Kayla

Holy Name Choir

Choir practices will resume on Monday, March 8. Bring your packet of Lenten and Easter music with you.

K4J...

a club for Catholic kids, ages 3 - 4th grade will have our next meeting on Wednesday, March 3, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the High School Auditoria (\$2.00/child). PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER so we have enough supplies for each child - Julie Siebeneck (419-532-2572) or Renee Kerner (419-532-2636).

All Women of the Parish...

are invited to LENT by CANDLELIGHT on Sunday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement. Please join us as we gather to grow in our beautiful faith and learn more about this season of preparation to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Our speaker this year is Sharon Morris, from Akron. Please call Jill Zeller (419-532-2511) or Julie Siebeneck (419-532-2572) for more information and to reserve a seat.

Team Up With God

We're looking for high school students interested in leading games and small group sessions at our annual junior high gathering, on March 14, at Miller City. High school teams members are required to attend team training the day of the event, beginning at 10:00 a.m. For team forms, contact Mary Siefker or check out the parish website.

Meeting Reminder

The Social Justice Committee will meet on Monday, March 1, at 6:15 p.m., in the Parish Center.

Reconciliation Times During Lent

Saturdays: 10-11 a.m. Thursdays: 6:45—7:15 p.m.

A Heavenly Home

The Funeral Mass for **Rita Schroeder** was held this past Thursday, February 25. Please remember Rita and her family in your prayers.

Boxes & Bags Needed

We are in need of cardboard boxes and/or grocery bags to use at the Food Pantry in March. Approximately 75 families utilized the Food Pantry the last Tuesday that it was open, so at least that many containers will be needed by March 9 when St. Michael's mans the pantry. If you have any boxes or bags to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Center by 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 9. Thanks for your help! *Social Justice Committee*

To Our Parish Family

Thank you for the support that each and everyone of you gave us at this difficult time. Your soothing words, friendly visits, heartfelt prayers or just in thought, were a comfort to the whole family. Beautiful memories of Bob are treasured forever in our hearts.

Kind regards, The Family of Robert F. Grote

World Youth Day Registration Deadline—April 10, 2010

Students age 16 (or close to 16) by Aug. 9, 2011, up to Young Adults (age 25) are invited to the 2011 World Youth Day Pilgrimage held in Madrid, Spain. This 14 day trip begins on August 9, 2011 and includes stops at Fatima, Burgos, Lourdes and all the WYD events in Madrid. We will fly home on August 22, 2011. Total cost of the trip is around \$3,000, which covers all air and land transportation, round trip from Detroit. It also covers all WYD fees, hotel accommodations and almost all meals. **A \$500, non-refundable deposit is due to the parish by April 10, 2010 for all committed to the pilgrimage.** For more information and to register, contact Mary Siefker, at 419-532-3494, ext. 103, or 419-532-2480.

7th & 8th Grade

The Catholic Carnival is coming to a town near you! The annual St. George Deanery junior high gathering is Sunday, March 14, beginning with registration at the old gym in Miller City, at 1:00 p.m. The day includes games, workshops, amazing food, live music, prayer, fun activities and a chance to win prizes. The gathering concludes with Mass at St. Nicholas Church, with Fr. Mark Hoying, at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10. All forms were mailed to 7th & 8th grade parents. If you need a copy, contact Mary Siefker.

6th Grade Overtime!

Forty-five 6th graders took part in an evening of fun, food, games and prayer last Friday! Thanks goes out to all the St. Michael Youth Board Members who lead them in this evening of fun, along with the adult chaperones: Fr. Mark, Annette Gerding, Linda Honigfort, Diane Vorst & Lisa Webken.

Liturgy of the Hours

Weekdays during Lent, at 7:30 a.m., in church. Join us!

High School CCD Notes—March 3

Fr. Mark will visit Melinda's sophomore class.

Helping Hands

WANTED: Dessert Bakers for funeral lunches. Please call Jill Zeller (419-532-2511) to add your name to our list of wonderful volunteer bakers. Thanks to you all!!! If you are on the list and want to be removed, please let me know, but if you want to stay on the list, you need not call.

Girls CYO Tournament Game...

for this Sunday, February 28, has been MOVED to KALIDA. The girls are playing Ottawa, at 3:30 p.m.

St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom

Teens throughout Putnam County invite all Senior Citizens to our "Western Prom" on Sunday, March 28, at the Kalida K of C, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Please call 419-532-3474 to place your reservations!

Kalida Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The Kalida K of C will be having its Lenten Fish Fry each Friday during Lent. They will be serving from 4:00-7:00 p.m. each week. The March 19th Fish Fry will benefit the Putnam County Right to Life.

Sophomore Retreat...

will be held at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, on Saturday, April 17 to Sunday, April 18, 2010. More information will be coming in March.

Congratulations...

to Josh Klausing, son of Greg and Trisha Klausing, and Jarrod Stober, son of Jeremy and Christi Stober for their participation in the Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw tournament last weekend. Josh participated in the 10 year old division, while Jarrod won the 14 year old division, by making 23/25, advancing to State competition in March.

A Few Seats Left on the Bus

There are a few seats available on the **Lenten Bus Pilgrimage** to Alabama. You will visit the Ave Maria Grotto, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Monastery, EWTN studios and be part of the audience for the EWTN LIVE show. We leave March 21, at 2:00 p.m., and return March 25, around 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$350 - \$400, depending on the number of people in a room. Everyone is welcome! Call Rita Borgelt, at 419-532-3637, for registration and details.

Help Support the PTO...

and look great in the process! The PTO is sponsoring a Mary Kay fundraiser and offering a wide variety of their skin care and cosmetic products. Some items available include: Satin Hands hand cream and lips set, sunscreen, eye colors, signature lip colors, lash-lengthening mascara, and more! Order forms are available at the grade school office, post office, or on the school website. Orders are due by March 12 and will be in by March 22. Please contact Trisha Klausing, at 419.532.3053, with any questions.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, MARCH 1

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

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: 3:00 p.m.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING: 6:15 p.m.

RCIA: 7:00 p.m., at the Parish Center

ROSARY ALTAR MEETING: 7:30 p.m., at Meadows

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING: 6:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC 101 THE BASICS: 7:00—8:30 p.m.,
in the church basement

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

YA & HS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

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

KALIDA K OF C FISH FRY: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

PC Right to Life Meeting Time Change

Tuesday, March 2, at **6:00 p.m.**, at the Kalida Medical Arts Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Red Cross BBQ Chicken Drive-Thru

The Putnam County Chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting a BBQ chicken dinner drive-thru, on March 21, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Ottawa Senior Citizens Center in the Water Works Park. Pre-sale tickets will be offered and the meal will include a half chicken with green beans, au gratin potatoes and a dinner roll. Dinners will be prepared by Ted's Market, Pandora. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the Putnam County Red Cross office. For information contact the office, at (419) 523-4810. Funds raised will be used towards general chapter expenses.

"Answer the Call" Men's Conference...

will be held on March 20, 2010, at Cincinnati's Music Hall. This conference brings men together to examine their spirituality, as it relates to their relationships with others. The speakers include former Cincinnati Reds manager Jack McKeon, Brian Rooney (retired Marine captain, national champion football player and current board member of the Pittsburgh Steelers), Jim Gruden & Fr. Mark Burger. Cost is \$40. The registration form and more information can be found online at www.thecall.org.

Journey Through the Scriptures Series

Bishop Blair has invited the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology to return to Findlay, on March 20, for another day of training. The fourth in the Journey through Scripture Series, "The Bible & The Virgin Mary," will leave attendees well prepared to lead a Bible Study "from a Catholic perspective" (meaning that Mass, Sacraments, and other "Catholic things" are related to the study). Cont. Ed. credit from Diocese is in process. Cost is \$65, including lunch and all the materials you will need to present to a group, yourself. This is also a presentation that is, itself, a Bible Study, for anyone who is interested in learning and growing, but not in presenting. Limited seating. For details or to register, go to www.journeythroughscripture.com, or call 532-2204. Sponsored by Domus Angelorum Retreat House, Cloverdale.

GIFT BEARERS – March 6 & 7

4:30 PM Carl & Rhonda Osterhage Family

8:00 AM Dave & Jane Kahle Family

10:00 AM Mary Ann Hoersten Family

USHERS – March 6 & 7

4:30 PM Team 7

8:00 AM Team 8

10:00 AM Team 9

LECTORS – March 6 & 7

4:30 PM Megan Erhart

8:00 AM Katie Kromer

10:00 AM Bob Meyer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS– March 6 & 7

4:30: Lisa Rampe, Rose Recker, Mark Remlinger, Abby Schnipke, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Amanda Schulte, Miranda Schulte, Cassy Schulte

8:00: Mike & Karen Sarka, Dick & Judy Bockrath, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Amy Brinkman, Jim Hanneman, Donna Schnipke

Minister to the Sick: Dick & Judy Bockrath, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Amy Brinkman, Jim Hanneman

10:00: Dick & Jane Schulte, Cassie Siefker, Mary Siefker, Bethany Smith, Duane & Barb Steffan, Dennis & Brenda Trimboli

SERVERS

Mon, 3/1	8:00 AM	Andrew Krouse Adam Langhals
Tues, 3/2	8:00 AM	Devin Merschman Cody Niese
Wed, 3/3	8:00 AM	Kiersten Recker Michael Schroeder
Thurs, 3/4	7:30 PM	Ryan Schulte Kylie Siebeneck
Fri, 3/5	8:00 AM	Randy Zeller Becca Brinkman
Sat, 3/6	4:30 PM	Amanda Schulte Miranda Schulte Katrina Schumaker
Sun, 3/7	8:00 AM	Zachary Selhorst Cassie Siefker Amy Smith
	10:00 AM	Drew Stechschulte Emily Turnwald Michael Turnwald

Hospital Visitation

March 2: Mary & Dolores

March 4: Maggie & Mary Lou

Sunday School Babysitters—March 7

Alexis Decker, Whitney Smith, Madison Burgei

Low Impact Aerobics & Toning

Get ready to move with Northwest Fitness Club's group fitness class! You will do low-impact aerobics to challenge and improve your fitness, as well as toning exercises for a great, all-around workout! The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria. The next session starts Tuesday, March 2. Great for all fitness levels! Please call NWFC, at 419.523.9553, for more information.