



St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

January 8, 2012

From Fr. Mark...

Happy New Year, everyone. As I begin this new year, I carry with me the Christmas spirit. There is a joy of working and praying with good people. So many people came together to make Christmas come alive for our parishes. Thanks to all the music people who gave voice to the celebration of our Lord's birth. Thanks to the decorators who celebrated the beauty of a stable birth. Thanks to all the behind the scenes people who organized children for Christmas plays, to those who donated food and gifts for the needy so that those with little would have a Christmas for their families, and to those who kept me where I needed to be. It is hard work to keep me in line. Thanks to all who filled the pews. Thanks for inviting family members and friends to worship the Infant-King. Thanks for sharing faith.

I have a sense of hope as we start a new year in our parishes. So many good things happened last year that I can't help but smile as we plan for a new year. Practical things, like fixing the church tower at St. Michael's and putting a new sign in front of St. John's, lead to a promise of a well-taken-care-of-church. May we take care of each other, as well. Bible studies and RCIA programs fed the souls of many last year. More programs are planned for this coming year. Hope for the soul is part of the Christmas spirit.

Christmas love should fill the year. Last year we had many baptisms in our parishes. After six years of working in a children's hospital, I pray for all expectant couples. Children are dear to me. They are easy for me to love (maybe it is because I can leave them with their parents at the end of the day). With Christmas so recently celebrated, it may be a challenge to love everyone as we would love children. If a child shall lead us, let us look at others with a childlike love.

We celebrate Epiphany today. It is a revelation that God is everywhere and is for everyone. His love has been born into this world to unite all people in the hope that all can be one in His love. This Christmas has been a good example of that. May we keep that Christmas spirit throughout the year. Have a blessed new year. *Fr. Mark*

March for Life in Ottawa

Putnam County Right to Life invites everyone to join us on Sunday, January 22, 2012, for our second annual March and Rally for Life. We will meet at the Court House in Ottawa, Ohio at 2:00 p.m. for pro-life inspiration. We will march to the Lord's Park for prayer and reflection. Cookies and hot chocolate will follow at the American Legion Hall.

March for Life (January 21-24 in D.C.)

Seats available. Cost is \$200. Call Mary (419-796-0180).

Holy Name Christmas/New Year's Party...

will be held on Friday, January 20. See Mike Schimmoller for tickets (\$10/person).

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00 AM Special Intention (MR)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 AM Ray & Helen Grote

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 PM Carolus Siebeneck

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

4:30 PM Harold & Imelda Stechschulte
Angie Recker, Clete Hoffman &
Bertha (Hoffman) Kuhlman

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 AM Parish

11:00 AM Mary Ann Schnipke
90th Birthday Mildred Remlinger

Christmas Collection: \$ 56,590.08

Last Week's Collection: \$ 6,954.00

Choir Assignments—January 14 & 15

4:30: Lauren 8:00: HN 11:00: Lauren

High School CCD—January 11

Everyone has class. Food & Fellowship from 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. (sophomores will host).

Students Planning Mass This Week

Mary Grote's 3A Class on Wednesday, January 11, and Jill Liebrecht's 7B Class on Friday, January 13.

Recent Baptism

EVAN DONALD JERWERS DULLE
Son of Bryan & Jennifer (Jerwers) Dulle

Women's Retreat in Kalida

Christ Renews His Parish Women's Weekend will be February 18-19, 2012. Treat yourself to an exciting weekend of spiritual renewal, right here at St. Michael's. This 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 and ask God what you should do. We believe HE wants YOU here. For more information or to register, call one of the following: Karen Osterhage (419-532-3282), Ann Warnecke (419-532-3662) or Erin Kerner (419-532-3151). Watch for CRHP retreat brochures at the church entrances. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Youth Group Meeting This Sunday...

from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the Parish Center, with our "Talk it Up" session, from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

ROSARY FOR PEACE - 1:30 p.m., in church
YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: 3:00 p.m.
PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:30 p.m.
CLC MEETING: 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

SENIOR CITIZEN CARD PARTY: 1:30 in basement

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30:

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



K of C Free Throw Contest...

Sunday, January 15, at 1:00 p.m., at the Kalida High School Gym. Open to all girls and boys, ages 10 to 14. Contact Ron Erhart (419-532-2249) for more information.

Old Christmas Photos

The photos of your Christmases past (on display in the church basement) will be taken down this Tuesday, January 10. If you would like your photo, please take it off the wall by this Monday. If you would like to watch the video of the photos (set to music) go to youtube.com/kalidastmichaels.

Putnam County YMCA Aerobics

Low impact aerobics, toning & stepping. New session begins on January 9 (runs monthly). Held on Mondays (6:30-7:30 p.m.) and Wednesdays (6:00-7:00 p.m.) at the Kalida grade school cafeteria. Cost is \$15 for nonmembers and FREE for members. Please call to register. Any questions, call Lisa (419-532-2339).

Dear St. Michael's Parishioners

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! On behalf of the babies and mothers of Heartbeat of Lima, thank you! We appreciate so much your huge donation to Heartbeat of Lima! May God bless your homes with much love!

Linda McGregor, Executive Director

Blood Drive at Putnam Acres

Wednesday, January 11, from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Call Anne Schroeder (419-523-4092) for an appointment.

Matthew Kelly to Speak at Findlay St. Mike's

Saturday, March 10, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (750 Bright Rd.) Cost is \$39. Tickets are now on sale at www.dynamiccatholic.com. Kelly talks on "Living every day with passion and purpose" and how to apply the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of your life, including prayer and spirituality, work, dating and marriage, personal finances, health and well-being, parenting and community involvement. For more information, contact John Wood (419-619-7774).

National Vocation Awareness Week

January 9-14. A family activity sheet will be sent home with the youngest in each family through our CCD classes. You are invited to pray for the strengthening of all vocations.

Offertory - January 14 & 15

4:30 PM Mark & Deb Kahle Family
8:00 AM Marc & Renee Kerner Family
11:00 AM Mildred Remlinger Family

USHERS - January 14 & 15

4:30 PM Team 4
8:00 AM Team 5
11:00 AM Team 6

LECTORS - January 14 & 15

4:30 PM Paul Bonifas, Shelly Burkhardt
8:00 AM Amy Smith, Don Wehri
11:00 AM Andrea Bellmann, Bob Buss

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 14 & 15

4:30: Sarah Verhoff, Don Wehri, Greg Zeller, Halie Zenz, Alice Adams, Amy Brinkman, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas

8:00: Tom & Judy Bonifas, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Janet Burgei, Connie Cleemput, Bob Buss, Dave Buss, Larry Buss, Eileen Decker

Minister to the Sick: Tom & Judy Bonifas

11:00: Cheryl Bendele, Jen Edelbrock, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Lori Erhart, Megan Erhart, Ryan Erhart, Eric Fischnich, Regina Fischnich, Sean Fischnich

SERVERS

Tues, 1/10	8:00 AM	Ryan Ellerbrock Kristen Fortman
Wed, 1/11	8:00 AM	Lucas Gerding Logan Gerding
Thurs, 1/12	7:30 PM	Kelsi Hipsher Hannah Kahle
Fri, 1/13	8:00 AM	Brooke Kimball Dana Knueve
Sat, 1/14	4:30 PM	Paige Burgei Ben Cleemput Ryan Erhart
Sun, 1/15	8:00 AM	Tyler Erhart Zach Erhart Aaron Gerding Carrie Gerding Neil Gerding Brady Hermiller
	11:00 AM	

Hospital Visitation

Tues, January 10: Mary & Dolores

Library Family Fun Night...

Draper the Magician will be at the Kalida Union Township Library on Monday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited!

Northwest Fitness Aerobics

Shape up in the new year with Northwest Fitness Club's aerobics class, an all-around great workout that is perfect for all fitness levels! Join and receive a 30% off coupon for a pair of shoes at The Right Fit. Class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., at the elementary cafeteria. New session starts January 10. Prices for non-NFC members are \$20/month or \$65/4 months (Jan - Apr). Bring a stability ball, mat and hand weights. Call Becky at 419-532-2223 for more information or to register.