



St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

Sunday, March 14, 2010

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A Night of Inspiration



Lent by Candlelight

Many women from St. Michael's and the surrounding parishes enjoyed an evening of inspiration, delicious deserts and fellowship at the "Lent by Candlelight," held on Sunday, March 7. Thank you to our speaker, Sharon Morris, and all of you hostesses! Stay strong in your Lenten commitments!



Pastor's Notes

Happy Lent. If you hadn't noticed, the desert scene in front of the church changes every week. New desert items are added each week to make us go deeper into our journey with the Lord. Sometimes thorns are added. Jesus' journey was not easy. Many poked fun at Him. Dried up branches find their way into a desert, as old trees drop off what was once connected. Some of Jesus' companions dropped off the journey also. What do our companions say about us? A snake or two has found its way in front of the altar also. Just as temptations were part of Jesus' story, they are part of our journey also.

I think the most interesting visitors to our desert are the secret visitors. Little hand prints and foot prints find their way into the desert. Young and old have visited the wasteland in church. Sometimes the snake gets moved or I have to look to find the lizard. It's not where I last put it. What do I think about the children and older children (I caught a 75 year old in the sand the other day) going foot long into the desert? Do you think I might be saying to myself, "STAY OUT OF THE DESERT!" Not at all. Oftentimes the Lord finds us when we get into a mess. Snakes and sin aren't always where we expect them to be. Many times we might even find that we aren't walking alone in a desert at all. Others can warn us of danger or point things out to us which show us the way. So come to the desert. Walk with the Lord.

March 14 would have been my Dad's 96th birthday. He's been walking with the Lord, hand in hand, for nearly five years now. I think he's helping God farm also. (God uses Case tractors in heaven exclusively.) Today I remember walks with Dad. I wish I could take some of those walks again. By Jesus walking on the earth, I know that wish will one day become a reality. By walking with the Lord in the desert during Lent, I think the walk is a walk of love. Have a great week.

Fr. Mark

Other Notes...

- On Sunday many engaged couples are getting together for a Pre-Cana day. Keep these couples in your prayers as they prepare for marriages full of the love of the Lord.
- Make it a happy Lent and participate in the reconciling love of the Lord through the Sacrament of Penance. Check out times for forgiveness at St. Michael's and other local parishes.
- Holy Week is an important time of preparation for the Easter celebration. Make an extra effort to participate in this holiest week of the year. More information on Holy Week in next week's bulletin.

Senior Citizen Prom Coming Soon!

The Senior Citizen Prom, hosted by the teens throughout Putnam County, is an evening of entertainment, food and even some dancing, on Sunday, March 28, at the Kalida K of C, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 4:00 p.m.). Please call 419-532-3474 to place your reservations!

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 AM

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

NOON

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 PM The Harold Vorst Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

4:30 PM Dan Siefker, Clete Wehri

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM Earl Kleman & Family

10:00 AM Arnold & Mary Verhoff

Mary Ann Schnipke

Carol Ellerbrock

L/D Alphonse Schulte Family

1:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,988.83

Choir Schedule - March 20 & 21

4:30: PW 8:00: RA 10:00: Youth

Youth Choir Note

We will not have practice on Monday, March 15. The next time we sing is March 21, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

A Note of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to everyone who touched our lives throughout our mom's illness and during our difficult time at her funeral. The cards and letters, food and all the flowers and other acts of kindness were greatly appreciated. It was evident to us, by all the support, that she touched many people during her lifetime. We would also like to give a special thanks to the staff at the Meadows of Kalida and Father Mark for all their special care and attention.

The Family of Helen Unverferth

VBS Planning Meeting...

March 18, at 6:00 p.m., in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to make this year's VBS a success. We need help with decorating, crafts, food, stations, crew leaders and registration. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to help, call Deb Remlinger (532-2110 or remlinger.dk@live.com) or Connie Cleemput (532-3494, ext. 102 or ccleemput@bright.net). VBS is July 12-15, 2010.

Fr. Mark to Talk on "The Mass"

Our last second grade parent meeting will be held Monday, March 15, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the church basement. Fr. Mark is our presenter and his topic will be the Mass. This is open to anyone in the parish.

Area Penance Services

Monday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m., at Col. Grove

Thursday, March 18, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Glandorf

Sunday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m., at Ottoville

Wednesday, March 24, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., at Kalida

Adults—Come Join Us This Tuesday

March 16, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.,
St. Michael's Church Basement

*"Sacraments, Commandments, Works & Beatitudes:
The Building Blocks to Eternal Happiness"*

This program will focus on the meaning of Sacraments and their relationship to the Commandments, the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Beatitudes. There will also be a quick look into the Catechism of the Catholic Church & Canon Law. This program will end with an interesting twist that will certainly make you smile.

CLC Bake Sale & Colored Eggs

The CLC is sponsoring a bake sale on Good Friday, at the Kalida K of C, to benefit the Right to Life. We will also have colored eggs available. To place an order and have them reserved, please call Ann Warnecke (419-532-3662).

Senior Citizen Soup & Sandwich

March 16, at 6:00 p.m., in the church basement, with cards to follow. Cost is \$2. Call Kathy Recker (419-642-5221).

Easter Flower Intentions

There is an envelope in your packet. Please write your intention clearly on the back. Deadline is Sun., March 28.

H.S. Entertainers Needed!

Looking for fun, energetic high school entertainers to dress in their best "Wild, Wild West" costume and help with the Senior Citizen Prom on Sunday, March 28, from noon to about 8:30 p.m. Team Agreement forms are located at the Parish Center and on St. Michael's web site, under "Youth Group". Please have forms back to the Parish Center by Wednesday, March 24! Contact Mary with any questions!

Preschool

I am opening a preschool starting this fall. If you are interested in enrolling your son or daughter or have questions, you can call me (419-532-3937) or email (sarah_fortman@hotmail.com). I am looking forward to teaching the youth of our community. Thank you.

Sarah Fortman

Debra (Siefker) Schroeder Benefit

Saturday, March 20, from 4:30 – 11:00 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C. BBQ Chicken Dinners are \$7. There will be a corn hole tournament, children's activities, horse races, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and other raffle items. Debra is the wife of Marcus Schroeder, mother of Amy, Cathy, Charles, and Nathan. She is the sister of Tina (Chad) Cattell, Linda (Chris) Hoffman, and Roger (Mary) Siefker and aunt of Casey (Jeff) Kahle and Tony Recker from this parish. Debra is a 4-H advisor and is involved with the Rabbit Committee for the Putnam County Fair. She was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital ICU in Toledo on December 9, 2009 and was then transferred to Triumph Health Care ICU in Lima on January 13, then finally home on February 26, 2010. Please contact debraschroederbenefit@gmail.com or call Pam Sherman 419-969-4314, Diana Recker 419-538-6457, or Amy Schroeder 419-615-0546, if you wish to donate or for more information.

High School CCD Notes—March 17

Fr. Mark will visit Ann's Freshmen class. Everyone else has class.

Elementary Basement Sale

Our elementary students are asked to bring in items for our Annual Basement Sale. This year we are raising money for Haiti. Our Basement Sale will be held March 25. We need new or almost-new items that our students could purchase for their moms, dads, brothers, sisters, grandmas and grandpas. You can drop the items off at the Parish Center.

Stations of the Cross – March 14

Join the Rosary Altar, as they lead the Stations of the Cross from Mary's Perspective.

Learn to Braid Palms

On Sunday, March 28, at 2:00 p.m., in the church basement, several ladies will teach us how to braid palms.

Help the Ronald McDonald House

Items are needed for the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio. The Challenge Club of Putnam County will be collecting the following items: toothpaste (travel size), toothbrushes, bar soap, dryer sheets, breakfast bars, paper plates, Ziploc storage bags, and aerosol air freshener. Anyone wishing to donate these or other items can put them in the marked box in the elevator entrance of church until April 9. Thanks for your support!

Jr. High Gathering-Sunday, March 14

Registration is at the old Miller City gym, at 1:00 p.m. The gathering concludes with 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas Church, with Fr. Mark Hoying. Cost is \$10 at the door.

Do You Have the Wrong Black Coat?

Someone accidentally took the wrong leather coat after last Sunday's "Lent by Candlelight." If you realize you have the wrong coat, please call the Parish Center, and we'll give you your coat.

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

will be held on March 20, 2010, at Cincinnati's Music Hall. Cost is \$40. Info. can be found at www.thecall.org. Call Joe Schroeder (419-538-6984) for tickets.

Registration for Trinity Preschool

Trinity Preschool, Ottawa, will have open registration on Thursday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, Ottawa. Registration fee is \$35. It is a Christian-based program. Your child must be 3 by June 1, 2010 and potty-trained. Call 419-523-3518 with questions.

PC Right to Life Garage and Bake Sale

Wednesday, April 7, from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 8, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C. Please bring donated items and baked goods to the hall on Tuesday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

And the Winner Was...

Mary Gail Selhorst. She won the Kalida Athletic Boosters' raffle for the 40" TV.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, MARCH 15

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m., at the Parish Center
 2ND GRADE PARENT MEETING: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.
 HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

SENIOR CITIZEN SOUP & SANDWICH: 6:00 p.m.
 CATHOLIC 101 THE BASICS: 7:00—8:30 p.m.,
 in the church basement

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 YA, HS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

VBS PLANNING MEETING: 6:00 p.m., in basement

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m.
 KALIDA K OF C FISH FRY: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Afghan Show at the Meadows

The Meadows of Kalida will be hosting an Afghan Show the week of March 22. You can drop off your Afghan anytime after March 16, at the Activities Dept. If you have a display rack, please bring it. Please write a brief note with your name and any info. about your Afghan. If you have questions, call The Meadows (532-2961) or Dorothy Miller (532-3326).

Red Cross BBQ Chicken Drive-Thru

The Putnam County 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 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.

Memory Care Support Group Meeting...

at The Meadows of Kalida, on March 24, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. It is open to any community members going through the dementia journey with a loved one. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Cindy (532-2961) by March 23.



Brayden Recker (left) talks with Jeff Gerding

2nd Grade Meets with Seniors

All of our second graders showed up to meet with their senior class prayer partners to make rosaries this past Wednesday.

Thanks to the following seniors who participated:

Michael Bockrath, Kim Berheide, Amanda Brinkman, Greg Foppe, Julia Fuerst, Jeff Gerding, Amy Hamburg, Kyle Hoffman, Trisha Horstman, Kelly Kehres, Katie Kromer, Kara Kaufman, Kylie McIntyre, Abby Rampe, Jill Rieman, Cassie Siefker, Michael Turnwald, Steph Verhoff, Margaret von der Embse and Devin Warnecke.

GIFT BEARERS – March 20 & 21

4:30 PM Fran & Diane Vorst Family
8:00 AM Marc & Renee Kerner Family
10:00 AM Joe & Linda Hovest Family

USHERS – March 20 & 21

4:30 PM Alex Vorst, Jared Fortman, Kyle Hoffman, Connor Schmenk, Tyler Erhart, Ryan Erhart, Neil Recker, Phillip Loveland, Rob Kleman, Dustin Rosselit
8:00 AM Jordan Ellerbrock, Bryan Fortman, Aaron Gerding, Tyler Heitmeyer, Nathan Kortokrax, Austin Roebke, Cody Schnipke, Austin Selhorst, Brady Hermiller
10:00 AM Team 12

LECTORS – March 20 & 21

4:30 PM Joyce Schnipke
8:00 AM Ed Schroeder
10:00 AM Beth Selhorst

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS– March 20 & 21

4:30: Joyce Bonifas, Jen Edelbrock, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Lori Erhart, Megan Erhart, Eric Fischnich, Regina Fischnich, Sean Fischnich, Ruth Foppe
8:00: Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Bob & Annette Meyer, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Mary Grote, Dave & Jane Kahle, Joyce Klausing
Minister to the Sick: Ed & Tammy Schroeder, Bob & Annette Meyer, Tony & Sandy Vorst
10:00: Lynda Fortman, Julia Fuerst, Sue Fuerst, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Darlene Hanneman, Grace Haselman, Chellie Helmke, Katie Helmke, Anthony Hill

SERVERS

Mon, 3/15	8:00 AM	Ryan Siefker Noah Verhoff
Tues, 3/16	8:00 AM	Austin, Spencer Vorst
Wed, 3/17	8:00 AM	Grant Zeller Joe Gerdeman
Thurs, 3/18	7:30 PM	Trevor Guisinger Luke Kaufman
Fri, 3/19	8:00 AM	Kyle Honigfort Ryan Kahle
Sat, 3/20	4:30 PM	Devin Warnecke Eric Warnecke Jared Zeller
Sun, 3/21	8:00 AM	Joel Zeller Halie Zenz Kim Berheide
	10:00 AM	Leah Berheide Damon Birkemeier Michael Bockrath

Hospital Visitation

March 16: Rachel March 18: Imogene

Sunday School Babysitters—March 21

Alison Fortman, Meredith Kromer, Kiersten Recker, Elizabeth Turnwald

Magician at The Meadows

The Meadows of Kalida will be featuring the Magician "Paul the Man of Mysteries" on March 23, at 4:00 p.m. The public is welcome.