

# St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - April 18, 2021

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Happy Easter to all of you. I'm still enjoying this season with the beginning of my garden and the viewing of Spring flowers. There are lots of birds who seem to flock around the property. The only new life that I do not like is the arrival of the first nests of rabbits. Of course it is my own fault, as I now have a pet rabbit and a big rabbit problem. Last Fall, a baby rabbit came out from under a cabbage leaf in my garden. It hopped right up to me and has hopped up to me ever since. It has even let me pet it once. And now it has its own little bunnies and I can't do anything about them except plant twice as many vegetables in the garden to feed the growing family.

Another part of new life, that I do like, is that I am back at The Meadows and am seeing parishioners who have been away from the communities since the coronavirus started over a year ago. It is nice to see old faces (not literally) back in the Communion line or in their homes. I smile as we share in the Body of Christ. It is nice to hold the hands of people in the Meadows as we pray. Sometimes it is hard to let go and finish the visit, as people seem afraid to let go and perhaps risk not having visitors again. When I leave from these visits, I have new life. I still haven't seen everyone yet, as visits usually take quite a while as there is lots of catching up to do (I'm not the one doing all the talking).

This week is First Communion at St. John's, Continental. It gives me life to see the children and their families' enthusiasm to take the Lord into their selves and their lives. There is an atmosphere of celebration that brings together God and the people of God. Easter is all about bringing fullness of life in so many ways. The waking up of nature, the connectedness of people and the victory of life over death has been accomplished through the Resurrection of Jesus. Having First Communion during Easter season puts so much together. It will be great to celebrate. Congratulations to all of our St. John's family who are making their First Communion this weekend. St. Michael's is not far behind, as we will celebrate First Communion the first weekend of May.

Happy Easter. I will make my weekly trip to Walmart to announce Jesus' rising from the dead. I used to get strange looks and now I get smiles as I make the yearly announcement that Easter is still here. Look for life and share life. And the fullness of life comes from the Lord. Have a great week.

**Fr. Mark**

## Special Thanks to High School Catechists...

who shared every Wednesday evening with our youth.

## Construction Throughout Kalida Parks...

continues and will be ramping up shortly. The Green Space grant will have two more years of construction activity before completion.

The 2021 spring through fall park construction includes:  
**Froggy Park**—placement of rock along ditch bank and concreting of parking lot

**New Plum Creek Nature Area**—two pedestrian bridges, observation deck construction, curbing around area of old horse barn, construction work on walking path base through meadow area.

**Four Seasons Park**—replacement of mulch with poured-in-place rubber in north playground. Please use south playground when this takes place.

We are asking everyone to steer clear of construction areas, as well as the SR 115 ODOT bridge project. Thanks!

## Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

### TUESDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 AM Carolyn Unverferth

8:50 AM Grade 3

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 AM Harold Barnhart, For Good Test Results

9:30 AM Grades 1 & 2

### THURSDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 AM Grade 7

7:30 PM Sr. Marcille, Eugene & Don Liebrecht  
Bud Guisinger, Herk Selhorst  
Tom Wannemacher

### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 AM Lincoln Roebke (GW)

8:50 AM Grade 4

### SATURDAY, APRIL 24

4:30 PM NM Selhorst & Remlinger  
Tom L. Siebeneck, Ron Kahle, Jr.  
Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth, Urban Selhorst  
Wilfred & Pauline Bockrath  
Walter & Marie Becker, Jim, Gladys,  
Richard, Mark, Bob & Keith Unverferth  
Jim & Angie Erhart

### SUNDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM Wilbur & Mildred Remlinger, Jim Hamilton  
Dolores & Len Bockrath, Tom Pohl  
11:00 AM Alvin Horstman, Don & Ted Kahle  
L/D Kahle, Ellerbrock, Clement & Ardner  
Families, Don Holtkamp & Family  
L/D Hamburg & Utendorf Family  
Jeannie Buchholz, Don Selhorst

**Additional Easter Collection:** \$ 9,125.00

**Last Sundays Collection** \$ 9,991.00

## St. Michael Children's Memorial Garden



We are in the planning stages of the "St. Michael's Children's Memorial Garden." If you would like to donate toward this project, please put your donation in an envelope marked, "St. Michael's Children's Garden," and place in the collection or mail to "St. Michael Church; PO Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853. If you have any questions or comments, contact Chris Schroeder (419-615-3355), Adriene Swyers (419-796-0355) or Fr. Mark. *If you have lost a child and are interested in being a part of the planning process, please also let us know. Thanks!*

## St. Michael's Virtue of the Week is Honesty

Honesty means sincerity, openness, and truthfulness in one's words and actions. You can cultivate this virtue by telling the truth even if it means you will get in trouble. It also calls us to not cover up mistakes and to speak up when someone is being treated wrongly. Be aware that God knows your heart; don't hide things from others; seek to live and speak the truth even when it's hard. Saints who modeled honesty were St. Stephen, St. Bridget of Sweden and St. John Chrysostom. Our prayer for this week is "Dear Jesus, you said, 'I am the Truth'. You have made me for Truth, because You have made me for Yourself. Help me be honest in all that I say and do, that I might know true happiness in You."



## You're Gonna Love These "Tiny Saints"



Our St. Michael Youth who will be attending NCYC\* are so excited to announce that we have teamed up with Tiny Saints® to host an online fundraiser! From May 1-31, 2021, you can shop from the comfort of home to support our fundraiser.

Please select our organization name (**St. Michael NCYC Fundraiser**) from the dropdown menu at [www.tinysaints.com](http://www.tinysaints.com). 25% of every order will go directly to our fundraiser!

Tiny Saints® are colorful and vibrant charms, rosaries, plushies, board books and lanyards, all themed around the saints. At \$5-15, Tiny Saints® products make fun, affordable gifts and offer something for everyone.

\*NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a bi-annual event for Catholic high school youth. It will be in Indianapolis on November 18-21, 2021. NCYC invites students to encounter Christ, experience Church, and be empowered for discipleship. NCYC includes keynote presentations, prayer, workshops, Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration, and lot of fun activities, concerts & exhibits. The big attraction for the youth is the Thematic Park - traditional exhibit booths with interactive areas: service projects, games, live music performances, arts & sports. The fee to attend this 3-day conference will be about \$500 per youth. We will try to help cover the cost with fundraisers. *Please help support our St. Michael youth attending NCYC in November.*



## Upcoming Wedding

*Lauryn Selhorst  
and  
Cameron Remlinger*

*will be married on  
April 24, 2021.*

*Please include  
them in your prayers.*



## The Culture Project Missionaries...

will speak to Grade 8 at 8:00 a.m. on April 19 & 20.

## First Communion Masses

Saturday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. & Sunday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m.

## KHS "25th Annual PC Spelling Bee" Musical

Sat., April 17, at 7:30 p.m. & Sun., April 18, at 2:00 p.m.  
Seating is limited. GENERAL ADMISSION ONLY is \$5.

### April 24 & 25

**4:30:** Jerry Ellerbrock, Kyla Fortman, Ryan Kerner

**LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke**

**8:00:** Judy Brinkman, Darlene Miller, Donna Schnipke

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**11:00:** Lynda Fortman, Beth Nienberg, Mark Remlinger

**LECTOR: Deb Schroeder**

### Last CCD Class for Our Seniors

**Front:** Jayce Horstman, Paige Helmke, Kathryn Siebeneck, Carlee Recker, Jillian Knueve, Stephanie Kahle, Emily Buss

**Middle:** Connor Erhart, Marcy Landwehr, Hannah Berheide, Brooke Siefker, Jennifer Rall, Jasmine Vorst

**Standing in Back:** Luke Meyer, Ryan Lucke, Luke Erhart, Will Zeller, Adam Basinger, Kevin Lammers

The seniors ended their last High School CCD class with an "aerial tour" of Kalida from up in the Church Tower.

### Senior Retreat at SkyZone

**Front:** Marcy Landwehr, Jennifer Rall, Will Zeller, Ryan Lucke, Adam Basinger

**Middle:** Connor Erhart, Brooke Siefker, Carlee Recker, Jillian Knueve, Mya Schmitz

**Back:** Luke Meyer, Jasmine Vorst, Hannah Berheide, Ben Doecker joining us later: Stephanie Kahle, Kathryn Siebeneck, and Luke Erhart.

The Senior Retreat started at SkyZone in Toledo, then back to Hoyt's for dinner and a visit from some KHS Alumni. Thanks to Kara Siefker, Connor Niese, Allison Wurth, Rachel Kahle, Brandon and Laine Erhart and Alexis Meyer (by video), for sharing some of their college experiences, including trying new things, meeting new friends, and how they keep active in their faith.

