

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
MONDAY, APRIL 27	ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 28	FINAL MISSION TRIP MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29	FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE: 7:00 p.m. YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 30	ROSARY IN CHURCH: 7:00 p.m. EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION : 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., in church
FRIDAY, MAY 1	CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m.

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Final turn-in for charity campaign tickets is May 14, at the hall. Council work days are scheduled for May 4 & 5, at 6:00 p.m. Please come out to help spruce up the hall.

Altar Rosary Spiritual Day of Renewal

All women of our parish are invited to join in a Retreat Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, in Carey, on Wednesday, May 13. It will be a day of prayer, meditation and listening. The day will include the Liturgy of the Day, Rosary, and a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a visit to the Shrine Park and the gift shop. Religious articles purchased will be blessed after the liturgy. Registration, with coffee and rolls, will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Shrine cafeteria, with the conclusion of the day around 3:00 p.m. If you would like to attend this retreat, a sign up sheet is located by the elevator entrance. **Deadline for registration is Monday, April 27.** A car pool can be organized with all who sign up, as in the past years.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

Current 8th-11th grade students are invited to join 25,000 teens from around the country at NCYC on November 19-22, 2015, in Indianapolis. Contact Mary Siefker (419-532-3494 ext. 103) for more info. Fund raising has begun!

Faith Knight with Deacon David Kidd

Tuesday, April 28, in the banquet hall side of the K of C Hall, on Cable Road, in Lima. Social hour (with pizza and beverages) will be from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., and the presentation will be from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. This presentation will feature David Kidd, son of Kevin and Kathy (Maag) Kidd. David is a 2005 graduate of LCC and was just recently ordained a Transitional Deacon in the Toledo Diocese. He has spent considerable time in Rome for his studies and will return there later this year. He will share with us his faith journey that has led him on the path to Priesthood. He will talk about his vocation story, life in Rome, and even Pope Francis. We are very blessed to have such an outstanding young man entering the priesthood to serve the Catholic Church and its members. Please show David your support by attending this event on April 28. He has promised to leave time at the end for some interesting questions & answers.

OFFERTORY - May 2 & 3	
4:30 PM	Tony & Sandy Vorst Family
8:00 AM	Tom & Alice Brinkman Family
11:00 AM	First Communicants
USHERS – May 2 & 3	
4:30 PM	Austin Vorst, Alex von der Embse, Adam von der Embse, Brandon Erhart, Kaleb Selhorst, Logan Roebke, Mitchell Kerner, Trent Gerding, Trent Siebeneck, Griffin Recker, Derek Buss
8:00 AM:	Cole Miller, Austin Schulte, Derrick Schimmoeller, Michael Schroeder, Brent Hovest, Drew Hovest, Austin Klausung, Collin Wurth, Jeff Knueve, Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg
11:00 AM	Team 12

LECTORS – May 2 & 3	
4:30 PM	Erin Knueve, Stacy Knueve
8:00 AM	Mary Plescher, Joyce Schnipke
11:00 AM	First Communicants

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - May 2 & 3	
4:30:	Cassy Schulte, Karen Schroeder, Stacy Schulte, Allison Siebeneck, Katelyn Siebeneck, Austin Vorst, Diane Vorst, Renee Vorst, Casey Wehri
8:00:	Jim Hanneman, Mary Siefker, Norma Unverferth, Don Wehri, Joyce Bonifas, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Gus & Judy Brinkman
Ministers to Homebound:	Ron & Dorothy Kerner, Jim Hanneman,
11:00:	Annette Schroeder, Greg & Jill Zeller, Connie Cleemput, Kay Unverferth, Bob & Annette Meyer, Dick & Judy Bockrath

SERVERS		
Tues, 4/28	8:00 AM	McKenna Bockrath Alec Edelbrock
Wed, 4/29	8:00 AM	Clara Elkins Colin Erhart
Thurs, 4/30	7:30 PM	Kyla Fortman Gabe Hovest
Fri, 5/1	8:00 AM	Ella Kaufman Matt Kehres
Sat, 5/2	4:30 PM	Elizabeth Loveland Brooke Lucke Taylor Lucke
Sun, 5/3	8:00 AM	Danielle Maag Trevor Maag Nathan Meyers
	11:00 AM	Kierstan Siebeneck Trent Siebeneck Tori Niese

Mobile Device Found in Church Basement

A mobile device, in a case, was found in the church basement on Monday. It is locked, so we can't find out whose it is. Call the Parish Center (419-532-3474) to claim and we will ask you to describe it and its contents.



St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebel, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M.
Deacon: Bob Klausung DRE: Constance Cleemput Youth Minister: Mary Siefker
Address: 312 N. Broad St., Kalida, OH 45853 Phone: 419-532-3474 Office Hours: Mon-Thurs (7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)
Email: stmich@bright.net Website: www.stmichaelskalida.org Facebook: facebook.com/kalidastmichaels

white-collar workers needed.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Happy Easter.

I try to keep in the Easter spirit throughout these weeks by looking at things that are full of life and show God's amazing desire for us to know life to the full. Tonight (Wednesday) I'm going to check out meteor showers. If the weather is good, I plan on going out into the country where there are few lights and lay on my back and be amazed at the stars flying through the night sky. I know it sounds weird, but it is relaxing and I always wonder at God's wonder whenever I take the time to watch the stars. Besides, it is Earth Day and taking in God's creation today is a bonus.

Another way I take in the Easter spirit at this time of year is to be around our First Communion children. St. John's has First Communion this weekend, while St. Michael's is next weekend. The children are telling stories of life. They get to have parties which are attended by grandparents, aunts and uncles. They get to wear special clothes. Some have already received gifts that they want me to bless so that they can wear them for First Communion. AND, they get to receive the Lord in a special way. They get to take in the Body and Blood of Christ and get to be part of the Body of Christ in coming to the altar/table with their families. They get to be invited to share in an eternal feast to which they say, "Amen." Although they may not know the depth of what it means to participate in the Body and Blood of Christ, they know that they are taking in Jesus. They are so full of God's life. That is such a joy to me.

Just like the stars in the heavens that we oftentimes take for granted, we take the Lord's Supper for granted. We come to the Lord's table often, but do we truly realize the presence of God with us? The children know and have the joy to prove it. I'm taking time out tonight to watch the stars because it is Earth Day. Every day is God's day. Take time at Mass to see and take in His presence and show the joy to prove it.

Have a blessed weekend, everyone. Be in Communion with God. Happy Easter.

Fr. Mark

May Crowning Will Be...

Monday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. This involves our First Communicants and our students in grade 8.

Mission Trip to Appalachia—Final Meeting

The final meeting to plan the June mission trip to Louisa, Kentucky, will be Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m., at the Parish Center.

Card Shower

Doris Deters is turning 85 years old on May 5. Let's help her celebrate by sending her a birthday card. Her address is: 16999 Road M, Ottawa, Ohio 45875.

Open House for

Dolores Bockrath's 90th Birthday

Stop by and wish Dolores a "Happy 90th Birthday" this Sunday, April 26, in Kalida St. Michael's Church Basement, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 AM Theresa Erhart

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 AM Dan Siefker, Oscar & Leona Verhoff

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 PM L/D Al Warnecke Family

FRIDAY, MAY 1

8:00 AM Ron Foppe

Emily Kahle, Gerri Stechschulte

SATURDAY, MAY 2

4:30 PM Alvin & Marcella Recker, Mike Feldman

SUNDAY, MAY 3

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman

11:00 AM Dolores & Carl Remlinger

First Communicants

Last Week's Collection: \$ 7,574.00

Choir Assignments—May 2 & 3

4:30: TBA **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Youth

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, April 30, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., and 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Our intentions during this time will be: for good weather for the planting of crops, for a growth in employment, for the success of our graduates, for peace in the world and for the sick of our parish. All are welcome and encouraged to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Annual Mother-Daughter-Women of the Parish Banquet

The Altar Rosary Sodality invites all mothers, daughters, women all age groups, and ladies of all talents and interest skills. We welcome and need your energy, enthusiasm and friendship. Everyone knows, without new members, an organization cannot remain viable nor realize its greatest potential. Please join us in the church basement for a fun and entertaining evening on Monday, May 4, after the 6:00 p.m. May Crowning. Please bring a delicious covered pot luck dish for all to share. The main course will be provided by the Sodality. **Sign-up sheets are available at all entrances of the church.**

April Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Brady Wagner	\$100	Mike Sarka
\$100	Donald Riepenhoff	\$100	Scott Meyer
\$100	Dave Stechschulte	\$ 50	Dee Hoffman
\$ 50	Mary Birkemeier	\$ 50	Danielle Trenkamp
\$ 50	Joshua Jones	\$ 50	Erik Selhorst
\$ 50	Abby Wilson	\$ 50	Owen Grote

Holy Name Notes

We had a very big turnout, with 58 men at Monday's meeting, where we enjoyed some homemade lasagna and discussed work on all of the ball diamonds. Please return your sold and **unsold** tickets to Mike Schimmoeller (532-3521) or Nick Schulte (532-2131).

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, around the world, people are praying for vocations. For me, a vocation has never meant just a call from God to be a priest, sister or brother. A vocation has always meant God's call period. I saw God's call for my Dad when he talked about being a good farmer and steward of God's creation. There was no doubt that Dad wasn't just a farmer. He was a holy farmer. He taught me to pray on a tractor and see God's life in the birth of a calf or pig. Mom was not just a housewife. She made the home holy. She taught me to pray on my knees by the kitchen table. The rosary was said before bedtime in May and October. Mass was never missed. Our neighbors were more like neighbors in the Bible. You would never take any money for helping with baling, tiling or putting up a tool shed. They were neighbors and friends which money could not buy. Mom and Dad lived their vocations to be holy.

So it was not such a big stretch for me to hear a call to follow the Lord as a priest. I knew God was real in grade school. He was part of my life, not only through my parents, but already in my heart. When God called me to check out priesthood in my junior year of school, it didn't seem too strange of a request. Although I took a few more years to fully check out that call through seminary, I did help at a retreat house and taught religion to see if I could be happy in serving the Lord as a minister. I knew God wanted me and everyone to be happy, so I checked out a more religious life style. And, I had an inner joy.

That doesn't mean that the journey was always easy and without challenge. Mom and Dad made serving God as a spouse, parent and farmer pretty attractive. That tugged at my soul, also. I had a special prayer spot at the back of the farm where I spoke with God and tried to listen really hard. For some reason, it was just in me to follow the Lord's call to priesthood. People would ask me if I would miss farming, parenthood or a wife, and I always told them yes, but it was just in me to be a missionary priest.

My journey of forty years (thirty as a priest) has taken me to nine different countries, numerous parishes, hospitals and more good people than you can count. Who would have believed the places and hearts that God enabled me to touch and people's life journeys that would touch mine. God has been very good to me.

I still smile a lot because the call is still in me. I smile a lot when I see others smile a lot because they know they are serving and following the Lord. I love weddings, baptisms, healings, etc. Not everyone is called to serve in consecrated religious life, but I believe we are all called to a life with the Lord. And that kind of life is joyful.

This is the year of consecrated life. Find out how your life is holy and live it to the full.

Fr. Mark

World Youth Day New Pilgrims Welcome

If you are interested in joining the local group traveling with Fr. Tony Fortman, C.P.P.S. to Poland, in July 2016, please call Diane Utrup (419-538-6335) for more information.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's 1A class on Wednesday, April 29, and Ellen Millott's 6B class on Friday, May 1.

First Communion Practice

April 29, at 7:00 p.m. Meet in the church basement to practice lining up and processing in. First Communion is next Sunday, May 3, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Our Confirmation Date...

for next year's 8th grade students is Saturday, October 24, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

2015 VBS

This year's Vacation Bible School "Everest-Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" will be held July 13-16, 2015, with set-up on Saturday, July 11, at 9:00 a.m., in the church basement. Registration forms will be sent home with the students during the first week of May. We will need adult crew leaders, crew helpers, and set-up people. Consider joining our team.

Mass Helpers & Crossing Guards

On Wednesday, May 13, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, all our adult Mass helpers and crossing guards are invited to breakfast in the church basement, as our way of saying thank you for bringing our students to Mass each week and safeguarding their crossing of the highway. We hope to see all of you there.

Praying the Rosary Before a Funeral Mass

The Rosary Altar Ladies recite the Rosary before a Funeral Mass to offer their prayer intentions for the deceased and honor her family. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer that reflects on the mysteries of Christ's life, death and resurrection. Please join us twenty minutes prior to a Funeral Mass, in the small pews on the Mary side of church (near the Parish Center) to recite the Rosary as a group.

Baccalaureate Mass & Luncheon

Sunday, May 17, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass with lunch to follow.

Putnam County Hospice Volunteers Needed

PC Hospice is seeking volunteers to offer companionship to patients, respite to caregivers, assistance with administrative tasks, as well as assistance with special events and fundraising projects. Following orientation and training, volunteers can choose their area of involvement. PC Hospice welcomes volunteers in all areas, but is especially in need of licensed massage therapists and individuals with musical talent. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer or would like more information, please contact Kathy Rellinger, PC Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-523-4449 or krellinger@pchs.net.

Color Trot 5K & Hog Roast - May 16, 2015...

in Glandorf Park, sponsored by area World Youth Day 2016 pilgrims. Fun for all ages (7 and under are free). For details and to register, go to www.pcwyd.com or call 419-538-6335. Register by May 1 for discounted price and a cool t-shirt! This is a non-competitive run. Rules: wear white, get as colored as you can and have a ton of FUN. We will begin with 8:00 a.m. Mass. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Color Trot begins at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served (BBQ pork or hot dogs) from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m..