

From the Desk of Fr. Mark
Happy Easter.
He is risen, as He said. May God's blessings of new life be with us. The old order has passed and He has made us new. Thanks to all who have helped make this newness happen through music, art, ministries and love. May God bless each and all with new life.

Over the years, Easter has meant different things to me. When I was little, Easter meant an end of abstaining from candy. Easter meant candy of all varieties. Each person in our family had their own container for the Easter Bunny to deposit goodies. The younger children in my family got baskets, while the older ones got shoe boxes. There was a constant watch to make sure someone didn't consume from the wrong basket or box by accident or on purpose. The younger ones in the family got hollow milk chocolate Easter bunnies. Numbers of times, these bunnies had ears nibbled off of them. There were always denials by older siblings who always seemed to smile at the question of , "Who ate the ears off my bunny?"

Easter also meant that our family would get together for a feast. The feast always included home made cinnamon rolls and ham. The whole family would join together. No one even minded that Easter eggs were cracked on each other's heads (it's a Hoying tradition). By the time I was really ready to celebrate Easter, family members were already married or at college. It was so nice to have everyone together. I think that last year's Easter, with no one in church, hurt me to the core. Jesus came to conquer sin and division and death. Without my church family together, something just wasn't right. It is sooooo nice to have people back at church. It isn't Easter without you.

Over the years, family members have passed. Mom and Dad have gone to God many years ago. Our family of seventeen has become a family of twelve. Easter has become a time of faith that I treasure that Jesus has overcome death. Death has no power over the power of God's life. My hope is in the Lord and with Him, I have the hope of seeing my whole family again. And since the parishes of St. Michael's and St. John's are my family, I remember those in our parishes who have passed on. I also remember family members from previous assignments. One day we will share a heavenly banquet together. For me, there will be lots of ham, endless cinnamon rolls and whole milk chocolate bunnies complete with ears for everyone. Jesus came that we would have life in abundance: here and in the next world. When we share in the life and love of the Lord, we don't have to wait till death to share in these gifts. We are Easter people. We share in faith. We share in hope. We share in God's love.

Happy Easter to everyone. Jesus has conquered death. Let us live to the full.

Fr. Mark

Easter Booklets

Please pick up the white Easter booklets at the entrances of church

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week	
TUESDAY, APRIL 6	
8:00 AM	Special Intention
8:50 AM	Erhart & Roebke Family
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7	
8:00 AM	Doris Sager
9:30 AM	Grades 1 & 2
THURSDAY, APRIL 8	
8:00 AM	Grade 7
7:30 PM	Ron Kahle, Jr.
FRIDAY, APRIL 9	
8:00 AM	Bill Cleemput
8:50 AM	Grade 4
SATURDAY, APRIL 10	
4:30 PM	NM Recker & Nuveman Alvin & Brandon Horstman L/D Virgil & Clara Horstman Family Ed Schroeder, Len, Anna Rose, Emily & Triena Kahle, Jim, Gladys, Richard, Mark, Bob & Keith Unverferth, Jim & Angie Erhart, Jr. Kahle, Bernie, Helen, Denny & Barb Sehlhorst & Family L/D Tony & Bernadine Hoersten Family Norbert & Belva Berelsman
SUNDAY, APRIL 11	
8:00 AM	Norbert & Lorene Fuerst Moxie & Cindy Wehri
11:00 AM	Norman & Urban von der Embse Cecilia Nartker, L/D Harold Vorst Family

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 8,405.00

Thank You from the Family of Lincoln Roebke

There are no words that we could use to fully thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, and generosity. The amount of love and compassion we have received from friends, family, and strangers has been immense. This is the most difficult thing that we have had to endure. We are truly devastated by the loss of Lincoln. His absence is felt every moment. However, we know that this would be even harder without all of the support that we have received. Thank you to Fr. Mark, the choir members, organist and all who came to help celebrate Lincoln. Thank you to the Helping Hands volunteers who organized and made the desserts. Thank you to anyone, who in any way, reached out to us or our extended family. We are forever grateful.

Austin, Megan, Ezra & Theo Roebke

K of C 5669 Says “Thanks for all the Fish”

Last year we were able to hold just two inside fish fries and one drive thru event and served about 2,600 meals. Normally, we serve about 1,050 on average for SIX weeks. This year was all drive-thru which had some challenges for everyone. We were able to serve 3,254 fish dinners and our three pre-lent dinners another 1,022. Thanks, especially, to Scout Troop 221 for braving the wind and the cold to take orders from all our patrons. So a good, not great fishing season, but well worth it. Thanks to those who served and those served!

Putnam County Right to Life Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m., in St. Michael's Church basement, Kalida. All are welcome.

Schedule of Students at Mass This Week
Tuesday: Grade 6 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 3 at 8:50 a.m.
Wednesday: Grades 1 & 2 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday: Grade 7 at 8:00 a.m.
Friday: Grade 8 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 4 at 8:50 a.m.

Recent Baptism
SCARLETT ANNE SMITH
Daughter of Ryan & Brittany (Siefker) Smith

Feature on Fr. Elmer
Did you know Fr. Elmer made “Ohio” magazine?
Check out the bottom of this article at:
<https://www.ohiomagazine.com/ohio-life/article/celebrating-hometown-spirit>

2021-22 Holy Name Raffle Tickets
If you need any tickets, contact Nick Schulte (419-532-2131). There are over 200 remaining.

Pro-Life Talks Online
Picks for April are:
Dr. Philip Chavez (videos #17-20).
Each is around two minutes.
Ellen Salter: I Love You Just the Way You Are (video #22)
Dr. Mary Amore: "Helping our children and Grandchildren to Respect Life" (#24)
Chris Stefanek: "A Cancel Culture Survival Guide" (#28)
Marge Fenelon: "Mother Teresa" & "Do Not Be Afraid: Finding Hope and Joy in These Desperate Times" (#38 & 39).
The link to access is: platinggrace.com/livingprolife

Third Grade Teacher Needed at St. Mary’s
St. Mary’s Catholic School Leipsic is seeking a passionate/qualified 3rd grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. Interested candidates must be proficient in all curriculum demands, with the ability to pass their mastery on to students who have a sincere desire to learn. Applicants should be willing to plan an active role in the education of our youth as well as create a classroom environment that is supportive and structured. We invite prospective educators who welcome the challenge of continuing our strong tradition of faith and academic excellence to come join the St. Mary’s family. To apply for this position, please submit a resume, Ohio teaching license, references and three letters of recommendation St. Mary’s Catholic School principal by mail to: Michelle Knippen, 129 St. Mary’s Street, Leipsic, Ohio 45856 or email mknippen@sms.ls.noacsc.org. For more information, please call (419) 943-2801 and ask for Mrs. Knippen.

Upcoming Youth Group Events	
Sun., April 11	Senior Retreat
Sun., April 25	Junior Retreat
Sun., May 23	Baccalaureate Mass
Sat., June 12	YES (Youth Elect Service)
Nov. 18-21	NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)
<i>Contact Jill 419-532-3494 (x103) or 567-376-9115 for details.</i>	

High School CCD—April 7
April 7 is the last class of the school year.
First Communion Mandatory Parent Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. This is for parents only.

The Virtue of the Week is Perseverance
Perseverance means to complete tasks from start to finish, no matter how hard or difficult it is. Never give up, stay the course. Saints who modeled perseverance were St. Peter the Apostle, St. Monica and St. Maria Venegas de la Torre. Our prayer is: *Dear Jesus, You carried Your cross to Calvary even though You were tired, weak and hurting. Please give me strength not to give up when life gets hard. Help me keep my eyes on You and Your kingdom, so I can do what is right even when I am tired and afraid.*

Cemetery Cleanup
April 15 is the final cleanup date for the mowing season at St. Michael’s Cemetery. All decorations must be placed on the footers so the grass may be trimmed properly. Mulch and stones are not permitted, as they prohibit proper mowing. We would like to keep the cemetery looking beautiful and remain peaceful for our loved ones’ final resting place. Thanks for all your help with this!
The Cemetery Committee

Need Some Outdoor Help?
YES Returns for 2021!
On **Saturday, June 12**, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery will be volunteering to help people throughout Putnam County with various jobs around their homes as they participate in the annual **YES (Youth Elect Service)** project. If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around your home, please contact Jill Zeller @ 419-532-3494 (X103). This includes anything from mulching, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning around the yard! This year we will only be available to do outside jobs. **Please call by June 1** to be added to our list of job sites.

YES (Youth Elect Service) Youth Volunteers Needed
The 2021 Y.E.S. project will be held at Kalida St. Michael this year on Saturday, June 12. Current 7th grade students through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this one-day of service. You will meet teens from throughout the St. George Deanery, have fun, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community. This one-day Service workday will close with 6:00 p.m. Mass at Four Seasons Park in Kalida, followed by a meal. Registration forms will be emailed to all students, and are available from Jill Zeller, and are due by May 24.

Annual Kalida EMS Chicken BBQ
April 11, from 11:00 a.m. until gone behind the Kalida Fire Station. \$9 per meal. Thanks for your support!

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)...
Our parish goal is \$35,810. There are extra pre-addressed envelopes at the entrances of church. Please send your donation directly to:
Diocese of Toledo - ACA Office
PO Box 917
Toledo, OH 43697-0917



David Cooper



Grady Gudakunst



Michelle Schumacher



David Smith

Welcome to the Catholic Faith!

We extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the Catholic faith: David Cooper, Grady Gudakunst, Michelle Schumacher & David Smith. Thank you, also, to their sponsors and the members of the RCIA team.

Right to Life Says Thanks

Putnam County Right to Life would like to thank all the generous people of this county for supporting our garage and bake sale that was held on March 23 & March 24, at the Ottawa K of C Hall. Thank you to all who donated their gently used items and baked goods. Thank you to all who purchased items. Thank you to all who left donations in support of life. Thank you to the Ottawa K of C for giving us the use of their hall again. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the set up, worked the sale, and helped us clean up after the sale. Thank you to all those who helped by advertising and spreading the sale dates. Thank you to the Thrift Store and Restore for taking the items that were left. We are truly blessed to live in this prolife county.

April 10 & 11 Assignments

4:30: Duane & Barb Steffan, Lisa Unverferth

LECTOR: Kyla Fortman

8:00: Norma Unverferth, Brooke Siefker, Mary Siefker

LECTOR: Lynda Fortman

11:00: Kay Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Alice Adams

LECTOR: Deb Kahle



Upcoming Wedding

Kiersten Recker & Bradley Nuveman

will be married on April 10, 2021.

Please include them in your prayers.



Seventh Grade Palm Sunday Presentation of The Stations of the Cross

Front: Izzy Recker, Kate Foppe, Camden Warnecke, Karlie Heitmeyer, Gracie Schroeder, Faith Feldman, Lana Grime

Middle: Mallorie Barnhart, Kara Lammers, Kyla Grime, Madison Ricker, Emma vonder Embse, Lauren Bockrath, Annelise Price, Alex Shiningier

Back: Caden Looser, Aiden Hundley, Eli Patrick, Grady Kuhlman, Jason Luersman, Logan Kerner, Jaxon Hoffman, Nathan Kahle, Griffin Klausing, Cole Goubeaux, Owen Siebeneck, Parker Vorst

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Easter 2021

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M. Deacon: Bob Klausing

DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Jill Zeller Maintenance: Kevin Fischer

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