

Welcoming Fr. Nathan Bockrath

A welcome gathering for Fr. Nathan will be held on the weekend of August 6 & 7. More details next week!

Update from Fr. Mark

Hi from my new home at St. Charles Center in Carthagena. All is going well but I sure miss familiar faces. I have a regular schedule which means that I travel from place to place throughout the week on a 4-week schedule. I get to be at two parishes for one week and then go to another two parishes the next week and finish out the month until all the eight parishes are covered. If it sounds confusing, I sometimes lay awake and wonder if I am going to the right parish in the morning. It's getting easier and less confusing, but the constant is that I still miss all of you.

Since everything is still new, I have a little more free time. I've had time to visit family and friends. I especially like that I have been able to help with physical work around the old seminary. I AM OUT OF SHAPE!!! A couple of trees needed to be taken down and the wood made into firewood. That is definitely a Winter job that should not be done in the Summer. With all the physical work I am hoping that I will have the body of a 25-year-old in no time. (If that 25-year-old sits in front of a TV and eats pizza all day.)

Because I have extra time, I do take extra time to pray and all of you are in my prayers. I carry your intentions with me. Mostly I pray in thanksgiving for all you have done for me. So many have given gifts of all kinds that I can never say enough about. From the smallest gift certificate for ice cream, food or gas to financial help which goes a long way, I cannot tell you what that means. And then there are the gifts of prayer which I depend on to stay close to the Lord and try to do my priestly ministry to the best of my ability. And your friendship which is always with me, brings a prayer of gratitude to my lips. I can't tell you how often I look over the people at Mass in these eight parishes and think that there might be a familiar face in the crowd from Putnam County. I do miss everyone. And the kids here don't give me high fives as I leave church.

I did get back to Putnam County to visit people in both parishes and to experience Vacation Bible School. It was wonderful to be back. It did make me a little more homesick when I left.

I didn't want to make this a long column. Know you are thought of often and prayed for from my heart. **Fr. Mark**

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, JULY 26 *Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM **Successful Surgery**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, JULY 28

7:30 PM **Alice Brinkman (CLC)**

FRIDAY, JULY 29 *Saint Martha*

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, JULY 30

4:30 PM **Jim & Angie Erhart, Dick & Gladys Unverferth
James, Keith & Mark Unverferth, Connie Miller
Jim Warnecke, Charles Nussbaum
L/D Robert & JoAnn Brinkman Family
L/D Joe & Mildred Buss Family**

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:00 AM **John & Catherine Kahle**

11:00 AM

Last Week's Collection \$ 9,495.43

Choir Assignments - July 30 & 31

4:30: Steve **8:00:** Ashleigh **11:00:** Matt

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Alice Brinkman
was held on
Tuesday, July 19.
Please include Alice
and her family
in your prayers.



Thank You

The Tom & Alice Brinkman family wish to thank the choir, Fr. Scott, the Mass servers, Helping Hands volunteers, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospice and all who helped mom during her tough spell at the end of her life.



July 13: St. Charles Center (Fr. Mark's new home) with the super moon. Photos by Paul Hoying



MONDAY, JULY 25**ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church****THURSDAY, JULY 28****ROSARY FOR PEACE: 7:00 p.m. in church****FRIDAY, JULY 29****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church****Part-Time 7th Grade Catechist Needed...**

for the upcoming school year. Please consider teaching on Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 - 8:4 a.m., as Annette Gerding has agreed to teach the other days. Our program depends entirely on people willing to give of their time. Thanks!

THRIVE (Young Adults Rooted in Christ)

Thrive was created to provide Young Adults (age 19-35) the space for intentional community and continued Catholic Faith Formation. It is time to stop simply surviving and start Thriving! While this group will be rooted in the St. Nicholas-Holy Family parishes, we truly want to feed as many hungry hearts as possible across our deanery, so we welcome any advice or concerns you throw our way throughout this process. If any questions arise, please feel free to direct them to Lily Kamphaus (419-615-0380). Our first event will be on August 5. Check out our Instagram page for details coming soon for the first event and for the schedule of more events throughout this year!

**SCAN ME****Students for Life Event This Thursday!**

All Putnam County High School youth are invited to the Ottawa Park on Thursday, July 28. Clean-up will be from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and swimming will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please invite your friends and if you have a Pro-Life t-shirt, please wear it to work at the park. Supper will be provided. Any questions, please contact Jill at 567-376-9115.

Extra VBS CD's are Available for Purchase...

at the Parish Center on Monday, July 25, for \$8.

Recent Baptism**EVERETT JUDE KAHLE**

Son of Brant & Kim (Berheide) Kahle

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Or know someone who is? Classes toward the Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults are forming for this September. These classes lead toward entering the Church at the Easter Vigil in 2023. Contact the Parish Center at St. Michael's to get registered. You can "start" just to check it out and decide as you go. Also, if you cannot start until later in the year, we can work with you! Think about it or refer someone you know!

Please Avoid Construction Areas at Park

MAJOR construction continues in the new Kalida Park Systems Plum Creek Nature Area, as well as Four Seasons Park. This construction will continue all summer and fall. PLEASE AVOID ALL construction areas and BE CERTAIN YOUR CHILDREN do the same, NO MATTER the time of day or night! DO NOT ENTER ANY CONSTRUCTION AREAS at any time and always BE AWARE of trucks and heavy equipment entering and leaving our parks! PLEASE! WE DO NOT WANT ANY ACCIDENTS!!!

Kalida All Sports Passes Sold at...

supt. office, beginning August 1 (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 7/26	8:00 AM	Logan Rampe Lillian Schnipke
Wed, 7/27	8:00 AM	Lucas Schroeder Emma Shiningier
Thurs, 7/28	7:30 PM	Luke Siefker Aubrey Simon
Fri, 7/29	8:00 AM	Landon Warnecke Hannah Bendele
Sat, 7/30	4:30 PM	Grant Helmke Jaxon Hoffman
Sun, 7/31	8:00 AM	Joel Horstman Meredyth Horstman
	11:00 AM	Audra Hovest Camille Hovest
		Erica Kahle Nathan Kahle John Kaufman

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - July 30 & 31

4:30: Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Dianna Kehres, Jane Kleman **LECTOR: Jill Laudick**

8:00: Janice Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Becky Lucke **LECTOR: Kayla Nartker**

Ministers to Homebound: Herm & Rita Borgelt

11:00: Jim Hanneman, Mark Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Ryan Kerner **LECTOR: Erin Kerner**

USHERS - July 30 & 31

4:30: Team 7 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 9

Fr. Mark's Barn at Four Seasons Park

If you would like to donate toward this project, please make your check payable to: "**Kalida Park Foundation**" and in the memo, write: **Fr. Mark's Barn**. You can drop your check off at Scott Kahle CPA office or to Connie at the Parish Center. All donations are tax deductible. Thanks!

Your Donated Religious Items Delivered!

Since 2016, because of your generosity, we have delivered



over 2000 pounds of rosaries and small sacramentals to the very poor of rural Tanzania. They have been personally placed in the hands of thousands in over 30 church outstations of the Mbulu diocese.

"Give me an army saying the rosary and I can conquer the world for Goodness."—Pope Pius IX. A special thanks to the CLC for covering the cost of one of the extra suitcases!

July Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Gene Foppe	\$100	Dick Bockrath
\$100	David Iliff	\$100	Al Siebeneck
\$100	Dan Roth	\$ 50	Kevin Warnecke
\$ 50	Owen Schnipke	\$ 50	Gene Foppe
\$ 50	Austin Schulte	\$ 50	Tim Verhoff
\$ 50	Dan Bierer	\$ 50	Jeri Basinger