

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - July 25, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi everyone. I'm looking out my office window at St. Michael's with a smile on my face. For the past four months, the bridge has been out on the road just past the church. With any luck, the bridge will open today...at least it looks like it. It has been such a hassle to have the road closed for the past 120 days. This past Sunday at St. John's, people could not get to church due to high water covering the highway leading into Continental. Closed roads are a pain. Finding the path to the right destination can be a trial.

When the bridge first closed at Kalida, I have to admit that I sometimes had a smile on my face for the wrong reason. Even though there were signs that said that the road was closed, cars, trucks and semis continued to try to get through. Some vehicles drove over lawns, cut across sidewalks or had to back their way down the road that they approached from. Some got tickets from the local law enforcement officers.

As I thought of the situation of the last 120 days, I pondered "sin." There are times we know that the path to God is blocked, but we try to do things our way, anyway. We can get by, even if it involves driving over other people's sidewalks. We interfere with their way because of our sin. There are times when we abuse someone's property because we didn't believe the signs or commandments. I drive over their lawns because my way is more important than my neighbor's way. And there are times when I get so far down the road and realize, because of sin, I have to turn around. That sounds easy to do, but ask the semi drivers who had to back up through the streets of Kalida. Once sin happens, it is not so easy to just retrace your steps. Sin does have consequences.

Jesus is the bridge to God. I don't know why it is so hard to remember that. There are plenty of signs that let us know the truth. Perhaps it is the bible, inspiration from our parent's faith journeys, attending Mass or any other way that we have encountered Jesus as the "Way." But how often do we not use Jesus as the bridge? We believe earthly GPSs or prideful ways to believe we can do it all on our own to get through the roads of life.

I know that there will be lots of happy people once the bridge is complete, just like there were happy people who made it through the flooded roads of Continental last weekend. I have seen so many people happy when they found Jesus as the bridge to their life journeys. Jesus can offer forgiveness when toes are stepped on, property damaged or when a person is going backwards in life. I will be happy when the bridge is open. I am even happier when someone uses the Lord as the bridge to God.

Have a great week, everyone.

Fr. Mark

Recent Baptisms

KADE SCOTT OSTERHAGE

Son of Kristopher & Brianna (Recker) Osterhage

SUTTON ANN SCHROEDER

Daughter of Barry & Brooke (Etzkorn) Schroeder

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, JULY 27

8:00 AM Ron Kahle, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

8:00 AM Bob & Martha Wurth

THURSDAY, JULY 29 St. Martha

7:30 PM Mildred Vorst

FRIDAY, JULY 30

8:00 AM Ruth Vorst

SATURDAY, JULY 31

NM Berheide & Krouse

4:30 PM Connie Miller

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM Martha Turnwald

Alvin & Mary Hoffman

Wilfred & Ruth Hermiller

11:00 AM L/D Nartker Family

Lincoln Harold Roebke

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 12,173.84



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Mildred Vorst** was held on Tuesday, July 20, and the Funeral Mass for **Ruth Vorst** was held on Wednesday, July 21. Please include Millie and Ruth and their families in your prayers.

July Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Gene Foppe	\$100	Carrie Vorst
\$100	Irma Kahle	\$100	Marcia Barnhart
\$100	Kevin Hamburg	\$ 50	Sue Sager
\$ 50	Heather Weller	\$ 50	Grant Unverferth
\$ 50	Ronald Rampe	\$ 50	Deb Verhoff
\$ 50	Brad Niemeyer	\$ 50	Tammy Herman

Holy Name Choir is Asked to Sing...

on Sunday, August 1, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, gifts and good wishes for my 90th birthday. It was truly appreciated. It's a great community to live in!

Julie Selhorst

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a series of classes designed to get you along the road to becoming Catholic. These start in the fall and culminate on entering the faith on Holy Saturday Vigil Mass in the spring. We hope to get started Tuesday, September 14, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you don't think you can make that time or day of the week, we can work with you or the group to make it work. Please contact Fr. Mark for questions or to get on the list. Pass this along to anyone you know who may have interest!

ALL Kalida St. Michael & Ottoville Immaculate Conception High School Students are invited to: **SPLASH BASH at CAMP CLAY**

Friday, August 6, from Noon-6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$3/person. Some snacks & drinks will be provided, but concessions are also available.

Please RSVP to Jill (567-376-9115) by Monday, August 2.
Camp Clay Aqua Park: 9196 Liberty-Union Rd, Van Wert

All Youth & Families from St. George Deanery (Putnam County) are Invited to: **YOUTH & FAMILY MASS**

Sunday, August 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Kalida's Four Seasons Park. Bring your own chair.

Thank You

The Family of Deacon Don Siefker would like to extend our appreciation to St. Michael's parish. Your willingness to open up your church for us is an extreme kindness that did not go unnoticed. We felt very blessed to be able to hold Don's mass in such a beautiful church. We would like to extend a special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for praying the rosary and standing vigil. And an extra special thank you to Father Mark and Father Elmer for all your prayers and support. Your friendship means so much to Don and our family. All of the love, support, and prayers given to us has meant more than you will ever know. Thank you for your continued prayers and know that we continue to pray for your parish, as well.

Kalida All Sports Passes

Starting August 2 (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) Kalida Schools will again be selling the Sports Passes in the superintendent's office. Family All-Sports Pass: Adult-\$125, Student/Sr. Citizen-\$90, Family-\$350. Fall Only Pass: Adult-\$70, Student/Sr. Citizen-\$50. Winter Only Pass: Adult-\$80, Student/Sr. Citizen-\$50. Varsity ticket prices will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students for basketball, soccer and volleyball. There will be pre-sale for boys' basketball, with all tickets at the door being \$7. The PCL raised the gate price from \$6 - \$7. Jr. High and Freshmen prices are \$4/\$3.

Visit Branson & Support Ottawa Legion Baseball

Our trip to Branson is October 10-16, and the cost is \$1,069 per person. We will enjoy The Haygoods, Clay Cooper's Country Express, Pierce Arrow, Hot Rods and High Heels and more. Ride the tram at Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, enjoy dinner with entertainment on the Showboat Branson Belle and spend a day in Eureka Springs, AR, where we will enjoy a Holy Land Tour and then watch The Great Passion Play. For more information, email cherylkersh@gmail.com or call Cheryl at 419-890-8565.

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 7/27	8:00 AM	Grace Schroeder
Wed, 7/28	8:00 AM	Alex Shining
Thurs, 7/29	7:30 PM	Owen Siebeneck
Fri, 7/30	8:00 AM	Emma von der Embse
Sat, 7/31	4:30 PM	Victoria Bendele
		Katie Bendele
		Dyllan Bendele
Sun, 8/1	8:00 AM	Meredith Bockrath
		Kendal Bockrath
	11:00 AM	Kaylyn Bockrath
		Logan Bockrath
		Dominic Bockrath

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—July 31/August 1

4:30: Scott Unverferth, Alice Adams, Jim & Marilyn Becker

LECTOR: Deb Schroeder

8:00: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Gus & Judy Brinkman

LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald

Ministers to Homebound: Diane Schroeder

11:00: Michelle Buss, Greg Bockrath, Matt Bockrath, Bob Buss

LECTOR: Sandy Westrick

USHERS - July 31/August 1

4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6



Upcoming Wedding

**Emily MacLean
&
Austin Vorst**

*will be married on
July 31, 2021,
at St. Luke's
Beavercreek, OH.
Please include
them in
your prayers.*



Upcoming Wedding

**Leah
Berheide
&
Andrew
Krouse**

*will be married on
July 31, 2021.
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them in
your prayers.*

