

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OH - JULY 31, 2022

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From the Desk of Fr. Nathan

Dear St. John's and Michael's parishes,

Greetings to all of you. Its with much excitement and joy that I can finally introduce myself, I'm your new priest, Fr. Nathan Bockrath. I can't wait to get started and to meet all of you. I feel blessed that the bishop assigned me as your priest, and I'm humbled by the responsibility.

First off, thank you for your patience here in the month of July. Typically the transition between priests is immediate; however, the bishop has me in "summer-school" in Washington D.C., in the pursuit of a Canon Law degree for the diocese. If you don't know what that is, consider yourself lucky. In short, canon law is a refecation of all the norms that govern how the Catholic Church operates and functions. Everything from who has the right to be baptized, to how to start a new diocese, to what to do if you don't like your pastor (hopefully, an experience that I won't make a reality for you). So, every diocese needs several canon lawyers to make sure things run smoothly. The program is four summers long, and I'm in summer three. Our Lord willing, I will be done next summer.

A little bit about myself, I was born and raised in Glandorf. Putnam County has always had a special place in my heart, which was particularly reinforced when I moved away for college. When you live here, its easy to take things for granted; however, there are few places like Putnam Co. I went to college at the University of Dayton, during which time I was also studying with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (the same religious community that Frs. Scott Kramer and Mark Hoying belong to). It was some good years with them, but I felt our Lord was calling me to the diocesan priesthood. So, upon graduation, I transferred to the Toledo diocese. At which time, I continued seminary at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati (where Kalida's own Fr. Jason Kahle studied). I really enjoyed my time there. It was very enriching and helped confirm my priestly vocation.

In 2013 I was ordained a priest and my first assignment was as an associate priest at Norwalk St. Paul's, and chaplain to their preK-12 school. In 2015, I was then assigned as the associate priest for St. Joseph and St. Ann's parishes in Fremont, chaplain and teacher at their k-12 school, and administrator of Mother of Sorrows parish on Put-in-Bay and St. Michaels parish on Kelleys Island (yep, they got churches on those islands, too). For the sake of brevity, these were all wonderful years. It was great working with the young people, meeting all sorts of folks, and truly a great places to be a priest for my first several years. In 2018, I was assigned the pastor for Our Lady of Hope parish in Attica and St. Gaspar parish in Bellevue. I was bit nervous considering all the responsibilities; but, it turned out to be great. Wonderful people there, we got some projects completed, navigated the craziness of covid, and it was simply edifying to journey in the faith with them.

So, that brings me to today. As I mentioned, I am really looking forward to meeting all of you, learning about the area (I've been away for 17 years), and overall to be your priest. I'll be starting to settle into the office this week and I hope to see you next weekend, as that will be my first weekend Mass. If you need to contact me, don't hesitate to reach out. You can of course call the office or email me directly: nbockrath@toledodiocese.org. In the meantime, be assured of my prayers for you!

God Bless,
Fr. Nathan

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 AM Harold Rampe

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 AM Margaret Stefanek (A)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 St. John Vianney

7:30 PM Ron Kahle, Jr.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

4:30 PM 50th W.A. Susan & Robert Gerdeman

L/D Gerdeman & Latkey Families

L/D Schroeder & Siebeneck Family

Mary Ann Schroeder, on her 85th birthday

George, Nora & Dan Basinger

Clete & Dolores Wehri, L/D Wehri &

Schimmoeller Families, Becky Warnimont

Jeremy Warnimont, Wilfred & Ruth Hermiller

John Phillips, Sandi Kidd

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Dorothy Miller, Pat Sarka

Lester Verhoff, Wilfred & Alma Verhoff

11:00 AM Philip Kahle, Ed Schroeder

Amadeus & Marcele Schroeder

Last Week's Collection \$ 7,533.25

Choir Assignments - August 6 & 7

4:30: HN

8:00: Renee

11:00: YAHS



Fr. Nathan's First Mass...

will be Tuesday, August 2. at 8:00 a.m. We encourage everyone who is able to come to Mass that morning and stay for coffee and donuts in the church basement to say hello to Fr. Nathan!

Official Welcome Gathering for Fr. Nathan



**Sunday, August 7,
after the 11:00 a.m. Mass,
in the church basement.**

EVERYONE is invited to a picnic-style lunch. We hope you join us in welcoming Fr. Nathan!

MONDAY, AUGUST 1**ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church****THURSDAY, AUGUST 4****ROSARY FOR PEACE: 7:00 p.m. in church****FRIDAY, AUGUST 5****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 - 8:40 a.m., as Annette Gerding has agreed to teach the other days. The future of our religious education program depends on our parishioners.

Recent Baptism**ELOISE MARGUERITE ERHART**

Daughter of Brandon & Laine (Laudick) Erhart

Thank You

The family of Carol Verhoff wishes to thank Fr. Scott, Carol Vennekotter and the choir, the Mass servers, Helping Hands volunteers and all who helped Carol over the years.

THRIVE (Young Adults Rooted in Christ)**SCAN ME**

Thrive was created to provide Young Adults (age 19-35) the space for intentional community and continued Catholic Faith Formation. 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!

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!

Little Lambs Christian Preschool Open House

Sunday, August 7, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Parents and children can visit their new classroom! We can't wait to meet you!

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Offertory Bearers - August 6 & 7**4:30:** Susan & Robert Gerdeman Family**8:00:** Marc & Renee Kerner Family**11:00:** Mike & Jessi Grime Family**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - August 6 & 7****4:30:** Peter Morrissey, Lisa Niese, Teresa Rampe, Tom Roof**LECTOR: Nancy Rampe****8:00:** Joan Niese, Beth Nienberg, Rose Recker, Donna Schnipke**LECTOR: Donna Schnipke****Ministers to Homebound:** Tony & Sandy Vorst**11:00:** Deb McIntyre, Michele Niese, Mark Remlinger, Wendy Schimmoeller**LECTOR: Wendy Schimmoeller****USHERS - August 6 & 7****4:30:** Team 7**8:00:** Team 8**11:00:** Team 9**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Tues, 8/2	8:00 AM	Adam Bockrath Morgan Bockrath
Wed, 8/3	8:00 AM	Carson Buss Cooper Horstman
Thurs, 8/4	7:30 PM	Jax Horstman Riley Horstman
Fri, 8/5	8:00 AM	Mallory Kerner Evan Langhals
Sat, 8/5	4:30 PM	Mariah Kerner Logan Kerner Katherine Krouse
Sun, 8/6	8:00 AM	Evan Klausing Griffin Klausing Carson Klausing
	11:00 AM	Allie Kuhlman Grady Kuhlman Kyle Lammers

Fatima USA 2022 - Friday, August 12...

at 7:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860. **Mass** celebrated by Bishop Gerardo Colacicco, Archdiocese of New York, will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by a beautiful candle-lit **rosary** as each prayer is recited. A candle-lit **procession** around the grounds completes the program. Candles and holders will be available. See facebook.com/Fatima.usa.mass or contact Herm and Rita Borgelt 419-796-9168 for details.

Columbus Grove St. Anthony Parish Festival

On Saturday, August 6, BBQ pork chop, BBQ chicken or spare rib dinners will be available at 5:00 p.m., followed by the annual 5K Run. On Sunday, August 7, enjoy our chicken/beef dinners with all the trimmings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Carry outs are available 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. with drive thru carry out open till 1:00 p.m. The cafeteria will be open from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. There will also be the Beer Stand, Hamburger Stand and French Fries. Sunday activities include Bingo, Garage Sale, Kids' Rides and games, Duck Races, Country Store, Kiddie Tractor Pull for children ages 4-9 and much more. There are also cash prizes totaling \$2,500, a Lottery Tree, three \$100 gas card drawings and the chance to win \$20,000 towards a new car or \$15,000 in cash. For more information, call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Come and help us celebrate our parish festival!

Kalida All Sports Passes...

will be sold at the superintendent's office, beginning August 1, from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.