

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - July 4, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I'm writing this on the First of July, which is the feast day of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. It is a good day to reflect on the Precious Blood of Jesus, as I just returned with our mission group from Appalachia. I joined the Missionaries forty years ago as I made my profession to be a missionary wherever God would send me. To be a missionary of the Precious Blood is not just a philosophy, but a way of life. As I returned from Beattyville, Kentucky yesterday, I was reminded of how the Precious Blood of Jesus runs through all of us, even strangers.

I would like to give a little account of some of the ways our mission group encountered the Lord in the past few days. One of our work crews went to a family's house which needed a porch worked on. The owner of the house was so afraid of birds which could come in from almost any direction. Siding, wire mesh, paint, etc. were all applied to make the space safe and livable. When we first heard about the house, it was said that if we could get this project done, the owner would "just hug us around the neck" in the best southern accent that you ever heard. The project was "hugging-neck" worthy when we got done, and there were no birds going to disturb the peace that being on the porch would bring.

Another project was installing flooring in a family's home. This family has gone through so much over this past year. In the midst of taking care of family members during and after the flood, adopting two children and health issues, flooring seemed like the last thing which would ever get done. As our crew came in to begin the project the wife/mother couldn't help but get emotional. She was on the verge of crying and laughing as the work was being done. I'm not sure of the



number of times she blessed us for coming to her house. I'm sure it was a God moment for them and us. Jesus' life blood was flowing as strangers became family and divisions of culture and space were taken away. I'm sure she woke up the next morning and just stared at the floor with a smile on her face and a new love in her heart.



Our group also tackled a small job of replacing a window in a home. The husband and wife both had disabilities. To get their window repaired was a priority, which seemed like it would never happen. Again we were blessed by God and by this couple, as a sign of hope was given them by a band of volunteers. The flood was terrible in the

area. So many homes were not able to be recovered. Some of the businesses were not going to reopen. The restaurant we ate at just opened up from the March flood. We asked how deep was the water in the restaurant during the flood. The water in the Mexican restaurant was chest deep. It is amazing what a little hope does for a person's outlook in life. The precious blood of Jesus gives hope, gives life.

Our group painted, cleaned, organized and did whatever it took to help. In the midst of it all, we were blessed as we tried to be a blessing to others. We had the right amount of volunteers with the right amount of know-how with the right amount of energy to make the mission trip successful and blessed. We got done a day early from all the jobs which we thought we would take days to complete. We prayed together, played together, ate together and worked together as a community. I joined the Missionaries of the Precious Blood to be a community/family. This past mission week, all that was accomplished. And I am really smiling today.

I'd like to thank all who participated on the team, those who kept us in prayer, those who supported us with monetary or baked goods. Thanks to you from all who were on the trip together and from all those we helped. They all said, "May God bless you." We were all blessed together. *Fr. Mark*

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, JULY 6 *St. Maria Goretti*

8:00 AM Carolyn Unverferth, Dan Schroeder

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

8:00 AM For Return to Health for Courtney

THURSDAY, JULY 8

7:30 PM Vic Merschman, Special Intention

Bud Guisinger

Mary, Carey & Nicky Schmitz

FRIDAY, JULY 9

8:00 AM Evangeline & Oscar Kerner

SATURDAY, JULY 10

1:00 PM NM Niese & Gephart

4:30 PM Vic (A) & Andy Merschman

Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock & Family

John Phillips

60th W.A. Ron & Jan Vonder Embse

SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:00 AM Frances & Urban Meyer Family

Norma Fackler, Imogene Jones, Melvin

Gerding, Armella Kerner

Len, Anna Rose, Emily & Triena Kahle

Dorothy Miller, Martha Turnwald

Phil & Mike Kahle

11:00 AM Veronica Hicks, Connie Miller, Greg Erhart



Last Sunday's Collection \$ 9,916.00



St. Michael's Mission Team completely rebuilt these stairs.





Attention Grades 6, 7 & 8 Helpers for VBS

Students in grades 6, 7 & 8 who signed up to be crew helpers will have a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, in the church basement. If you can't attend the meeting, contact Mary Siefker (419-532-2480) or Kelly Buss (419-236-4102).

Attention VBS Adult Crew Leaders

Adults who have signed up to be crew leaders have a meeting on Wednesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. If you can't attend the meeting, contact Mary Siefker (419-532-2480) or Kelly Buss (419-236-4102).

High School Help Needed for VBS

Kalida St. Michael VBS is July 12-15, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. We need H.S. Youth to help with outside games. Please consider volunteering one, two, or all four days and join us for some fun! Contact Jill Zeller if you want to help (567-376-9115).

Donations Sought for VBS

There is a box in the elevator entrance where you can place your donations. Items needed are *battery-operated tea lights* and *sticky tack*.

Putnam County Right to Life is Grateful...

for all the generous support given to us throughout the year. At this time, we would like to acknowledge those who helped us man our booth at the Putnam County Fair: Chris Schroeder; David & Rita Iliff; Herm & Rita Borgelt; Leon & Helen Meyer; Bill & Melida Bockrath; Diane Kaufman & Mary Ann Inkrott; Pat Birnesser & Judy Schroeder; Diane Inkrott & Christine Inkrott; Jim & Pat Hanneman; Mary Grote; Chris Hoehn & Kelsey Herman; Dee, Carl, Jon, & Jason Luersman; Karl & Elaine Steffan; Paul & Marlene Kleman, Don & Sharon Lamers; and Mark & Ann Warnecke. Thank you, volunteers!

KHS Summer Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 14, at Kalida High School, from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Beth Grime at 419-532-2750.

Recent Raffle Winners

Winners for the Kalida Lions 50/50 Drawing were: Norm Schnipke, Barb Horstman & Kenny Unverferth. Winners for the Pioneer Harley Early Bird Drawing were: Dale Vorst & Eddie Hixson. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets.

Look for new Usher, Server & Eucharistic Minister/Lector Schedules at stmichaelskalida.org next week!

Don Wehri Dave Buss Dick Hoying's Brother

Aaron Vorst Joe Donaldson

Dick Bockrath Herm Borgelt

Dick Hoying

Darlene Stammen

Kara Vorst

Karen Warnimont

Jackie Schroeder

Dora

Diane Schroeder

Donna Schnipke

Taylor Lucke

Donations Sought for Children's Garden

If you would like to donate toward this project, please put your donation in an envelope marked, "*St. Michael's Children's Garden*," and place in the collection or mail to "St. Michael Church; PO Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853. Thanks!

UPCOMING SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 7/6	8:00 AM	Katelyn Foppe
Wed, 7/7	8:00 AM	Cole Goubeaux
Thurs, 7/8	7:30 PM	Kyla Grime
Fri 7/9	8:00 AM	Lana Grime
Sat, 7/10	4:30 PM	Tucker Anspach
		Victoria Bendele
		Kaylyn Bockrath
Sun, 7/11	8:00 AM	Meredith Bockrath
		Gabi Brinkman
		Evvy Cattell
	11:00 AM	Evan Fischnich
		Grant Fortman
		Alex Gardner

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—July 10 & 11

4:30: Jane Kleman, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg, Lisa Niese
LECTOR: Deb Kahle
8:00: Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Dianna Kehres, Becky Lucke
LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart
Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas
11:00: Jim Hanneman, Ryan Kerner, Mike Krouse, Deb McIntyre
LECTOR: Erin Kerner

USHERS - July 10 & 11

4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3



Upcoming Wedding

*Morgan
Niese
&
Zachary
Gephart*

*will be married on
July 10, 2021.
Please include
them in
your prayers.*

