St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - June 27, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It's been an interesting week, as last Friday a tornado ripped through Mercer County. More close to home, my sister's house and property had much damage. The roof was torn off the house. The tool shed and barn were damaged beyond repair. Connie and her husband Ralph are fine, but shook up with the whole ordeal. They made it down to the basement about 30 seconds before the tornado hit. In about 30 seconds after their arrival, the roof was off the house. They are fine, but lost their home of 50 years. A comment they made was that at least they could still talk to each other. They realized blessings in the midst of the storm (that was last week's scripture reading).

One of the blessings was the help of family, friends, neighbors and strangers. So many people came to the aid of Connie and Ralph and the whole community. Things needed to be put in dry, safe places. Pictures, furniture, household appliances and everything in a home got relocated. Where they went from that first evening was anyone's guess. Connie mentioned that if she wanted a simple piece of toast in the morning, it could not be had, as they didn't know where the toaster was. She was sure it was somewhere in the neighborhood in someone's garage or barn. Of course when she might find the toaster, there was no electricity to make the toast.

Another blessing is family. Connie and Ralph's son and daughter-in-law and grandchildren were such a help. Besides all the physical help of moving a whole household of things, the support of family helped from a heart level. To be together as family just helps. Connie and Ralph now reside at my brother Mike (and Pam's) house until more permanent arrangements can be made. Connie and Ralph don't know if they should build, rent or buy. After being married for over 50 years, it is time to start over.

I'd like to thank everyone who have prayed for them and the other victims in the Mercer County area. Small communities are great for support. Being a Christian at times like this is so important. Our faith is lived outside of the walls of the church and inside as we need to count our blessings and give praise to God for them.

Connie's story about missing toast made me think about counting blessings: big and small. How many times do I go to the refrigerator and grab something? How often do I turn on a light and know I will have electricity? How many times do I go by a neighbor's house and not appreciate a friendship? How many times do I have a chance to be with family and not appreciate being family? I started counting blessings this week and ran out of fingers and toes.

I try to thank God in my prayers, but usually do more asking than thanking. This week, I was a little more thankful to God. In the future, I hope it doesn't take a tornado to move me to appreciate all that God has done for me. Have a blessed week and count your blessings.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, JUNE 29 Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, JULY 1

7:30 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 2 First Friday 8:00 AM Dan Schroeder

SATURDAY, JULY 3
4:30 PM
John Phillips, Roger Buss
Walter & Marie Becker

George, Nora & Dan Basinger

SUNDAY, JULY 4

8:00 AM World Peace (CLC), Ann & Jerome Bonifas

Edna & Dick Kruse, Sylvester Hanneman L/D Norbert J. Siebeneck Family

Alvin & Mary Hoffman

Dan Kabla In

11:00 AM Ron Kahle, Jr.

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 9,198.12

Thanks to All for Anniversary Greetings

Thanks to everyone who wished me a Happy Anniversary of Ordination. 36 years, and over a third of those years have been spent in Putnam County. May God bless you all for years of friendship and sharing of faith, hope and love.



Mission Trip This Week

Please keep in mind all the volunteers who will be helping in Appalachia this week. We appreciate all the prayers and donations to this great cause.

The Prayer Line is Being Updated

You can be notified of the need for prayers by email, text, or

by a personal phone call. If you would like to be included, please call **Rita Borgelt at 419**-532-3637 or 419-796-9168. If no answer, please leave a message with your name, phone number, and the method with which you want to be noti-

fied – text should include your provider's name, email, or phone.

Holy Name Raffle Tickets...

have been completely sold out. Thanks to everyone who purchased or bought tickets! Here is a list of the winners for the first raffle of the new season:

\$250	Nancy Grote	\$100	Erik Selhorst
\$100	Ezra Eugene Roebke	\$100	Larry Westbeld
\$100	Eugene Foppe	\$ 50	Mike Simon
\$ 50	Larry Westbeld	\$ 50	Diane Kahle
\$ 50	Julie Gerdeman	\$ 50	Rachel Kahle
\$ 50	Dawn Jerwers	\$ 50	Kennedy Simon

Recent Baptism

MADILYNN ELIZABETH BOCKRATH

Daughter of Rodney & Amy (Wulliman) Bockrath

Holy Name Choir is Scheduled to Sing...

Sunday, July 4, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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).



Kalida Lion's Chicken BBQ - Sunday, June 27

Drive thru carryout at high school from 11:00-1:00. Thank you from the Lion's Club for your support.

Band in the Park - Sunday, June 27

Adult gathering from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m., with music by Deuces Wild Band. BBQ Pork Dinners available, with \$1,000 Early Bird drawing of Pioneer Harley ticket. Tickets available from Kalida Firemen & Lions members.

St. Catherine's Embrace Keepsake Boxes

St. Catherine's Embrace is an outreach ministry that acknowledges and supports the many families in the St. George Deanery/ Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage or stillbirth. We offer prayers, resources and an engraved keepsake box filled with helpful books, artwork and handmade memorial items crafted by parishioners from across the county. There are now trained volunteers in this parish who can respond to families directly. If you or someone you love experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth, we are here to help. Simply call the parish office at 419-532-3474 and we will take care of the rest. Are you interested in volunteering with St. Catherine's Embrace? We have multiple ways to get involved. We currently need woodworkers, seamstresses and parish outreach volunteers. Please call or text Mary Beth at 419-980-8065 or email Marybeth@marybethw.com if you are interested in learning how your talents and gifts can be used to accompany local families in their time of need.

Trip to Smoky Mountains

Join us on another fundraising bus trip, benefiting Ottawa Legion Baseball, to the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Enjoy a guided tour of the Titanic Museum, including dinner in the Secret Dining Room, Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Theatre and the Hatfield & McCoys Dinner Feud. Relax during a guided tour of the Smoky Mountains and free time in Gatlinburg. Trip also includes admission to Dollywood Theme Park, 3 additional shows and tour and tasting at The Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine. Dates are August 23-27, 2021 and cost per person is \$899. For more information, or to sign up, please call Cheryl Kersh at 419.890.8565, or email at cherylkersh@gmail.com.

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. If you have any questions, contact

Chris Schroeder (419-615-3355), Adriene Swyers (419-796-0355) or Fr. Mark.

Donations Sought for VBS

There is a box in the elevator entrance where you can place your donations. Thank you for helping us create a faith and fun-filled bible school! Items needed: hand sanitizer WIPES, sticky tack, duct tape (any color), glue dots, personal packs of tissues, gallon Ziplock bags, napkins, balloons (bright colors) and battery-operated tea lights

UPCOMING JR. HIGH SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 6/29	8:00 AM	Emma von der Embse
Wed, 6/30	8:00 AM	Parker Vorst
Thurs, 7/1	7:30 PM	Lauren Bockrath
Fri. 7/2	8:00 AM	Faith Feldman

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—July 3 & 4

4:30: Tom Bonifas, Dave Buss, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman *LECTOR: Lynda Fortman*

8:00: Gus & Judy Brinkman, Jerry Ellerbrock, Janice Foppe

LECTOR: Don Wehri Ministers to Homebound: Dianna Kehres

11:00: Lori Erhart, Kyla Fortman, Michelle Buss, Bob Buss

LECTOR: Kyla Fortman

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.

K-8 Principal Needed at Leipsic St. Mary's

Email resume to parishoffice@metalink.net, mail to St. Mary Parish, c/o Principal Search Committee, 320 State Street, Leipsic, Ohio 45856 or drop off at the Parish Office at 320 State Street, Leipsic, Ohio 45856. Cover letter may include the reasons you would like to serve as our administrator, the three most important roles you see for a Principal and salary requirements.

Diocese of Toledo Cedar Point Day



Tuesday, June 29, 2021. Tickets available online for \$38.50 plus tax! For tickets, visit:

Cedarpoint.com/affiliate Username: CPTDY

Password: tdy