

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - June 4, 2017

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone, and Happy Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Birthdays in the Hoying house were always a time to say someone was special. The person with the birthday was never overlooked. Special food was made, along with special desserts. We always sang, although my Mom had the worst voice. She would say how bad a singer she was and then just belt out the birthday song to let God know how she was "gifted." Because it was your birthday did not mean that you got out of any of the farm chores. Milking, bedding stables, collecting eggs and other jobs were part of the daily part of being a farm family. Birthdays meant that more joy was added to an already full day. The day was only complete when the family was gathered around the kitchen table. As the birthday person, you would sometimes wonder if the family would forget your birthday due to sheer numbers, or if it was a busy time of year, like planting or harvesting. We always kidded my brother, since his birthday is near Christmas, that the family would forget his birthday. He never felt cheated as Mom would belt out "Happy Birthday" in the midst of "Away in a Manger."

I thought about "Hoying" birthdays and the "Church" birthdays and made a comparison. If we would treat Pentecost like a Hoying birthday, maybe Pentecost would be a little more exciting. First, you would have to have spirit. Pentecost is the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. When the Hoyings get together for a birthday, there is plenty of spirit. Second, there was singing. It didn't matter if Mom's voice was not perfect, that was part of the joy of the gathering. Everyone participated with full voice. If every church was full of singing the praises of God, it would be more exciting. Third, no one was left out, no matter how busy a season or a person might be. Every member was made to feel special. There was still the ordinary work to be done, but everyone knew that when we gathered for a birthday, someone was going to feel special. And because they felt special, the whole group felt special. Four, we didn't start until everyone was at table. The meal was always the highlight of a birthday. Mom would make special food that brought about stories and laughter and unity. Still when the family gathers, we tell of the family birthdays around our huge kitchen table. We remember laughing so hard that milk came out of noses. The early Church always gathered for the breaking of the bread. God stories were told and the disciples were united because they recognized the Lord in their midst.

After Pentecost, the disciples went out full of the Spirit to tell others about the wonders of God. But, first, they celebrated Pentecost together. We need to celebrate that God is present and alive whenever two or more gather. Following the Lord is not an individual endeavor. It works best when we do this together. So think of a birthday and make Pentecost a celebration. Have a great week, everyone. *Fr. Mark*

Recent Baptism

ROEN DANIEL ASKINS

Son of Ross & Jill (Hermiller) Askins

Attention Anyone Who Enjoys Singing

Whenever you see Renee scheduled to play the organ at Mass, please feel free to come up to the choir loft and accompany her by singing at Mass. You don't need to belong to a choir.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JUNE 5 *St. Boniface, bishop & martyr*

8:00 AM Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 AM Norbert Vennekotter, Joyce Kahle Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 AM Alaina & Mia Landwehr

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

7:30 PM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

8:00 AM Dorothea Averagesch

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

4:30 PM Bernard Averagesch, John Phillips

Sylvester & Adelia von der Embse

Helen Korte, L/D Korte/Brickner Families

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 *The Most Holy Trinity*

7:30 AM Alfred & Kate Wehri

10:30 AM Leroy Warnement & Family

Last Week's Collection: \$ 8,281.67

Choir Assignments - June 10 & 11

4:30: Renee **7:30:** HN **10:30:** Renee

Word of Thanks

I just want to thank so many for kind words and support during this grieving time for my brother Norman. You all have been so kind. I thought of Norman often as I talked about family birthdays. Norman, being the oldest brother, would negotiate for an extra piece of dessert in exchange for an airplane ride (his swinging us little kids above his head). It was almost worth it, but Mom's angel food cake could not be traded for. *Fr. Mark*

Thank You

We express our gratitude to Fr. Mark, Fr. Elmer, Deacon Bob, Organist Carol Vennekotter, the choir and the servers for their help at the Funeral Mass for Diane. We thank Dick's and Helping Hands for the delicious meal. We also appreciate all those who sent flowers, cards, prayers and their condolences during this difficult time.

The Family of Diane Smith

Fr. Mark Out of Town This Week

The Assembly of Precious Blood Priests, Brothers and Companions is June 5-7. The Precious Blood Community of the Cincinnati Province will gather in Carthagen. Fr. Elmer will handle parish duties. Please say a prayer for our Community and I will be praying for all of you. *Fr. Mark*

For Those Attending Appalachian Mission Trip:

Final meeting on Wed., June 7, at 7:00 p.m., at the Kalida Park.

K of C Trophies & Essay Winners

Come to one of the June meetings if you would like to take home one of the old sports trophies (basket/soft/bowling ball). First come, first served. We cleaned out the case to make way for the Nativity. Always the 2nd and 4th Thursday after the 8:00 p.m. Mass. Speaking of winners, our scholarship essay contest was won by senior Adam von der Embse and 8th grade's Ben Doepker...CONGRATS! Lastly, we are searching for someone to serve as Deputy Grand Knight for 2017-18 fraternal year. No skills required....if Phil Fuerst can do it, so can you.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

MISSION TRIP MEETING: 7:00 p.m., at the park

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Polka Dances in June at Kalida K of C

June 4, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., with the Kordupel-Culkar Band. Also, June 9, from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m., with Squeezebox. Call 419-236-8029 with questions.

Diocesan Youth Day at Cedar Point

Tuesday, June 20. Cost is \$40 per ticket. If you want to car-pool, contact Jill Zeller (419-532-3494, ext. 103).

Kalida Little Kickers

There are extra forms at the post office. Forms are due June 15. This league is only for Pre-K and incoming Kindergarten students. Child must be 4 years old by January 1, 2017, to play. Contact Tara Verhoff (419-796-8816) with questions.

Please Turn In Holy Name Tickets...

to Nick Schulte or Mike Schimmoeller., as soon as possible.

KHS JV Volleyball Coach Needed

Contact Head Coach Ashley Halker (419-796-0799).

Vacation Bible School Registration

July 10-13, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Church Basement for ages 4 & up

Name _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Shirt Size _____

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Shirt Sizes: Youth Sm. 4-6, Youth Med. 6-8, Youth Lg. 10-12, Youth XL. 14-16, Adult Sm.

Parents/Guardian _____

Phone _____

Food allergies, health issues, special needs: _____

I would like to purchase a CD of VBS songs (\$6) _____

Parents who can help please, mark days available:

Name _____

____ Mon ____ Tues ____ Wed ____ Thur Shirt Size _____

Shirts for adult crew leaders available for helping 3 days +

Registration Fee is \$10 per child \$ _____

Please include with this form

Please make check out to "**St. Michael's**" and mail form to:
St. Michael's Church; P.O. Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853
or place in the Sunday Collection

OFFERTORY - June 10 & 11

Ryan & Erin Kerner Family

Dave & Jane Kahle Family

Mary Ann Hoersten Family

USHERS - June 10 & 11

4:30 PM Collin Wurth, Jeff Knueve, Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg, Collin Nartker, Christian Nartker, Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk

7:30 AM Adam von der Embse, Paul von der Embse, Trent Siebeneck, Griffin Recker, Derek Buss, Trevor Vorst, Clay Meyer, Mason Kerner

10:30 AM Team 12

LECTORS - June 10 & 11

4:30 PM Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle

7:30 AM Donna Schnipke, Mary Plescher

10:30 AM Alexis Meyer, Brayden Recker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - June 10 & 11

4:30: Karen Schroeder, Dick & Jane Schulte, Kierstan Siebeneck, Kara Siefker, Kay Unverferth, Norma Unverferth, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Norma Vorst

7:30: Dick & Judy Bockrath, Ron & Dorothy Kerner, Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Don Wehri

Ministers to Homebound: Dick & Judy Bockrath, Ron & Dorothy Kerner

10:30: Megan Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Duane & Barb Stefan, Alice Adams, Sandy Westrick, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Lisa Unverferth

SERVERS

Mon, 6/5	8:00 AM	Cole Nienberg Sean Maag & EJ Miller
Tues, 6/6	8:00 AM	Gabe Roof, Malie Miller Kayla Nartker
Wed, 6/7	8:00 AM	Nathan Schroeder Andrew Peck Leo Rafaniello
Thurs, 6/8	7:30 PM	Justin Siebeneck Hanna Rampe, Livia Recker
Fri, 6/9	8:00 AM	Adam Siefker, Jaden Smith Kevin Schumaker
Sat, 6/10	4:30 PM	Evan Roebke Dakota Rosselit Dayna Schimmoeller
Sun, 6/11	7:30 AM	Ethan Schmenk Brad & Trevor Siefker
	10:30 AM	Megan Schulte Kathryn, Kierstan Siebeneck

Annual Used Book Sale - June 6 & 7...

from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., at the E. 4th Street Gym, Ottawa. Items for sale: books for all ages, plus music CD's, DVD's, books on tape, videos, records, electronics, attic treasures and more. Proceeds benefit all the Putnam County Libraries.

Kalida Cheer Camp...

for anyone age 4 through grade 6. The camp will be held July 24-27 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., with a showcase on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$40. Each participant will receive a t-shirt as part of the camp cost, if registered by Tuesday, July 11. If interested, forms are available in the superintendent's office or you can email kaylan.griffith@kalidaschools.org for a registration form. Camp is put on by KHS Cheerleaders.