

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It's June and the countdown is on. Over the years I have met a lot of people who do count-downs. There are brides who do countdowns from the day of their engagement (I'm not quite sure why it is always the bride and not the groom). I've seen lots of students make a countdown and lots of teachers who do the same. I've heard of people who retire make countdowns. But rarely have I heard of pastors counting down the days. Perhaps it has to do with cutting ties rather than looking forward to something that is very positive. As I am at the beginning stages of packing I come across a lot of pictures of events over the past 13 years in Putnam County. More than the events almost all the pictures have people in them. I have lots of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Wedding pictures. I'm sorry that the dresses and outfits aren't my first focus. I'm pretty good at names so each picture carries a personal connection. It just isn't the dancing or singing of "Brick House" that makes a wedding fun for me, but all the people who build the "house." St. Michael's and St. John's are made of living stones. I'm sure that in the upcoming months and years I will make connections with the people down south, but for now the connections are really strong here.

When you factor in a connection of faith, the bond is really strong. I have had the opportunity to share lots of faith stories with amazing people. Hospital visits and mission trips carry with them a sense of faith, hope and love. Praying with people in nursing homes and people who are shut-in brings a sense of holiness. Kid's stories and enthusiasm show the joy of God's gifts to us.

This weekend is Pentecost. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and all the gifts that we are blessed with. We talk about gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, courage, piety and fear of the Lord. Again, I don't see the gift as much as I see the one who has been endowed with these gifts. The gifts of the Holy Spirit come alive through people. Look for those people this week and say thanks for sharing God with the world.

Don't get me wrong in that my countdown includes that I will find God when I go back home, but for now I'd rather stay where God has been so visible for 13 years. May the Holy Spirit continue to work at St. John's and St. Michael's through each and every person in our parishes.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, JUNE 6	
10:30 AM	Funeral Mass - Yvonne Bendele
TUESDAY, JUNE 7	
8:00 AM	Tom Recker, Carolyn Unverferth L/D William Zeller Family L/D Jerome Bonifas Family
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8	
8:00 AM	Ray Schroeder Family
THURSDAY, JUNE 9	
7:30 PM	Mildred & Wilbur Remlinger Dorothy Miller, Larry Peck
FRIDAY, JUNE 10	
8:00 AM	Larry Buss
SATURDAY, JUNE 11	
1:30 PM	NM Doepker & Schroeder
4:30 PM	Theresa Foppe, Bud & Marie Becker Jack & Armella Fortman, Ed Schroeder Ron Kahle, Jr., Larry Buss Earl, Dan, Irene, Joe, Pat & Bill Kleman
SUNDAY, JUNE 12 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	
8:00 AM	Walter & Mary Vennekotter, Dorothy Miller
11:00 AM	L/D Harry & Alberta Selhorst Family L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family Leroy Warnement & Family

Last Week's Collection \$ 7,264.76

Choir Assignments - June 11 & 12

4:30: Ashleigh 8:00: HN 11:00: Renee

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for Yvonne Bendele will be held on Monday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m. Please include Yvonne and her family in your prayers.

Parish Council Election Results

Mary Gerding, Deb McIntyre & Don Rall were elected to Parish Council. Thanks to Keith Hamburg, Sheryl Krouse and Mark Stechschulte, who will soon be finished with their three year term. Thanks, also, to everyone who was willing to have their name put on the ballot.

Happy Anniversary of Ordination

Deacon Bob Klausung will celebrate his 32nd Anniversary of Ordination on June 9. Happy Anniversary, Deacon Bob, and thanks for all you do for the parish!

HIGH SCHOOL Help Wanted

(Incoming Freshmen thru Outgoing Seniors)

We need your help at the outdoor games for VBS, from July 11-14, about 6:00-9:00 p.m. If you can't help every night, that's OK. Let Jill know when you can help (567-376-9115). There will be a pizza party for all high school helpers on Thursday evening after clean-up!

Holy Name Requesting Volunteers

The Holy Name is requesting volunteers for the Social Burger stand at the Fish & Game Extravaganza on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. If interested please contact Duane Simon at 419-234-1740.

Seventh Grade Catechist Needed for 2022-23

We are still looking for a 7th grade teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Maybe a college student who has a late morning class would consider sharing the faith four days a week from 8:00-8:40 a.m.

Volunteers for Fr. Mark's Farewell Gathering

We will need some help with the gathering on June 26. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the front vestibule of church. Thanks in advance!

From The Meadows of Kalida

- The Meadows of Kalida Community Picnic is right around the corner! Join us on June 12, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy lunch, ice cream, bounce houses, games and much more! Live entertainment will be performed by John Pickle. Bring your loved ones and join us for an afternoon of fun!
- Attention Senior Executive Club Members! Our Monthly Luncheons will now be on the second Tuesday Each Month! This is starting June 14, at 12:30 p.m. We hope to see you all there! Not already a member? No problem! Join us for lunch on the 14th, we will be happy to have you! Senior Executive Club is for anyone 65 years and older! We hold monthly luncheons that include bingo, prizes and an afternoon of camaraderie! No RSVP is required.



Pictures of Fr. Mark

We are requesting pictures of Fr. Mark with you or your family or at an event during the past 13 years.

We will be putting together a slideshow and kindly ask that you submit ONE PHOTO only per family. Also we request these photos to be digital files only and be emailed to stmichaelskalida@gmail.com

Thank you so much!  
**The DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JUNE 15.**



Small Holy Items Sought

Looking for small, lightweight holy things for mission. Rosaries, laminated holy cards, metals, religious jewelry, etc..." Please place at elevator entrance marked mission trip. Thank you! Your donations are so very appreciated!

Lions Club Chicken BBQ

Sunday, June 12, with drive-thru carryout at the high school from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thank you from the Kalida Lions for supporting our community projects.

Polka Boosters Dance with Fred Ziwich Band

Sunday, June 12, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Kalida K of C. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Call 419-966-3826 for more information.

Cedar Point Toledo Diocese Day - June 24

The Family and Youth Cedar Point day is open to all families and youth groups in the Toledo Diocese. Discounted tickets are available for \$43.20.

To purchase, visit [www.cedarpoint.com/save](http://www.cedarpoint.com/save)  
Username: CPTDIOCESE Password: tdiocese  
Learn more at [toledodiocese.org/cedarpoint](http://toledodiocese.org/cedarpoint)

Donations for Area Homeless Shelters

The following items have been requested from the surrounding shelters that Putnam County continues to use: Ear buds, socks, underwear, t-shirts, blankets, garbage bags, laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower shoes (flip flops), hairbrush, comb, pull-up diapers, bookbags, individually-wrapped snacks, and monetary gifts (checks made payable to "New Creation Lutheran Church Homeless Shelter Outreach."

*There is a box for your donated items in the tower entrance of church. Thank you for your help!*



VBS is July 11-14

We will have online registration, which you can access by scanning the QR code to the left. Paper registration forms will be available at the exits of church for those who do not have internet. Payments can be placed in the collection or sent to church (Box 387). Make checks payable to "St. Michael Church."



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<https://vbspro.events/p/events/kalidavbs>

Tentative Schedule for Fr. Mark's Farewell Gathering

- 11:00 a.m. Fr. Mark's Final Mass (in Church)  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
Receiving Line: Fr. Mark will be under the pavilion to greet people as they line up for lunch  
3:00 p.m. Square Dancing called by Fr. Mark and some Line Dancing
- A very large tent will be set up behind the pavilion at Four Seasons Park for lunch/dancing
  - We will have several inflatable slides, etc. for the kids (or adults) to enjoy
  - We will have an ice cream machine, snow cone machine, popcorn and cotton candy
  - There will also be a water balloon launch with a target
- Over 1,000 people have signed up to attend Fr. Mark's Farewell Gathering, so note that we will be serving lunch all afternoon, so feel free to stop by any time until 4:00 p.m. to eat. However, the party could continue through the night, as we really don't want to say goodbye!*

