Thanksgiving Dinner at Kalida K of C

Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Dinner will be Sunday, November 21, at the Hall, starting at 4:00 p.m. and run to 6:00 p.m. or whenever we run out. Main event is turkey with all the trimmings. The event is open to the public, cost of the meal TBD, but we just recover cost. Meals for the homebound can be delivered. Contact John Schulte at 419-532-2526 if you need such a meal delivered. We were unable to do this annual event last year so have something on your mind to be thankful for and we hope to see you there.

November Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Trey Killion
\$100	Ruth Kuhlman
\$100	Gene Foppe
\$100	Ralph Miller
\$100	Tim Verhoff
\$ 50	Andrea Burgei
\$ 50	Tom Meyer
\$ 50	Lisa Karhoff
\$ 50	Gerry Vorst
\$ 50	Roger Wellman
\$ 50	Melissa Otto
\$ 50	Chellie Unverferth

Men's Prayer Group

The next gathering for private prayer is Wednesday, December 1, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in church. Feel free to join us at any time. This is open to any man in the parish. Again, this is not group prayer, but an opportunity to come together, but to pray privately.

Full Time Position at Leipsic St. Mary's

St. Mary Church, in Leipsic, is looking to fill a full-time position in the Office of Finance and Administration. Qualifications include excellent organizational, communication and bookkeeping/accounting skills. Bachelors' degree preferred, but would consider motivated applicants with administrative and financial experience. Resumes should be emailed to fatherronschock@gmail.com or they can be mailed to Father Ron Schock St. Mary Parish, 318 State Street, Leipsic, Ohio, 45856.

Use AmazonSmile for Kalida Parks

Assuming folks in our community purchase items through Amazon, we would like to encourage everyone to make those purchases through the AmazonSmile platform and designate the Kalida Park Foundation as their charity. Thanks for your support!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

RCIA: 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

2022 Offertory Envelopes...

are in the back of church. If you can't find your box, please contact the Parish Center (419-532-3474).

SERVER SCHEDULE			
Tues, 11/23	8:00 AM	Maya Wehri	
		Lauren Bockrath	
Wed, 11/24	8:00 AM	Faith Feldman	
		Katelyn Foppe	
	7:30 PM	Lauren Schulte	
		Ella Schumacher	
		Sara Siebeneck	
Thurs, 11/25	9:00 AM	Justin Siebeneck	
		Jacob Siebeneck	
		Tyson Siefker	
Fri, 11/126	8:00 AM	Kyla Grime	
		Lana Grime	
Sat, 11/27	4:30 PM	Jaden Smith	
		Braylon Smith	
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Sun, 11/28	8:00 AM	Jack Stechschulte	
		Allison Stechschulte	
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	11:00 AM	Madison Unverferth	
		Whitney Unverferth	
		Avrie Unverferth	

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—Thanksgiving

7:30: Mark Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Ryan Kerner, Jane Kleman LECTOR: Nancy Rampe

<u>9:00:</u> Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich, Darlene Hanneman, Darlene Miller *LECTOR: Mary Plescher*

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—November 27 & 28

4:30: Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg, Lisa Niese, Tom Roof

8:00: Mike Krouse, Becky Lucke, Dianna Kehres, Joan Niese

LECTOR: Donna Schnipke

Ministers to Homebound: Dianna Kehres

11:00: Deb McIntyre, Michele Niese, Lisa Rampe, Deb Remlinger LECTOR: Deb Schroeder

USHERS - Thanksgiving

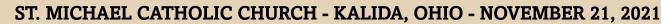
<u>**7:30**</u>: Team 4 <u>**9:00**</u>: Team 5

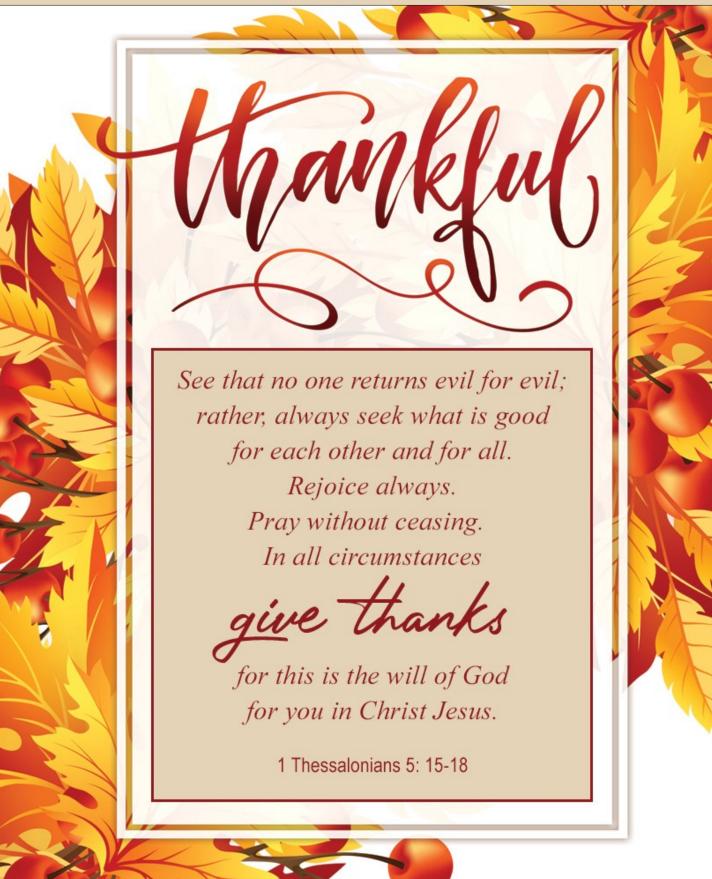
USHERS - November 27 & 28

4:30: Team 4 8:00: Team 5 11:00: Team 6

THANKSGIVING MASSES

Wednesday, November 24, at 6:00 p.m. (Continental) Wednesday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m. (Kalida) Thursday, November 25, at 9:00 a.m. (Kalida)





From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone, and Happy Thanksgiving week. This year, I am trying something different as I try to get in the Thanksgiving spirit. I am going to try to get into the spirit by remembering Thanksgivings past. For the Hoying family, it was all about the gathering and food. As the family continued to grow with additional in-laws and grandchildren, the amount of turkey needed to feed the family grew, also. Mom insisted on a Butterball turkey...the kind which a little indicator popped out when the turkey was done. Each year the turkey would get bigger until it was time to go to two turkeys to be roasted. And when it was time to get two turkeys, it was time to get a new venue. Our Hoying family has rented the same church basement for the past 40 years. At the gathering there were always games, a walk down the roads of Western Ohio, the hunting of rabbits and lots of food. Thanksgiving was always mom's favorite holiday, as there were no expectations of gifts or pressure to get the right gift or amounts of gifts. Just the expectation of seeing that we were all one family and how it grows and stays together brought Thanksgiving joy to mom. Family was everything and Thanksgiving was just another day, if it wasn't for family. Many times we would go to church first before we would go to the church hall across the county to share our meal. We would have a prayer before our meal, but not too long of a prayer because food should be eaten hot (Mom's rule). Faith was important to my mom and dad and faith had to be practical.

This year, to bring back memories, I am going to try to cook a turkey. Mom always bought a frozen turkey and then spent the next days wondering if she could get it unthawed (thawed for most people). She would get up early in the morning, around three, to cook the turkey so it would be just right. She would baste it over and over again so that it would be nice and juicy. She worried about smallest details, even the carving. We had an electric knife that never seemed to work for the one day of the year that it could be of use. She had her favorite knife to do the carving after she put the electric one away after a little complaining of how the knife didn't work again this year (we never got the hint that she wanted a new electric knife for Christmas). Mom's turkey always turned out and she always made sure there was a wishbone for the youngest to make a wish with.

And then there was the stuffing. Mom used stale bread from the day old Wonder Bread store. It was cheap and was just perfect for the job. She would ask us kids if we wanted raisins in the stuffing or not. We voted "no," but mom knew better. Some things you should not change...like dressing. Mom made the best dinner rolls that soaked up butter. We always ran out of dinner rolls. It wouldn't have mattered how many mom would have made. They were always going to run out. The cranberry sauce was homemade, with fresh cranberries and oranges. As children, we helped cranked the grinder to crush the cranberries and we loved to hear them pop if they went into the grinder just right. Mom's pumpkin pie was homemade from the pumpkins grown between the corn rows and harvested before the picker went through. I'm not sure if I liked the pie or all the Cool Whip that I put on the dessert. We never got Cool Whip, except at Thanksgiving. And of course we had to have potatoes, as it wasn't a meal without potatoes. For Thanksgiving, it took a lot to feed a family

like ours. The girls always had to peel the potatoes. It sure is nice to be a boy in a big-eating family like ours (the girls did the dishes, also).

I have my turkey thawing in the refrigerator. I am not going to do all the fixings. I now realize how much work it took to put on a Thanksgiving meal for the family. God gave us each other as family and we should appreciate each other and work to make family good. I thank God for all the fixings, but especially for the main course of a family sitting down to share the good feeling of being a family. I would like to thank my Putnam County family. Both parishes are my family and are very important to me. Many times I feel like St. Paul when I say that I continually give thanks for you. God has blessed me with a good family and that includes this family here in Putnam County. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. Pray that my turkey turns out like my mom's always did.

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 8:00 AM John Kahle WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 8:00 AM Gary Bockrath 7:30 PM Mae & Carl Webken, Lincoln Roebke Jerome & Ethel Bendele, Don Bendele Bob Schimmoeller, Nolan & Irma Krouse Shawn Bailey, Ron Kahle, Jr. Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 Thanksgiving 9:00 AM Klara Frommherz, Judy Blankemeyer Carolyn Unverferth, Klara Frommherz Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth, Ed Schroeder Jim Hamilton, L/D Vorst Family L/D Tony & Bernadine Hoersten Family Norbert & Belva Berelsman FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 8:00 AM Jim Peck **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27** Greg & Laura Foppe, Larry Haselman 4:30 PM John Phillips, Helen Korte L/D Korte & Brickner Families Jim, Gladys, Richard, Mark, Bob & Keith Unverferth, Jim & Angie Erhart Ron Kahle, Jr. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 First Sunday of Ad vent 8:00 AM Gergen Family, Frank Schumaker L/D Pete & Alice Gerding Family 11:00 AM Marlene Verhoff, L/D Haselman & Verhoff Family, Jeff Vorst L/D Harold & Millie Vorst Family Alvin & Rita Kleman Andrew Orzechowski, Cure for Courtney and All Cancer Patients

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 10,624.77

Choir Assignments - Thanksgiving

<u>**7:30:**</u> Laura <u>**9:00**</u>: Carol/HN

Choir Assignments - November 27 & 28 4:30: Renee 8:00: Carol/HN 11:00: Laura

Advent Booklets Can Be Found...

at the entrances of church. Advent starts on November 27/28.

Thank You

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all who were so kind to think of our family during this difficult time. Especially to Fr. Mark, Steve and Shelley for sharing their time and wonderful talents for us to remember our mother in such a perfect celebration of life. Also, to the community, for looking out and the simple gestures in helping us care for our mother. We are truly blessed.

The Family of Judy Blankemeyer

Recent Baptisms JAMES GLEN GERDING

Son of Neil & Alexis (Wurth) Gerding BROOKS ALLEN RACER

Son of Bradley & Dana (Rosselit) Racer KIZER TIMOTHY SCHUMAKER

Son of Ben & Megan (Mesker) Schumaker LOGAN LAWRENCE UNVERFERTH

Son of Andy & Lindsay (Westbeld) Unverferth



This Year's Giving Tree...

will benefit the Christian Corners Community Center, in Lima. There are tags on the tree for specific individual items. General items will also be shared with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We will also be collecting:

Canned Fruit Tide Pods New Sweatshirts (all sizes) New Hats New Gloves New Sweaters Diapers (all sizes) **Body Wash** Shampoo **Toothpaste** Band-Aids **Antibiotic Ointments Boxes of Cereal Toothbrushes Dollar Tree Detergent** and any other items needed by families

- If you took a tag off the Giving Tree, please attach the specific tag to the items you purchased for that individual.
- <u>All the items</u> can be placed under the Giving Tree.
- The deadline for the collected items is Monday, December 13.

Note: Different this year, is that some tags were given to us with several gift ideas for the recipient. If there are several items on a tag, it is suggested that at least 2 of the items be purchased. Thank you!

Thank You

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for all your prayers for our family. Hard to believe it's been almost two years we've been on this journey with Steve's health issues (3 major surgeries, months of pain, 5 hospital stays, chemotherapy and many doctor visits in between). His scan this week was good news! Thank you, Jesus! This "Thank You" is long overdue...we wouldn't have made it through without our faith, all of your prayers and thoughtfulness. Thank you to Fr. Mark, Fr. Elmer, our families, friends, neighbors, strangers and all of you for your prayers, which gave us strength and encouragement to forge forward! God bless you all.

Steve & Karen Osterhage Family

No Students at Mass This Week

There will be no Elementary and Jr. High students at Mass this week due to the Thanksgiving Break.

High School CCD - November 24

No Class. Everyone is asked to attend the 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Mass. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Virtue of the Week: Obedience

Obedience means to assent to rightful authority without hesitation or resistance. Ways to cultivate this virtue is to listen to rightful authority, follow directions the first time without complaining and in a prompt manner and to anticipate what is expected of you. Saints who practiced obedience were St. Padre Pio, St. Matthew and St. Catherine Labour'e. Our prayer for this week is, "Dear Jesus, You are God, and yet you were obedient to Mary and Joseph. Help me to do all that I am asked of me, promptly, joyfully and completely. This virtue please You more than all other sacrifices."

Items Needed by the Ottawa Food Pantry

As is our usual practice here at St. Michael's, we are asking for donations for the food pantry to be collected at the Thanksgiving Masses. Following is a list of needed items:

Drinks (nothing bigger than 64 oz, or even packs of Capri Sun or something similar)
Cooking Oil & Spray
Jelly and Jam
Crackers (saltine, butter, graham)
Ready to Eat Soup
Laundry Detergent (72 loads or smaller)

Thank you for your generosity. You can make a difference for our neighbors in Putnam County.

