Virtue of the Week: Kindness

The meaning of kindness is expressing genuine concern for the well-being of others, and anticipating their needs. Ways to cultivate kindness: talk to someone who seems sad; practice speaking, thinking and acting kindly, even when someone is not being kind to you. Saints who practiced kindness were St. Veronica, St. Martin de Porres and St. Camillus de Lellis. Our prayer is "Dear Jesus, You are kindness itself. I desire to show charity toward my neighbor through my thoughts, words, and actions. When others meet me, let them meet You in me!"

Sts. Peter & Paul's Festival is This Sunday

You're invited to Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul's Fall Festival. They will be having roast beef and chicken dinners this Sunday, November 7, in the school cafeteria. Dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$12 for Adults \$6 for children under 12. Carry-out dinners will be available for \$12 each. Other features include: country store with crafts, baked goods, holiday items, games and raffles.

Purse Bingo Tickets are Available...

for the Iota Omega Purse Bingo (Friday, November 12) in St. Michael's Church basement. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the events begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained by calling Brenda (419-532-3622) or Judy (419-532-3600).

Elder Victim Advocate Position Available

Full-time, 40-hour a week, position to provide direct victim services to elders in Allen County. Duties: advocate for elder violent and property crime victims with safety planning; traumaresponsive crisis counseling; justice system advocacy; spiritual advocacy; and emergency financial assistance. Conduct case management, including partner-agency referrals. Assist with volunteer recruitment and management. Monitor and advocate for cases with the justice system and through Sexual Assault-Multidisciplinary Action Response Team (SAMART). Collaborate with community partners at the Allen County Elder Justice Interdisciplinary Team meetings. Raise awareness about elder abuse through partner and public education, outreach events and social media. Completion of a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work is preferred or other degrees providing eligibility for Licensure. Competitive pay and benefits. Send resume, 3 personal and 3 professional references to Elysia Bush, Elder Victim Ministry Director, Crime Victim Services, 330 N. Elizabeth St., 2nd Fl., Lima, Ohio, 45801 or ebush@CrimeVictimServices.org by Wednesday, Nov. 17.



Upcoming Wedding

Joel Zeller

Jackie Friesner
will be married on
November 12, 2021.
Please include them
in your prayers.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church CLC MEETING: 7:00 p.m. at 1820 BrewWorks

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

RCIA: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL LECTOR TRAINING: after CCD

YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

CLC Meeting is On the Move This Monday!

Join us at 1820 BrewWorks this Monday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m., for a short meeting, followed by a tour and a pizza buffet!

OFFICE COLLEGE

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 11/9	8:00 AM	Cooper Horstman
		Jax Horstman
Wed, 11/10	8:00 AM	Riley Horstman
		Mallory Kerner
Thurs, 11/11	7:30 PM	Evan Langhals
		Max Langhals
Fri, 11/12	8:00 AM	Issabella McKee
		Sophia Meyer
Sat, 11/13	4:30 PM	Grace Niemeyer
		Griffin Nienberg
		Maddalyn Nienberg
Sun, 11/14	8:00 AM	Riley Nienberg
		Cole Nienberg
		Olivia Olzak
	11:00 AM	Andrew Peck
		Grace Rall
		Hanna Rampe

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—November 13 & 14

4:30: Greg Bockrath, Matt Bockrath, Tom Bonifas, Bob Buss *LECTOR: Lynda Fortman* 8:00: Don Wehri, Rita Borgelt, Gus & Judy Brinkman *LECTOR: Deb Kahle*

<u>Ministers to Homebound:</u> Herm & Rita Borgelt 11:00: Alice Adams, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Dave Buss *LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart*

USHERS - November 13 & 14

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



Upcoming Wedding

Brady Hermiller &

Cassandra Horstman

will be married on November 13, 2021. Please include them in your prayers.



Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.PP.S.

Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Jill Zeller Maintenance: Kevin Fischer Address: 312 N. Broad St.; Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853 Website: stmichaelskalida.org

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church, as we experience it today.

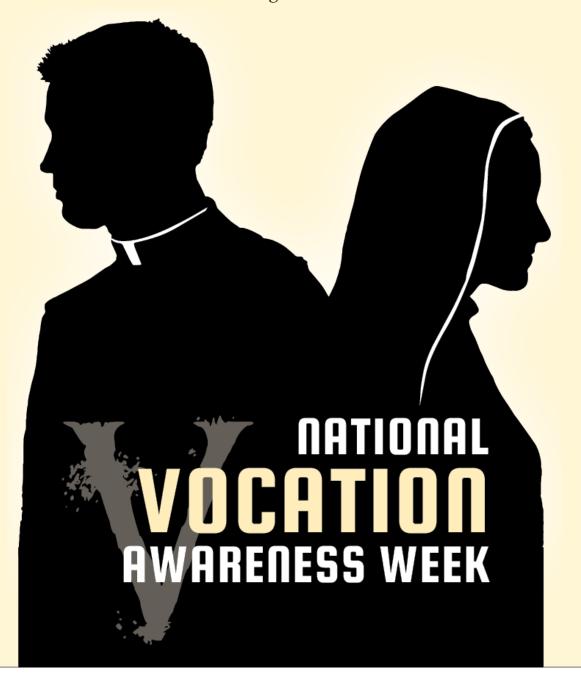
Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice.

Bless the Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord. Amen.



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It is the time of year that I get to visit students in our religious education classes. I never know what they will ask, but am glad that they feel comfortable enough to ask almost anything. And I mean anything. Questions are asked about old girlfriends, sins I may have committed, pets going to church or heaven, favorite parts of being a priest and a variety of other questions. And every now and then, there are questions that really hit the mark that are such good teaching subjects.

The question that hit the mark this week was, "How are Christians supposed to grieve?" I wasn't sure if the question was triggered by the death of Fr. Elmer, a relative or the celebration of All Souls Day? As we talked about Christian grieving, we talked about Faith, Hope and Love. With "hope" in mind, we talked about things unseen. We talked about the hope of heaven for our loved ones. If heaven is a "wonderful place, filled with glory and grace. I want to see my Savior's face cause heaven is a wonderful place." Shouldn't Christians be happy when someone dies. Sorrowful grieving doesn't seem like an appropriate response to people of hope. Maybe there is more to grieving than hope, although it seems to make death less stressful.

Maybe as we grieve we should approach it with faith. With God, all things are possible. We are resurrection people as Jesus' followers. Death has been overcome. The strife is over, the battle done. We celebrate Easter every Sunday. As people of faith, it doesn't seem to make sense to be sad. And yet, I am. Don't I have enough faith and hope? Maybe love has something to do with it. Thanks, Tina Turner.

When Lazarus died, Jesus wept. Where was His faith and hope? I do know that Jesus was a person of faith and hope, but maybe even more: great love. Love connects us all the way to heaven while we are on earth. But death disconnects us while on earth. All those loving things which connected us on earth cannot be shared in the same way anymore. I'm sad that I can't share meals with Fr. Elmer every day. I'm sad that we don't do Jeopardy on weekdays. I'm even sad that I don't have the chance to say, "Fr. Elmer get your shoes on so we can go to the hospital." Love connects us and is part of the grieving process. Christian grieving has to include love, which also includes weeping for love that cannot be shed in the same way with our deceased loved ones. And because we miss the love of a loved one, it is important to share stories of love with others who loved the deceased. Our annual celebration of All Souls Day gives us a chance to tell stories and share stories of love. Those stories mean so much to the survivors who miss loving and being loved by the deceased. So part of the grieving process of a Christian is to tell stories of love and life, which may bring tears, but also brings out how connected we are by love. To not tell the stories of love is to deny how much love connects us with the deceased.

One last thought: This week I taught some children how to make footprints on a frosted window. You may have done this in your youth as you rode on a cold school bus. If you make a fist and put the edge of your fist on the window and let it melt a little and then put five toes on the imprint, you have a little foot. The footprints are small and it takes a long time to cover a large window and make a path to the other side. The grieving process is a matter of taking small steps. We have to walk through the coldness of death and let the imprint of love melt to connect us with what can be seen on the other side. Without steps of love, the grieving process can seem so cold and be so long. Grieve with faith, hope and especially lots of love.

To all those who are grieving, our communities of St. John's and St. Michael's send our love. May God bless you. Have a blessed week. Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 Dedication of Lateran Basilica

8:00 AM **Deceased of CLC** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 St. Leo the Great

8:00 AM L/D William Zeller Family

L/D Jerome Bonifas Family THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 St. Martin of Tours 7:30 PM

Leo & Irene Schnipke Dorothy Miller, Leroy Warnement & Fam.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 St. Josaphat

8:00 AM **Judy Blankemeyer** 2:30 PM NM Zeller & Friesner

4:30 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 St. Francis Xavier

NM Horstman & Hermiller L/D Virgil & Clara Horstman Family

Alvin & Brandon Horstman KHS Class of 1981

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 Stewardship Sunday

8:00 AM Tom & Donna Hoffman

Oscar & Evangeline Kerner Roland Miller, Connie Miller 11:00 AM

Ron Kahle, Jr.

L/D Walter & Edna Warnecke Family

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 9.399.75

Choir Assignments - November 13 & 14 **4:30:** Renee **8:00**: Ashleigh **11:00**: Laura



Our Condolences The Celebration

of Life Service for

Judy Blankemeyer was held on

Saturday, November 6.

Please include Judy and her family in your prayers.

Cemetery Services This Sunday!

There will be a prayer service at both St. Michael and St. Isidore Cemeteries on Sunday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. If there is bad weather, the services will be held in church.

Eucharistic Adoration - Monday, November 8

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Please join the children as we pray for our country and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Vocations Week is November 7-13.

Recent Baptism HENRY ALEXANDER OTTO

Son of Ronald & Ashley (McElwain) Otto

Students Planning Mass this Week...

Annette Schroeder's 4th grade class on Wednesday, Nov. 10, and Ruth Kuhlman's grade 7 class on Friday, Nov. 12. Grade 5 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, Nov. 11 during the CCD class time.

High School CCD - November 10

Everyone has class. Fr. Mark will be with the seniors.



Second & Fifth Graders Portraved Saints at Mass This Week

Above (L-R): Eleanor Potts as St. Patrick, Kourtney Kline as St. Rose, Adria Schnipke as St. Veronica, Piper Kerner as St. Lucy, Kendall Wiler as St. Mary, Adalynn Swyers as St. Michael, Connor Schnipke as St. Francis, and Nolan Sizemore as St. Peter

Below (L-R): Mason Warnecke as St. Patrick, John Recker as St. Nicholas, Emma Jerwers as St. Elizabeth, Charlie Hutchins as himself, Fr. Mark as himself, Ethan Dickman as St. Joseph, and Valarie Romes as St. Theresa

