

**In Preparation  
for the 150th  
Pioneer Days  
Celebration in  
2022...**

We are in hot  
pursuit of  
information  
regarding  
Kalida History!

We need old photos depicting the village  
and surrounding area:  
**Businesses, First Homes, Transportation, Agriculture,  
Clubs, Native Americans, Newspapers, Biography,  
Community Services, Early Settlers, Entertainment,  
Disasters, etc. Any information is Appreciated!**  
  
Please contact Carol Wise at 419-615-7180 or the  
Putnam County Historical Society Facebook Page or  
Millie McElwain at millie@mcelwainind.com

- Possible Contents of the Kalida History Book
- Native Americans
  - Black Swamp Early Settlers
  - Kalida Becomes a Town
  - Kalida Named Early Government
  - Kalida Becomes a County Seat First Homes
  - Main Street:
  - Early Businesses, Hotels, Cobbler/Shoe Shop, General Store, Hardware, Drugstore, Harness and Blacksmith, Poultry, Banks, Grist Mills, Furniture and Funeral, Restaurants, Barber/Beauty Shops, Farm Services, Construction, Grocery, Bakery, Garbage, Power Station etc.
  - Kalida Newspapers Transportation (railroad, highways)
  - Professionals:
  - Lawyers, Physicians (health issues, cemeteries)
  - Industries Community Services:
  - Fire Department, Library, Telephone Company, Park, Kalida Meadows Religion Education
  - Sports & St. Michael Holy Name Ballpark
  - Recreation (Skating Rink) Entertainment Opera House
  - Art, Music, Dancer, Theater (plays)
  - Social Life: Dances, Social Events, County Fair
  - Celebrations: Pioneer, Centennial, 175th Anniversary
  - Clubs & Lodges Military Then & Now
  - Disasters (floods, tornados, epidemics)
  - Kalida Neighbors (ghost towns) Agriculture
  - Kalida Pioneers Speak Out
  - Biographical Sketches: Heroes, Famous People
  - Gallery of Photos

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** 1:30 p.m., in church  
**HOLY NAME MEETING:** 8:00 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
**RCIA:** 7:00 p.m. in church basement  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
**HIGH SCHOOL CCD:** 7:00 p.m.  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22**  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** 3:00 p.m. in church

| SERVER SCHEDULE |          |   |
|-----------------|----------|---|
| Tues, 10/19     | 8:00 AM  | Morgan Bockrath<br>Evan Langhals<br>Lauren Bockrath |
| Wed, 10/20      | 8:00 AM  | Max Langhals<br>Issabella McKee<br>Faith Feldman    |
| Thurs, 10/21    | 7:30 PM  | Sophia Meyer<br>Jagger Miller<br>Lana Grime         |
| Fri, 10/22      | 8:00 AM  | Cody Recker<br>Josh Schulte<br>Jaxon Hoffman        |
| Sat, 10/23      | 4:30 PM  | Kenzie Fortman<br>Alex Gardner<br>Maria Gerding     |
| Sun, 10/24      | 8:00 AM  | Grant Helmke<br>Joel Horstman<br>Meredyth Horstman  |
|                 | 11:00 AM | Madelyn Houck<br>Audra Hovest<br>Camille Hovest     |

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—October 23 & 24**  
**4:30:** Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Jane Kleman, Becky Lucke  
**LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke**  
**8:00:** Lynda Fortman, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Di-anna Kehres  
**LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald**  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Dick & Judy Bockrath  
**11:00:** Phil & Sue Fuerst, Jim Hanneman, Ryan Kerner  
**LECTOR: Deb Schroeder**

**USHERS - October 23 & 24**  
**4:30:** Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6



**Lion's Club Chicken BBQ -  
THIS Sunday, October 17**  
 Drive-thru carryout at High School from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Kalida Lions thank you for supporting our community projects.

**Home Care Help Sought**  
 Part-time morning (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) home care needed for 57 year old female with dementia. Position is somewhat flexible and could be shared among a couple of people. This is a paid position and could also be considered a work of mercy for the right person who has maybe experienced this in their own family. Location is Kalida/Continental area. Call Cindy at 419-890-5538 for more info.

**Wildcat Cards for Sale**  
 The Kalida Junior Class is selling Wildcat cards for \$10 a card. The card has various discounts for area businesses. If anyone is interested they can contact a Kalida Junior or the High School office. Thank you!

**Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, October 17, 2021**

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput Youth Minister: Jill Zeller

4-Day Parish Mission to  
*Set Your Soul on Fire!*  
with Catholic Evangelist  
**RICHARD LANE**

**October 24 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**October 25-27, at**  
**9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**  
**Each Day**

Visit  
richardlaneministries.com  
for more information.

**FOUR NIGHT PARISH MISSION - ST. MICHAEL CHURCH, KALIDA**  
 Evangelist Richard Lane converted to Catholicism in 2003. Since 2005, he has traveled the world, preaching and teaching in an enthusiastic and engaging style of ministry that will set your soul on fire!

**• APPEARED ON EWTN'S "THE JOURNEY HOME"**  
**• PRODUCED AND HOSTED AN EWTN MINI-SERIES**

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, to retired educator, Mary Lane-Alexander and NFL Hall of Fame Cornerback, Dick "Night Train" Lane; Richard Lane, Jr. is truly on the rise as one of the most sought after, empowering and inspirational speakers in the U.S & abroad.



**SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 - 27, 2021**  
*Please join us and be inspired!*



## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

It has been a difficult, yet faith-filled week as family, friends and parishioners laid Fr. Elmer to rest. We pray together for his eternal peace, joy and life to the full with the Lord, whom he served so well. Thanks to all who have encouraged and prayed for each other and me over this time. It was a blessing to have Fr. Elmer in the life of our parishes and my life for the past seven years. There are many things I miss already including his "woo hoo" in the mornings. I know it began his day, but also mine. That "woo hoo" was his way of saying thanks to God for another day of opportunities to know and serve Him. So when you greet others and me in the next weeks, say a big "woo hoo."

The house is very different. When I hear a noise I automatically think it is Fr. Elmer. When I see a shadow, I think it is Fr. Elmer coming down the hallway. There hasn't been a day when I haven't thought of what "we" were going to have for dinner. Fr. Elmer and I played JEOPARDY every day. He would smile if he got one of the answers. I am going to have to change a lot to get back to a new sense of normal.

Throughout all this time after Fr. Elmer's death, I did a lot of reflecting on those who grieve after the death of a loved one. I put the deceased loved ones in the hands of God and always believe that God takes care of them. But those left to grieve need taken care of, too. Our fast-paced society often-times does not allow people to truly cherish the loved one. A few days of grieving is definitely not enough. New losses come to mind and heart. For Fr. Elmer, I miss spilled coffee, untied shoes, "quietly" answering his phone (even in church). I miss his smile and laugh and stories. I miss how much he loved the Lord. I miss the good and not so good parts. In other cultures, a patch of the loved one's clothing is sewed onto a shirt or blouse to remind the person and the community that a loved one is missed. This patch is worn for a year. The patch is a reminder of the person and the dignity that is owed to someone who left a hole in the hearts of those left behind. The patch is also a sign to take care of the person who is grieving. In our Christian culture, we remember our loved ones because they come from God. We take care of each other because God adopted us as His children. If anyone who deserves a thought and prayer because he made a difference in the world and is a child of God, it is Fr. Elmer. We dignify him by taking time with him in our memories and stories. We dignify his family and friends by telling stories of Fr. Elmer for more than a week and then moving on. Maybe we would give more dignity to the living if we had more dignity for those who have died. Fr. Elmer wished to be remembered in our prayers, even after he died. He was a smart man.

People asked if there is anything we can do regarding the memory of Fr. Elmer. Two things come to mind. St. Michael's is having a Mission from October 24-27. Fr. Elmer loved the Lord. Make plans to attend the mission, presented by Richard Lane, here at St. Michael's Church. There are more details in the bulletin and on our website. I'm sure he would have attended, so as to grow in his love of God.

The second is to attend and support the Fall Mission Festival. Fr. Elmer loved when people came together for all occasions, especially ones which would benefit the Body of Christ. Our staff decided to give all the proceeds this year to the Maryknoll missions. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

We are so glad that Fr. Elmer answered the call to be a missionary especially in Hong Kong and China and in these last years, a missionary to Putnam County. Everyone is invited so invite your friends, family and neighbors to the Fall Mission Festival at the park on October 24. Again there are more details in the bulletin.

Have a great week, everyone. Let us make it great by remembering Fr. Elmer by honoring God and taking care of each other.

*Fr. Mark*

### Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 AM

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 AM Pats & Rita Broecker, Fr. Elmer Wurth

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:30 PM Bud Guisinger, Bob Winkle  
Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 AM

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

4:30 PM Judy Honigfort & Honigfort Family  
L/D KHS Class of 1976, Beverly Haunhorst

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 *World Mission Sunday*

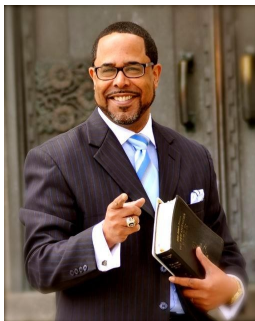
8:00 AM Sally, Richard & Tom Goedde  
Len & Dolores Bockrath

11:00 AM Vince Erhart, Don Holtkamp & Family  
Don Laudick

**Last Sunday's Collection** \$ 8,591.00

### Choir/Organist Assignments - October 23 & 24

4:30: Ashleigh 8:00: Laura 11:00: Laura



### Make Plans to Join Our Parish Mission!

Richard Lane will be presenting a 4-night Parish Mission in St. Michael's Church. There will be a different topic each day.  
**Sunday, Oct. 24, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, Oct. 25, at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.**

This Mission is for people of all ages and all denominations. Our high school youth

will be joining us on Wednesday, October 27.

Visit richardlaneministries.com for more information.

### Return of the Baskets for Mission Raffle

Please return your baskets to the Parish Center or church by Thursday, October 21. Please include an itemized list of the baskets' contents. Include who the basket is "FROM..." if you wish. Thank you for your support of the Maryknoll Missions!

### Recent Baptism

**RUSSELL LAYNE STECHSCHULTE**

Son of Brandon & Darcy (Langhals) Stechschulte

### Snow Removal Needed

We are looking for someone with a truck and snow plow to clear the church parking lots when we get heavy snow. Contact Kevin Fischer for more information. Thanks.

## Poem Read at Fr. Elmer's Funeral

**This is the poem written by Fr. Elmer's great-great nephew Tony Unverferth:**



*Enjoy all the stories and the laughter;*

*This is the beginning of ever after!*

*God, he dedicated his life to You;*

*While finding time to help us, too.*

*We teased him about the length of his preaching;*

*But the lessons he taught us were much farther reaching!*

*We will miss him down here, that's one thing for sure;*

*How can you not miss a soul that was so pure?*

*Heaven is about to get more than a good one;*

*Somehow, he'll make it even better and more fun!*

*Tell Mary, the Saints and all of the Angels,*

*Time to welcome Father Elmer; start ringing the bells!*

## In His Own Words...

**Fr. Elmer wrote a letter in May of 2020 to be read at his funeral. Here is the ending of that letter:**

*And now for the words of St. Paul, which I hope I can say when I leave this wonderful world and all of you, who have made it so wonderful for me.*

*"The time has come for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, I have kept the faith. And now the prize is waiting for me, the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day—and not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for Him to appear."*

**Inspired by 2 Timothy 4:7**

## Thank You

The family of Fr. Elmer Wurth would like to thank the entire community of St. Michael's and the surrounding areas. There are too many special people to thank individually. A VERY special Thank You to Fr. Mark for his friendship to Fr. Elmer and his caring spirit. The girls at the parish center office, Leslie, Connie and Jill, and not to forget the handsome Kevin Fischer. You all were a tremendous help to Fr. Elmer.

## Putnam County Challenge Club...

The Putnam County Challenge Club is now accepting registrations for girls in 4th through 8th grades. This club is a Catholic faith and virtue program that helps girls with common interests form a friendship with Christ. It focuses on the value of an apostolic heart- a heart so full of Christ's love that it just has to be shared.

The first meeting will be October 22 in the church basement after school. If interested, see the forms sent home with students or visit Putnam County Challenge Club on Facebook and click the link to register online. Complete the emergency medical form by either using the paper copy sent home or print from online. Bring registration, emergency medical form, and money to the first meeting. Any questions please contact Denise Schroeder at 419-306-7781.

## Students Planning Mass this Week...

are Pat Broecker's 3rd grade class on Wednesday, Oct. 20 and Michele Doecker's 8th grade class on Friday, Oct. 22.

## High School CCD on October 20

Everyone has class.

## Virtue of the Week: Courtesy

Courtesy means treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness. A way to practice this virtue is to let others go first or to practice good manners; speak in a gentle and patient tone and don't interrupt. We can show awareness of the feelings of others and to go out of our way for others. Saints who practiced courtesy were St. Nicholas, St. Rose of Lima, and St. Vincent de Paul. Our prayer: *"Dear Jesus, Help me to show respect toward others in my words, manners, and body language."*

## Fall Mission Festival

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**12:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Four Seasons Park**

This year the St. Michael's Mission Festival will have a new appearance. We are taking the show on the road to the Four Season's Park (weather permitting) and giving it a Fall look. Our Mission recipient this year will be the Maryknoll Missionaries, in honor of Fr. Elmer. We want our festival this year to be family friendly with many activities which appeal to people of all ages. There is an insert (front and back) in this week's bulletin with details about the Mission Festival. Make sure to check it out, as there are a ton of activities...and of course food!

Here are some things with which we need your help:

## BAKED GOODS/FARMER'S MARKET

Please donate these homemade goods for people to buy. You can drop them off from 10:00 a.m. - Noon next Sunday, October 24, at Four Seasons Park.

## PUMPKINS

Please drop off pumpkins of any size outside the rectory garage.

## CHILI SOUP INGREDIENTS

Please drop off some canned chili beans and tomato juice at the entrances of church this week to help make our chili soup.

## VOLUNTEERS TO HELP...

with food, booths, set up and tear down. We really need some help, so please call the parish office (419-532-3474) this week to volunteer for our festival.

## PIE BAKERS

Check out the information on the flyer for the pie contest. Don't be shy...try a pie...baking contest.

**It should be fun!**

*In case of bad weather,*

*we are planning a make-up day.*

**Let's fill the park with a great Fall spirit and the Spirit of God. For anyone wishing to volunteer, please call the parish office.**

**Remember, the proceeds now benefit the Maryknoll Missions, in memory of Fr. Elmer.**