

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. Palm Sunday is here. Where did Lent go? Lent has slipped away like I was on drugs. That's right I was on drugs. All the pain killers and anesthesia meant to keep me from the reality of pain from the knee replacement, have deadened me to the reality that my knee was shot and had been for years. As I reflect on Holy Week and Lent, I think that somehow we have tried to deaden the reality of what our Lord would do for us to heal our broken lives. Jesus would suffer and die for us to heal us. We need to wake up to the reality of the pain He would take on for us so that we can have life to the full. Fortunately, this week has the potential to awaken us to what our Lord has done for us. I may have received a new knee, but in the Lord's life, death and resurrection, I get a new life. With this in mind, I encourage everyone in the parish, even if you are on vacation, to take in this wonderful week of faith.

Thursday is a powerful day in which our Church celebrates a gift of love. Jesus would love His disciples and us so much that he would show us what love looks like. It is not how much someone loves us, but how much we show our love as servants. The washing of the feet is such a reminder that our faith is about being humble and letting God love us first. Then, being full of His love, we can serve others. The Lord feeds us with His very self and we remember. We take in Jesus' complete life because we need healed, forgiven, taught, made new and made heavenly. This is true food come down from heaven and we are fed by the Bread of Life and Cup of Eternal salvation. We are nourished by the person of Jesus who is God's gift of love. Please try to attend and stay after to reflect on "doing this in remembrance of me" in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, immediately following our services.

Good Friday is like no other day in the Church's calendar. This is the only day that there is no Mass. The day is dedicated to the price of our salvation. To conquer sin and death, Jesus had to take on sin and death. It is not hard to see the reality of sin in our lives and in the world. School shootings, war and drugs have left many with hearts full of despair and a feeling of being conquered. Many have stopped watching the news because they want to deaden themselves from the reality of a culture of death. Good Friday is only good in that Jesus would go to the ultimate length to conquer this hopelessness. We remember his death with love, and embrace the cross, as we kiss or touch the cross as a person, parish, the world. Good Friday is a tough day, but an important day to remember the wages of sin and to prepare us for what is coming in three days. Make plans to attend this solemn time of remembrance.

Holy Saturday is a powerful night celebration of waiting. There is something good about waiting for something so treasured. Think about all the things we have waited for in our lives. We wait for a new car, to get married, to retire, but nothing is like waiting for the celebration of our faith in that Jesus rose from the dead and our lives are now made new. We have two baptisms and two confirmations this year, as we witness the faith coming to fullness in our RCIA candidates. They represent us and the Church in accepting the living Lord into our lives. Death will never overcome us. We do not want the joy of our faith to be deadened. We are alleluia people. If you have never been part of this celebration, it is worth your time to take in so much faith in action.

Easter Sunday is such a good time to celebrate that He is risen as He said. The promise is not a promise anymore. God is our God and we are His people. And as He lives, so do we. We are a culture of life no matter what the world throws at us. Wear your finest. Put on joy. There is nothing like this day. We have seen the goodness of the Lord. Invite family and friends to join in the celebration.

Looking forward to seeing you at our celebrations. **Fr. Mark**

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 AM Tom Warnecke and Successful Surgery

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 AM Rita Croy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM The Richard Grote Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 *Holy Thursday*

7:30 PM Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock, Bill Cleemput

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 *Good Friday*

1:30 PM Passion of Our Lord

7:30 PM Passion of Our Lord

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 *Easter Vigil*

8:30 PM New Members of Church, Charlie Berheide

Gene Stechschulte, Bob Schimmoeller

L/D Schimmoeller & Bendele Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 *Easter*

8:00 AM Norbert & Angie Recker, Marcus Landin

George Basinger, Dan Basinger

Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Steve Strauer

George & Monica Schmearsal

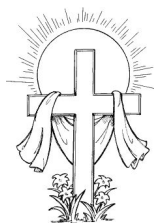
11:00 AM Leroy Warnement, Connie Miller

Judy, Ralph & Bruce Honigfort

L/D Honigfort & Sawmiller Families

Bulletin Cover Artwork: Agony in the Garden

Each week of Lent, Joe Warnement has been adding to his art piece *Agony in the Garden*. The finished painting can be viewed in church, beside the pulpit and seen this week on the front of the bulletin. Thanks for sharing your talent, Joe!



HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

6:00 P.M. (CONTINENTAL)

7:30 P.M. (KALIDA)

GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 A.M. WALK (KALIDA)

1:30 & 7:30 P.M. (KALIDA)

6:00 P.M. (CONTINENTAL)

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 P.M. (KALIDA)

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 & 11:00 A.M. (KALIDA)

9:30 A.M. (CONTINENTAL)

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,710.47

Choir Assignments—Holy Thursday

7:30: YAHS

Choir Assignments—Good Friday

1:30: YAHS **7:30:** HN

Choir Assignments—Easter

8:30: YAHS **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Youth (practice at 10 am)

Liturgy of the Hours: Weekdays at 7:30 a.m.

Join us in church or tune into Cable channel 70.

Deadline for Easter Flower Intentions...

is this Sunday, March 25. Thanks!

Stations of the Cross This Sunday

Grade 7 will be performing Stations of the Cross in church, beginning at 1:00 p.m. this Sunday, March 25. We will begin with soup in the church basement, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Michael's Easter Egg

Coloring & Hunt TODAY!!

Palm Sunday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. on St. Michael's Church lawn, after the Stations of the Cross. Gather at the elevator entrance. Features "Why Easter Eggs?" with Fr. Mark, then gathering of the eggs and candy! Open to all children from toddlers on up. In case of bad weather, we will use St. Michael's Gym. This is sponsored by the Kalida K of C

Are You a Member of St. Michael's?

In an effort to update our parish records, we are asking anyone who is new to our parish community to register by calling the parish office. If you're not sure you are registered, just call 419-532-3474 or email stmich@bright.net. The process is easy and there's no obligations. Join us!

Faith With the Fellas - Saturdays at 6:30 a.m.

in St. Michael's Church Basement. Upcoming videos will cover topics from Jeff Cavins' "Walking Toward Eternity" series, such as *Forgiveness*, *Humility*, *Faithfulness*, & *Sacrifice*. We all need at least one of these!

March Holy Name Raffle Winners

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| \$250 | Parker Bruns | \$100 | Ralph Verhoff |
| \$100 | David Iliff | \$100 | Matt Bockrath |
| \$100 | Dan Vennekotter | \$ 50 | Bob Warnement |
| \$ 50 | Ron Rampe | \$ 50 | Neil Gerding |
| \$ 50 | Mike Schimmoeller | \$ 50 | Chad Recker |
| \$ 50 | Mike Schimmoeller | \$ 50 | Bonnie Knueve |

Attention Junior & Senior Mass Servers

The Serra Club of the Lima Area is hosting a bus excursion to the Notre Dame Blue & Gold Game, in South Bend, on April 21, 2018. They will leave LCC at 7:30 a.m. that day and stop at Delphos St. Johns to pick up participants. They are asking students to pay \$20 towards the cost of the bus and the game ticket, and to bring some meal money along. They have a limited amount of space and are currently only offering this to high school Juniors and Seniors. St. Michael's will send them a list of those interested, and they will let us know who was picked to go on the bus. So if you're interested in attending, you need to let us know by April 4 by emailing stmich@bright.net or calling 419-532-3474, ext. 100.

No High School CCD on March 28

There is NO class this Wednesday.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's 1A class on Wednesday, March 28.

Recent Baptism

QUINLEE JANE LANGHALS

Daughter of Randy & Alicia (Benroth) Langhals

Penance Service at Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul

Monday, March 26, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Putnam Co. Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale

Ottawa K of C Hall, on Wednesday, April 4, from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Bring gently used items and baked goods on Tuesday, April 3, from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Our April meeting will be held on April 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C. All are welcome.

Benefit in Celebration of the Life of Eric Ulm

Eric Ulm, son of Bob & Kathy Ulm, and nephew of Joe & Nancy Grote, was diagnosed in November with pancreatic cancer and died this past Tuesday morning. There will be a benefit for his family on March 31, from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., at the Delphos K of C, in celebration of his life. There will be auctions, gift baskets, meal tickets and special drawings all night. You can help by purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket, with the first prize being \$2,000. Contact Mary Grote or Nancy Grote for tickets. *We extend our condolences to the Ulm Family.*

Kalida Area Garage Sales: April 19, 20 & 21

If you are interested in having a garage sale, sign up at Kalida Telephone, Union Bank or Erhart-Stechsulte by April 6.

Kalida EMS Chicken BBQ

April 8, from 11:00 a.m. until gone. Cost is \$8.

Ohio Polka Boosters Meeting & Dance

Wednesday, April 4, at the Kalida K of C. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and music from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., with Ted Lange & Molly B. Open to the public. Food & drinks available. Call 419-966-3826 with questions.

Quarter Auction Fundraiser...

for Glandorf St. John's Preschool features items from Signature Homestyles. It will be held on Friday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m., at Glandorf St. John's Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10 each or RESERVED table of 8 for \$90! For more information or tickets, call the Preschool (419-538-6264) or Jeannie Verhoff (419-538-6255).

Preschool Teacher Needed at Glandorf

Accepting applications for part-time morning preschool teacher at Glandorf St. John's Catholic Preschool for 2018-19. Minimum requirement of High School Diploma/ GED equivalent; experience working with children and knowledge of child development is preferred. Full detailed job posting is online at stjohnsglandorf.org. For more information, call Carole Schroeder (419-538-6264). Submit cover letter, resume, and list of four references by April 10 to: St. John's Preschool, Box 48, Glandorf, OH 45848

MONDAY, MARCH 26

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

HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

YAH'S CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

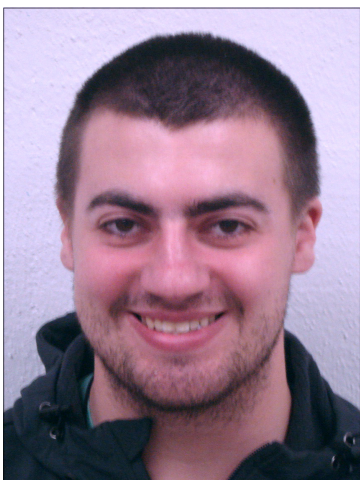
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

2018 RCIA Class

Austin Prowant



Keith Ruebush

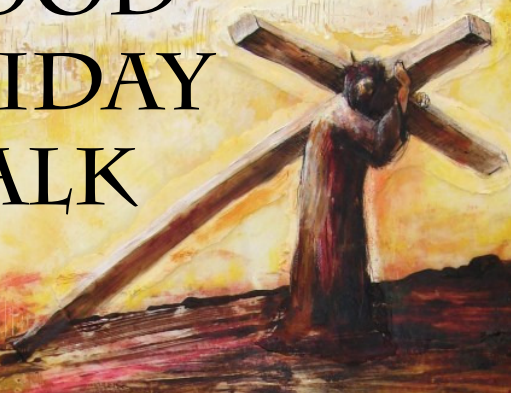


Jonathan Shepard



Kory Thomas

**GOOD
FRIDAY
WALK**

**OFFERTORY - Easter****8:30 PM**

Catechumens

8:00 AM

Marc & Renee Kerner Family

11:00 AM

Mary Ann Hoersten Family

USHERS - Easter**8:30 PM**

Team 1

8:00 AM

Team 2

11:00 AM

Team 3

LECTORS - Easter**8:30 PM**

Deb Schroeder, Mike Kahle

8:00 AM

Shelly Burkhart, Bob Buss

11:00 AM

Jennifer Erhart, Clara Elkins

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Easter**8:30 PM:** Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Karen Schroeder, Kay Unverferth, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Lisa Unverferth**8:00 AM:** Dianna Kehres, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Donna Schnipke, Norma Unverferth, Norma Vorst, Scott Unverferth, Don Wehri, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Bob Buss**Ministers to Homebound:** Dianna Kehres, Tony & Sandy Vorst**11:00 AM:** Diane Vorst, Alice Adams, Brian, Bev & Anna Berheide, Janet Burgei, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss, Michelle Buss, Eileen Decker, Erica Edwards**SERVERS**

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| Mon, 3/26 | 8:00 AM | Grant Knapke |
| | | Grace Niemeyer |
| Tues, 3/27 | 8:00 AM | Cole Nienberg |
| | | Gabe Roof |
| Wed, 3/28 | 8:00 AM | Nathan Schroeder |
| | | Justin Siebeneck |
| Thurs, 3/29 | 7:30 PM | Colin Erhart |
| | | Luke & Connor Erhart |
| Fri, 3/30 | 1:30 PM | Adam Fitzgerald |
| | | Collin Fortman |
| | 7:30 PM | Kyla & Nicole Fortman |
| Sat, 3/31 | 8:30 PM | Tara Gerding |
| | | Kevin Hamburg |
| | | Noah Hermiller |
| Sun, 4/1 | 8:00 AM | Paige Helmke |
| | | Jayce Horstman |
| | | Gabe Hovest |
| | 11:00 AM | Makenna Hoyt |
| | | Jacob & Katelyn Kahle |

Holy Thursday (7:30 p.m.)**Euch. Ministers:** Bob & Annette Meyer, Don Rall, Lisa Rampe, Teresa Rampe, Rose Recker, Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger, Tom Roof, Ethan Schmenk, Deb Schroeder**LECTORS:** *Dennis Turnwald, Barb Unverferth***Good Friday (1:30 p.m.)****Euch. Ministers:** Karen Sarka, Diane Schroeder, Glen & Annette Schroeder**LECTORS:** *Don Wehri, Sandy Westrick***Good Friday (7:30 p.m.)****Euch. Ministers:** Dick & Jane Schulte, Megan Schulte, Stacy Schulte**LECTORS:** *Brenda Aversch, Paul Bonifas*

Friday, March 30. We'll meet at The Meadows of Kalida at 9:30 a.m. The walk will last approximately 1.5 hours. It will end at the Family Outreach Center with music and prayer.

We hope you'll join us!