MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
MISSION FEST MEETING: 6:30 p.m., in Parish Center
PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:30 p.m.
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Quarter Auction Fundraiser for Adults
Sunday, October 1, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., at the Ottawa American Legion. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are $10, which includes 10 raffle tickets and 1 auction paddle. Tickets can be purchased at the Ottawa Legion or by calling Mary Brickner (419-615-7356). Proceeds benefit Post 63 Children’s Christmas Carnival. Don’t forget your quarters!

Walking Towards Eternity;
Making Choices for Today;
Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart
This is a program from Ascension Press, with Jeff & Emily Cavins, which will introduce seven common struggles. You will learn how to engage your appetites, shame, envy, anger, fear, loneliness and hopelessness. It begins on October 2, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in the Ottawa S.P.P.S. Cafeteria, and lasts for eight successive weeks.

October 1 is a Special Day at Shrine
Please join us at the Sorrowsful Mother Shrine (4106 State Route 269, 7 miles south of Bellevue) on Sunday, October 1, for the praying of the rosary for three hours. We are asking Mary's intercession for respect for life for the unborn, the old & the young, the handicapped, immigrants & refugees. Fr. Rick Friebel will be the celebrant in the Outdoor Chapel for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Men from the Knights of Columbus will be coming from many parishes. A special invitation is extended to all families & individuals on this unique day of prayer. The dining room in the Pilgrim Center will be offering baked chicken & cabbage roll dinners. Families may also choose to bring a picnic lunch, using the many tables on the shrine grounds. At 1:30 p.m., Fr. Scott Kramer will begin the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Outdoor Chapel. The three hour rosary will follow. People may choose to follow Fr. Scott, as he begins the procession through the woods or stay in the Outdoor Chapel. Everyone will assemble in the Outdoor Chapel for the closing service at 4:30 p.m. Those with strollers and wheelchairs are welcome. Stay for part or all of the service.

United Way Kick-Off Event at Kalida K of C
The United Way of Putnam County invites you to the Kalida K of C on September 28, for the 2017 Campaign Kick-off. The event features an agency fair, auction, door prizes, 50/50, and the 4th annual Putnam County Wing Championship. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 and can be ordered by calling the United Way (419-523-4505).

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OH - 9/24/17

A much needed job is finally complete in the original section of St. Michael’s Cemetery. The footers and stones were sinking into the ground. Because of this, volunteers took the stones off the original footers or dug them out of the ground. 217 stones were repaired or moved and the footers underneath them, newly poured. This is due to a lot of volunteer help, equipment donation, an excellent leader, John Schulte, and the cemetery committee. We’d like to recognize the following, who helped with this project: Delphos Granite Works, with relocating the tombstones; Scott Bass (Bass Excavating) with removal of old footers; F & S Concrete and crew with setting of forms and pouring new runners; Gary Schroeder for the hauling of stones; Rampe Construction for use of their mechanical tiller; Jerry Miller for donating wood for cement forms; Don Wehri for the use of their Bobcat and many hand tools; Kahle Feed Mill for the grass seed; Kahle Fire Dept. for the help with the water; and the following individuals who helped with many hours of volunteer manual labor: Jim, Brenda & Andrea Burgei, Steve Bockrath, Tim & Adam Fitzgerald, Mike Fortman, Jerry Miller, Phil Fuerst, Gene Schmersal, Craig Recker, Dick Schulte, Bill Schulte, Ron Schulte, John Schulte, Carl Schulte, Duane Steffan & Bob Webken.
From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Good day, everyone.

I write this on my birthday. I am listening to my favorite celebration song as I put this together. My favorite celebration song is by the group, AMERICA. I like the song "Ventura Boulevard," but it doesn’t remind us to stop and see amazing things. It is a song about what one might see in the shapes of clouds. I used to do that as a child, but should do that more often now. It causes a person to use imagination and dream. To see alligators and lizards in the air (from the song) would be amazing. To see peace in our world, no hungry people or a world where there would be no prejudice or hate would be amazing. To picture that kind of world is amazing, but also important so that we have a direction to go toward. For me, I go that direction when I follow the Lord.

I am about ready to put on the song "Brick House," by the Commodores. It is my favorite dance song. I will close the office door and show my best moves to no one. At 61, I have to prove to myself that I am still able to move. At family weddings, the nieces and nephews always request "Brick House" to watch our old uncle on the dance floor.

I'm a believer in dreaming and dancing. If one only dreams, nothing is going to happen. If one only moves, the movements have no direction. I believe this for our Christianity. Our faith is more than a dream. It is more than a dance. But to put the love of the Lord from our hearts into a dance will, by the working of God, change a world into a Kingdom. I believe in both dancing and dreaming, but most of all, I believe in the Lord. I know that God loves us all, but I have a sign in my office that says I'm His favorite. For today, I will believe the sign. Dream and dance and do them together. Remember that Jesus is the Lord of the Dance.

Happy Birthday, Fr. Elmer! Fr. Elmer celebrates his 88th birthday on Fri., September 29. Thanks for all you do, Fr. Elmer. We love having you here!

Eucharistic Adoration is the first Thursday of the month, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Please join us on October 5.

Quarter Auction Fundraiser...for Glendorf St. John’s Preschool features items from Signature Homestyles, and will be held on Fri., October 6, at 7:00 p.m., at St. John’s Fellowship Hall. Tickets are $10 each or RESERVED table of 8 for $90! For more info. or tickets, call the Preschool (538-6264) or Jeannie Verhoff (538-6255).

2nd Annual Softball Game for Special Needs Children...will be held on Sunday, October 8, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Michael’s Holy Name Ballpark. The children who participated last year had unique experiences, talking about it for weeks following. This was the first real game many of the children actually played in. It was an awesome experience, not only for the children, but also for the adults who witnessed it. Please promote the game and come out to show your support.

Church Crawl - Sunday, October 1, from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

We will meet at the Parish Center and start our evening with an optional adventure in the church tower. We will then, visit three other churches in Putnam County and be given a tour by someone from that parish to learn the history and architecture, etc. of their church. Afterward, we will travel back to Kalida for a tour of St. Michael’s. The day will conclude with dinner with Fr. Fr. Mark at our Parish Center (includes local snacks throughout the day and dinner). Please RSVP by Monday, September 25, by placing this in the collection or dropping it off at the Parish Center. Make check payable to St. Michael’s.

Student’s Planning Mass This Week...are Amnte Schneider’s 4A class on Wednesday, Sept. 27 and Judy Birkemeyer’s 7A class on Friday, September 29.

High School CCD—September 27
Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

Mission Festival Meeting
Monday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 at the Parish Center.

NET Confirmation Retreat This Thursday
Letters were sent home requesting permission for the students to attend this all-day retreat, held September 28. Please sign the permission form and turn it in at the high school office.

The Best Catholic Content in One Place!
St. Michael’s Parish has purchased a year’s subscription to "FORMED" and now all of our parishioners can access all the best Catholic content on the internet in one place...for FREE!! It is a revolutionary online platform which provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks and video-based studies from trusted providers like the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Sophia Institute Press and St. Paul Center—right at your fingertips.

1. Visit formed.org
2. Click on "Register" (lower right of page)
3. Enter Parish Access Code 4QM74M
4. Email your email and create a password

Work Day at Holy Name Ballpark Saturday, September 30, starting at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are welcome. Thanks!

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Last Week’s Collection: $8,594.00

Church Crawl - Sunday, September 25 & October 31

4:30 PM: YAH! 8:00 PM: HW

September Holy Name Raffle Winners
$250 Ron Niehe $100 Bv Ferris
$100 Denny Kemer $100 Matt Bockrath
$100 Euan Klausing $50 Ray Miller
$50 Ed Schroeder $50 Landon Wamcke
$50 Nick Schulte $50 Jeff Aversch
$50 Mike Schimmoller $50 Sam Fives

Fighting the New Drug...Pornography
Immaculate Conception Parish, Kalida, is hosting a program on October 4, called "Fighting the New Drug." This program works to raise awareness on the harmful effect of pornography in our youth. The presentation is an interactive and age-appropriate presentation. There are three sessions planned. Session 1, at 4:00 p.m., is open to all junior high youth. Session 2 is for parents, grandparents (adults only) and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Session 3 is for all high school youth. We plan on busing our high school youth to this session. The buses will leave at 6:10 p.m., so we can join in the youth rally at 6:30 p.m. We will be returning at 8:25 p.m. Parents, please plan on picking up your child at the Parish Center in Kalida at that time.

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Money Wall Donations Please return your “Money Wall” donations for the St. Michael youth, attending the National Catholic Youth Conference. Thank you for your support!

Ottawa Food Pantry Needs the Following Items:
small bottles of ketchup, small jars of jam or jelly (any flavor), cans of pineapple & mandarin oranges. Please put your donations at the elevator entrance of the church, in the area designated for food pantry items. Thanks for your generosity!

St. Peregrine Service - Sunday, October 8
2:30 p.m. at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, OH.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
8:00 AM Nora O’Dell
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
8:00 AM Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
St. Vincent de Paul
8:00 AM Loretta Vorst
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
7:30 PM Carol Cattell
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
St. Michael & Archangels
8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
1:00 PM Alphonse & Rosemary Niemeyer Family
4:30 PM St. Michael & Archangels
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
Care of Respect Life Sunday
8:00 AM Mary & Alvin Hoffman
11:00 AM Norbert & Angie Recker, Charlie Berheide

Area Precious Blood priests, including Fr. Mark, will be attending a meeting in Chicago, from Monday—Thursday. Please pray for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

High School Battle of the Youth - October 8
Please register your "Super Hero" Team by Wednesday, Sept. 27. You can bring your forms to CCD.

Battle of the Youth Volunteers
Anyone who has contacted me that you are able to help at the Battle on October 8 (and anyone else who might now be available to help too—pretty please!!) there will be a meeting on Monday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m., in the church basement, to organize for that day. I will need help at each game and other areas throughout the day (there are about 20 games, so need lots of help, please). At the meeting, I will have a game assigned to you, I will have the "rules" for the game, and any supplies needed. I will provide most of the supplies, but may need your help, too. If you are not able to come to the meeting, I will assign you a "job" and give you the details later. Thank you again for volunteering to help at the Battle.

Formed
Our first practice is Monday, September 25, at 8:30 p.m. 

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Want to Join the Holy Name Men’s Choir?

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Name(s) ______________________________ Phone__________________________ Total $______

We are an inclusive community of faith where all are welcomed and celebrated. We strive to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ as we love, serve and witness for God.