

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

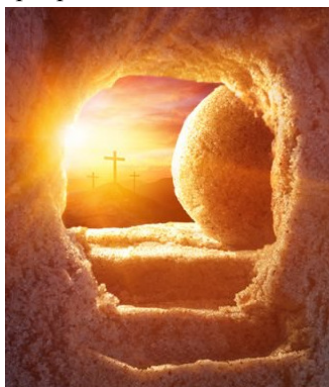
Happy Easter.

May God bless us all with life to the full and all those who have gone before us in heaven, full of life. May they behold God face to face and greet us one day when God calls us home. Easter is about life, God's life, that He shares with us and nothing can stand in God's way. Sin and death have been conquered. God loves us more than we could have imagined.

I tried to think of all kinds of images to reflect the Easter good news. All I could think of was Easter candy (I think I still have residue of the anesthetics in my system). My favorite Easter candy is a robin egg. Now they have to be the right robin egg to be my favorite. These malted milk candies are covered with a protective candy shell. The shell can't be a yogurt covering because it doesn't taste the same or cover your tongue like the true robin eggs. The robin eggs can't be minis, but have to be big enough to fill your mouth. Then once you have the robin egg in your mouth, you can't bite it. It has to melt and you have to savor it. Once it is finally swallowed, the joy does not stop. Then you can talk to someone and the color of the shell covers your tongue. As you talk to someone, they know by the pink, white or blue on your tongue that you have taken in the finest Easter candy. The joy of taking in the robin egg has been shared with whomever you speak. Now that is what Easter is about...in terms of candy.

To explain a little: to take in the resurrection of Jesus is pretty special and is what Easter is truly about. There are other substitutes of what life looks like, but only one true meaning. Easter is to be savored. For some people, life's experiences have left a bad taste in their mouth. Hopes have been lost and life has not been lived fully. To savor God's promise of life come alive is what some of us need. It is hard to believe that anything can overcome a culture of death and fear. That is why we need to savor that Jesus came back from the dead. Terrorism, school shootings, addictions, hate crimes can be overcome with the promise that God is always with us. Easter gives us hope to rise from the present death around us. Easter needs to be savored.

Easter also needs to be shared. There are many who have not heard the message or experienced the resurrection. There should be something in the way we speak and live that is so attractive to others. The joy of Easter should color us and people should notice. The Easter light should shine in us. The



hope of more life should color the world. The Baptismal waters should cover us so that Jesus flows from us. That white, pink and blue of the taste of the Lord should color the world. Easter makes a difference to each person and to all people.

Happy Easter. Take in the Lord. Share the Lord. He is risen, as He said. And we rise with Him. **Fr. Mark**

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 AM Loretta Vorst

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 AM Pats & Rita Broecker

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 PM Karen Blankemeyer, Ted Sealts

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 AM Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

4:30 PM L/D Alphonse Schulte Family

Vic Merschman, Helen Korte

L/D Korte & Brickner Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 AM Annie Ketcham

11:00 AM Richard Wurth, Kenny O'Shaughnessey
Vera & George Saba

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,231.51

Choir Assignments—April 7 & 8

4:30: Laura **8:00:** PW **11:00:** RA

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

I'd like to thank EVERYONE for all that so many did to make my recuperation process go as smoothly as possible. I'd also like to thank so many who helped our church services go smoothly. I'd like thank Fr. Elmer and Fr. Rick for filling in. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and acts of kindness. I feel I am now on my way to recovery. After bouts of nausea and sleeplessness, I think I can finally get my knee in shape. May God bless you all. **Fr. Mark**

Palm Sunday Outburst

This past Sunday, at the end of Mass, a loud, questioning voice was raised about the faith of our church. After assurance that our faith is in the name of the Lord, the inquisitor left and we continued with the end of Mass. This outburst put fear in some people as school/church shootings have been the focus of many news stories. I'd like to assure people that I spoke with the person of interest, his family and the sheriff's office also got involved. Apologies were given and assurances that we are safe and a holy assembly have been renewed. I prayed a lot about this situation. Fear is something that the first disciples had to deal with. In the upper room, after the crucifixion, there was much to be scared about for the band of believers. Jesus appeared and said fear not. I am with you. And, with the Spirit, those disciples continued to gather and go out, renewed in faith and in life. If fear overtakes us, we are lost. Only with Jesus as our cornerstone will the world of fear tumble. What is the answer to our real fears? We need to be like those first disciples. We need to gather as a community and gather in prayer. We need to know that God is with us and is stronger than fear. We need to teach our children and show our children that fear won't conquer us. We have a great Church community here. Let us continue to gather in the Lord's name and in His strength. Thanks for everyone's concern. It shows that we are people of heart and love. **Fr. Mark**

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!



Coffee & Donuts & Euchre Tournament

There will be coffee & donuts in the church basement on April 8, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. That afternoon, everyone is invited to come play in a Euchre Tournament, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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.



Thanks from the Knights!

Council 5669 wants to thank everyone who came out for our Fish Fries and especially those who prepared and served. We averaged right around 1000 each Friday. Sadly, Tony the Inflatable Flying Fish met a sudden and untimely end, bursting with excitement the last day. Keep in mind the Charity Campaign first ticket turn-in is at our next meeting, April 12. Over half stays with the council for local projects, such as a recent contribution to a Habitat project in Leipsic.



Kalida Park Reverse Drawing - Sat., April 7

At the Kalida Fish & Game. Presale tickets only. Includes steak dinner, all drinks and comedian show. \$3,500 in prizes. Call Bill Rieman (419-303-7481), Justin Kahle (419-615-2536), Kent Kahle (419-796-9192) or Harry Horstman (419-303-3530). Thanks for supporting future park projects.

Spring Bazaar & Bake Sale - April 4 & 5

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at 1035 E. Third Street Ottawa. We will offer homemade pies, cakes, cookies, candies and snacks for sale. Lunch both days from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Wednesday menu: Homemade Beef & Noodle Soup, Beef Sandwich Platter, Brats Platter, Hot Dog Platter and Assorted Desserts. Thursday menu: Homemade Potato Soup, Chicken Salad Croissant Platter, Brats Platter, Hot Dog Platter and Assorted Desserts. Available to dine in or take out. Call 419-523-5593 for take out orders. Sponsored by Ottawa Senior Citizens Association

High School CCD—April 4

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m. Our seniors are leaving on their class trip. Let's keep them in our prayers as they travel to New York City.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Pat Broecker's 1B class on Wednesday, April 4, and Ellen Millot's 6A class on Friday, April 6.



Grade 6 to Lead Rosary

Saturday, April 7, at 4:00 p.m., in church.

Grade 3 to Do Various Ministries...

at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 8.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, April 5, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Please come and join our students and let them see your love for Jesus.

Recent Baptism

CLARK WILLIAM MILLER

Son of Andrew & Sarah (Warnimont) Miller

Cemetery Cleanup

April 15 is the final cleanup date to prepare for the mowing season at St. Michael's Cemetery. All decorations will be restricted to the footers (nothing should be on the ground, including mulch). We would like to keep this a beautiful and peaceful place for our loved ones' final resting place. Thanks for your help with this!

Cemetery Committee

Offices are Closed Monday

The parish offices will be closed on Monday, April 2.

For Your Information...

Parish Council members are: Kelly Buss, Ron Erhart, Cindy Fitzgerald, Karen Fortman, Scott Meyer, Barry Schroeder, Sherry Unverferth, Dan Wurth & Mark Wurth. The parish council meets on the third Wednesday of the month, at 8:15 p.m., at the Parish Center.

Putnam Co. Right to Life

Garage & Bake Sale is This Week

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.



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-Steichschulte 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 2 (Offices are CLOSED)

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

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

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

OFFERTORY - April 7 & 8

Joe & Lisa Roebke Family

Karl & Darlene Miller Family

Grade 3

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - April 7 & 8

4:30: Mary Lou Merschman, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Mel Hanneman, Keith & AnnRea Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Grace Haselman

8:00: Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Ruth Foppe, Tara Gerding, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Dave & Jane Kahle, Erin Kerner

Ministers to Homebound: Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Tom & Judy Bonifas

11:00: Regina Fischnich, Kierstan Siebeneck, Kara Siefker, Sandy Westrick, Lynda Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Duane & Barb Steffan, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Jacob Kahle

USHERS - April 7 & 8

Team 1

Team 2

Team 3

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

LECTORS - April 7 & 8

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman

Tara Gerding, Erin Kerner

Grade 3

SERVERS

Mon, 4/2

8:00 AM

Adam & Tyson Siefker

Tues, 4/3

8:00 AM

Jakob Swyers

Amanda Unverferth

Wed, 4/4

8:00 AM

Brooke Vennekotter

Noah Verhoff

Thurs, 4/5

7:30 PM

Grant Vorst

Ella Wehri

Fri, 4/6

8:00 AM

Peyton Wurth

Dyllan Bendele

Sat, 4/7

4:30 PM

Rachel & Stephanie Kahle

Ella Kaufman

Sun, 4/8

8:00 AM

Matt Kehres

Mason Kerner

Jillian Knueve

11:00 AM

Grace & Sarah Klausing

Connor Krouse



7th Grade Stations

Participants were (L-R):

Camille Hovest, Ryan

Fischnich, Livia Recker,

Dyllan Bendele,

Haley Looser, Drew Buss,

Mariah Kerner, Nick Foppe,

Kendal Bockrath,

Gabe von der Embse,

Jeret Landwehr &

Kevin Schumaker.

Challenge Girls Club:

Pictured are the 2017-2018 Challenge Club members. We had a great year of service and growing in our faith.



St. Michael/K of C Easter

Egg Hunt a Success

Other than a cold wind, all 300+ eggs were gathered by a horde of kids. Pictured is the Easter Chicken with the children before "Go." Thanks to the 7th graders who scattered the eggs.