

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - April 23, 2017

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Happy Easter and He is truly risen. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter, both with your immediate families and your church family. It was wonderful to celebrate the Lord's rising with so many faith-filled people. It is wonderful to live with so many who have the Lord as the center of their lives. For the next seven weeks, the Church celebrates Easter.

I smiled much in the week following Easter. We had a huge garage sale to benefit the Church in Tanzania. Once you go there, it is easy to get excited for ANY improvement to the lives of people who have so little. Although the people are very happy, the opportunity to make lives better is great. It will be great to help provide a place to worship. Thanks to all who contributed to making the garage sale a success for people we don't even know. I like the Christian spirit and it warms my heart.

Also this past week, a group of 14 young men came to check out Mercer County and especially the old St. Charles Seminary (pictures below). We had a great time as we checked out life around Carthagen, my home town. We went on Monday, which just happened to be the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, which legally put an end to slavery. Carthagen was part of that spirit, as the land around Carthagen was set up for freed slaves. St. Charles Seminary was located on the grounds of the school for the freed slaves. The Lord came to set us free. In the shadow of Carthagen, we could only imagine what true freedom would look like. Still, when I was small, there were curfews for African Americans. As I spoke of that part of the history of Carthagen, I could see in the eyes of the boys a wonder of "How old is Fr. Mark?" Some people are enslaved still today. Easter gives us a chance to help ourselves and others claim the freedom of our faith.

The boys got to fish and see a robotic dairy farm. They enjoyed the sights and sounds (maybe not the smells) of farm life. They got to hold baby pigs and learn about the vocation of farming. One gets to work with God as stewards of creation to reach out to the world.

One of my favorite parts was meeting some of the retired priests and brothers at Carthagen. It was nice to experience their zest for life at the age of 92 (If you think Fr. Elmer can tell stories, I think he met his match at Carthagen). We met men who worked as hospital and military chaplains and as parish priests until their retirement. They all had great stories to tell. I believe that was part of the beauty of the day. God's abundant life came out in smiles from the youth till retirement. A good faith will do that to you.

I am still trying to catch up after Easter, so I'd better go. Tell Easter stories. Tell faith stories. Share the story of how Jesus is very much alive in our lives.
Fr. Mark



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM Gene Stechschulte
10:30 AM Funeral Mass—Dolores Verhoff

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 *St. Mark, evangelist*

8:00 AM Arlene Edelbrock

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 AM Jim Hamilton

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 PM Norm, Dorothy, Jan & Ken Knott
Olivia Ryan Schnipke

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 *St. Catherine of Siena*

8:00 AM Dolores Verhoff (RA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

4:30 PM Mary Ann Schnipke, Dan Siefker Family
Hubert & Irma Pohlman

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 AM Larry Leiser, Esther & Randy Siefker
11:00 AM Al & Anna Marie Warnecke

Easter Collection: \$ 32,269.46

Choir Assignments - April 29 & 30

4:30: Marcie 8:00: HN 11:00: RA

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Dolores Verhoff** will be held this Monday, April 24, at 10:30 a.m. Please include Dolores and her family in your prayers.

Mass Server Training

Attention 6th graders! Please consider becoming a Mass server. If interested, an introductory training session will be held in church this Wednesday, April 26, immediately following school. We will be finished by 5:00 p.m. Parental permission forms were sent home through religion class.



MONDAY, APRIL 24

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

6TH GRADE SERVERS' TRAINING: after school

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

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

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's 3A class on Wednesday, April 26, and Michele Doepker's 8A class on Friday, April 28.

RU Called?

Ever wonder what it's like to be called to religious life as a sister, brother or priest? Come find out on Monday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Michael's Church Basement, Kalida. There will be a free supper, with a pressure-free discussion. Women and men, ages 19-39, are welcome. RSVP by emailing Rucalled@gmail.com by Tuesday, April 25.

First Communion Practice

Wednesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m., for the parents & child. Everyone is to meet in the church basement.

April Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Bob Kahle	\$100	John Kramer
\$100	Mike Schimmoeller	\$100	Ron Rampe
\$100	Eddie Stannish	\$ 50	Marilyn Schmitz
\$ 50	Irma Hoffman	\$ 50	Dan Warnecke
\$ 50	Ralph Verhoff	\$ 50	Mallory Ferris
\$ 50	Kelsey Conkright	\$ 50	Leah Bryan

K of C Newsletter Can Be Found at...

www.stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins."

Kalida High School Presents:

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"

At KHS, on Sat., April 22, at 7:30 p.m. & Sun., April 23, at 2:30 p.m. \$5 for gen. admission or \$6 for reserved. *The Sunday show is at 2:30 p.m., even if your ticket says 2:00 p.m.*

Kalida EMS Chicken BBQ - This Sunday!

April 23, at 11 a.m., at the Kalida Fire Station. Cost is \$8.

Kalida Band 4 Miler—Saturday, May 13

Fee is \$20. Runners will receive a t-shirt (if registered by April 26), refreshments & snacks. Walkers are welcome. Overall & age group awards. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the race begins at 8:00 a.m., at Kalida Four Seasons Park. Visit the race website to sign up or print entry form at runsignup.com/Race/OH/Cloverdale/KalidaBand4Miler Please contact Diane Vorst (419-532-2678) or Renee Kerner (419-532-2636) with questions.

Made 2 THRIVE Retreat!

Back by popular demand! ALL WOMEN are invited to join us for another made 2 THRIVE retreat, with new topics to help you THRIVE through this life, not just survive it.

Sat., April 29, from 8 a.m. - Noon, at the Parish Center

If you are interested in attending, contact Jackie Schroeder (419-236-0083) Brooke Sickles (419-236-2079) or Adriene Swyers (419-796-0355) by April 26.

OFFERTORY - April 29 & 30

4:30 PM

Ryan & Erin Kerner Family

8:00 AM

Karl & Darlene Miller Family

11:00 AM

Dick & Jane Schulte Family

USHERS - April 29 & 30

4:30 PM

Adam von der Embse, Paul von der Embse, Trent Siebeneck, Griffin Recker, Derek Buss, Trevor Vorst, Clay Meyer, Mason Kerner

8:00 AM

Collin Wurth, Jeff Knueve, Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg, Collin Nartker, Christian Nartker, Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk

11:00 AM

Team 12

LECTORS - April 29 & 30

4:30 PM

Jennifer Erhart, Kyla Fortman

8:00 AM

Tara Gerding, Erin Kerner

11:00 AM

Brenda Aversch, Mike Kahle

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - April 29 & 30

4:30:

Bailey Eickholt, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Lori Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Lynda Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Grace Haselman

8:00:

Ron & Dorothy Kerner, Dick & Judy Bockrath, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote, Mel Hanneman, Dave & Jane Kahle

Ministers to Homebound: Ron & Dorothy Kerner, Dick & Judy Bockrath

11:00:

Keith & AnnRea Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Darlene Hanneman, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Jacob Kahle, Rachel Kahle, Mark Kahle

SERVERS

Mon, 4/24

8:00 AM

Paige Helmke

Jayce Horstman

Tues, 4/25

8:00 AM

Katelyn & Stephanie Kahle

Wed, 4/26

8:00 AM

Grace Klausung

Jillian Knueve

Thurs, 4/27

7:30 PM

Kevin Lammers

Marcy Landwehr

Fri, 4/28

8:00 AM

Mitch Langhals

Ryan Lucke

Sat, 4/29

4:30 PM

Taylor Zeller, Jack Zeller

Kage Bockrath

Sun, 4/30

8:00 AM

McKenna Bockrath

Derek Buss

Alecia Dunn

11:00 AM

Kelly Doepker

Bailey Eickholt

Clara Elkins

Chicken BBQ to Benefit Amy Snavley

Saturday April 29, from 4:00-6:30 p.m., at The Meadows of Ottawa. Drive-thru or walk-in to pick up your meals! Cost is \$9 Please call or text Gina (419-788-3383) to order your tickets.

Commemorative Stein Series

This year's stein will commemorate The Holy Name Ballpark, in Kalida. The lid will have a replica of the current grandstands, while the inside of the lid will indicate 145th Pioneer Days. A view of ballpark will be shown on the outside of the stein. The stein is 1/2 liter in size. This will be the second in a series of seven steins, leading up to the 150th Pioneer Days, in 2022. Order forms can be found on the Pioneer Day's website and Facebook page. Presale orders end May 15, 2017.

The Deadline for Music Boosters Calendars...

is April 28. If you haven't been contacted by then and would like to order a calendar, please contact Beth Nienberg (419-796-4182) or Kirstie Rafaniello (419-957-7679). Thanks!