

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - August 1, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. Yesterday was potato digging day in the garden. For me, potato growing and harvesting is more than a practical endeavor. It is a spiritual reminder for me. I do like potatoes, and we had them nearly every day when I was growing up. Even today, Fr. Elmer and I eat them often. I am reminded of Bubba from the movie "Forest Gump." You can fry them, you can French fry them, you can mash them, you can au gratin them, you can boil them, you can cheesy potato them, you can bake them, you can potato salad them. That's all I have to say about that. Unlike Bubba, I have more to say about that.

I like to dig potatoes because, like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get. Potatoes come in different shapes and sizes. Sometimes a hill is full of lots of little nubbins. Those work just right for boiling. That is the favorite way of preparing them in New Zealand. And then there is the hill that produces a huge one or two. There is an oooh or awe when you dig that hill. Those are good for baked or my favorite, French fries. Then there are the hills that produce smooth average potatoes. Those are good for most everything. But my real favorite potato is the one that grew a little crazy. Sometimes they look like Mickey Mouse or other figures. As children, when we picked up potatoes, we would come up with crazy imaginative figures, which would make us laugh if our brothers and sisters could see the same figure. Those potatoes had a certain beauty about them without any sense of practicality.

Potatoes remind me of the human race in that God knows what each one is to be. Some are small or big. Some are sensible, while others are dreamers. All of them have purpose. All are good. When dad would dig the potatoes in the end of Summer, we kids had to make sure we didn't leave any behind. There were a lot of mouths to feed.

On a spiritual level, everyone has value. We live in a world that is a throw away society. If something or someone doesn't fit into our sense of value, it is thrown away or seen as less. Maybe we don't see the value of each person anymore. God has purpose for us all...even if we don't see it. Maybe we need to look harder.

Have a blessed week, everyone.

Fr. Mark



Our Condolences

Margaret Stefanek died this past Tuesday, July 27, 2021. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m. at Love Funeral Home, Jackson Township. Please include Margaret and her family in your prayers.

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 AM Carolyn Unverferth, Harold Rampe
Ruth Vorst

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 *St. John Vianney*

8:00 AM Margaret Stefanek

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

7:30 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 *Transfiguration of the Lord*

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

4:30 PM George, Nora & Dan Basinger
Ed Schroeder, Phil Kahle
Len, Anna Rose, Emily & Triena Kahle
L/D Saum & Merschman Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM L/D Grote & Ruen Family

11:00 AM 40th W.A. Dave & Cindy Erhart

Alphonse & Frances Schulte Family

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 6,543.09

Youth & Family Mass at Four Seasons Park

All youth and families of Putnam County are invited to a Youth & Family Mass on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Kalida's Four Seasons Park. Bring your own chair.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a series of classes designed to get you along the road to becoming Catholic. These start in the fall and culminate on entering the faith on Holy Saturday Vigil Mass in the spring. We hope to get started Tuesday, September 14, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you don't think you can make that time or day of the week, we can work with you or the group to make it work. Please contact Fr. Mark for questions or to get on the list. Pass this along to anyone you know who may have interest!

ALL Kalida St. Michael & Ottoville Immaculate Conception High School Students are invited to: **SPLASH BASH at CAMP CLAY**

Friday, August 6, from Noon-6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$3/person. Some snacks & drinks will be provided, but concessions are also available.

Please RSVP to Jill (567-376-9115) by Monday, August 2.

Donations to Appalachia from VBS

St. Michael's and St. John's Vacation Bible School programs have reached out to those in need. Blankets, school supplies and monetary donations have been collected to go to those less fortunate. 470 items of school supplies were collected for children in Appalachia. Thanks to all who have been so charitable, especially our children.

St. Michael's
**CHILDREN'S
Memorial
GARDEN**

**Donations Sought for
Children's Garden**

If you would like to donate toward this project, please put your donation in an envelope marked, "St. Michael's Children's Garden," and place in the collection or mail to "St. Michael Church;

PO Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853. If you have any questions, contact Chris Schroeder (419-615-3355), Adriene Swyers (419-796-0355) or Fr. Mark. Thanks!

Kalida All Sports Passes

Starting August 2 (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) Kalida Schools will again be selling the Sports Passes in the superintendent's office. Family All-Sports Pass: Adult-\$125, Student/Sr. Citizen-\$90, Family-\$350. Fall Only Pass: Adult-\$70, Student/Sr. Citizen-\$50. Winter Only Pass: Adult-\$80, Student/Sr. Citizen-\$50. Varsity ticket prices will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students for basketball, soccer and volleyball. There will be pre-sale for boys' basketball, with all tickets at the door being \$7. The PCL raised the gate price from \$6 - \$7. Jr. High and Freshmen prices are \$4/\$3.

Rubber Duck Race - Sunday, August 8

Join The Meadows of Kalida and The Kalida Lion's Club for a Rubber Duck Race on Sunday, August 8, at Noon, at Plum Creek, behind Kalida High School, to Benefit the Alzheimer's Association. The first duck to cross the finish line wins \$500! Additional prizes for second and third place. Stop out to the Meadows of Kalida to buy tickets or call 419-672-8851 for more information!



Kalida Community Picnic at The Meadows

Join the Meadows of Kalida for their Community Picnic on Sunday, August 8, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at The Meadows of Kalida. Picnic-style lunch will be provided for all who attend. Live music and games, as well as snacks for the kids!

Visit Branson & Support Ottawa Legion Baseball

Our trip to Branson is October 10-16, and the cost is \$1,069 per person. We will enjoy The Haygoods, Clay Cooper's Country Express, Pierce Arrow, Hot Rods and High Heels and more. Ride the tram at Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, enjoy dinner with entertainment on the Showboat Branson Belle and spend a day in Eureka Springs, AR, where we will enjoy a Holy Land Tour and then watch The Great Passion Play. For more information, email cherylkersh@gmail.com or call Cheryl at 419-890-8565.

Lifespan Desk/Treadmill

A once-used desk/treadmill is available for pickup at the Parish Center. It goes up to a walking speed of 2 mph. If you would like to try it out before taking, stop by the Parish Center.



Thank You

We express our gratitude to Fr. Mark, Fr. Elmer, the choir, Carol Vennekotter, the Mass server, Communion distributor, and Leslie for their help with the Funeral Mass for Ruth. We thank Dick's Steak House and the Helping Hands for the delicious meal. We also appreciate all those who sent their condolences and prayers at this difficult time.

The Ruth Vorst Family

Principal Needed at Leipsic St. Mary's

St. Mary Catholic Church and School announces an opening for the position of Principal (or Interim Principal) for our Elementary School (Pre-K through Grade 8) for the 2021-2022 school year. Resumes may be sent to St. Mary Parish, c/o Principal Search Committee, 320 State Street, Leipsic, Ohio 45856, or emailed to parishoffice@metalink.net.

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 8/3	8:00 AM	Parker Vorst
Wed, 8/4	8:00 AM	Lauren Bockrath
Thurs 8/5	7:30 PM	Faith Feldman
Fri, 8/6	8:00 AM	Katelyn Foppe
Sat, 8/7	4:30 PM	Andrea Burgei
		Drew Buss
		Evvy Cattell
Sun, 8/8	8:00 AM	Brandt Brinkman
		Gabi Brinkman
		Nick Foppe
	11:00 AM	Brooke Erhart
		Blake Eickholt
		Alex Gardner

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—August 7 & 8

4:30: Jerry Ellerbrock, Dave Buss, Kyla Fortman, Tom Bonifas
LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher

8:00: Rita Borgelt, Janice Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Han-neman
LECTOR: Don Wehri

Ministers to Homebound: Ryan & Erin Kerner

11:00: Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich, Phil & Sue Fuerst
LECTOR: Greg Zeller

USHERS - August 7 & 8

4:30: Team 7 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 9



**Renewal
of Vows**

*Allison Maas &
Alberto Garcia*

*will have a
renewal of vows
(due to last year's
pandemic) on
August 7, 2021.
Please include
them in
your prayers.*

