

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - August 19, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I just returned from The Meadows and had a number of thoughts on my mind. It was sprinkling rain and I thought of the corn and beans having enough moisture to "finish off" the year. There should be enough moisture to fill out the ears and make for big beans. I watch the crops all the time as I ride by in my car or on a bicycle. I have been smiling throughout the year and continue to smile as these last rains will make for a fruitful harvest.

My mind returned to the nursing home atmosphere. I thought of how important a kind word or act of kindness is perceived by a resident. There might be days of drought when one would long for a sprinkle of kindness. I always get more from the visits than what I give. I believe I receive the fruits of those I try to bring a smile to.

This past week I have answered many questions about abuse cases which have surfaced around the country. These seem like incredibly dry times for the Church and for those who are thirsting for some sign of life in their world. How does one answer questions about sin which seems to draw the life out of so many? There seems to be a real drought of God's presence in the Church. At least that is how it seems in the media.

I believe that, first of all, to recognize the sin is important. To pretend that sin doesn't happen is what makes the sin bigger. To pretend that sin does not have an effect is not truth.

The truth is that there is One bigger than sin and Who gives life-giving water to those who thirst. And we all thirst. We need to be aware of God's goodness and share that goodness in the face of admitting that sin is around us, but will not conquer us. Sometimes the showers are small, which bring a finish to the harvest. Sometimes it is faith the size of a mustard seed which carries a person through. Sometimes it is the smallest of cups of kindness done in the name of the Lord which quenches a thirst to see the face of God in this world.

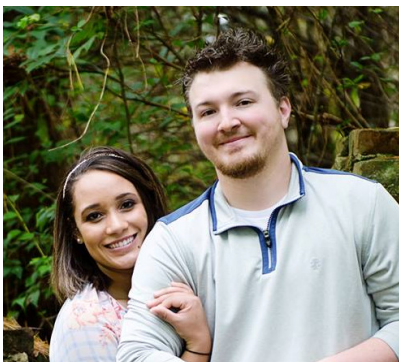
I thank so many for all the acts of kindness done in our parishes. When I am dry, I just think of so many of you. May God bless you all for filling my cup. *Fr. Mark*

School is Starting

God's blessings to all who are beginning a new school year. May God bless our students, parents, teachers, aides and administrators as we begin this year of learning. *Fr. Mark*

Thank You to Bob & Sue Gerdeman...

for their many years of work as part of our FOCCUS team, which helps prepare engaged couples for marriage. We could use a few more couples to join our team. If interested, call Fr. Mark (419-969-0148). Thanks!



Recent Wedding

*Derek
Birkemeier
& Chelsea
Horton*

were married on
Friday, August 17, 2018,
in Dayton, OH.
Please include them
in your prayers.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 20	<i>St. Bernard, abbot & doctor</i>
8:00 AM	Special Intention (WW)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21	<i>St. Pius X, pope</i>
8:00 AM	Jim & Helen Knueven
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22	<i>Queenship of Virgin Mary</i>
8:00 AM	Teachers and Students
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23	<i>St. Rose of Lima</i>
7:30 PM	Edna Kruse, Dan Schroeder Sheryl Borgelt Family Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24	<i>St. Bartholomew</i>
8:00 AM	Leonard & Dolores
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25	
4:30 PM	John Stoepfel, Jr. Helen Korte L/D Korte & Brickner Families Joseph & Marjorie Verhoff Family L/D Bob & Martha Wurth Family
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26	
7:30 AM	Siefker & Landin Families
10:30 AM	Don & Joyce Jerwers, Doris Deters

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 9,721.75

Choir Assignments - August 25 & 26

4:30: RA **7:30:** HN **10:30:** PW

St. Michael's Religious Education Classes...

will start Wednesday, August 22. Our teachers are Michele Doepker, Annette Schroeder, Joyce Bonifas, Jill Zeller, Stephanie Price, Ellen Millott, Ruth Kuhlman, Cindy Fitzgerald, Mary Grote and Pat Broecker. Marlene Kahle will lead the singing at Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please pray for our catechists as they begin the new school year.

Sunday School Begins September 23

Registrations found at stmichaelskalida.org,
under "Recent Bulletins."

Thank You to Charlie Nussbam...

for the many years he volunteered to make the memorial crosses that we use for funerals, which are given to the families at the Memorial Mass. If anyone in the parish is interested in taking over this ministry, contact Fr. Mark (419-969-0148).

"Sundays at Seven"

You might have caught Fr. Mark's first "Facebook Live" broadcast this past Tuesday, in honor of the Feast of the Assumption. His next live broadcast will be next Sunday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. It will be a general, "getting to know you" episode with Fr. Mark, where he will answer your questions LIVE!



Sr. Catherine Mary Holtkamp

Sister Catherine Mary Holtkamp, CDP, died on July 27, 2018, at Holy Family Home, Melbourne, KY. She is the sister of Ed Holtkamp. Sr. Catherine Mary taught Junior High English at Kalida Elementary in the early 1970's.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

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

HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

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

Religious Education Registration Forms...

have all been mailed. Return as soon as possible. Thanks!

High School CCD Begins September 12

and continues on Wednesdays, from 7:00-8:00 p.m..

Pioneer Bingo Sign-Up Sheets...

are on the bulletin board, in the vestibule of church. Thanks!

Recent Baptism

KOBYN BLAISE BIRKEMEIER

Son of Ryan & Nikki (Schroeder) Birkemeier

Discover "Random Catholic Treasures"

On Sunday, August 19, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., at Cloverdale St. Barbara's Church, join Carol & Kristen Kurivial, Cofounders of Luminous Ministries, for an epic adventure entitled, "Random Catholic Treasures!" This exploration contains a musical highlighting the life of Servant of God, Queen Isabella the Catholic, as she sent explorer Christopher Columbus to uncover the new world. An Ice Cream Social will follow.

Fill Dirt Available

There will be fill dirt available from the K of C parking lot. Contact John Schulte (419-890-8851).

Toledo Diocese Women's Conference

September 22, 2018, at Camden Falls, Tiffin (2460 S. SR. 23)

Sponsored by Toledo Council of Catholic Women (TDCCW)

Conference starts at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m.

Come join us for praise and worship, confession, adoration and Mass with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas. Connect with great speakers like Teresa Tomeo, Sr. Ellen Lamberjack and others. There will be a pre-conference dinner on Friday evening honoring those women who have led TDCCW before us. Cost for that dinner is \$35. Registration for the conference is \$40 for TDCCW members and \$45 non-members After September 1, the cost is \$50 (St. Michael's Parish is a member of TDCCW). Questions can be directed to Debbi Luman, President TDCCW (Ph. 419-898-0906 or 419-734-4004 or email debluman@aol.com. Local contact person is Tammy Schroeder (419-532-3762 or 419-796-8964 or email ews@bright.net).

Hotel reservations can be made at Hampton Inn, 2492 S. SR 231, Tiffin, OH 419-443-5300.

Room rate is \$129, plus tax, until September 7. Hotel is next to Camden Falls. Both buildings have the same parking lot.

Conference Registration (Due by September 1, 2018)

(No tickets will be issued)

Name _____

Email and/or Ph# _____

Parish _____ City _____

Mail to: Diocese of Toledo; Attn: TDCCW
1933 Spielbusch Ave. Toledo, OH 43604-5360

OFFERTORY - August 25 & 26

4:30 PM

Joe & Lisa Roebke Family

7:30 AM

Mike & Norma Unverferth Family

10:30 AM

Paul & Rose Recker Family

USHERS – August 25 & 26

4:30 PM

Team 4

7:30 AM

Team 5

10:30 AM

Team 6

LECTORS - August 25 & 26

4:30 PM:

Clara Elkins, Jennifer Erhart

7:30 AM:

Paul Bonifas, Shelly Burkhardt

10:30 AM

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - August 25 & 26

4:30:

Tom Roof, Ethan Schmenk, Karen Schroeder, Dick & Jane Schulte, Duane & Barb Steffan, Kay Unverferth, Tony & Sandy Vorst

7:30:

Amy Brinkman, Mike & Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Norma Unverferth, Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Norma Vorst, Don Wehri

Ministers to Homebound: Amy Brinkman

10:30: Megan Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Diane Vorst, Lisa Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Sandy Westrick, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Alice Adams

SERVERS

Mon, 8/20	8:00 AM	Andrea Burgei Raegan Gerdeman Adult Volunteer
Tues, 8/21	8:00 AM	Adult Volunteer
Wed, 8/22	8:00 AM	Adult Volunteer
Thurs, 8/23	7:30 PM	Maria Gerding Meredyth Horstman
Fri, 8/24	8:00 AM	Audra Hovest Erica Kahle Ryan Lucke McKayla Maag Alexis Meyer Clay Meyer Luke Meyer Brandon Miller
Sat, 8/25	4:30 PM	Morgan Mock Grace & Owen Niemeyer
Sun, 8/26	7:30 AM	
	10:30 AM	

Putnam County Habitat for Humanity Auction

August 25, at 10:00 a.m., at the Old Weather Seal/Louisiana-Pacific Warehouse. Proceeds benefit PC Habitat for Humanity.

Chris Potts Memorial Golf Scramble

Saturday, September 15, at Country Acres. Cost is \$65/person, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, food, on-course beverages, door prizes and more. Email cmp_inc@hotmail.com for more information. Hole sponsorships are available.

Spaghetti Dinner Carryout at The Meadows

Monday, August 20, from 4:00—6:00 p.m., at The Meadows of Kalida. Call ahead to preorder (419-532-2961). Walk-ins are also welcome. Meal includes spaghetti, salad, breadsticks and cookie for \$5. Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

Bus Trip to Norwood's Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center for Men, Women & Children

Friday, September 7. Bus leaves at 2:00 p.m., from Glandorf church parking lot. Cost is \$42 and deadline is August 25. Return time is approximately 11:30 p.m. Contact the Mustard Seed (419-538-7220) for more information.