

St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, OH - Sunday, July 14, 2019

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. Back to back Vacation Bible School. It doesn't get much better than that! As St. John's is wrapping up "Roar," the VBS program this year, St. Michael's is just getting started. The program is centered around Africa and its animals and culture. As part of the culture, we journey to Egypt where the Israelites were in the bonds of slavery. We see how God delivered them and was truly with them always, even through the scary times. And talk about scary times. The youngest members of Vacation Bible School come into the program a little scared. There are a few tears the first night, but things get better as we go through the week (and that is the adults). By the end of the first night, there is lots of singing and dancing going on. All is done as we praise our God, who is always good and always with us. Even when things don't seem fair or difficult to understand, God is there. For the youngest participants, I'm just glad the water is tears and not something else that is wet.

Both VBS programs have lots of kids again this year. The kids always inspire me. There is happiness in the expressions on their faces. The little ones "love" to go to school for the first time. There is pride in the older ones helping the younger ones learn about their faith. The kids are not inhibited about speaking and singing their faith into action. I often think about how us adults could learn lessons from the Vacation Bible School children.

There should be joy in being a Christian. We know that God is with us and is so good that He wants us with Him into eternity. Jesus, His Son, showed us that. We remember that at every Mass. There should be smiles at Mass when we take in the wonder and mystery of His loving presence. The little ones show us that there is something new. Just as they learn new songs and stories during VBS, the Lord is ever new. God shows us that newness in so many ways. Don't be afraid to ask the Lord to show us His face. I really enjoy when I see the kids grow up well. To see helpers who were once upon a time first timers, does my heart well. Just this Summer I have had young people help in the YES program, help trim around church, sort Mission supplies and a variety of service related projects which makes me know that God is working through them. I am so proud of our youth. The kids challenge me to show my faith. The little ones sing and dance to the tunes of Jesus loving them. As adults we should show our faith, especially at Mass, by our participation. I know I pray better when I pray with others. By the end of Vacation Bible School the children are practically screaming that they love the Lord. Maybe we need a bit more screaming in Mass. Let me rephrase that, as we have lots of babies who already are in the screaming spirit!

I love what VBS does to our parishes. There is always a special vitality which happens this time of year. Let us try to keep that vitality all year long. Have a great week. *Fr. Mark*

KHS Summer Blood Drive This Wednesday!

Wednesday, July 17, at Kalida High School, from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. *There is an urgent need for all blood types due to a national shortage of blood. Locally, the Red Cross is currently operating with only a 2-day supply for hospitals.* Please consider donating if you can. Walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Beth Grime at 419-532-2750.

Mass Intentions for Holy Week

MONDAY, JULY 15 *St. Bonaventure*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, JULY 16

8:00 AM Mildred Remlinger

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput (A), Successful Surgery

THURSDAY, JULY 18 *St. Camillus de Lellis, priest*

7:30 PM Sister Gertrude Ann Knipper

Successful Surgery

FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, JULY 20

1:00 PM NM Kohls & Horstman

4:30 PM Ron & Dorothea Aversch

Bev Nandi Siefker

Alfred & Marcella (A) Ellerbrock

Vic & Andy Merschman, Harold Barnhart

SUNDAY, JULY 21

7:30 AM Dorothy Miller, Emma Jane McVey

10:30 AM Rita Croy, Don Holtkamp & Family

Don Laudick

L/D Gene & Doris Deters Family

June 30th Collection: \$10,554.00

Last Week's Collection: \$9,697.42

Choir Assignments - July 20 & 21

4:30: YAHS **7:30:** HN **10:30:** Renee

Thanks for the Help!

If the VBS theme was Noah and the flood, it would have been perfect! Last Wednesday evening, the basement flooded and a large group of parishioners responded to our plea for help. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the basement cleanup!

Vacation Bible School is July 15-18

VBS runs from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. every night. You can drop your kids off at 5:40 p.m. Kids are asked to wear their VBS shirts to the 10:30 a.m. Mass on July 21, where they will sing a song!

What's Cooking? A Parish Cookbook!

We'll have more information in next week's bulletin!

Holy Name Meeting is On the Move!

On Monday, July 15, the Holy Name meeting will now be held at the Kalida K of C Hall at 8:00 p.m., due to Vacation Bible School being held in the church basement.

90th Birthday Open House

There will be an Open House in honor of Gene Deters' 90th birthday on Sunday, July 21, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., in the church basement.

Bus Trip to Amish Country

Ottoville Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a trip to Amish country on Wednesday, October 16. We will be making stops at Guggisberg Cheese factory, shopping in Berlin with lunch at an Amish restaurant, Lehman's Hardware and Troutman winery. \$20 will reserve a seat on the bus with remainder due by August 20. Total cost is \$80. For reservations call 419-453-3789, 815-451-0454, or 419-453-3509.

MONDAY, JULY 15

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

HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m. at Kalida K of C

THURSDAY, JULY 18

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

FRIDAY, JULY 19

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

Missing Holy Name Raffle Tickets

Many tickets still need to be turned in to Nick Schulte by this Sunday, July 14. Thanks!

Lion's 50/50 Drawing

Winners were Terry Burgei, Sheryl Kahle and Mike Metzger. Thank you to the many businesses in Kalida and Putnam County for their generous support of Kalida Lion's Poker Run event to fund community projects. Thanks also to the public for participating in our fundraising activities.

Pioneer Harley Early Bird

Winners were Duane Kehres & Bob Harris. Tickets are available from Firemen & Lions for Grand Prize drawing on Thursday Evening of Pioneer.

Putnam County Right to Life is Very Grateful...

for all the support given to us throughout the year. At this time, we would like to acknowledge all those who helped us at the fair: John & Ruth Smith, David & Rita Iliff, Don & Sharon Lammers, Maggie Siler, Mary Jane Stechschulte, Lori Erhart, Diane Kaufman, Mary Ann Inkrott, Pat Birnesser, Beth Birke-meier, Bill & Melida Bockrath, Jim & Pat Hanneman, Mary Grote, Cheryl Schnipke, Diane Inkrott, Christine Inkrott, Ginnie Riepenhoff, Cheryl Kersh, Mary Lou Merschman, Carol Erhart, Leon & Helen Meyer, Herm & Rita Borgelt, Chris Hoehn, Paul & Marlene Kleman, and Mark & Ann Warnecke. Special thanks to Fr. Rick for the many years of blessing our booth and for Fr. Tony who filled in this year when Fr. Rick could not do it.

Wildcat Soccer Camp

July 22-25 at Kalida's Four Seasons Park for ages 6-15 (approximately) from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. If you have any questions, please call Coach Czubik (419-796-0771).

Kalida All Sports Passes...

for the 2019-20 school year will be on sale in the Admin. Office on August 1. The first home game is August 16! Prices are the same as last year: Family-\$325, Adult - \$115 and Senior Citizen/Student - \$85.



Upcoming Wedding

Ericka Kohls & Cody Horstman

will be married on July 20, 2019.

Please include them in your prayers.



OFFERTORY - July 20 & 21

4:30 PM

Ryan & Erin Kerner Family

7:30 AM

Karl & Darlene Miller Family

10:30 AM

Gene Deters Family

USHERS - July 20 & 21

4:30 PM

Team 1

7:30 AM

Team 2

10:30 AM

Team 3

LECTORS - July 20 & 21

4:30 PM

Shelly Burkhart, Clara Elkins

7:30 AM

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman

10:30 AM

Jennifer Erhart, Tara Gerding

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - July 20 & 21

4:30: Grace Haselman, Halie Kaufman, Deb Kneuve, Stacy Kneuve, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert, Deb Miller, Maclerin Morrissey, Peter Morrissey, Lisa Niese

7:30: Erin Kerner, Dianna Kehres, Jane Kleman, Becky Lucke, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Mary Plescher, Donna Schnipke, Rose Recker

Ministers to Homebound: Ryan & Erin Kerner

10:30: Bill Hill, Shane Hill, McKayla Maag, Deb McIntyre, Annette Meyer, Lauren Langhals, Deanna Nienberg, Michele Niese, Don Rall, Teresa Rampe

SERVERS

Tues, 7/16	8:00 AM	Maria Gerding Meredyth Horstman
Wed, 7/17	8:00 AM	Audra Hovest Erica Kahle
Thurs, 7/18	7:30 PM	Kyle Lammers Riley Nienberg
Fri, 7/19	8:00 AM	Maddalyn Nienberg Griffin Nienberg
Sat 7/20	4:30 PM	Dyllan Bendele Dominic Bockrath Logan Bockrath
Sun, 7/21	7:30 AM	Kendal Bockrath McKenna Bockrath Brandt Brinkman
	10:30 AM	Drew Buss Emily Buss Alec Edelbrock

Ottoville Immaculate Conception Festival

Sunday, July 21. Family style chicken/beef dinners will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Banquet Room. The baked goods booth opens at 8:00 a.m. and the lunch stand will be open at 11:00 a.m. Live entertainment, bingo, children's games, inflatables, face painting, a balloon artist, and more! Visit the museum or take a tour of church. Get your tickets for a chance to win \$1,000. For more information, call the Parish Office at 419-453-3513.

Lunch in The Park at Ottawa

July 18, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Senior Citizens Center (1035 East Third Street). Lunch Choices: Ted's BBQ Chicken - leg quarter Platter, Brats Platter, Regular or Southern Style Hot Dog Platter, Pie, Desserts and Drink. Eat in, dine in the park or carry out. Carryout available by calling 419-523-5593.