

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - July 2, 2017

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebe, C.P.P.S.

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone

Besides being the anniversary of our country's birth, it is also time to celebrate anniversaries in my family. My sister, Sister Barbara, celebrates 60 years as a Precious Blood sister. Her original religious name was Sr. Mary Emma. I think of all the people she has helped know the Lord. Barb has been an elementary school teacher, retreat director, helped form future priests in the seminary and most recently, director of the relic shrine at Maria Stein. Barb is quiet and holy, a lot like her younger brother. Seriously, I did not get to know Barb until later in life, as she went to the convent after 8th grade. I barely even knew of her until I was in my teens, as she was a teacher in Missouri and Virginia. Barb is still very inspirational by her quiet, peaceful and holy ways. I get to celebrate with Mass with Barb this Sunday with other jubilant sisters in Dayton.

My sister, Diana and her husband, Denny celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 1. They are the parents of a saint. Their daughter, Mary Beth, was born with birth defects, which limited her life to 20 years. Diana and Denny were very inspirational, as Mary Beth could see the wonder of God in so many small things like a butterfly, stars in the sky or a newborn baby. When I think of someone who has the gift of wonder and awe, I think of Mary Beth. Diana and Denny are still avid campers (that is tent camping and they are in their 70's) and enjoy National Parks. The last thought of Diana and Denny is that Denny asked Diana to marry him in the midst of the Hoying Christmas gift opening. The nearly forgotten event kind of got lost in the midst of flying Christmas paper.

My sister, Connie, married Ralph on the 4th of July. I remember firecrackers and crying at her wedding. I was 6 years old when she got married. Everyone else was crying so I figured I should cry, too. Connie was a school teacher for 50 years and a great teacher; so say many students. Connie and Ralph are great caregivers. They quietly take care of my disabled sister, Helen. They are great examples of serving the Lord behind the scenes.

It is wonderful that our country has the freedom to choose the life God has called each person to. I grew up with the saying that we live in a country where anyone can become president. I'd like to think of our country as a place where we have the freedom to live out God's call. As I celebrate my sisters' anniversaries, I think of how they serve God in different ways and make the Church come alive in their own ways. As we celebrate our country's anniversary, let us celebrate our religious freedom to follow God's call.

Have a great 4th of July. Remember that we are a country under God.

Fr. Mark

Recent Baptisms

LILLIAN LEIGH KLEMAN

Daughter of Josh & Leah (Hermiller) Kleman

MAVERICK JOSEPH KLEMAN

Son of Shane & Danielle (Siebeneck) Kleman

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JULY 3 *St. Thomas, apostle*

8:00 AM John Phillips (A)

TUESDAY, JULY 4 *Independence Day*

8:00 AM World Peace (CLC)

L/D Norbert J. Siebeneck Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

8:00 AM Dan Schroeder

THURSDAY, JULY 6

7:30 PM Herk Selhorst

FRIDAY, JULY 7

8:00 AM Joseph Leiser, Jr.

45th W.A. Mark & Ann Warnecke

SATURDAY, JULY 8

4:30 PM Vic Merschman (A)

Evangeline & Oscar Kerner

Norbert & Angie Recker

Joseph & Marjorie Verhoff Family

SUNDAY, JULY 9

7:30 AM Joyce Kahle

10:30 AM Connie Miller, Bernard Aversch

Greg Erhart



Last Week's Collection: \$ 7,312.25

Choir Assignments - July 8 & 9

4:30: Renee 7:30: Laura 10:30: RA

VBS Set-Up

Four men are needed on Wednesday, July 5, at 7:30 a.m., to set up for VBS. Two men are needed on Friday, July 14, at 6:00 a.m. to tear down and re-set the basement. Please call Connie (419-532-3494, ext. 102) if you can help either day. Thanks.

Thank You...

for all of the outpouring of calls, visits, messages, food, flowers & especially all of the love & support upon the loss of our Dad (Herk) and Tommy. We truly appreciate everything that Fr. Mark, Fr. Elmer, Fr. Charles, Fr. Jerry, Steve & the choir, Becky for the beautiful flute solo, St Rita's CCU 3B, The Meadows of Kalida, Kalida Lions Club, Kalida EMS, Ottoville & Kalida Fire Departments, Ottawa American Legion, VFW, Eagles & DAV, Love Funeral Home and the neighbors & communities of Kalida & Cloverdale have done to help with both of our losses that were so close together.

The Families of Herk Selhorst & Tom Wannemacher

High School Outing at Camp Clay

St. Michael High School Youth are invited to Camp Clay Aqua Park, 9196 Liberty Union Road, Van Wert, just a 1/2 hour drive from Kalida, on Monday, July 24, from Noon - 4:00 p.m. Cost is only \$2/person. St. Michael's will provide the drinks and snacks for the day. Let me know if you need a ride; we can arrange carpooling. Call Jill (419-532-3494, ext. 103, or 567-376-9115). Fr. Mark will be joining us, too! Never been to Camp Clay? Check out this YouTube video:

[youtube.com/watch?v=wsD2Eo7Xi9M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsD2Eo7Xi9M)

MONDAY, JULY 3 (Offices Closed)

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

THURSDAY, JULY 6

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

FRIDAY, JULY 7

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

Parish Center Office Hours

This week, the Parish Center will be **CLOSED on Monday & Tuesday, July 3 & 4**. We will be open 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday & Thursday, July 5 & 6.

Special Request from Ottawa Food Pantry

They are in need of any kind of cereal in smaller boxes (16-24 oz) and canned potatoes. If you can help us with a donation of these items, please place in the boxes at entrances of church. The boxes will be there for the next two weeks until July 17. Thank you for your support.

Thank You

Putnam County Right to Life is grateful for the generous support given to us throughout the year. At this time, we would like to thank all who stopped at our fair booth, gave a donation, volunteered in the fair booth, and set up and took down the booth: John & Ruth Smith; David & Rita Illiff; Gus & Judy Brinkman; Don & Sharon Lammers; Rachel Kahle; Alecia Dunn; Diane Kaufman; Pat Birnesser; Beth Birke-meier; Bill & Melida Bockrath; Jim & Pat Hanneman; Mary Grote; Connie Cleemput; Paul & Marlene Kleman; Elaine Steffan; Don & Mary Plescher; Mary Lou Merschman; Dolores Wehri; Diane Inkrott & Christine; Herm & Rita Borgelt; Chris Hoehn & Alex; and Mark & Ann Warnecke. Thank you.

Wildcat Soccer Camp

July 24-27, at the Kalida Park. 9:00 a.m. - Noon for ages 6-9 (approx.) and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for ages 10-15 (approx.). Forms available at the Kalida Post Office. Call Mark Czubik (419-532-3841) with questions.

K of C Installation of Officers

July 13, at 8:00 p.m.

Lion's 50/50 Drawing Last Sunday

Winners were Ron Kahle, Jr., Troy Rampe & Julie Kahle. Thank You to the many businesses in Kalida and Putnam County for their generous support to 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 Darrin Verhoff, from Ottawa, and Denny Knott. Tickets are available from Firemen & Lions for the Grand Prize drawing on Thursday Evening of Pioneer.

Kalida Cheer Camp...

for anyone age 4 through grade 6. The camp will be held July 24-27 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., with a showcase on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$40. Each participant will receive a t-shirt as part of the camp cost, if registered by Tuesday, July 11. If interested, forms are available in the superintendent's office or you can email kaylan.griffith@kalidaschools.org for a registration form. Camp is put on by KHS Cheerleaders.

OFFERTORY - July 8 & 9

Mike & Norma Unverferth Family

Karl & Darlene Miller Family

Ed & Tammy Schroeder Family

USHERS - July 8 & 9

Team 4

Team 5

Team 6

LECTORS - July 8 & 9

Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle

Kyla Fortman, Chris Fortman

Erin Kerner, Stacy Kneuve

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - July 8 & 9

4:30: Kay Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Alice Adams, Marilyn Becker, Anna, Brian & Bev Berheide

7:30: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Don Wehri, Dianna Kehres, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Tom & Judy Bonifas

Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Denny & Blyth Turnwald,

10:30: Kara Siefker, Sandy Westrick, Diane Vorst, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Janet Burgei, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss, Eileen Decker, Bailey Eickholt

SERVERS

Mon, 7/3	8:00 AM	Andrew Peck Leo Rafaniello
Tues, 7/4	8:00 AM	Hanna Rampe Livia Recker
Wed, 7/5	8:00 AM	Kevin Schumaker Jaden Smith
Thurs, 7/6	7:30 PM	Allison Stechschulte Evan Stechschulte
Fri, 7/7	8:00 AM	Gabe von der Embse Logan Bockrath
Sat, 7/8	4:30 PM	Kyla Fortman Nicole Fortman Tara Gerding
Sun, 7/9	7:30 AM	Kevin Hamburg Paige Helmke Noah Hermiller
	10:30 AM	Jayce Horstman Gabe Hovest Makenna Hoyt

Cloverdale St. Barbara Festival

Sunday, July 9. BBQ Chicken/Pork Dinners, served from 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Lunch Stand/Beer Tent, Raffle Booth, Hourly Cash Drawings, BINGO, Bicycle Drawings, Bake Sale, Games and Big Ticket Drawing, with a Grand Prize of \$1,000. Please join us!

World-Renowned Speaker Coming to Glandorf

Chris Stefanick is coming to our area! The event, REBOOT, will take place Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 7:00-9:30 p.m., at Glandorf, St. John's Gym. This event is for ages 12 and up and would be great for families! Tickets are \$20/person. Please contact Jill Zeller (419-532-3494, ext. x103) for tickets. For more information, check out reallifecatholic.com.