

St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - July 3, 2016

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

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi to everyone on this Fourth of July weekend. My family used to get together on this holiday to celebrate summer and my sister's anniversary with a family chicken barbeque. With my big family we would raise leghorn chickens, butcher them right before the holiday and then barbeque them over an old water trough, used to water the cows. We would load up the water tank with charcoal and slowly cook the chickens till they were done. There were some celebrations that we got a little impatient and tried to get the chickens done quickly. Mom would make sure that things were going smoothly outside before checking on the rest of the feast in the house. And then us boys would add extra charcoal or put the chicken a little closer to the heat. We would get into a friendly game of basketball and forget to flip the chicken and baste the chicken with dad's secret recipe barbeque sauce. There were years that the skin of the chicken was pretty dark (burnt to a crisp) and the inside was still a bit pink (still red). We learned that for some things you just can't rush it. The next year we would do better and keep our eyes on the prize of a perfect meal.

In this year of Mercy, barbequing chicken may be a good image to keep in mind. To be perfect, as our Heavenly Father is perfect, takes time. To try to rush the process will burn someone. And part of the process of perfection is forgiveness and mercy. Some parts may seem boring and monotonous, but they are important steps. Basting with care and gently turning away from temptations is a lifelong lesson. It would be great if we could click our fingers and perfection would happen. We want perfection now in others and ourselves. To be willing to make the journey as a Church is mercy. Like my family's barbeque, there will be circumstances (a good basketball game) and people (Mike who would challenge me in a game of horse) which will slow down the process of a perfect Christian life. But it is in life that perfection and mercy happen. It is in life that God is found because God is a God of life.

So as you barbeque this weekend, remember to be patient and savor not only the food, but the journey of life, the journey of mercy. Have a great weekend. God is good. All the time.
Fr. Mark

Help Needed for VBS Set-Up

We need help setting up for VBS on **FRIDAY**, July 8, starting at 9:00 a.m. All levels of experience welcome. If you are able to help, please contact Wendy Stechschulte, at 419-957-4194 or Amy Schnipke, at 419-532-2069.

VBS Committee Meeting

July 5, at 6:30 p.m., at Parish Center.

VBS Adult Crew Leader Meeting

Saturday, July 9, at 8:30 a.m., in the basement. Any wrap-up decorating will follow at approximately 9:00 a.m.

VBS Dance Crew Meeting

Friday, July 8, at 8:00 a.m., in the church basement.



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JULY 4

8:00 AM World Peace (CLC)
L/D Norbert J. Siebeneck Family

TUESDAY, JULY 5

8:00 AM L/D William Hermiller Family
Rita Jane Hermiller, Dan Schroeder

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

8:00 AM Friedrich Albiez

THURSDAY, JULY 7

7:30 PM Joseph Leiser, Jr.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

8:00 AM Emily Kahle

SATURDAY, JULY 9

NM Gerding & Hovest
4:30 PM L/D Oscar & Evangeline Kerner Family
Angie Recker

SUNDAY, JULY 10

7:30 AM Tony Brinkman
10:30 AM Jim Scheckelhoff, Connie Miller
Greg Erhart



Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 7,695.25

Choir Assignments - July 9 & 10

4:30: YA 7:30: HN 10:30: PW

Newly Ordained



Fr. David Kidd was ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 2016. He is the son of Kevin & Kathy Kidd, and the grandson of Dr. Charles Kidd, of Kalida. He graduated from LCC, in 2005. After Fr. Kidd receives a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, we look forward to his assignment as a parochial vicar at a parish in the Diocese of Toledo.



Outdoor Stations Project Completed

Trevor Wurth's Eagle Scout Project, the Outdoor Stations of the Cross, is now complete. Thank you to Trevor, his crew and all the donors who made this possible. It looks beautiful!

MONDAY, JULY 4
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
TUESDAY, JULY 5
CRHP 6: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center
THURSDAY, JULY 7
EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., in church
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church
FRIDAY, JULY 8
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church

VBS Notes from Fr. Mark

This past week we had VBS at Continental and in a couple of weeks Kalida will be abuzz with singing and dancing in praise of the God who is with us even in the darkest times. This year's theme of "Caves" is a good image, as we sometimes feel ourselves shut off from God's light. God's light is always there. We are the ones who sometimes hide our light under a basket or close our eyes to hope in the Lord. VBS was great in Continental with 100 participants and much spirit in both children and adults. Thanks to all who are involved in this adventure of faith.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, July 7, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., in church. Our intentions during this time are for the successful growth and harvesting of the crops, for peace in the world and for all those who serve in the military.

Thank You...

to all who were able to come and enjoy the Lions BBQ and Poker Run last Sunday, at Four Seasons Park Pavilion. Thanks, also, to local businesses for supporting our event and making this a successful day. 50/50 winners were Barry Woodyard, Scott Warnecke and John Phillips. Thanks to the community for your continuing support of Lions' projects.

VBS 2016

**Mon. - Thurs. (July 11-14) 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
 for Ages 4 & Up. Deadline to Register is July 5.**

Name: _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Shirt Size _____

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*Shirt Sizes: Youth Small (4-6), Youth Medium (6-8),
 Youth Large (10-12), Youth XL (14-16) and Adult Small*

Parents/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____

Registration Fee: \$10/child (include with form and place in collection). Checks payable to "St. Michael's Church."

Food Allergies: _____

Parents, please mark days you can help:

____ Monday ____ Tuesday ____ Wednesday ____ Thursday

Shirt Size for Parent: _____

OFFERTORY - July 9 & 10

4:30 PM Ryan & Erin Kerner Family
7:30 AM Mike & Norma Unverferth Family
10:30 AM John & Jackie Schimmoeller Family

USHERS - July 9 & 10

4:30 PM Team 4
7:30 AM Team 5
10:30 AM Team 6

LECTORS - July 9 & 10

4:30 PM Brenda Aversch, Jennifer Erhart
7:30 AM Michele Doepker, Shelly Burkhart
10:30 AM Sandy Westrick, Maddison Edelbrock

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - July 9 & 10

4:30: Alice Adams, Marilyn Becker, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Janet Burgei, Dave Buss, Katey Buss, Eileen Decker, Eric Fischnich, Regina Fischnich

7:30: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Tom & Judy Bonifas, Amy Brinkman, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman

Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Tom & Judy Bonifas

10:30: Anna, Bev & Brian Berheide, Kelly Buss, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Brandon Erhart, Lori Erhart, Keith & AnnRea Fortman

SERVERS

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| Mon, 7/4 | 8:00 AM | Jakob Swyers Amanda Unverferth |
| Tues, 7/5 | 8:00 AM | Brooke Vennekotter Noah Verhoff |
| Wed, 7/6 | 8:00 AM | Peyton Wurth Ella Wehri |
| Thurs, 7/7 | 7:30 PM | Grant Vorst Hannah Berheide |
| Fri, 7/8 | 8:00 AM | Emily Buss Paige Helmke |
| Sat, 7/9 | 4:30 PM | Morgan Mock Owen Niemeyer Tori Niese |
| Sun, 7/10 | 7:30 AM | Connor Niese David Peck Carlie Rampe |
| | 10:30 AM | Griffin Recker Dakota Rosselit Ethan Schmenk |

Senior Retreat...Mark Your Calendars

This year's Senior Retreat will be Wednesday & Thursday, July 27 & 28. More details will follow. Call Youth Minister Jill Zeller with questions.

Recent Baptisms

COLIN ANTHONY BELLMANN
 Son of Ryan & Melissa (Baures) Bellmann
COLLIN DAVID GROTE
 Son of Matt & Crystal (Schlichte) Grote

Upcoming Wedding

Kerri Hovest & Jeff Gerding
 will be married on Friday, July 9, 2016.
 Please include them in your prayers.