

St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - July 5, 2015

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

It seems like July is time to celebrate. Our country celebrates freedom on July 4. July 2 marks the end of Vacation Bible School at Continental (it was great this year and inspiring to see so many young people singing and dancing in praise of God's goodness. I can't wait till Kalida's later this month. I already know the songs and dances). Farmers are just happy that June is over and a chance for better weather in July might be a possibility. July 1 is the feast of the Precious Blood, and missionaries around the world are spending this time, until August 15, to celebrate 200 years since our Community began, with its founding by St. Gaspar del Bufalo. For the next weeks, I will be highlighting missionary activities and invite people to join in the festivities.

For people in our parishes, they may be familiar with people like Frs. Lochtefeld, Eilerman, Cavanaugh or Adelman. For most people, they know the Missionaries of the Precious Blood through the priests who serve in their parishes. Precious Blood priests have always been known to be down to earth, as much of their training dealt with working and praying with people where they are. Old seminary training involved a sense of service, which included work on the farm at Carthagena. This sense of service is still very important to who we are. Precious Blood priests were oftentimes asked to begin ministries where there were none. Precious Blood priests and sisters came to Northwest Ohio to minister to German-speaking immigrants in the 1800's. Fr. Mel Lochtefeld, who was known as the square dancing priest, began ministry to African American parishioners in Cleveland.

I like to say that the style of a missionary is a little different from diocesan priests, in that we are seen more as with our ministry being hand in hand with people, rather than handing down of tradition. We have three bosses: God, our Provincial and the bishop. Our Provincial makes the assignments, which the bishops approve. With parishes and ministries around the country and world, a Precious Blood missionary could end up in places like California or Tanzania. Wherever we go we take a hands on approach to finding God with the people we are with. And finding God together is worth celebrating. The C.P.P.S (Latin initials for our Community) has come a long way since its founding in Italy 200 years ago. I'm glad it found its way to Putnam County.

I'll say more about the Precious Blood Community and ways we can celebrate with them in following weeks. Until then, celebrate God this week. *Fr. Mark*

Y.E.S. a Success!

92 high school youth and 48 adults volunteered for the Youth Elect Service weekend! The theme "I Am Third" was to remind us that our focus should first be God, second be others and third, ourselves. We also talked about what Saint Mother Theresa meant when she said her key to success was JOY—Jesus, Others then Yourself. Altogether we helped out at over 50 sites. Some of the weekend highlights were Reconciliation, Adoration, Christian Music Concert and time spent making new friends and making a difference in the lives of others. Pictured to the right are the Kalida participants:

Front Row (L-R): Jill Zeller, Mary Siefker, Don Fischer & Diana Fischer

Middle Row: Adam Fitzgerald, Paul von der Embse, Elizabeth Turnwald, Jade Zeller, Megan Schulte, Nicole Fortman, Cassidy Decker, Rachel Kahle & Alecia Dunn,

Back Row: Jack Zeller, Cody Niese, Bradley Siefker, Trevor Vorst, Renee Vorst, Danielle Maag, Trevor Wurth & Jacob Dunn (Missing from picture: Diane Vorst & Diane Wurth)

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JULY 6

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, JULY 7

8:00 AM Tom Unverferth

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

8:00 AM Fr. Len Kistler

THURSDAY, JULY 9

7:30 PM L/D Merschman & Saum Family
Bob Grote, Deb Grote
L/D Oscar & Evangeline Kerner Family

FRIDAY, JULY 10

8:00 AM Annie Ketcham

SATURDAY, JULY 11

1:00 PM NM Erhart & Roebke

4:30 PM 50th W.A. Bob & Annette Meyer
Connie Miller, Gilbert & Jean Smith
L/D Bob & Marth Wurth Family

SUNDAY, JULY 12

7:30 AM Wilfred Hermiller

10:30 AM Janet & Tom Schroeder, Jim Knueven

Last Week's Collection: \$ 8,031.05

Choir Assignments—July 11 & 12

4:30: HN **8:00:** Renee **11:00:** PW

Holy Name Choir: Meet in Church Basement...

at 4:00 p.m., on July 11, for a short practice before the 4:30 p.m. Anniversary Mass (Bob & Annette's 50th).

Help Needed With VBS

We are in need of adult crew leaders for our Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 13-16, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. If you can help one day or all four days, call Connie (419-532-3474, Ext. 102). We could also use help with set-up on Saturday, July 11, at 9:00 a.m., in the church basement.

Supplies Needed for This Year's VBS...

are 1 baby swimming pool, 5 beach towels (gently used), napkins, 5 oz. plastic cups, short thin pretzels sticks, Rice Krispie cereal, plain Cheerios cereal, M & Ms plain candy and marshmallows. We are also looking to borrow cross cookie cutters. Drop off supplies at church...thanks!



MONDAY, JULY 6

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church

FRIDAY, JULY 10

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

Recent Baptism**SCARLETT GRACYN SCHUMACHER**

Daughter of Jason & Alissia (Homan) Schumacher

Youth Group MeetingWednesday, July 8, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Parish Center.
Final preparation for VBS games!**Senior Retreat—You Don't Want to Miss It!**

Mark your calendars for a weekend of faith, friends, canoeing and fun, as we journey to Malabar Farm State Park, from Friday, August 21, to Sunday, August 23, 2015. Watch your mail next week for more information and registration forms.

Our CondolencesThe Funeral Mass for **Ronald Fulkert** was held on Thursday, July 2. Please include Ron and his family in your prayers.**Thank You...**

to all who were able to come and enjoy in the Lions Chicken BBQ and Poker Run last Sunday. Thanks, also, to local businesses for supporting our event and making this a successful day. 50/50 winners were: Joe Turnwald, Abby Ashbaugh and Eric Rosengarten. Thanks to our community for your continuing support of Lions Projects.

Dr. Scott Hahn to Speak in OttawaDr. Scott Hahn, Theologian, Author, Teacher, Husband, and Father, will be at Sts. Peter & Paul Church on **Saturday, July 18, 2015**. Doors open at 7:00 a.m., and the program will be from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mass is at 8:00 a.m., followed by three talks. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the Ottawa rectory from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday—Friday) or online at spps.noacsc.org. Dr. Hahn is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Check out his website at scotthahn.com.**Attention Senior Citizens**

Starting July 1, The Meadows of Kalida would like to offer their AL dining room to seniors in the community for a place to grab a cup of coffee, a bite to eat and, of course, a chance to visit with your friends. We would like to continue this every Wednesday, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Any questions, please call us at 419-532-2961.

EXCLAIM Christian Concert July 26—FREE...for the entire family, on July 26, at the Monsignor Schmit CYO Athletic Complex, 555 S. Holland Sylvania Road, Toledo. Gates open at 1:00 p.m. Main Stage Schedule: 2:00 p.m. - Curtis Stephan; 3:30 p.m. - Matt Maher; 5:00 p.m. - Francesca Battistelli and 7:00 p.m. - Closing Mass. Inflation Games (\$5 Wristband for All Day Pass), Family Games, Sports Tournaments, Concessions, Opportunities for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and much more. Pack your lawn chair and a picnic dinner and join in on the fun! Pop-up tents are allowed on the outside edge of the grass. See www.exclaimtoledo.org for additional info.**OFFERTORY - July 11 & 12**4:30 PM7:30 AM10:30 AMBob & Annette Meyer Family
Gus & Judy Brinkman Family
Joe & Linda Hovest Family**USHERS – July 11 & 12**4:30 PM7:30 AM:10:30 AMBob & Annette Meyer Family
Team 2
Team 3**LECTORS – July 11 & 12**4:30 PM7:30 AM10:30 AMBob & Annette Meyer Family
Erin Knueve, Stacy Knueve
Mike Kahle, Katia Roehrig**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - July 11 & 12**4:30: Bob & Annette Meyer Family7:30: Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Dick & Judy Bockrath, Joyce Klausung, Jim Hanneman, Mel Hanneman, Mary Lou Hoffman, Dave & Jane Kahle**Ministers to Homebound:** Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Dick & Judy Bockrath10:30: Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Sarah Hovest, Mark Kahle, Ron & Dorothy Kerner, Ryan Kerner, Darlene Hanneman, Stacy Knueve, Erin Knueve**SERVERS**

Tues, 7/7	8:00 AM	Brenna Smith Tyler Unverferth
Wed, 7/8	8:00 AM	Jasmine Vorst Will Zeller
Thurs, 7/9	7:30 PM	McKenna Bockrath Alec Edelbrock
Fri, 7/10	8:00 AM	Clara Elkins Kyla Fortman
Sat, 7/11	4:30 PM	Bob Meyer Family
Sun, 7/12	7:30 AM	Owen Niemeyer Connor Niese Tori Niese
	10:30 AM	Nathan Nordhaus Kylie Osterhage Griffin Recker

Cloverdale St Barbara Parish Festival

Sunday, July 12. BBQ Chicken/Pork Dinners (served 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m). Carry-outs available. Beer Tent/Lunch Stand, Bingo, Hourly Cash Drawings (1:00-5:00 p.m.), Merchandise-Raffle Booth, Bike Drawings, Basket Raffle, Baked Goods and Big Ticket Drawing (\$1,000 Grand Prize).

Ottoville CLC Casino Trip to Firekeepers...

at Battle Creek, MI, on August 4. Cost is \$30 and you will get \$25 back in comps from the casino. Proceeds benefit church & community organizations. Call Ruth (453-3187).

American History Bus Tour...

of Boston, Lexington, Concord, Salem & much more! September 23-29, 2015 (7 days and 6 nights); 10 meals; \$619 per double occupancy. All tips included. Call 419-303-7366. Sponsored by Ft. Jennings Memorial Hall.

**Upcoming Wedding****Megan Erhart & Austin Roebke**will be married on Saturday, July 11, 2015.
Please include them in your prayers.