

# St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - June 12, 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.

# FR. ELMER 60 YEARS

TRAVELING THE GLOBE AS A MISSIONARY PRIEST



**Places Fr. Elmer  
Was Assigned/  
Lived as a Priest**

Taiwan  
San Francisco, CA  
Cincinnati, OH  
Los Angeles, CA  
New York City  
Ossining, NY  
Hong Kong  
Kalida, OH

**Places Fr. Elmer Has Visited Outside the U.S.**

Bolivia	Germany	Japan	Sri Lanka
Bulgaria	Greece	Macau	S. Korea
Cambodia	Guam	Malaysia	Switzerland
Canada	Guatemala	Mexico	Thailand
Chile	Hungary	Mongolia	Turkey
China	India	Peru	United Kingdom
Czechoslovakia	Indonesia	Philippines	Vietnam
Dubai	Italy	Romania	Yugoslavia
Egypt	Ireland	Russia	
France	Israel	Singapore	

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

I've been smiling the past couple of days, as I found out last Friday that my niece, Amanda, is wedding-bound on schedule. I want to thank all of you for your prayers for her. She is all excited and wanted to thank all of you for your prayers and your cards. Because of her aneurism repair and the medicine she is on, the wedding plans are still on, but changed a little. She is still sensitive to light and noise. So the dance and atmosphere will look a little different for this Hoyoing wedding. We are all wondering if that means no square dancing. This could be a Hoyoing first. Also the length of the reception will have to change. This could be the shortest party in Hoyoing history (don't worry, Columbus has lots of places that will stay open late). Because of the medicine and surgery, Amanda has had to get a wig, which may change the veil. It's no big deal for me, but I'm told that all these little changes are lots of stressors for the bride. Amanda can't drive or fly, so their honeymoon will have to be put on hold.

Through all this, her fiancé, Michael, loves her more than ever. The wedding vows take on more meaning, as "sickness and health" has reached a new level. Small stuff is quickly overlooked in the face of love. The loss of hair, loss of celebration, loss of the perfect wedding dream, is nothing to the reality of a love that conquers all. God has blessed Amanda and Michael. There may have been some memories lost, but love goes beyond time. Although I still think of her as a little girl, I know she is 23 and a young woman. I want to pick her up and give her a big hug. I am so happy for her and her family. And as happy as I am, she is exponentially more happy and is smiling from ear to ear. And that makes me want to hug her all over again. As they pledge their love in front of God and the people who love them, we will all be smiling.

I wanted to fill all of you in, as you have become part of her life. THANK YOU!!!!!!! Please keep her in your prayers, as she still has some obstacles to overcome and some memory issues to deal with. July 15 will be a very special day this year. Have a blessed week. *Fr. Mark*

### Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Dorothea Averagesch** was held on Thursday, June 9. Please include Dorothea and her family in your prayers.

### Items Needed for Vacation Bible School

The theme of this year's VBS is "Cave Quest." We are in need of the following items: Plain M & Ms, gold fish crackers, gummy worms, napkins, plastic spoons, large sheets of cardboard, brown and/or black sheets, 24-1 lb. bags of cornstarch, bird feathers, blue shower curtain liners, flashlights (will be returned), small gem/jewel stickers, plastic eggs, 5 oz. cups, new cotton socks (which will be donated to Appalachia) large car wash sponges, duct tape, 100 count bag of cotton balls and 8 oz. plastic drinking cups. These items can be dropped off at the entrances of church. Thank you!

### Family Bus Trip

Plans are being made for a family bus trip to the USAF Museum, in Dayton, and the Outdoor Drama TECUMSEH, in Chillicothe. The proposed date is July 23. If interested, contact Don Rall (419-969-0521 or drall323@gmail.com).

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 AM Dorothea Averagesch (RA)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 14

8:00 AM Hugo & Frances Hoffman

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 AM Leona Verhoff

### THURSDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 PM Olivia Ryan Schnipke, Ann Ketcham

### FRIDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

4:30 PM NM Janka & Vorst  
Bob Schimmoeller, Jerome & Ethel Bendele  
Wilfred Hermiller, Paul Kahle  
Harold & Mildred Rampe, Alfred Ellerbrock  
Gene Stechschulte, Dan Siefker Family  
Virgil & Junilla Karhoff, Bernard Averagesch  
Hubert & Irma Pohlman  
Walter & Mary Vennekotter

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19

7:30 AM Dick, Sally & Tommy Goedde  
Art & Trudy Reed, Pete & Alice Gerding  
Gene & Mary Ann Recker, Bill Cleemput  
10:30 AM Margaret & Wilfred Warnecke, Jim Kahle  
Don Holtkamp, Norm Kahle, Hilary Burgei  
Harold Stechschulte, Charlie Gerdeman  
Tom Warnecke, Carl Webken, Vince Erhart  
Ralph Honigfort, Gary Bockrath

**Last Sunday's Collection:** \$ 9,930.01

### Choir Assignments - June 18 & 19

4:30: YAHS 7:30: HN 10:30: PW

### Holy Name Tickets

The first drawing of the new year will be held on Monday, June 20. Please get your sold and unsold tickets back to Mike Schimmoeller or Nick Schulte as soon as possible. Thanks!

### Kalida Board of Education Meeting

The Kalida Board of Education June regular meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, June 22.

### Cookout at The Meadows of Kalida

On Friday, June 17, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., everyone is invited to The Meadows of Kalida, where they will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips and a cookie for \$6. Proceeds benefit the Independence from Hunger Food Drive. Call 419-532-2961 for more information.

### "Kalida Little Kickers Soccer"

#### For Pre-K and Kindergarteners

Beginning this upcoming school year, "Little Kickers Soccer" will be added to Kalida's youth soccer program. This is for Pre-K and Kindergarten students only. Forms have already been mailed to all upcoming kindergarteners. If you have a Pre-K child who will be at least 5 years old by December 31, 2016, you can pick up a form at the Kalida Post Office. Any questions, call Michelle Schmitz (419-235-9172) or Tara Verhoff (419-796-8816).

## FR. ELMER WURTH...60 YEARS A PRIEST

This is my brief summary of 60 years as a 'lonely' missionary. Fr. Mark was afraid that I'd drive you away if I told you all this from the pulpit. Many of you may have a more interesting life story, and I'd be glad to hear it, but here's mine in brief; not to brag, but rather to convince you that if you turn your lives over to the Lord, wonderful and interesting things happen. I did at the end of high school, and the Lord pretty much took over.

### EDUCATION

- I entered the University of Notre Dame without applying.
- I was sent to six colleges.
- I attained a Master's Degree in Latin, at the University of Michigan and a Master's Degree in Theology and a Master's Degree in Religious Education, from the Catholic University of America.

### TRAVELS

- Our CCD students asked me how many countries I have visited. We counted to 40 and quit.
- I was sent to teach for four years in our high school and college seminaries and I also had the opportunity to study, offer Mass and preach in two Chinese languages.
- I was chaplain on four cruises, where I took tennis lessons from Tony Trabert, one of the top pros of the 60's, and played tennis with Tony and his wife Emeryl in the Mexican ports we visited.
- I met Les Brown & His Band of Renown, who performed each night for the whole two week cruise.
- I attended two Olympic Games, as a spectator only.

### MINISTRY

- I spent six years as pastor in the mountains of Taiwan, among former head-hunters.
- I was pastor for 23 years of an international parish in Hong Kong, with more than 50 nationalities. Many parishioners are now spread throughout the world, and have extended many invitations to visit them.
- I once wondered whether a call in the middle of the night to be picked up by taxi and taken to an undisclosed destination was real; it was, as I was asked to anoint the wife of Stanley Ho, king of casinos in Macau and one of the wealthiest men in Asia.
- I instructed and baptized Michelle Yeung, a famous Singaporean/Chinese movie actress who visited, wrote and brought presents when she came to Hong Kong.
- I instructed and baptized a 96 year-old Chinese lady, my oldest ever. When she couldn't remember anything from week to week, I just prepared her for eternity.
- When I was asked to witness the wedding of a high society lady from the Philippines, Joseph Estrada, president of the country, showed up as her witness. Even he got a good laugh when I tried to say a few phrases in Tagalog, their language, and I dubbed a double-meaning phrase. When we went to the banquet, one of his army generals was his bodyguard.

### CELEBRITY ENCOUNTERS

- I met Gerry Bucci, then technical director of ABC Wide World of Sports. After two recent calls, I promised him that as soon as I finished with my anniversary celebrations, my next trip would be to Rancho Mirage, California, to see his wife Alice, who has Alzheimer's and asked to see me.
- I've met Irene Dunne, Greta Peck (Gregory's wife), Loretta Young and Lawrence Welk. I took visitors to see his show twice and both times I ended up being asked to join the group of dancers in the audience.
- Patti Page spent a week with us in Switzerland at the wedding of mutual friends for the marriage of their daughter.
- I visited with Danny Thomas, in Louisville, Kentucky, at a party after one of his talks.
- W.C. Fields, Jr. was our Maryknoll attorney when I was in Los Angeles. His office was full of pictures of his famous father.
- I met tennis great Bobby Riggs when I was invited to be line judge for his documentary tennis movie in San Diego.
- I've worked with three cardinals in Hong Kong. The present one wants to visit Kalida when he retires next year, at age 80.
- I've been with two popes, four times: once in Rome, once on a papal visit to Korea, and twice in the Philippines. I was within arms length each time, but although I was wearing my clerical collar, none reached out to shake my hand. I'd have a better chance to really meet them now, as a handicapped cripple. I've also met dozens of bishops, priests and nuns in China.
- Mother Teresa, soon to be a saint, visited Maryknoll, in Hong Kong. While there, I asked her, "Your community is growing rapidly now, but have you planned for the future when you're no longer around?" She responded, "I'm just a pen in God's hands, and when He has finished using me, He'll just toss me aside and use another pen." Under their present Superior, her Sisters of Charity are still growing greatly throughout the world.

All this is at the request of our pastor; not to impress, rather, to witness to the Lord's blessings in my life. If I, a Kalida farm boy, could have such an interesting life, so can you. Join us!

*Fr. Elmer*



**MONDAY, JUNE 13**

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14**

**CRHP 6: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17**

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

**A New Youth Coordinator at St. Michael's**



Jill Zeller has joined the staff at St. Michael's as our new Youth Coordinator. She brings with her years of experience as a leader of the Challenge group, religion teacher, wife and mom. She has helped with youth activities for many years and has felt the call to a new level of leadership. Jill is excited to meet this opportunity of working with the youth and helping them experience God's goodness. She believes that the youth show God's

face all the time. Please welcome Jill and keep her and the youth in your prayers.

**Diocesan Youth Day at Cedar Point**

Tuesday, June 14, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Open to students in grades 6-12 and their families. \$40 per ticket (age 3 & older). Children 2 & under are free. Tickets will be sold the day of the event at a window designated for the "Diocese of Toledo," just to the right of the main entrance. Tickets will be sold from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Additionally, beverage bracelets for free refills will be sold for \$8.

**VBS 2016**

**Mon. - Thurs. (July 11-14)**

**6:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

**for Ages 4 & Up**

**Deadline to Register is July 1**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

*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 - June 18 & 19**

**4:30 PM**

Brian & Lisa Niese Family

**7:30 AM**

Marc & Renee Kerner Family

**10:30 AM**

Paul & Rose Recker Family

**USHERS - June 18 & 19**

**4:30 PM**

Alex von der Embse, Adam von der Embse, Paul von der Embse, Brandon Erhart, Kaleb Selhorst, Trent Gerding, Trent Siebeneck, Griffin Recker, Derek Buss, Trevor Vorst, Clay Meyer

**7:30 AM**

Drew Hovest, Austin Klausung, Collin Wurth, Jeff Knueve, Jacob Kahle, Connor Niese, Kevin Hamburg, Collin Nartker, Christian Nartker, Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk

**10:30 AM**

Team 12

**LECTORS - June 18 & 19**

**4:30 PM**

Deb Kahle, Jacob Kahle

**7:30 AM**

Mike Kahle, Erin Kerner

**10:30 AM**

Tara Gerding, Stacy Knueve

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - June 18 & 19**

**4:30:**

Dave Buss, Katey Buss, Kelly Buss, Eileen Decker, Dave & Cindy Erhart, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman

**7:30:**

Tom & Judy Bonifas, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Mel Hanneman, Rachel & Mark Kahle, Dave & Jane Kahle

**Ministers to Homebound:** Herm & Rita Borgelt

**10:30:**

Brandon Erhart, Lori Erhart, Eric Fischnich, Regina Fischnich, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Lynda Fortman, Mary Lou Hoffman

**SERVERS**

Mon, 6/13	8:00 AM	Kevin Lammers Grant Vorst Ella Wehri
Tues, 6/14	8:00 AM	Peyton Wurth Marcy Landwehr
Wed, 6/15	8:00 AM	Mitch Langhals Ryan Lucke
Thurs, 6/16	7:30 PM	Luke Meyer Brandon Miller
Fri, 6/17	8:00 AM	Dayna Schimmoeller Kathryn Siebeneck
Sat, 6/18	4:30 PM	Makenna Hoyt Hannah & Jacob Kahle
Sun, 6/19	7:30 AM	Rachel Kahle Ella Kaufman Matt Kehres
	10:30 AM	Mason Kerner Brooke Kimball Sarah Klausung

**Adoration, Rosary & Mass for Luke Haselman**

On Wednesday, June 15, at St. John's Church, Glandorf, there will be Adoration & Scriptural Rosary at 6:00 p.m., and a Mass at 7:00 p.m. for 3 year old Luke Haselman, son of Cory & Heather Haselman, who was diagnosed with leukemia. A goodwill collection will be taken up for the family.

**Upcoming Wedding**

**Rob Janka & Andrea Vorst**

will be married on Saturday, June 18, 2016.

Please include them in your prayers.