

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - June 24, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. Today is the longest day of daylight in the year. As a farmer, I mark certain days of the year as important. From now on, the days are getting shorter and the harvest season is next on the agenda. But before the busy harvest on the farm, our family would always take a little time to enjoy the goodness of God. After baling hay and straw, our family would load up in a car and head to Grand Lake St. Mary's. The beach we would go to was Windy Point and only a short distance from our farm. It must have been quite the sight to see a load of hay-covered children roll out of the family car and run into the water. If the lake wasn't polluted before we got there, it surely was after.

The only family member who wasn't covered in hay or straw was my disabled sister, Helen. She loved the water (once she got in). It took about four of us to force her into the water. She got all excited about going to the beach, but fought like crazy to stay dry. She would sit in the sand and dig in her heels. Once she got in, we had a hard time getting her out and go home. We had to do the process all over again, only in reverse.

I think of our spiritual journey in terms of Helen's beach adventures. We say that we love the Lord, but are afraid to get our feet wet. We dig our heels into old comfortable ways, although we know that jumping into our Christianity is the way to go. We stop ourselves from praying in public or helping a neighbor. We know that we should stop gossiping at our work place, but are afraid to make waves. Once we do the right thing, it feels good. It is a shame that it takes others to help us jump in, but that is the reality. Thanks to those who are strong enough in their faith to "encourage" us to take the leap. With Helen, it took four strong people to make her enjoy the beach life. How many people would it take to help us enjoy our faith? (A note of thanks to all who are praying for Helen. The cancer tests have not all been concluded but she continues to amaze us. She meets family with smiles and ornerly actions. She does not bother with her colostomy bag, which is a miracle. She is back in her group home and amazes the staff, as well. Somehow God is smiling on her as she has had nothing but smiles through this whole process. Thanks again for all your prayers for Helen).

One more story of making the most of the longest day of the year. One of our favorite family stories is how our family would go to the Mercer County Fair. We would take our animals and sewing projects. Going to the fair was our version of a vacation. On a nice day during fair week (it always rains on the Mercer County Fair, also) Mom would pack a lunch of ham sandwiches. We would sit under big oak trees and enjoy a simple sandwich and an orange drink from a cardboard box, purchased for 25 cents at the Grange booth. The sandwiches always seemed to taste better under an oak tree. The family always seemed to enjoy this simple event when we were all together. There was a little jaunt from happiness when orange drink or mustard from the ham sandwich would get on our white show clothes before we showed our calves.

I encourage all of you to make the most of God's blessings while the sun shines. Jump into our Christianity and live a full and simple life this summer. God bless you all.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 AM Ann Ketcham, Special Intention

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 *St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr*

7:30 PM Rita Croy, Ted Sealts

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 *Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles*

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

4:30 PM Carol Cattell, Mary Lou Felkey
Mike Schroeder, Cleora Winkle
Eugene & Rosalia Osterhage

SUNDAY, JULY 1

7:30 AM Norbert & Angie Recker

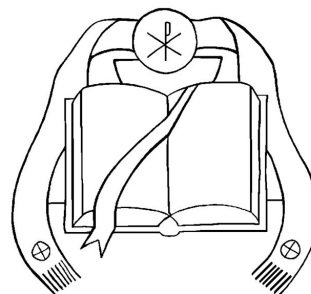
Alvin & Mary Hoffman

10:30 AM Theresa Foppe

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 7,844.11

Choir Assignments—June 30 & July 1

4:30: Renee 7:30: HN 10:30: PW



Fr. Rick's 40th Anniversary of Ordination

Sunday, July 22, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul. There will be a luncheon at the Ottawa K of C after Mass. RSVP for luncheon by calling Leslie (419-532-3474) by July 2. All parishioners

are invited! Space is limited.

Thank You

The family of Carl Vorst thanks the parishioners of St. Michael's and all others for their prayers and expressions of sympathy. We thank Fr. Mark for his support and the lovely Mass celebration, as well as Mrs. Vennekotter, the choir and servers. The luncheon prepared by Dick's Steak House was delicious, as were the desserts prepared by the Helping Hands volunteers.

Save the Date: Community Praise at the Park

All are welcome to share a night of praise and worship at the Kalida Four Seasons Park on Sunday, July 29, 2018. Music will be provided by community churches and individuals. Food trucks will arrive at 5:00 p.m. for anyone wanting to purchase food. Feel free to bring your own food, drinks and lawn chairs. Praise and worship is from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Jeff Deters	\$100	Ruth Gerdeman
\$100	Nick Schulte	\$100	Dave Warnecke
\$100	Andy Unverferth	\$ 50	Doug Schroeder
\$ 50	Mike Schimmoeller	\$ 50	Vicky Schroeder
\$ 50	Megan Schimmoeller	\$ 50	Julie Siebeneck
\$ 50	John Knippen	\$ 50	Ryan Unverferth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JUNE 25

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

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

Collecting Towels/Washcloths for Appalachia

We are collecting NEW bath towels, hand towels and washcloths for the Appalachia Mission Trip. There will be boxes at the entrances of church and we're also collecting at VBS.

VBS Registration Can Be Found at...

stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins."

Supplies Needed for VBS

Plastic cups (both 12 oz. and 7 oz.), napkins, plastic spoons, hand wipes, Swedish red fish and large appliance-size boxes. Please put at the entrances of church (other than the boxes, which can be dropped off at the Parish Center). Thanks!

Lion's Club Chicken BBQ This Sunday

June 24: Drive-thru carryout at High School, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thank you from Kalida Lions for supporting our community projects.

Band in the Park - This Sunday, June 24

Adult gathering from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m., with music by Deuces Wild Band. BBQ Pork dinners available with \$1,000 Early Bird Drawing of Pioneer Harley ticket. Tickets available at the event.

Lions & Firemen Early Bird Harley Drawing...

is June 24. Tickets are available now from any Lion or Fireman (and also at Hoyt's) for the annual Pioneer Days Harley Drawing. You'll want to buy your tickets now to be eligible for up to \$1,000 of cash in the June 24th Early Bird drawing.

Portugal & Spain September 2021

Both tours have price reductions until June 30, 2018. Email rjgasser@yahoo.com. Visit explorica.com/gasser-8857.

A One Day Bus Pilgrimage...

to Blessed Solanus Casey Center and Sainte Anne de Detroit Church (Detroit, MI) on July 18. We will leave the Kalida K of C parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$70. Included is a tour of the Center, Confession, Mass, lunch and a Healing Service, followed by a tour of Sainte Anne de Detroit. Deadline is July 1. Please contact Rita Borgelt (419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net) to register.

Catholic Preschool 2018-19

Glandorf St. John's Catholic Preschool is still accepting children for 2018-19 school year. Call Lori for more information (419-538-6264).

Substitutes Needed for Glandorf Preschool

Glandorf St. John's Preschool is looking for substitute teachers and substitute aides. Mornings only, called as needed to sub. Requirements: high school diploma/equivalent and must love working with children! Call Lori for more information (419-538-6264).

OFFERTORY - June 30 & July 1

4:30 PM

Tony & Sandy Vorst Family

7:30 AM

Ken & Carol Vennekotter Family

10:30 AM

Paul & Rose Recker Family

USHERS - June 30 & July 1

4:30 PM

Team 4

7:30 AM

Team 5

10:30 AM

Team 6

LECTORS - June 30 & July 1

4:30 PM:

Clara Elkins, Jennifer Erhart

7:30 AM:

Don Wehri, Paul Bonifas

10:30 AM

Sandy Westrick, Brenda Aversch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - June 30 & July 1

4:30: Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Tara Gerding, Mel Hanneman, Grace Haselman, Jacob Kahle, Halie Kaufman

7:30: Dick & Judy Bockrath, Ruth Foppe, Rachel Kahle, Mark Kahle, Darlene Hanneman, Jane Kleman, Deb Knueve, Taylor Lucke, Becky Lucke

Ministers to Homebound: Dick & Judy Bockrath, Diane Schroeder

10:30: Phil & Sue Fuerst, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Erin Kerner, Sarah Klausling, Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert, Lauren Langhals

SERVERS

Mon, 6/25	8:00 AM	Whitney Unverferth Alexander Verhoff
Tues, 6/26	8:00 AM	Dyllan Bendele Dominic Bockrath
Wed, 6/27	8:00 AM	Kendal Bockrath Drew Buss
Thurs, 6/28	7:30 PM	Brooke Erhart Ryan Fischnich
Fri, 6/29	8:00 AM	Nick Foppe Grant Helmke
Sat, 6/30	4:30 PM	Grace Niemeyer Owen Niemeyer
		David Peck
Sun, 7/1	7:30 AM	Carlie Rampe Evan Roebke
		Gabe Roof
	10:30 AM	Dakota Rosselit Dayna Schimmoeller
		Ethan Schmenk

High School Help Needed at VBS July 16-19

We are in charge of outside games, so there will be a chance to get soaked on the hot July evenings! Please let Jill know if you would like to help at one, two, three or all the evenings.

Recycle Paper & Cardboard Together



Effective immediately, paper & cardboard should be combined and placed together in one trailer at the Kalida Recycling site. Place both paper & cardboard in this trailer LOOSE. No Plastic Bags. Please do your part. Recycle your steel, aluminum, paper & cardboard and support Kalida Parks! Recycling is located at Town Maintenance Facility on St. Rt.114 west. Open 24-7. Thank you to all who are currently recycling!