

Want to be a Catechist?

Is God calling you to share the faith with others? Is He calling you to be a part of our elementary religion program? Students attend a 40 minute class each morning with Mass one morning. Consider sitting in for a class on the grade level you might be interested in. Call Connie at 419-532-3494 Ext. 102 for more information.

Upcoming Youth Group Events

Sun., May 23 Baccalaureate Mass at 1:00 p.m.
 Sat., June 12 YES (Youth Elect Service)
 Nov. 18-21 National Catholic Youth Conference
 Contact Jill 532-3494 (x103) or 567-376-9115 for details.

Little League Umpires Needed

Umpires need to be at least 7th grade or older. Call Craig Recker (419-231-5401) if interested in helping out. Thanks!

Bus Trip to Louisville this June

Join us on our bus trip to Louisville, Kentucky, June 24-27. Some of our activities include Claiborne Horse Farm, a dinner cruise on the Belle of Louisville Riverboat and touring Churchill Downs. We'll have reserved seats in Millionaires Row to watch the races and enjoy the included lunch. We'll tour Jim Beam and Makers Mark distilleries and My Old Kentucky Home and park. We will also enjoy a dinner theatre performance of 'Dearly Beloved.' Call or text Cheryl Kersh at 419.890.8565 to sign up or for more details.

Putnam County Right to Life Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m., in Kalida St Michael's church basement.

Ways to Support the Kalida Park Foundation

You can Recycle:

aluminum cans, scrap steel, cardboard, clothing and shoes. Recycling raises \$20-25K/year. We have been recycling for 11 years, so recycling has raised over \$250,000 for Kalida Parks! It truly does add up! Imagine how much could be raised if everyone in our community recycled.

You can shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com):

and choose "Kalida Park Foundation" as your charity. It is the same as shopping at Amazon with NO ADDITIONAL FEE, but 0.5% of your purchase will benefit Kalida parks. It's a win-win! Flyers with Recycling and AmazonSmile details are available at the exits of church and at the post office.

Several 2021-22 Holy Name Raffle Tickets... need sold or returned. Contact Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke.

Lion's Chicken BBQ - Sunday, May 2

Drive Thru Carryout at High School 11:00-1:00. Thanks!

Benefit for KHS Grad John Heckman

Saturday, May 8, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the Columbus Grove American Legion. **BBQ Chicken Dinner is pre-sale only, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Also, presale available for Gun Raffle & Yuengling Little Man Trailer. There are also bucket raffle items and a 50/50 raffle. Cash, check, Paypal, Venmo and CashApp payments will be accepted the day of the event.

The following items and more will be raffled and auctioned: Firearms & Ammo, 55" Smart TV, Verhoff Machine & Welding OSU table, \$500 Golf Package to Moose Landing, Keg A Rator, \$150 Freezer Meat Package from Kalida Market & more!
 Contact Dale Otto (419-236-7834) for tickets or questions.

Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, May 12, from 4:30—6:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Legion. Carry-out only (drive thru in the alley). \$8 donation. Proceeds benefit the Children's Christmas Carnival in December. Tickets can be purchased at the Ottawa Legion or by calling 419-615-7442.

Cinco de Mayo Drive Thru Lunch...

Wednesday, May 5, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at The Meadows of Kalida. \$7 per meal and proceeds benefit Continental Food Bank. You can choose from: white chicken chili with turkey bacon melt slider or creamy potato soup with ham and swiss slider. Please RSVP by May 4 by calling 419-532-2961.

Meadows of Kalida Assisted Living Open House

Friday, May 14, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Join us for a full access tour of our Assisted Living amenities. If this time doesn't work, give us a call (419-532-2961) for a private tour.

May 8 & 9 Assignments

- 4:30:** Jim & Marilyn Becker, Jerry Ellerbrock, Kyla Fortman
LECTOR: Brenda Aversch
- 8:00:** Don Wehri, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Alice Adams
LECTOR: Don Wehri
- 11:00:** Dave Buss, Matt Bockrath, Michelle Buss, Regina Fischnich
LECTOR: Greg Zeller

Upcoming Wedding

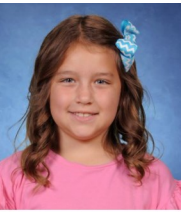
Erica Kimball and Tyler Heitmeyer will be married on May 8, 2021. Please include them in your prayers.



OUR 2021 ST. MICHAEL FIRST COMMUNICANTS



Camdyn Askins



Lyla Becker



Grayson Birkemeier



Beau Bockrath



Jacob Bockrath



Owen Bockrath



Lawson Brinkman



Kaley Dickman



Raelyn Frye



Collin Grime



Kiersten Heitmeyer



Owen Heitmeyer



Macy Kahle



Trenton Kahle



Juliana Kallay



Avery Kerner



Logan Klaus



Lauren Kneue



Lilian Krouse



Ethan Langhals



Carrie McKee



Brynleigh Michel



Cooper Nienberg



Allie Rampe



Natalie Recker



Will Recker



John Ruhe



Miley Schulte



Colt Schumaker



Zachary Simon



Evelyn Slusser



Kensley Smith



Maddox Stennett



Adam Unverferth



Ayden Unverferth



Cody Unverferth



Cohen Unverferth



Jenna Unverferth



Kyla Unverferth



Bristol Vorst



Henry Wehri



Alli Winkle



Case Wortkoetter



Connor Young

You're Gonna Love These "Tiny Saints"



Our St. Michael Youth who will be attending NCYC* are so excited to announce that we have teamed up with Tiny Saints® to host an online fundraiser! From May 1-31, 2021, you can shop from the comfort of home to support our fundraiser.

Please select our organization name (**St. Michael NCYC Fundraiser**) from the dropdown menu at www.tinysaints.com. 25% of every order will go directly to our fundraiser!

Tiny Saints® are colorful and vibrant charms, rosaries, plushies, board books and lanyards, all themed around the saints. At \$5-15, Tiny Saints® products make fun, affordable gifts and offer something for everyone.



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone,

What a difference a week makes. Last week I was ready to build a snowman and this week I have a sunburn from working in the garden. I know time goes fast, but to go from winter to summer in one week is a little ridiculous. I am not sure what next week will bring...and that is alright with me. Change is something that I have come to expect.

This week I get to witness three marriages, forty four First Communions and a 2021 Prom Mass besides all the other usual encounters with the Lord. All have the possibilities of being life changing. I remember those events in my life (well sort of). For First Communion, I got a new blue bow tie. For Ordination, I got a new alb. And for Prom, I got a new suit, which must not have been too impressive as it was the only date I had with the girl (maybe it wasn't the suit that wasn't impressive!) Change for some people oftentimes means an external change. We get new cars or tractors. We get new houses or as a missionary, a new country to live in. And those changes, which seem major, can be very hard. All of these are small compared to changes of heart. And changes of heart can be truly life changing.

As the Church goes through the Easter season, our readings put us in contact with people who have a change of heart. There are numbers of accounts where thousands were added to the number of disciples. People and households were baptized to add to the Body of Christ. There were major changes in faith, family, security and lifestyle because they encountered the Lord. We hear of jailors, slave owners, government officials and even the disciples themselves who made drastic changes. Getting a new bow tie or alb is nothing compared to living a new life because of following the Lord.

This weekend, our second graders at St. Michael's are saying AMEN to receiving the Lord through the Eucharist. They receive not just something, but someone. They are saying AMEN to the encounter with the Lord. When we say AMEN to the statement, "The Body of Christ" are we ready to change because we encounter the Lord? What in our life needs a change?

As I speak with people, I oftentimes hear that the world needs to change. Our faith says that change happens one person at a time because they encountered the Lord. Changes need to happen. We hope for changes in our society, our country and even our Church. It starts with each of us, as we say AMEN to the Lord. Let our second graders be our model as they say YES to the Lord. A special thanks to all who helped in the faith journeys of our First Communicants.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, MAY 4

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

8:50 AM Grade 3

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

8:00 AM Special Intention

9:30 AM Grades 1 & 2

THURSDAY, MAY 6 *National Day of Prayer*

8:00 AM Grade 7

7:30 PM Special Intention, Vic Grote, Dorothy Miller
Bob & Cleora Winkle

FRIDAY, MAY 7

8:00 AM Lincoln Harold Roebke

8:50 AM Grade 4

SATURDAY, MAY 8

4:30 PM NM Kimball & Heitmeyer
John Phillips, Connie Miller, Doris Sager
Paul & Hilda Fortman, Pete & Alice Gerding

SUNDAY, MAY 9 *Mother's Day*

8:00 AM L/D Carl & Mae Webken Family
Helen Korte, L/D Korte/Brickner Families

11:00 AM Len, Anna Rose, Emily & Triena Kahle
Neil Warnecke, Lori Von Lehmden
L/D Kahle, Ellerbrock, Clement & Ardner
Families, Don & Ted Kahle, Veronica Hicks
50th W.A. Bob & Jane Kahle, Bud Guisinger
Wilfred & Pauline Bockrath, Cleora Winkle
Paul, Valita & Kevin Lammers

Last Sundays Collection \$ 8,166.50



Donations Sought for Children's Garden

If you would like to donate toward this project, please put your donation in an envelope marked, "St. Michael's Children's Garden," and place in the collection or mail to "St. Michael Church; PO Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853. If you have any questions or comments, contact Chris Schroeder (419-615-3355), Adriene Swyers (419-796-0355) or Fr. Mark.

St. Michael Virtue of the Week is Meekness

Meekness means serenity of spirit, while focusing on the needs of others. Ways to practice meekness are: When you get upset, count to ten before you react. Walk away when you are angry instead of fighting. Remain calm; allow others to go first, wait without expecting people to notice your patience. Saints who practiced meekness were St. Therese of the Child Jesus, St. John de Britto and Bl. Anthony Grassi. Our prayer for the week is, *Dear Jesus, be king of my heart, especially when I am frustrated or angry. In those moments give me the grace to use all my emotions for the good.*

Eucharistic Adoration - Monday, May 3

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Please join us in praying for our country.

Latchkey

There will be no Latchkey on the last day of school, May 25. Latchkey signup for the next school year, 2021-2022, is ongoing. If interested, contact Connie (532-3494, Ext. 102).

Vacation Bible School - July 12-15

Parent Information and a Registration form can be found at stmichaelskalida.org, under the More tab and Religious Education. Forms will also be sent home with the youngest in the family for grades 1-4. We need crew helpers which are students who will be in grades 6-8 for the 2021-22 school year.

Last Day for CCD Classes...

will be Friday, May 21

Recent Baptism

CARTER THOMAS JANKA

Son of Robert & Andrea (Vorst) Janka

K of C Charity Ticket Campaign

is nearing the finish. We sent in 1058 tickets for the first turn in. For the LAST TURN IN, we *need any tickets left on top of the refrigerator by Friday, May 7*, to ensure they reach the drawing. We are also likely missing your 2021 dues payment, so if you have not done so, please get current. Send in the envelope provided or in any case to K of C Box 138, Kalida. Next K of C meeting is Thursday May 13, where we will discuss pretty much any Knightly thing we want to.

Lion's Club Senior Citizen Dinner

The Kalida Lions Club would like to extend an invitation to all Senior Citizens (aged 65 and over on or before June 1, 2021) for a free meal in honor of Senior Citizens Month on Monday, May 10, from 5:00- 7:00 p.m., at Dick's Steak House. The meal will be your choice of chicken or roast beef with all the trimmings. This dinner is open to the general public at a cost of \$8. If you are not able to dine in the restaurant, please contact Bruskotter Financial Services' office ([419-532-2099](tel:419-532-2099)) to arrange for your dinner to be delivered. Carryout dinners are also available. The Kalida Lions again wishes to thank all of our Senior Citizens for your generous support over the years.

Looking for New or Gently-Used...

jewelry, especially with a religious theme and rosaries, tiny statues, medals and holy cards for summer mission trip. Please place these items at the elevator entrance of the church, marked "Mission Trip." Thank you so much!



Schedule of Students at Mass This Week

Tuesday: Grade 6 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 3 at 8:50 a.m.

Wednesday: Grade 5 at 8:00 a.m.; Grades 1 & 2 - 9:30 am

Thursday: Grade 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Friday: Grade 8 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 4 at 8:50 a.m.

Need Some Outdoor Help?

YES Returns for 2021!

On **Saturday, June 12**, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery will be volunteering to help people throughout Putnam County with various jobs around their homes as they participate in the annual **YES (Youth Elect Service)** project. If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around your home, please contact Jill Zeller @ 419-532-3494 (X103). This includes anything from mulching, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning around the yard! This year we will only be available to do outside jobs. **Please call by June 1** to be added to our list of job sites.

YES (Youth Elect Service)

Youth Volunteers Needed

The 2021 Y.E.S. project will be held at Kalida St. Michael this year on Saturday, June 12. Current 7th grade students through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this one-day of service. You will meet teens from throughout the St. George Deanery, have fun, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community. This one-day Service workday will close with 6:00 p.m. Mass at Four Seasons Park in Kalida, followed by a meal. Registration forms will be emailed to all students, and are available from Jill Zeller, and are due by May 24.



Junior Retreat

On Sunday, April 25, the Junior Class enjoyed a day of traveling around the county for their Church Crawl. We visited Glandorf, Continental, and Glandorf for tours of each church, learning about the architecture and history of the parish. We came back to Kalida, for a tour of St. Michael with Kevin, dinner with both Fr. Mark and Fr. Elmer and a trip up to the tower.

Front: Logan Bockrath, Kenzie Fortman, Ella Wehri, Brandt Brinkman

Back: Jakob Swyers, Ryan Klausung, Justin Siebeneck, Blake Eickholt