

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, October 10, 2021

Thank You All So Very Much...

for your donations to the St. Michael Youth who will be attending NCYC in November! Thank you to the Holy Name, the K of C, the businesses, and all of you for your donations in our Mooser and Money Wall fundraisers. Your generous financial and prayer support is greatly appreciated. Please know that we will be praying for all you and your prayer intentions. *Lauren Schulte, Grace Rall, Raegan Gerdeman, and Evan & Ryan Fischnich.*

Public Rosary on October 16 in Kalida

Please join Deacon Bob in praying the Rosary for our nation on October 16, at Noon. The Public Rosary Rally will be held on the corner in front of the rectory (Broad St. & Price St.). Bring a chair, rosary and dress according to the weather. We ask God to save America. Call Herm & Rita (419-796-9168) with questions.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, thinking of me and get well cards during my illness. I am at home now and recovering. We are so grateful to live in such a great and caring community. All of the prayers do make a difference. Again, thank you. *Shirley & Dave Buss*

Heartbeat Fall Banquet/Fundraiser...

will be Thursday, October 14, 2021. I will be virtual again this year, but you can still watch on Channel 44. You can make donations in many ways. Dial 419-339-4444 on October 14 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. or donate online at heartbeatoflima.org. Click on "Donate" at the top of the page.

Lion's Club Chicken BBQ - Sunday, October 17

Drive Thru Carryout at High School from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Kalida Lions thank you for supporting our community projects.

Home Care Help Sought

Part-time morning (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) home care needed for 57 year old female with dementia. Position is somewhat flexible and could be shared among a couple of people. This is a paid position and could also be considered a work of mercy for the right person who has maybe experienced this in their own family. Location is Kalida/Continental area. Call Cindy at 419-890-5538 for more info.

Recommended Pro Life Videos

There are 68 Pro-Life Videos which you can access at platingrace.org/prolifevip. Here are some recommendations:
 Jason Evert: Natural Family Planning vs. Contraception
 Fr. Jeff Kirby: The Other Life Issues and Abortion
 Chris Stefanick: A Cancel Culture Survival Guide
 Steve Ray: The Bible and Pro Life

Preparing for the 150th Pioneer Days Celebration in 2022...

We need old photos depicting the village and surrounding area:

Businesses, First Homes, Transportation, Agriculture, Clubs, Native Americans, Newspapers, Biography, Community Services, Early Settlers, Entertainment, Disasters, etc. Any information is Appreciated!

Please contact Carol Wise at 419-615-7180 or the Putnam County Historical Society Facebook Page or Millie McElwain at millie@mcelwainind.com

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
CLC MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in church basement
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

SERVER SCHEDULE

Wed, 10/13	8:00 AM	Hannah Bendele Carson Buss Katelyn Foppe Cooper Horstman Jax Horstman Nathan Kahle Riley Horstman Mallory Kerner Kyla Grime
Thurs, 10/14	7:30 PM	Brandt Brinkman Gabi Brinkman Drew Buss
Fri, 10/15	8:00 AM	Evvy Cattell Blake Eickholt Nick Foppe Ryan Fischnich Evan Fischnich Brooke Erhart
Sat, 10/16	4:30 PM	
Sun, 10/17	8:00 AM	
	11:00 AM	

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—October 16 & 17

4:30: Greg Bockrath, Tom Bonifas, Bob Buss, Jerry Ellerbrock
LECTOR: Nancy Rampe

8:00: Gus & Judy Brinkman, Bob Buss, Janice Foppe
LECTOR: Donna Schnipke

Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas

11:00: Michelle Buss, Lori Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich
LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher

USHERS - October 16 & 17

4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6

Preschool Survey Deadline is This Tuesday

St. Michael's Parish and Kalida Family Outreach Center are joining together to bring a Biblically-based Preschool to Kalida in the 2022-23 school year. We would like to see how much interest there is. A survey can be found at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins."

Please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Center by **Tuesday, October 12, 2021**. Contact Fr. Mark with questions.

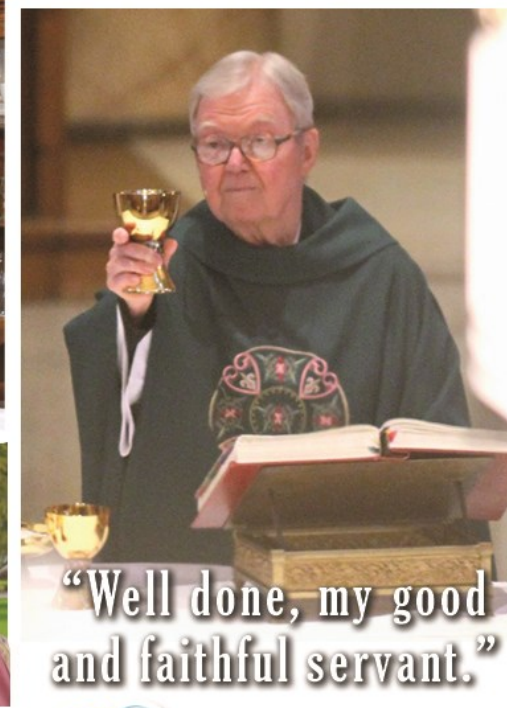
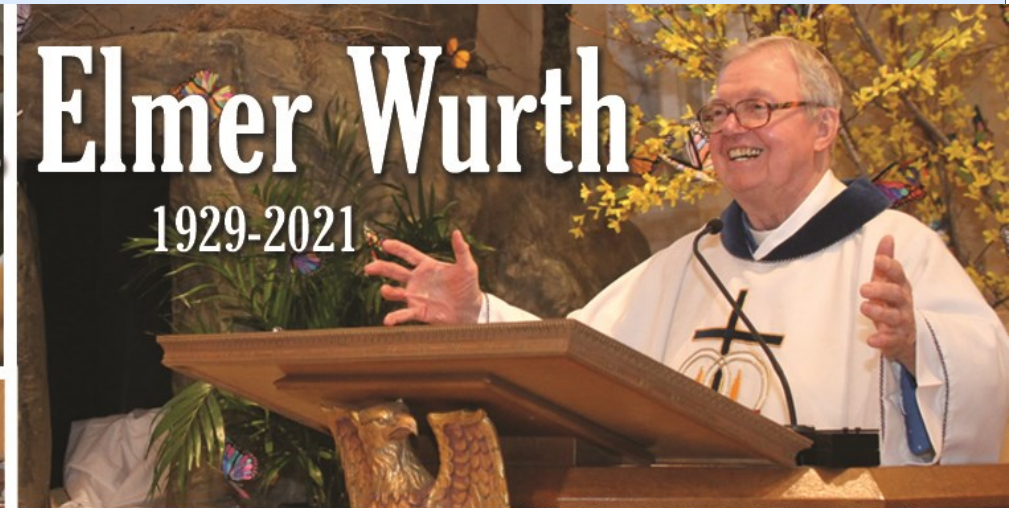


Upcoming Wedding

Kylie Osterhage & Luke Langhals will be married on **October 16, 2021**. Please include them in your prayers.



In Memoriam: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M.



"Well done, my good and faithful servant."



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. For those who read our bulletins online or may not be aware of the happenings of this week: Our beloved Fr. Elmer has passed. He was a true missionary as he showed God to so many people of so many nations and all age levels.



Above: Fr. Elmer tells one of his classic jokes on Facebook.

A little girl walked up to me this week and said, "When I heard about Fr. Elmer, I cried." He had the ability to touch people with his smile, his stories and just being around him. He always worried that he was not doing enough in his later years to be a good missionary. I told him over and over how much good he was doing for the Lord by just being Fr. Elmer. His jokes were heard around the world during the coronavirus pandemic thanks to Facebook. In an age when media is seen as suspect, Fr. Elmer, in his 90's, brought a missionary positive God spin to the communication world. I think he enjoyed his jokes as much as others, as he would laugh in the middle of the jokes, just like his dad did, as he would explain.

Fr. Elmer became the chaplain for the local Knights of Columbus. He would work diligently on talks he would give, mixed with his many stories of his lifetime of ministry. He would joke about his age when he said that he signed up to be the chaplain for ten years, with an option for another ten years. I believe these talks were the only time he kept his talks short because after the Knights of Columbus was poker night with the boys.

He enjoyed poker night every other Thursday night. On Friday morning, we would have the discussion on if he won or not. On off nights, he said that he might not have won, but the meal he had at the end of the night was worth it (that man could eat; I believe he did get his money's worth). He did win often as God loves children and fools, and he was in his second childhood (we used to tease each other around the dinner table all the time). He looked forward to being with the guys. He took two naps during the day so that he could be sharp at playing cards at night. I told him when he first arrived in Kalida that I would do the work if he did the socializing. He did that very well.

Part of his being social was eating. One of my favorite places to eat with him was the Chinese restaurant in Van Wert. He would go there for the food, but also because of the



Fr. Elmer & Fr. Mark had fun taking pictures for the parish cookbook.

owner who spoke the same dialect of Chinese that Fr. Elmer spoke. Those two hit it off. They mutually smiled as they spoke Chinese together. After so many years in the East, I believe he spoke Chinese better than he spoke English. When he would get a phone call from Hong Kong, his language skills would kick into high gear. He didn't miss a lick. If you think he spoke a lot in English, you should have heard him in Chinese.

He loved his family. They took good care of him. He would watch movies with him or go to the lake with him or a number of other activities. Fr. Elmer enjoyed people, and living in Kalida afforded him the opportunity to have his blood family around. It was also interesting to hear about old friends, especially old girl friends.

He loved God. He attended as many Masses as he could. He would exercise in church by doing spiritual exercises. He mixed them as he would walk around church daily praying the rosary and the stations of the cross. He would go to his room and read and meditate on daily readings from scripture. He would look up the saints of the day and meditate on them. One of the children asked if Fr. Elmer was the happiest person I ever met. I would have to say that he is one of the top ten. His love of the Lord and God's people kept joy in his heart.

Those are just a few ways that Fr. Elmer touched my life. On Tuesday, we will praise the Lord for gifting the world, our world, with Fr. Elmer. May God bless Fr. Elmer with love that is out of this world.

Have a blessed week, everyone. I know that Fr. Elmer is being blessed forever.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

THERE WILL BE NO 8:00 AM MASS

10:30 AM Funeral Mass for Fr. Elmer Wurth

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 AM Harold Barnhart

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:30 PM Bob & Deb Grote

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 AM Special Intentions, Paul Stechschulte

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

1:00 PM NM Osterhage & Langhals

**4:30 PM Alvin Horstman, L/D Horstman Family
John Phillips, Ed Schroeder, Roger Buss
Ron, Ray & Dorothea Averagesch
Walter & Marie Becker, Ron Kahle, Jr.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 Laity Sunday

8:00 AM Dorothy Miller, Fr. Elmer Wurth

**11:00 AM Joe & Rita Hanneman Family
Clete & Anna Mae Verhoff Family
L/D William & Marilyn Leopold Family
Paul Stechschulte, Carolyn Unverferth
Shawn Bailey, Irma & Nolan Krouse
Don Schnipke (A), Jim Kahle**

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 9,523.14

Choir/Organist Assignments - October 16 & 17

4:30: YAHS 8:00: Holy Name/Carol 11:00: Laura

Parish Mission

Richard Lane will be presenting a 4-night Parish Mission, starting Sunday, October 24, from 7- 8 p.m. This Mission will be every evening in Church and is for people of all ages and all denominations. Our high school youth will be joining us on Wednesday, October 27.

Recent Baptism

ZANDER RAY GOERGENS

Son of Chad & Morgan (Wentling) Goergens



Remembering

Fr. Elmer

The Funeral Mass for our beloved

Fr. Elmer Wurth

will be held on Tuesday, October 12, at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be held on Monday, Oct. 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Church. Please include Fr. Elmer and his family in your prayers.

In a bulletin from about 10 years ago, Fr. Elmer answered a few questions. We thought these were worth revisiting:

In one word, how would you describe yourself?

Hopeful

What is your favorite church song?

Amazing Grace

What is your greatest fear?

"I suppose it's the same fear that everyone has - a long, debilitating illness before death."

What is your claim to fame?

"I can't recall knowing a person I didn't like."

I am grateful for...

"my priestly vocation."

I am happiest when...

"I'm with people."

I wish I knew how to...

"grow old gracefully."

If you had one wish, what would it be?

"To meet the Lord with the least possible regrets."

Mission accomplished, Fr. Elmer



Last weekend, ten of our Kalida Youth participated in the St. George Deanery Annual Battle of the Youth, held in Fort Jennings. 8 girls formed the team that won the coveted Spirit Award, and 2 boys joined a team of others from Ottawa (they won 2nd place in the games). Congratulations to all who participated in this fun day of wacky games.

Basket Raffle for Fall Mission Festival

Please return your baskets to the Parish Center or church by Thursday, October 21. Please include an itemized list of the baskets' contents. Include who the basket is "FROM..." if you wish. Thank you for your support of the Missions!

CCD Students' Farewell to Fr. Elmer

Our elementary and Jr. High students will be given the opportunity to say goodbye to Fr. Elmer on Monday, October 11 during their class time (8:00-10:15 a.m.) with parents' permission. More info. was sent home last week. Please notify Connie (532-3494, ext. 102), if you have questions.

Students Planning Mass this Week...

are Stephanie Price's 3rd grade class on Wednesday, Oct. 13, and Ellen Millott's 6th grade class on Friday, Oct. 15. Our elementary students will be bringing home Mission Raffle tickets. Tickets are also in this week's bulletin. Please be generous. The winners will be drawn at our Parish Fall Festival on Sunday, October 24.

No High School CCD on October 13

There will be no High School CCD this Wednesday due to the rescheduling of volleyball and girls soccer games.

Virtue for the Week of Oct. 10 is Affability

To practice this virtue we need to be easy to approach and to talk to. A way to practice this virtue is to smile and greet people. We should acknowledge the presence of others and to listen to them. Saints who practiced this virtue were St. Francis of Assisi and St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother.

CLC Meeting Monday, October 11, at 7 pm

Celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Katy Maag will speak on "Laughter 2 Wellbeing & Wellness."

Fall Mission Festival

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Noon - 3:00 p.m. at Four Seasons Park

This year the St. Michael's Mission Festival will have a new appearance. We are taking the show on the road to the Four Season's Park (weather permitting) and giving it a Fall look. Our Mission recipients this year will be the people of Haiti (devastated by an earthquake and hurricane) and the Maryknoll Missionaries, in honor of Fr. Elmer. We want our festival this year to be family friendly with many activities which appeal to people of all ages.

Here is a list of some of our activities.

Chili & Bean Soup, Corn Bread, Wine/Hors d'oeuvres

Bake Sale, Cotton Candy & Sno-Cones, Apple Cider

Old-Fashioned Games, Face Painting

Kid Crafts, Pumpkin Painting

Hay Rides, Gift Basket Raffles, Pie Contest

Money Raffle, Farmer's Market, Photo Booth

Costume Contest, Fishing Contest

Straw Maze, Square Dancing, Petting Zoo

Wine & Cheese Booth

A little explanation about our Wine and Cheese Booth. Before the pandemic, our parish purchased a usual annual supply of wine. Due to the pandemic, we have an overabundance of wine. We have lots of wine to consume. We want to call this booth the "Cana" booth because we want our wine to run out. We will be serving wine in different forms, including sangria.

We need your help in baking goods, staffing booths, set up and tear down, etc. We need excellent pie bakers and participants in all the festivities. Beans, tomato juice and hamburger can be donated, with any extras going to the food bank. We also need pumpkins of all sizes (please drop them off outside the rectory garage). Let's fill the park with a great Fall spirit and the Spirit of God. For anyone wishing to volunteer, please call the parish office. More details to follow in next week's bulletin.