



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OH - JUNE 16, 2024

Happy Father's Day!

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Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic Article 38 of 40

"You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of the Father upon you ..."

They did him homage and returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (Lk 24:48-49, 52)

After the final collect is said, we enter into the Concluding Rite. It consists of a blessing, dismissal, and the reverence of the altar. The blessing begins with the typical formula: "The Lord be with you ... and with your spirit." While it may sound odd to say "spirit," it draws our attention to the soul of the priest that was permanently marked at his ordination, and through which our Lord operates (cf. art. 12). Conversely, it's a challenge to the priest to cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

Although we speak of it often, an obvious question that we should ask is: "what is a blessing, and what does it do?" As we have seen throughout the Mass, several blessings are made, both on objects (e.g. water) and people. In general, a blessing fundamentally reminds us that we live in a *fallen* world. The Bible often depicts our world in terms of a war between good and evil. For example, St. John said "We know that we belong to God, and the whole world is under the power of the evil one" (1 Jn 5:19). So, too, St. Paul speaks of the effects of this battle on ourselves "our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with principalities, with powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with evil spirits in the heavens" (Eph 6:12); as well as on the physical world, "We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now" (Rom 8:22). This is the setting, but we see with Jesus that He is the "Light" that "shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:5). In this analogy of a "spiritual war," we know that Jesus won the battle on the Cross (cf. art. 6): "but thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:57). Nonetheless, in this life the war continues even though we know the outcome is predetermined. The role of a blessing, either on people or objects, is to bring it into the dominion of our Lord from that of evil (so we bless objects so that they inspire us with goodness), and to tap it into the power of Christ victory on the Cross (we bless people on routinely so that they have the spiritual power to keep fighting off the ways of the evil one). With this basic understanding in place, it is logical then to offer a blessing on the faithful at the end of Mass as they prepare to return to the "battlefield" of this fallen world.

After the blessing, the priest gives the dismissal, which has several formations (e.g. "go forth the Mass has ended"), and then reverences the altar with a kiss. As mentioned in a previous article (i.e. art. 20), the "kiss" draws to mind the sinful woman who bathed Jesus' feet with her tears and then kissed them (Lk 7:38). The Mass is officially over at this point.

Even though the Mass is over, we still have the final procession (cf. art. 20) which symbolizes the power of the Cross now going into the world. Often there is a closing hymn as well to capture the theme of that Mass (cf. art. 18). From 1884-1965, there were additional prayers said before the final procession, known as the Leonine Prayers. These were prayers introduced by Pope Leo XIII in reaction to anti-clerical political and social developments in Europe. In effect, he was directing the graces of the Cross to this problem. These were short prayers, one of which was the prayer to St. Michael, the patron saint for spiritual battle. While the prayers are no longer obligatory, our Bishop

has invited the parishes of the diocese to recite the St. Michael prayer at the end of Mass due to the issues facing our nation.
Fr. Nathan

Upcoming Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 AM NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 AM NO MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:30 PM NO MASS

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 *St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

8:00 AM Olivia Schnipke

11:00 AM Funeral Mass - Vincent Verhoff

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

1:00 PM NM Siebeneck & Peed

4:30 PM L/D Kahle, Ellerbrock, Clement & Ardner Fam.

Don & Ted Kahle, Harry Horstman

Joe Langhals, Charles Nussbaum

Ellen Niemeyer, Ron Vonder Embse

Al, Agnes & Gene Wurth

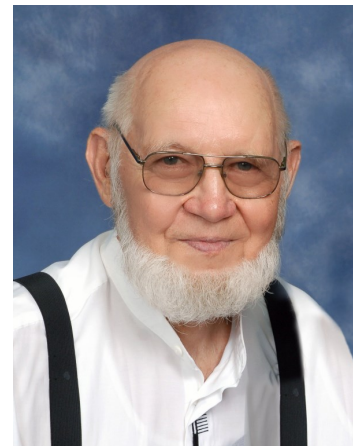
SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 AM Louis & Molly Osterhage, Smiley Schulte

Carol Verhoff, Dorothy Miller, Richard Goedde

Connie Miller, Brian Schroeder Family

L/D Don Holtkamp Family, Ron Kahle, Jr.



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for

Vincent Verhoff

will be held on

Friday, June 21, 2024,

at 11:00 a.m. Please

include Vincent and his

family in your prayers.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 10,122.00

Improvement Fund: \$ 180,957 of \$300,000 goal

Choir Assignments - June 22 & 23

4:30: YAHS 8:00: HN 11:00:

Fr. Nathans's Last Masses at Kalida

June 22 & 23 will be Fr. Nathan's final Masses at Kalida. Per his request, there will be no going away party.

Recent Baptisms

EDWARD JEFFREY GUDAKUNST

Son of Graden & Erica (Edwards) Gudakunst

RJ KRISTOPHER OSTERHAGE

Son of Kristopher & Brianna (Recker) Osterhage

SULLIVAN ANTHONY RECKER

Son of Brian & Samantha (Downey) Recker



Upcoming Wedding

Kierstan Siebeneck
Daughter of Dale & Julie Siebeneck
&
Donovan Peed
Son of Bentley & Kathleen Peed
will be married on June 22, 2024.
Please include them in your prayers.



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for Brother Jerome Schulte, C.P.P.S. was held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at St. Charles, Carthagen. Please include Brother Jerome and his family in your prayers.

MONDAY, JUNE 17
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, JUNE 20
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, JUNE 21
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Three More Catechists Needed for 2024-25
Our Religious Education program needs three catechists from 8:00 - 8:40 a.m., four days a week, due to increased school enrollment in several grades. Contact Connie at 419-532-3474, ext. 102, for more information.

Masses Canceled on June 18, 19 & 20
Due to the priest's convocation, there will be no Masses from June 18-20, 2024 at St. Michael's. If you had intentions scheduled any of those days, please contact the office to reschedule. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Holy Name Ticket Deadline This Monday
June 17 is the first drawing of the new year. All tickets need to be returned before the 8:00 p.m. meeting. Thanks!

Dance at Kalida K of C for Everyone!
On June 30, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Kalida K of C, "The Casuals" will provide a variety of music and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Ohio Polka Boosters, but there is much more than polka! Call 419-966-3826 with questions.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - June 22 & 23
4:30: PB: Brian & Bev Berheide
Dave Buss, Bob Buss, Michelle Buss, Bob Gerdeman
LECTOR: Brenda Aversch
8:00: PB: Tony Vorst, Don Wehri
Donna Schnipke, Norma Unverferth, Sandy Vorst, Maria Gerding
LECTOR: Don Wehri
Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst
11:00: PB: Greg & Jill Zeller
Lisa Trentman, Chellie Unverferth, Madison Unverferth, Alice Adams
LECTOR: Greg Zeller

SERVER SCHEDULE

Fri, 6/21	8:00 AM	Matt Foppe Toby Goubeaux
Sat, 6/22	4:30 PM	Gavin Leis Drew Meyer Taylor Nienberg
Sun, 6/23	8:00 AM	Olivia Meyer Sophia Meyer Eli Patrick
	11:00 AM	Adyson Miller Jagger Miller Chase Rampe

Offertory Bearers - June 22 & 23
4:30: Josh & Mary Horstman Family
8:00: Kyle & Jess Recker Family
11:00: Tony & Erica Unverferth Family

USHERS - June 22 & 23
4:30: Team 7 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 9



Second Annual Taste of Kalida!

If you joined us this past Tuesday, you know that we have some great eateries available right here in our little town. If you always order the "usual," you may have been able to try something new, or find a menu item you will order next time. Each restaurant was so generous and willing to help us with this event. Thank you to **1820 BrewWerks, Kalida Dairy Whip, Dicks, Kalida Market, Pizzeria, Smoke-es, and Wibby's**, the "Tasters" who traveled to each location, and to all the students who helped make our Second Annual TASTE OF KALIDA a success!! We look forward to next year for our Third Annual TASTE OF KALIDA!!