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Deacon Travis Kahle

My name is Travis Kahle and my home parish is St. Mary's in Bluffton. I grew up in a Catholic household and am the oldest of three siblings. I graduated from Pandora-Gilboa High School in 2005 and studied Philosophy at St. Joseph's College (IN). After college I spent a few years in Columbus, OH working a few different jobs including as a musician. In 2014, I returned home to help care for my father in his last year battling with ALS. During this time, I experienced a reinvigoration of my faith life and began seriously discerning the priesthood. I completed an MA in Healthcare Mission Leadership from Loyola University Chicago and got some experience with hospital chaplaincy at Mercy Health in Lima while also leading the high school youth ministry at my home parish. I began my seminary studies in Cincinnati in 2018 and God has blessed me immensely since then. I am so grateful to our Lord for the great gift of calling me to this vocation and to our diocese for supporting me in my formation. The many prayers of the faithful in our diocese who love and support the priesthood have won for me much grace and help along my journey. Blessed Mother, intercede for us and draw us closer to the heart of our savior Jesus Christ!



Deacon Eric Kaufman

My name is Eric Kaufman, and my home parish is St. John the Baptist in Glandorf. From an early age a strong work ethic, caring for others, and the spirit of volunteerism in giving back for the greater good was instilled in me. It was these values, along with the love from family and the community, and the physical and spiritual beauty of the Catholic faith, that my Catholic faith and love for Christ grew.

After graduating high school and then receiving a degree in Computer Aided Design (CAD), I started working for PRO-TEC Coating Company in Leipsic. It was now in my twenties that I gave back even more to the parish and community. From serving on the Parish Council, heading our Capital Campaign Committee, the parish history committee, and the liturgical decorating group, to being a member of the Ottawa-Glandorf Jaycees, Glandorf Lions Club, and serving on the Glandorf Village Council for four and a half years, until I entered the seminary at the age of thirty.

I am currently enrolled in theology studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. Throughout my time in discernment and formation, Mary, especially under her title of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, has had an amazing impact on my spiritual life in leading me closer to her son, and it is Jesus then who has led me to the vocation and mission that he has for me. For I always keep in mind the last words of Mary, recorded in the scriptures to the servants at the Wedding at Cana. "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5), reminding all of us to always listen to the Lord and do whatever he tells us.

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Deacon Kevin McGraw

Hello! I am from Elida, Ohio and my home parish is St. Charles Borromeo in Lima. My parents are Tom and Kathy McGraw. My brother Ryan, his wife Jill, and my niece Rori live in Delaware, Ohio. I also have a sibling who died prior to birth and, please God, is in heaven. I went to Elida Local Schools through high school, graduating in 2006. I attended BGSU (Class of 2011) and while there, after having fallen out of even a minimal practice of the Faith, I had an encounter with Jesus Christ through the campus ministry of St. Thomas More University Parish and Newman Center, and the Lord transformed my life. I grew in love and in zeal for Christ and His Church.

In 2013, it seemed that the Lord may be calling me to not only priesthood, but perhaps the consecrated life as well, so I began formation to become a Redemptorist priest. However, in 2019, the Lord led me out of Redemptorist formation, and I began working as an associate campus minister at the Catholic Campus Ministry serving the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia. My discernment continued there for the next two years. In 2021, on the Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas (Jan 28), I began the process and on the Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena (April 29), I became a seminarian affiliated with the Diocese of Toledo. In August 2021, I started at Theology II at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati.

In my years of seminary formation, I have strived to respond generously to the Lord's call, and I am happy where He has led! I am grateful for your prayers and support upon ordination as a transitional deacon and moving towards priestly ordination next year!

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Sat	6/15	5:00 pm	Herman & Vickie Luersman Forrest Hasselschwert
Sun	6/16	7:30 am	Harry Howbert
		9:30 am	John Gerker
Mon	6/17		
Tues	6/18	7:00 pm	Communion Service
Wed	6/19	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Thurs	6/20	7:00 pm	Urban & Marguerite Wieging
Fri	6/21	7:55 am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	6/22	5:00 pm	Louis & Louise Brockman
Sun	6/23	7:30 am	George Krietemeyer
		9:30 am	Paul & Rita Hemker Dan Stechschulte

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	6/17	1 Kgs 21:1-16	Mt 5:38-42
Tues	6/18	1 Kgs 21:17-29	Mt 5:43-48
Wed	6/19	Saint Romuald, Abbot	
		2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	6/20	Sir 48:1-14	Mt 6:7-15
Fri	6/21	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	
		2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Mt 6:19-23
Sat	6/22	Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop	
		Saint John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs	
		2 Chr 24:17-25	Mt 6:24-34

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues., June 18: No Mass
 Wed., June 19: No Mass
 Thurs., June 20: Harper Leis & Adelyn Moening

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: June 22 & 23:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Abby & Leah Kahle, Sophia Osting
 7:30 am Maddie & Josie Anspach, Zach Wagoner
 9:30 am Tessa & Waylon Meyer, Caleb Von Sossan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Dave, Kathy & Adam Luersman,
 Carla Norbeck, Sue Knippen,
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Jamie Saum, Rhonda Liebrecht,
 Tony, Kelly & Chad Recker,
 Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Cherly Hellman

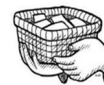
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5:00 pm Rick Maag & Dan Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for the sick of the parish



The Lion's Club needs the community's help. Please join us on Wednesday June 19th from 6:30-8:30 for the community cleanup. We have a long list of things to do and we will post closer to the day of with what tools may be needed. Don't worry if you can't join us for this one, we will have two more in July on the 10th and 24th. Thank you all!



June 9, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 2,029.00
Loose	\$ 1,043.00
Maintenance	\$ 185.00

YTD as of June 9, 2024 = **\$ 197,539.43**

YTD Over budget = **\$ 5,539.43**

Sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer to have your contributions deducted directly from your bank account. Forms on our parish website or contact the parish office.

THANK YOU for your continued support.

THANK YOU for the donations to the food pantry our cabinet is full of hygiene and laundry supplies. A special thanks to the parishioner who donated a large cash sum to purchase food items.



Invitation to “Source and Summit” on Sunday afternoon, July 21, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at Delphos St. John the Evangelist Church, there will be a “Eucharistic Learning Session” followed by a period of prayerful Adoration. Father Joseph Mominee will be presenting a

sacred lesson on how the Mass is the beginning and completion of all our prayer: “The Source and Summit of the Christian Life.” You are invited to come, bring your questions and grow in love, appreciation and understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!

Diocese of Toledo Priesthood Ordination

On Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 10:00 am, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Deacons Jacob Livecchi and Chris Turner to the priesthood. Please keep Thomas in your prayers!

You are invited to join us for the joyous occasion in person at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Additionally, the ordinations will be live-streamed! Watch at toledopriesthood.org.

Come celebrate Mass in the park at Cedar Point!

It is that time of year again for the Diocesan Cedar Point Day for Youth, families and accessibility ministries! Please join us on Sunday, July 28, 2024, for 10:00 AM Mass in the Lakeside Pavilion (inside the park). Then spend the day enjoying Cedar Point! **Tickets are only \$37.12.** Everyone is welcome! Learn more and purchase your tickets by visiting toledodiocese.org/cedarpoint. Add a day more for \$25. (See the flyer on our parish Facebook page)

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Church:

CALVIN HENRY GERDEMAN, son of Lance and Katie (Yeager) Gerdeman. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Calvin. Best wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.

St. Joseph Vacation Bible School

July 15th-17th from 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

We are in need of more VBS Volunteers, contact Riley Dickrede, at 937-638-1348, if you are interested in helping.

FJ CLC CO #88 will be sponsoring a bus trip to SHIPSHEWANA on Wednesday October 9, 2024. Cost is \$100 and that includes: Buffet Dinner & Show at The BLUEGATE Theater, transportation & gratuity & some free time for shopping. Proceeds from the bus trip will benefit those in financial need, in our community/surrounding communities. To make reservations, please contact SHARON CALVELAGE @ 419-306-0367 asap, bus seats are filling fast!!

Fort Fest Drawing Winner for week 11 is Dan & Angie Good.

The Ottawa Senior Citizens Center would like to invite you to: LUNCH IN THE PARK on June 20, 2024, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM, Location: 1035 East Third St., Ottawa. Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593

Save the Dates for LUNCH IN THE PARK on July 18 & August 15, 2024

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School, Van Wert, is searching for qualified applicants for the position of Elementary School Principal.

Qualifications for Principal include a Bachelor’s Degree, a minimum of 5 years teaching, a Catholic in good standing and have or able to obtain an Ohio Department of Education License. To be employed in the Diocese of Toledo, a background check and completion of VIRTUS, must be completed.

Applicants may remit their resume to info@stmarysvanwert attention Fr. Chris Bohnsack. Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 419-238-3979 or by email.

To mark this year of going out on mission during the National Eucharistic Revival, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to make a pilgrimage to Carey, Ohio, for the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This annual event is powerfully moving and always draws a massive crowd. This year, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will be joined by the other Bishops of Ohio, as well as priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and lay faithful from across the state. It will be a celebration you won’t want to miss!

National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Wednesday, August 14, beginning at 9 p.m. Candlelight Rosary Procession from Basilica to the Shrine Park and Vigil Mass of the Assumption in the Park