# St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

# Sunday, August 23, 2015

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#### From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It's time for a Hoying wedding. I'm off to Indiana to witness the vows of my niece Joyce and her fiancé, Walt. I'm not sure how many of my family will make it, but I hear that out of the 250 something invited, most will make it. It is only fitting that the reception will be at the fairgrounds where Joyce lives. Besides being farmers, the sheer numbers of my family will warrant a corral to hold us all. There will be many jokes about the setting for the wedding, but I think it is a great place to hold such an affair. There will be square dancing and maybe a hog trough. If I come back a little sore, you will know that I had a great time.

The fairgrounds are the theme for my sermon, also. God doesn't call us to have just a fair life, but a full life. As a family, we have wished and prayed that Joyce would be exceedingly happy. A fair life isn't good enough. She deserves the best and, with Walt, her life has gotten better and will only get better. Love is supposed to work that way.

This week we send our children off to school. We send them off so that they can have full lives. We send them off to receive knowledge, but more than that. We send them to school so that they have the opportunity to become the best God created them to be. One day they will be our scientists, architects, teachers. They will be future parents or priests. They will be saints. We don't want our young ones to be fair or average. We want them to be the best.

We send our children off to school with huge dreams for them. Maybe it is time to dream for ourselves. Maybe we have slumped into "fairness," rather than living in God's fullness. Joyce and Walt know that it is love that moves them beyond a fair life. Maybe we need to show our children and each other a new vitality of love. If God is love, as John says, then perhaps we need to love more fully to know God fully.

As we start a new school year I pray for all the students and teachers. I pray for families to show love well. I pray for our parish to be the best in knowing and celebrating that God dwells here. I don't want our children, our families, our parish and our world to be fair. I want them to be the best. I want all of us to know God because He's the best.

Say a prayer for Walt and Joyce and one for me. It may take me a week or more to recover from this one. *Fr. Mark* 

# Attention, Men...

# of St. Michael's and Environs! (the area)

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a



better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then whether married or not, young or a wise

grandfather, come join...**THAT MAN IS YOU!** Saturday mornings, starting on September 19. Basement doors open at 6:00 a.m., for coffee/light breakfast and presentation at 6:15 a.m. – out the door at 7:30 a.m. at the latest. Look & listen for more information in coming weeks!

#### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24** 

8:00 AM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 AM Bob & Martha Wurth

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 AM For teachers and students

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 PM Mildred Rampe, Gene & Mary Ann Recker

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 AM Don & Joyce Jerwers

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29** 

NM Recker & Kahle

4:30 PM Helen Korte, L/D Brickner & Korte Fam.

Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 7:30 AM Parish

10:30 AM Gene Stechschulte

# Last Week's Collection: \$8,412.00 Choir Assignments—August 29 & 30

**4:30:** PW **7:30:** HN **10:30:** RA

#### YAHS Choir...

sings at 1:00 p.m., at the Ottawa K of C Hall, in celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Precious Blood, this Sunday, August 23. Please be there at 12:30 p.m.

# Mass for 200th Anniversary of Precious Blood This Sunday!

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood and Companions are inviting everyone in the Putnam County area to celebrate with them; the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the C.PP.S. by their beloved founder St. Gaspar del Bufalo. A concelebrated Mass will be celebrated <u>inside</u> the Ottawa Knights of Columbus on August 23, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

#### Thank You

Brother Jerry and all the Schulte Families would like to say thank you so very much to Fr. Mark, Fr. Elmer, Deacon Bob, Brother Nick, Carol (the organist), Mary Lou and the Holy Name Choir, and all who were involved in making my 60th Anniversary Mass of Consecrated Life so very special. We are so truly blessed to be a part of a wonderful family. Thanks, also, to my friends, classmates and my fellow Precious Blood Families! God Bless to All.

# **RCIA Begins in September**

Do you know anyone who would like to become Catholic? Do you want to know more about the Catholic faith, even if you are Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) is a wonderful way to learn more about what it means to be Catholic and how we can find and celebrate our God in the Catholic tradition. Please call the parish office (419-532-3474) if you are interested.

# **August Holy Name Raffle Winners**

Al Siebeneck	\$100	Katelyn Yoder
Randall Askins	\$100	Jill Laudick
Alan Stechschulte	\$ 50	Ann Woodyard
Julie Siebeneck	\$ 50	Helen Unverferth
Alexa Fortman	\$ 50	Jon Laudick
Gene Ellerbrock	\$ 50	Jill Ricker
	Randall Askins Alan Stechschulte Julie Siebeneck Alexa Fortman	Randall Askins \$100 Alan Stechschulte \$50 Julie Siebeneck \$50 Alexa Fortman \$50

#### **Our Sincerest Thanks**

The sadness we felt after Gene's death was lessened by the outpouring of support in the days that followed. Whether you said a prayer, stopped by to visit, sent a card, dropped off food, shared a story, sent flowers, gave your condolences, came to the funeral home or attended his Funeral Mass, we are eternally grateful. Special thanks to Fr. Mark, Fr. Elmer & Fr. Rick for the many nursing home and hospital visits and the beautiful Funeral Mass. Also, thanks to organist Steve Unverferth and all those who sang in the choir on Saturday...what a beautiful farewell! Thanks to the volunteers from Helping Hands for the desserts and for helping with the funeral luncheon. Gene loved St. Michael's Parish and his hometown so much that when asked if he could go anywhere in the world, he said, "Kalida" and truly meant it. He loved the people of this town, and we thank all who were good to him during his life and continue to be good to us after his We will never forget your kindness and are reminded of why he loved you all so dearly. Your thoughtful words and actions have truly helped us at this difficult time.

Mary Jane Stechschulte & Family

# **Book Study**

The next book for our book study is <u>Remade for Happiness</u> (Achieving Life's Purpose through Spiritual Transformation) by Fulton J. Sheen. The cost of the book is \$10 and copies can be picked up at the Parish Center from Connie Cleemput (419-532-3474) or Tammy Schroeder (419-532-3762). We will be meeting to discuss the book on **Tuesday, September 29, 2015,** at the Parish Center, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

# Bingo

Our parish-sponsored 100% payout bingo has become a staple at Pioneer Days and we need your help to keep this going. The sign-up sheet is in the back vestibule of church, on the bulletin board. Thanks in advance for helping us keep this going.

#### **Rosary Novena**

2015 National **54 Day Rosary Novena** began August 15, 2015 and will close on October 7, 2015. Bishop Daniel Thomas supports and encourages us to join hundred of thousands of people of all ages across America praying for "Family and Marriage" including peace, sanctity of human life and religious freedom. This Rosary Novena is a very powerful Message of Hope in response to the spiritual crises in our culture and nation. Pray the rosary for 54 straight days for the Novena intentions; 27 days in petition from now through September 10, then 27 days in thanksgiving from September 11 through October 7, 2015. Even though this Novena has begun, you can still join by praying individually at home, with families, in a parish community, or other groups. Go to www.54days.org for daily reflections and other updates.

### **Holy Name Ballpark Work Day**

Saturday, August 29, at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.

### TDCCW Convention—August 28-29, 2015...

at Rossford All Saints Catholic Church. The pre-convention will be held at All Saints, in the Steinbauer Community Room on Friday evening, beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, contact Maggie Wehri (419-532-3791). Cost of convention is \$30.

#### **Our 2015-16 Elementary Religion Teachers**

Mary Grote (1A & 1C & 3A); Stephanie Price (1B & 1C); Annette Schroeder (2A, 4A & 8A); Jill Zeller (2B & 7B); Michele Doepker (3B & 8B); Pat Hanneman (4B & 6A); Ellen Millott (5A & 6B); Judy Birkemeier (5B & 7A).

#### **Elementary Religious Ed. Begins This Week**

St. Michael's Elementary Religious Education classes start Wednesday, August 26. Be sure to sign the release statement, which is part of the Kalida Schools paper work. On the first day of religion class, the students will be given a registration form, along with a letter from Father Mark and from Connie. Be sure to read both letters and return the registration form, with your check payable to "St. Michael's." Our first All School Mass will be Fri., Sept. 4.

# **High School Religion Classes...**

start on Wednesday, September 16 (7:00—8:00 p.m.)

#### **Sunday Preschool & Kindergarten**

begins Sunday, September 20. The registration form for the preschool will be in next week's bulletin. Kindergarten registration forms have been mailed.

# NCYC Sponsorship Boards at Church Entrances

The deadline for the National Catholic Youth Conference Sponsorship Boards has been extended to SEPTEMBER 7! We are doing this as a fundraiser for the 11 teens attending NCYC this November. If you'd like to sponsor youth, we ask you to select an envelope. The # on the envelope represents the amount of money you'd like to donate to the youth attending. Inside the envelope you will find a slip of paper with details of what NCYC is, along with a "prayer request card." Return the completed prayer request card with your monetary donation in the collection or to the Parish Center by September 7. The teens will include your prayers within their daily prayers as they continue to prepare physically and spiritually for this conference. We will carry these prayers with us as we journey to the conference and offer them up in daily mass at the conference. We want to pray with the whole Church, so we invite your little children to take a #1 envelope and send us their prayer request! The "littlest" of us seem to come up with the best prayer requests - they see just what we need to pray for at times! In our eyes, this conference is the vibrant Church of today—a place to grow in faith, meet amazing Catholic teens and leaders, see how vast our faith reaches people globally, discover how other teens live out their faith and celebrate Mass - the source and summit of our Catholic faith with youth from around the country. Pray for and with us as we continue on this journey. We have 87 days until we depart! Join us in on our count down! Youth attending are: Conner Krouse, Paul von der Embse, Adam Fitzgerald, Bradley Siefker, Jack Zeller, Josh Verhoff, Trevor Vorst, Danielle Maag, Elizabeth Loveland, Jade Zeller & Renee Vorst. Adults are: Jill Zeller, Connie Cleemput, Mary Siefker & Phil Fuerst.

#### **Pioneer Days French Fry Stand**

The youth of St. Michael's and youth in the St. George Deanery attending World Youth Day 2016 will be working the Ribbon Fry Stand this year. If any high school students and their parents would like to help at the stand, please contact Mary Siefker to get your name on the schedule, at 419-796-0180. The funds raised will be put in an account under your child's name to be used for future youth retreats or conferences.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24** 

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 ROSARY: 7:00 p.m., in church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m.** 

#### Join Fr. Tony in Ireland October 5-14, 2015

Ireland trip pilgrimage to our Lady of Knock, Dublin and Tipperary. Don't be left out! We are taking reservations now. Please visit <a href="www.pilgrimages.com/frfortman">www.pilgrimages.com/frfortman</a> to reserve your spot or call Fr. Tony Fortman, C.PP.S. (419-890-6012).

# Glandorf St. John's Invites Women of the Parish to a Bible Study

WALKING WITH PURPOSE is a Catholic Bible study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Join us starting Thursday, September 10, 2015, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., in the Glandorf St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria, for an eleven week program. Come when you can – attendance every week is not mandatory. \$40 registration fee covers the cost for a study guide to be used for both sessions. For more information/questions or to register, please complete the registration form (found at St. Michael's Parish Center) and mail to: Chris Schroeder, Rd. K, Ottawa, OH 45875; Ph#: 419-538-7210.

# Kalida Music Boosters 50/50 Tickets

If anyone is interested in purchasing a 50/50 ticket for the Kalida Music Boosters, please contact Kathy Lammers (419-890-6564) or Tammy Wurth (419-615-8579). Tickets are \$30 each and will enter you for four monthly drawings and four special drawings throughout the year.

#### **Putnam County Food Pantry**

September is fast approaching and it is our turn to volunteer at the Ottawa Food Pantry. The dates we are scheduled to work are September 8 & 22. Some of you were contacted by email. If you are able to help either or both of those dates please let Kay Unverferth know. My phone number is 419-532-3129. If there is no answer, please leave a message. I would like to hear from you by August 25 so that I can make a schedule. Also, our parish is currently collecting items for the pantry and specific needs can be found online (stmichaelskalida.org) in the bulletin from August 9. Thanks!

### **Catholic Divorce Ministry**

A 12-week Catholic divorce recovery program, The Catholic Divorce Survival Guide, will be hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Ottawa. Meetings will be held in the SPPS library, in the Locust Street building, on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 29. The program is free of charge. An optional workbook will be available for participants to purchase. The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide is a program created to help the divorced or separated Catholic by offering healing through the wisdom, richness, and truth of the Catholic faith. The program videos, along with many additional resources, may be previewed online at <a href="https://www.catholicsdivorce.com">www.catholicsdivorce.com</a>. For more information or to register, call 419-615-2298.

OFFERT	ORY -	August	29 &	30
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4:30 PM	Carl & Rhonda Osterhage Family
7:30 AM	Herm & Rita Borgelt Family
10:30 AM	Dick & Jane Schulte Family

#### USHERS - August 29 & 30

<u>4:30 PM</u>	Team 1
7:30 AM	Team 2
10:30 AM	Team 3

#### LECTORS - August 29 & 30

4:30 PM	Renee Vorst, Brenda Averesch
7:30 AM	Paul Bonifas, Shelly Burkhart
10:30 AM	Michele Doepker, Maddison Edelbrock

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - August 29 & 30**

4:30: Dave & Cindy Erhart, Eric Fischnich, Regina Fischnich, Sean Fischnich, Keith Fortman & Ann Rea Miller, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Grace Haselman 7:30: Tom & Judy Bonifas, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Connie Cleemput, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Jim Hanneman, Mel Hanneman, Mary Lou Hoffman

<u>Ministers to Homebound:</u> Tom & Judy Bonifas

10:30: Brandon Erhart, Lori Erhart, Lynda Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Janet Burgei, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Sarah Hovest, Mark Kahle

#### **SERVERS**

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Mon, 8/24	8:00 AM	McKayla Maag
		David Peck
Tues, 8/25	8:00 AM	Adult Volunteers
Wed, 8/26	8:00 AM	Carlie Rampe
		Evan Roebke
Thurs, 8/27	7:30 PM	Trevor Siefker
		Zach von der Embse
Fri, 8/28	8:00 AM	Kamryn Wurth
,		Sydney Wurth
Sat, 8/29	4:30 PM	Brittany Kahle
,		Hannah Kahle
		Jacob Kahle
Sun, 8/30	7:30 AM	Rachel Kahle
Jul., 5, 50		Joni Kaufman
		Brooke Kimball
	10:30 AM	Josh Klausing
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		Sarah Klausing
		Dana Knueve

# **Upcoming Youth Group Events**

<u>Youth Group Meeting:</u> Wed., Sept. 2, from 4:15-5:15 pm <u>Teen 120:</u> Monday, September 14, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Parish Center

**<u>Battle of the Youth:</u>** October 4, at Columbus Grove

# **Commemorating St. Isidore Church**

This Sunday, August 23, Jacob Kahle will be conducting a meeting in the basement to discuss the construction of a wishing well and seating area at Four Seasons Park to commemorate St. Isidore's Church. Everyone is invited to attend after the 7:30 a.m. Mass or at 9:45 a.m. before the late Mass.

### **Upcoming Wedding**

Julie Recker & Kent Kahle

will be married on Saturday, August 29, 2015. Please include them in your prayers.