

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - August 29, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I'm gearing up to Labor Day weekend, as it will be the first time the whole Hoying family is getting together since the pandemic arrived a year and a half ago. There have been a number of babies born and a number of new in-laws. There will be new boyfriends and girlfriends for us uncles to pick on. We also have to deal with the losses our family has experienced. There is a lot of catching up to do in the midst of sports, cards, bounce houses, a huge water slide and food. The day goes fast and it is impossible to catch up with everyone. Since it has been a year and a half, and people change so much, especially the little ones, it might be the year for nametags. It is amazing that from my mom and dad, there are 270 offspring (Mom and Dad really lived the Gospel message to go forth and multiply; no adding, just multiplying). The fact that we are together means a lot.

When we get together for the Labor Day party, we always have an outdoor Mass. It is always one of the highlights of the day. God brought us forth and God brings us together. In the midst of joys, sorrows, absence and change, God is a constant. Families get to bring to prayer what has gone on in their lives these past 18 months. We tell our Hoying stories through prayer.

As I write this column, the school children are making their way over to attend religious education here at St. Michael's. It is great to interact with them to hear their summer stories, where they have been and what their families have been doing. It is nice to hear stories of travel, adventure, staying at home to fish and swim or just the enjoyment of not being in school. Of course, I get to share with them my stories, too.

With all that said, I would like to invite everyone back to Mass at St. John's and St. Michael's. Some have been gone due to the pandemic. Some leave the area during the summer every weekend. (Why would anyone leave Putnam County, the vacation spot of Ohio?) It is so good to share our stories together, including our faith stories. There is something powerful in being together, being family. I believe it is all the more powerful when we remember that we are God's family. We can't tell all of our stories at once or be with every individual during Mass time, but to gather as God's family is good and powerful. To pray together brings family unity.

In the Hoying family, we have LOTS of children. At the end of the Labor Day parties, it is good to hear the children say they can't wait to get back together next year. Of course, they love the water slides, bounce houses, playing sports with their older uncles and cousins, but I really believe they love

being together with family. Coming together at St. Michael's and St. John's may not include recreational activities, but we do have the presence of God and God's family. Welcome back, families, young and old alike.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 AM Gary, Todd & Brad Wuebker

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 PM Ed Schroeder (A), Dorothy Miller

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 St. Gregory the Great

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

4:30 PM George, Nora & Dan Basinger

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman

Ruth, Tom, Dan & Bob Kuhlman

11:00 AM Ralph Honigfort, Bruce Honigfort  
Honigfort Family

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 8,552.00

High School Freshmen Catechist Needed

The main focus the freshmen year is Scripture. Contact Connie (419-532-3494, ext. 102 or ccleemput@bright.net) if you want more information to help discern if God is calling you to this ministry.

Religious Education Notes

All students in grades 1 through 8 will be at our first All School Mass on Wednesday, September 1. That will be their only Mass that week. The following week, students will attend Mass on Wednesday and Friday. This week and next week, our students are being introduced to the virtues. On September 12, our virtue will be Faith. Each week, a virtue will be taught and shared in our bulletin.

Bingo Sign-Up Sheets for Pioneer...

are on the bulletin board in the front vestibule of church. As usual, we need your help to make this possible! Thanks!

Holy Name Pioneer Burger Tent Schedule

The schedule is inserted into this week's bulletin. You can also find it at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins."



SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 8/31	8:00 AM	Malia Romes
Wed, 9/1	8:00 AM	Grace Schroeder
Thurs, 9/2	7:30 PM	Alex Shiningier
Fri, 9/3	8:00 AM	Owen Siebeneck
Sat, 9/4	4:30 PM	Drew & Olivia Meyer
		EJ Miller
Sun, 9/5	8:00 AM	Malie & Adyson Miller
		Grace Niemeyer
	11:00 AM	Griffin Nienberg
		Maddalyn Nienberg
		Olivia Olzak

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors-September 4 & 5

4:30: Jim & Marilyn Becker, Greg Bockrath, Matt Bockrath  
LECTOR: Wendy Schimmoeller

8:00: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Don Wehri, Tom Bonifas  
LECTOR: Donna Schnipke

Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas

11:00: Greg & Jill Zeller, Scott Unverferth, Alice Adams  
LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke

USHERS - September 4 & 5

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

Blood Drive in Fort Jennings

Wednesday, September 8, from Noon - 6:00 p.m., at the Fort Jennings Legion Hall. For an appointment, please call Alice Wieging (419-286-2774) or Dianne Miehl (419-863-0067). Walk-ins are also welcome. Please wear a mask, as required. Thanks for your support!

Water Fun Day with the Jr. High!

About 50 Junior High Students enjoyed a fun day with water games last week, including Slip N Slide kickball, water balloons, egg toss and a dunk tank. Sno-cones and hot dogs were enjoyed by all. Your Pastor Fr. Mark and all the kids got to enjoy the thrill of the Dunk the Punk. Thank you all who came and thanks to Fr. Mark, Beth Grime, and Greg, Jack & Will Zeller for helping with the day



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Youth & Family  
Outdoor Mass...

Youth and families came from Putnam County came together last Sunday for this special Mass at the Kalida Park. FYI - St. Michael Parish Outdoor Mass will be Saturday, September 18, at 4:30 pm.



