

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, OH - Sunday, July 28, 2019

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everybody. I just got in from garden work. I told the staff this morning not to expect to see me, as I was going to do garden work. At this time of year, it is weed time. The "crops" are in, but there is still serious weeding that needs to be done so that the harvest is good. I hope that you don't mind that I think and pray for the parishioners as I yank on the weeds. I do a lot of praying as I work. So this morning I got to say lots of prayers for and thanksgiving for my family and parish families

I'd like to give you a rundown on my garden work this morning. Some weeds, like the grasses, are clumped together and are hard to pull because there are so many roots in one congested area. If you pull those weeds, the vegetable comes with it. There are red rooted weeds that are deep and difficult to pull, but if you don't get the whole root, it comes right back with a vengeance. And then some weeds are sticky and hurt when you pull them. And then there are the small weeds that are easy to pull, but if you don't get them early, they take over. Since weeds in the scriptures are often associated with sin, I thought I would make sin my reflection this morning.

For those grassy weeds, I thought of how quickly I could get entangled with the world. The world isn't bad, but too much of anything can smother you. I don't want to be taken out of the world, but want to coexist in such a way that I am rooted in God, rather than tied to only earthly things. I need to set boundaries so that I take care of the spiritual side of me and respect the earthly side of me. A proper balance of life keeps God always up front, while still living with two feet on the ground. I need to be grounded in God and the world. If I stop saying my prayers or stop making Sunday important in my spiritual life, I can get out of balance pretty quickly.

The red rooted sins are those which have been growing for a while. I think of the different prejudices I have had over the years which keep me from producing a hundredfold. Attitudes regarding race, creed and gender might have been growing in me from my childhood, but that does not mean that I can just let them keep growing. To reduce the amount of prejudicial jokes that I tell may help on the surface, but I need to address the depth of my heart if I truly love my fellow human being. Those red roots remind me to look at where my heart lies.

Thistles are just hurtful weeds. I thought back to New Zealand and thistles. In America, we have Canadian thistles. In New Zealand, there are American thistles. They are the same thistle. You just blame the thistle on someone else. I think those sins are the gossip kind of thistles. They seem small enough, but they sure can hurt someone. To get a good grasp of a thistle and pull it out is hurtful. To stop gossip in the midst of your friends can hurt, also. To stick up for someone rather than stick it to someone is not always easy, but is the right thing to do.

The small weeds grow up if they are not handled early. To think that I can text just a little bit while driving can become deadly. Just one more drink can become one too many. There are many little things which grow up in our lives that keep us from being all that God wants us to be. Just five more minutes on the computer are five minutes away from loving family, friends and God. For those Andy Griffith enthusiasts, as Barney would say, "Nip it in the bud." Trim that part out of my life before it gets too large.

My garden looks much better after weeding. I'm sure my spiritual life would look a bit better if I took some time in my spiritual garden. Have a great week, everyone. *Fr. Mark*

Mass Intentions for Holy Week

MONDAY, JULY 29 *St. Martha*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, JULY 30

8:00 AM L/D Tony & Bernadine Hoersten Family
L/D Bill & Helen Schmersal Family
Successful Surgery

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

8:00 AM Successful Surgery, Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

7:30 PM Leo & Irene Schnipke

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 *First Friday*

8:00 AM Harold Rampe, Betty Nartker

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

4:30 PM Nora, George & Dan Basinger
Norbert & Angie Recker, George Karg

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

7:30 AM L/D Darren & Pat Langhals Family

10:30 AM L/D Nartker Family, Mildred Remlinger

Last Week's Collection: \$ 8,638.50

Choir Assignments - August 3 & 4

4:30: Renee **7:30:** HN **10:30:** Renee

SCAM ALERT! A Text From "Fr. Mark"

If you receive a text claiming to be from "Fr. Mark" asking you to buy a gift card or a number of other things, this is a **SCAM**. Fr. Mark will never ask you to buy anything via text.

7th Grade Religion Teacher Needed...

for this school year, beginning August 20. Monday - Thursday, from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Call Connie if the Holy Spirit is calling you to this position. Consider team-teaching with a friend!

Parish Cook Book!!!

We're excited, as we had our first submissions already this past week! Here are the instructions:

1. Make your recipe.
2. Take a picture of your finished product.
3. Send an email to: kalida.stmichaelyouth@bright.net with your picture and your typed recipe.
4. Include a category with your recipe from this list: appetizers, soups & salads, vegetables/sides, main dishes, breads, desserts or miscellaneous.



Do I really need to submit a picture? YES, pictures are fun and eye-catching and no, you don't have to be in the picture, but YES, we'd love you to be!

Will you come take a picture of the food for me? YES! Call 419-532-3474 and we will take your picture with the food or just take a picture of your food.

Does the recipe have to be mine? Absolutely not. It can be something you found on the internet that you enjoy.

Should I submit a.s.a.p.? This would be helpful. Plus, if there are two similar recipes submitted, we will take the first one :)

If it's someone else's recipe, you can send a photo of them to be included, if you'd like, and/or a story about the recipe.

MONDAY, JULY 29**ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church****THURSDAY, AUGUST 1****ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church****FRIDAY, AUGUST 2****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church****RCIA Class Forming!!!**

If you know of someone who is considering joining the Catholic Church, encourage them to take a look at joining the St. John's/St. Michaels RCIA class starting this September thru Easter Vigil. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults prepares someone to understand and join the Catholic Church and ends with the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. If you or someone you encourage is interested, contact Fr. Mark or the parish office to learn more. We typically meet Tuesday evenings, but can make any schedule work!

Outdoor Mass at Continental - Sunday, Aug. 4

Bring a chair and a thankful spirit. God is truly good! Food and bouncy houses follow the Mass. Everyone is invited.

Fatima USA Mass at Marian Stein

August 9, at 7:30 p.m. at 2365 Saint Johns Rd., Maria Stein, OH. It will include Mass, a candle lit rosary, and a candle light procession. Candles will be available for a donation. This will be outdoor, so dress appropriately. Join over a thousand people who attend this wonderful celebration every year! No food service will be available. Please bring your rosary, lawn chair, and a flashlight. Contact Rita Borgelt (419-532-3637) with questions.

**Thank You...**

to all who sent donations, rosaries, and prayers. **Gidangu Church** will have its roof completed soon. **Bishop Anthony Lagwen** of **Mbulu, Tanzania**, has sent a personal thank you to all the members of **St. Michaels** who've helped in building five churches to date, complete with simple bathrooms!

OFFERTORY - August 3 & 4

Barry & Beth von der Embse Family

Mike & Norma Unverferth Family

Dale & Julie Siebeneck Family

USHERS – August 3 & 4

Team 4

Team 5

Team 6

LECTORS - August 3 & 4

Barb Unverferth, Joyce Schnipke

Mary Plescher, Donna Schnipke

Wendy Schimmoeller, Brayden Recker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - August 3 & 4

4:30: Kamryn Wurth, Alice Adams, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Brian & Bev Berheide, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Tom & Judy Bonifas

7:30: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Don Wehri, Amy Brinkman, Dick & Judy Bockrath, McKenna Bockrath, Greg Bockrath, Gus & Judy Brinkman

Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst,

10:30: Janet Burgei, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss, Michelle Buss, Eileen Decker, Clara Elkins, Lori Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman

SERVERS

Tues, 7/30	8:00 AM	Alexander Verhoff Tucker Anspach
Wed, 7/31	8:00 AM	Kaylyn Bockrath Meredith Bockrath
Thurs, 8/1	7:30 PM	Gabi Brinkman Grant Fortman
Fri, 8/2	8:00 AM	Alex Gardner Emma Hellman
Sat 8/3	4:30 PM	Nick Foppe Grant Helmke Paige Helmke
Sun, 8/4	7:30 AM	Colin Hoffman Joel Horstman Alysen Hoyt
	10:30 AM	Camille Hovest Gabe Hovest Katelyn Kahle

Recent Baptism**GARRETT WILLIAM KERSH**

Son of Jacob & Molly (Verhoff) Kersh

Columbus Grove St. Anthony Parish Festival

Saturday, August 3, and Sunday, August 4. On Saturday, BBQ chicken/spare rib dinners will be available at 5:00 p.m., followed by the annual 5-K run, Kids Smile Mile for kids 10 and under. On Sunday, enjoy our chicken/beef dinners with all the trimmings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Carry outs are available 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with Drive thru carry out open until 1:00 p.m. The cafeteria will be open from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sunday activities include Bingo, Garage Sale, Kids' Rides and games, Duck Races, Country Store, Kiddie Tractor Pull for children ages 4-9 and much more. There are also cash prizes totally \$2,500, a Lottery Tree, three \$100 Gas Cards Drawing and the chance to win \$20,000 towards a new car or \$15,000 in cash. For more information, call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Come and help us celebrate our parish festival!