

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

Sunday, June 14, 2020: Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

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Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

I was looking forward to some rain yesterday. There were storms predicted, but no precipitation. My garden could really use a drink. I usually try to follow the farmers and live by the weather that God gives us, but I had my sister, Helen, on my mind. Helen was my handicapped sister who passed away a couple of years ago. Helen loved peas. At this time of year, if the family couldn't find Helen, we knew where to look. And we better look fast. Helen would be sitting in the middle of the pea patch eating as quickly as she could pod a pea. She couldn't get off the ground to stand by herself, so once she sat in the pea patch, it was where she stayed until someone helped her stand up and walk her out of the garden. So in Helen's memory, I watered the peas so that, in a day or two, I will eat raw peas in Helen's honor.

It is First Communion time at St. Michael's. Last Sunday we celebrated the big event at St. John's. The world celebrates the feast of The Body and Blood of Jesus this Sunday. Jesus asked His disciples and us to do "this" in memory of Him. As I remember Helen and wish for one more time to pull her up from the pea patch, I recall the real presence of Jesus in Holy Communion. I recall His miracles, His life, death, resurrection and ascension. Those past actions are present as I take Him in. He is present as I take Him in. And that's a lot to take in. And in a child's mind, it just is. There are no thoughts of substance or accidents that we learned in theology school. They just know that Jesus is really with them and they take in the Lord in a very special way. Oh, to be a child again. Their faith is simple and so trusting. Maybe that is why First Communion is such a special time in a parent's life and a parish's life. To see that kind of faith is life giving. Jesus is real food and drink. To take Him in and live with Him inside us is how we "do" this in memory of Him.

As I watered the peas so that I could celebrate the memory of Helen, I would like to thank parents, grandparents, godparents, family members, teachers and the parish who have watered the seed of faith inside our First Communicants. Their faith has grown to the point that the children want to sit in the garden with the Lord. They want to take in life and the author of life. They would like to sit in this moment forever. And one day we all will sit at the banquet feast and be in communion. This feast and these children inspire us to live as Jesus did: life to the full because Jesus dwells in us. As I think of Helen eating her fill of peas, I think of her eating with the saints at the table with the Lord.

Have a blessed week, everyone. May God bless you all, especially our First Communicants.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, JUNE 15

NOON END TO COVID-19

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 AM Brooke Downing

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

7:30 PM Bernie, Helen, Denny & Barb Sehlhorst
Harold & Mildred Rampe
Al & Anna Warnecke

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

8:00 AM Marcus Landin
Wilbur & Mildred Remlinger

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

4:30 PM Pete & Alice Gerding, Al & Agnes Wurth
Gene Wurth, Louis Verhoff, Dan Siefker
Hubert & Irma Pohlman
Pete & Alice Gerding
L/D William Ellerbrock Family
50th W.A. Ron & Dorothy Kerner
Ray, Dorothea & Ron Aversch

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 *Father's Day*

8:00 AM Jim Hamilton, Dorothy Miller
Mary & Al Siefker
11:00 AM Burnell Hicks & Al Warnecke Families
Ralph & Dolores Verhoff, Bob Winkle
Connie Miller, Mike Kahle
Eugene Hoersten, Alan Heuss
Arnold & Jeff Siebeneck
Gene Stechschulte, Special Intention



First Communion Sunday

Youth Mass in the Park Next Saturday!

ALL High School Students from Putnam County
(incoming Freshman thru outgoing Seniors)
are invited to the

YOUTH MASS IN THE PARK

on Saturday, June 20, at 8:00 p.m. at
Kalida Four Seasons Park.

Please bring your own lawn chair.

If you have any questions, please
contact Jill Zeller (567-376-9115).

This is for youth only.

If Visiting Fr. Elmer...

If you stop by to see Fr. Elmer at the rectory, please wait a while after ringing the door bell. If he's the only one at home, it might take him a little longer to get to the door.

Get Your Holy Name Raffle Tickets!

Contact Nick Schulte (419-532-2131) or Mark Warnecke (419-532-3662) for tickets. The first drawing for the new year is coming up quickly in July.

Sign-Up for Ministries for Weekend Masses...

Click on the link at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Ministry Schedules," email stmich@bright.net or call 419-532-3474.

Small Religious Items Needed

Thank you in advance for any holy medals, rosaries, holy cards, small lightweight statues or any other religious objects. Please place at elevator entrance of church, marked "Mission Trip" before June 30.



First Communicants

Look for pictures of our
2020 First Communicants
in an upcoming bulletin.

Thanks to Casey Kahle
for, once again, being
our photographer for
the big day!



These keys were found on church property.
Call 419-532-3474 to claim.



More Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Over the past days, people have asked my thoughts on the George Floyd situation. I have many thoughts that are too many to put in a single bulletin article. I would like to summarize my thoughts in a few images. As I watched the replay of that sad day, I thought of the movie, "The Passion of Christ." When it came to the scourging in the movie, I had to turn away. Those images hurt too much. I couldn't watch. In a way I wanted to deny that we could do that to my Lord. But most of all, it hurt all the way to my heart. My thoughts of the George Floyd death mirror my reaction to seeing the Lenten movie. I couldn't watch because it hurt my heart. I wanted to deny that humanity would do this to another person. I thought of Jesus on the cross and not being able to breathe. I thought of how we denied Jesus of life. And now we do not see Jesus' life in another person. I thought of how we have become so used to death that seeing images of someone dying on camera does not bother us, it does not hurt our hearts. It hurts that we can devalue life that much. People barely flinch at the discussion of the loss of life due to abortions since the ruling of Roe versus Wade in 1973. People barely flinch at the discussion of racism since the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. Until we see God as the author of all life and how sacred life is, we will continue to crucify humanity.

Fr. Mark

Where Can I Recycle Paper & Plastic?

In the past, the county had brought roll off containers to Kalida for recycling plastic and paper the first full week of each month. This was discontinued at the beginning of the pandemic. The County has reopened the Recycling Site in Ottawa, next to the fairgrounds, for these items, as well as glass bottles & jars. It is currently open from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily, with some possible Saturday hours coming. Check Putnam County Ohio Solid Waste District Facebook page for updates. We encourage you to take these items there, as it is not known when these items may be recycled again in Kalida. The Kalida Park Board thanks you for supporting our local parks by continuing to recycle aluminum, steel, cardboard, and used clothing/shoes at our 24 hour Kalida site!



Lion's Chicken BBQ - Sunday, June 28

Drive-thru carryout at the high school from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. To help fill the grill with enough chicken, please call 419-532-3029 to pre-order. Leave name and # of dinners. Pay when dinners are picked up. Thank you from Kalida Lion's for supporting our community projects.