

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - May 30, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. Yesterday was St. Philip Neri day on the Church calendar. He is one of my favorite saints in that he was known for a good sense of humor. He used laughter and practical jokes to spread the Gospel. So yesterday I got to hear a lot of Fr. Elmer jokes and even used a few myself as I visited people. I grew up with religion being very serious and almost stern. As I got to know the Lord, God was anything but stern for me. I saw beauty and wonder which God created. I knew how much God wanted us to live full and joyful lives so Jesus showed us how important forgiveness is and that death would never have the victory. I encountered the Holy Spirit when I needed right words to counsel someone or courage when I needed to stand up for the Lord. It is nice to know that God is always with us. With the knowledge that God is always with us, I smile a lot. Like St. Philip, I believe that the Gospel is spread best with a smile on my face and maybe a joke on my lips. With this Sunday being Trinity Sunday, let's celebrate our Living God with much joy.

With humor in mind, the office staff talked about the full opening of church next weekend. We talked about how to encourage people to come back to church (we have been blessed in our parishes in that many of our parishioners are already back). The state of Ohio used a promotional slogan to try to get people vaccinated. They called the promotion vaccimillion and are giving scholarships and millions of dollars away to get people to roll up their sleeves. Our staff talked about a promotion called Massamillion to get people to come back to Church. We could give away a million prayers or holy cards. We could get people to come to receive a million donuts or cups of coffee. We had other ideas, but those ideas could not be printed.

I remember the days of the pandemic when it was only Fr. Elmer and myself in church. I would have given a million dollars to have a church full of faith-filled people to pray with. Mass is meant to be celebrated with faith filled people. The Gospel is meant to be shared and preached. Whenever two or more are gathered in His name, God is there. Bread and wine become Jesus' Body and Blood. Jesus is truly present. To be with the Lord and with each other and the Lord in us is worth more than a million dollars. And that should give us lots to smile about. With a whole year of having our smiles taken away by masks at church and in society, it is time to joyfully share our faith.

Our hearts are meant to be connected with God and each other. From my perspective, week after week, I see people during the sign of peace reaching out to people pews away. The sign of peace takes longer because people are longing for connectedness and reach out further through a wave or peace sign. That spirit needs to be nurtured and continued. As more people have felt comfortable in taking off their masks in the past couple of weeks, the singing and responses have become louder. I will tell you how much good that does for my heart. It is nice!!! It is so nice to worship with people full of faith. Keep it up and maybe even sing louder. And those who don't believe they can sing, I bet you can. Sing to the Lord and smile while you are doing it. My mom could not sing, but she did because she loved the Lord and I think she sang out of revenge. If that was the voice God gave her, she was going to use it.

Invite people to come back. There are lots of graduation parties, anniversary parties and Summer gatherings at this time of year. Invite family and friends to come back to church. There are eternal rewards for those who come. Next weekend with the full opening of church, we will have cookies and coffee and donuts following our Masses. Plan on taking a little extra time to share with fellow parishioners and guests. Let us celebrate our God and coming together of God's people. Smile, we have made it. Smile, God has made us. Have a blessed week. **Fr. Mark**

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 31 *Memorial Day*

8:00 AM For Those Who Died in Military Service
Alphonse & Frances Schulte

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 *St. Justin, martyr*

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 *St. Charles Lwanga & Companions*

7:30 PM Mark Honigfort & Honigfort Family
L/D Harry & Alberta Selhorst Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 AM Jackson Lee Niemeyer

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

NM Burgei & Painter
4:30 PM George, Nora & Dan Basinger
Connie Miller, L/D Cletus Kahle Family
Jim, Gladys, Richard, Mark, Bob & Keith
Unverferth, Jim & Angie Erhart
Ron Kahle, Jr., Deacon Frank Knueve (A)

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 *Body & Blood of Christ*

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman

Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth

11:00 AM 50th W.A. Ernie & Sylvia Kallay, Urban
Selhorst, Leroy Warnement & Family



Last Sundays Collection \$ 8,773.00

The Actual Parish Council Election Results

Our newest members are: Marc Kerner, Dale Liebrecht & **Lisa Roebke**. In last week's bulletin, Jill Laudick was named one of those elected, even though she wasn't even on the ballot! Sorry, Lisa & Jill!

Attention Holy Name Choir Members

The Holy Name Choir is scheduled to sing on Sunday, June 6, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Ministers Needed

With the full opening of our churches in the Toledo diocese, we now have need of the ministries of lector, Ministers of the Eucharist, ushers and servers. The Summer months are always difficult to schedule, but we will do our best. If you feel called to any of these ministries, please let Fr. Mark know and training will be provided. Servers will be scheduled with the current list of servers that we have. If you would like to be taken off the list, please let us know. Have a great Summer. See you in church.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 12 - 15. The Parent Information Page and Registration form can be found on St. Michael's webpage, along with a registration form. We need adult Crew Leaders and Jr. High Crew Helpers. Please consider helping out. Thanks!

Several 2021-22 Holy Name Raffle Tickets...

need sold or returned. Contact Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke. The new drawing starts in June!

Volunteers Needed

The Holy Name is looking for volunteers to help prepare and/or sell hamburgers at the Fish and Game Extravaganza on June 12, 2021. To volunteer, please call Jim Burgei 419-532-2092 or Duane Simon 419-234-1740.

Trip to Smoky Mountains

Join us on another fundraising bus trip, benefiting Ottawa Legion Baseball, to the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Enjoy a guided tour of the Titanic Museum, including dinner in the Secret Dining Room, Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Theatre and the Hatfield & McCoys Dinner Feud. Relax during a guided tour of the Smoky Mountains and free time in Gatlinburg. Trip also includes admission to Dollywood Theme Park, 3 additional shows and tour and tasting at The Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine. Dates are August 23-27, 2021 and cost per person is \$899. For more information, or to sign up, please call Cheryl Kersh at 419.890.8565, or email at cherylkersh@gmail.com

K of C Notes

K of C 2021 Charity Cash Bonanza Ticket campaign is completed with our last ticket turn-in. The drawing is at the State Convention later this month. Thanks to all who sent tickets back in the mail. This year we sold 1227 tickets vs. 1258 last year – great results given that we had no inside Fish Fries to sell in person. With the rebate for exceeding our quota, we should net nearly \$4000 for local charitable projects/donations. We are holding one meeting/month currently, being the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:15 p.m. (right after Mass). See you soon!

Kalida Youth Soccer League

Registration deadline to play soccer this coming season is

Sunday, June 6. You can register online at

clubs.bluesombrero.com/kys

Any questions, please contact Tara Verhoff at 419-796-8816.

7th Grade Volleyball Coach Needed

Kalida Schools has an opening for a 7th grade volleyball coach. If you are interested, please contact Adam Huber, athletic director, adam.huber@kalidaschools.org, phone 419-532-3529.

Last Chance to Order Tiny Saints!

Our St. Michael Youth who will be attending NCYC* are so excited to announce that we have teamed up with Tiny Saints® to host an online fundraiser! From May 1-31, 2021, you can shop from the comfort of home to support our fundraiser. Please select our organization name (**St. Michael NCYC Fundraiser**) from the dropdown menu at www.tinysaints.com. 25% of every order will go directly to our fundraiser!

Donations Sought for Children's Garden

If you would like to donate toward this project, please put your donation in an envelope marked, "St. Michael's Children's Garden," and place in the collection or mail to "St. Michael Church; PO Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853. If you have any questions, contact Chris Schroeder (419-615-3355), Adriene Swyers (419-796-0355) or Fr. Mark.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—June 5 & 6

4:30: Tom Bonifas, Becky Lucke, Deb Schroeder, Lisa Trentman

LECTOR: Deb Schroeder

8:00: Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Dianna Kehres, Donna Schnipke

LECTOR: Mary Plescher

11:00: Lisa Niese, Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger, Mike Krouse

LECTOR: Sandy Westrick

UPCOMING JR. HIGH SERVER SCHEDULE

Mon, 5/31	8:00 AM	Lauren Bockrath
Tues, 6/1	8:00 AM	Faith Feldman
Wed, 6/2	8:00 AM	Katelyn Foppe
Thurs, 6/3	7:30 PM	Cole Goubeaux
Fri, 6/4	8:00 AM	Kyla Grime
Tues, 6/8	8:00 AM	Lana Grime
Wed, 6/9	8:00 AM	Jaxon Hoffman
Thurs, 6/10	7:30 PM	Nathan Kahle
Fri, 6/11	8:00 AM	Logan Kerner
Tues, 6/15	8:00 AM	Griffin Klausing
Wed, 6/16	8:00 AM	Grady Kuhlman
Thurs, 6/17	7:30 PM	Kara Lammers
Fri, 6/18	8:00 AM	Eli Patrick
Tues, 6/22	8:00 AM	Malia Romes
Wed, 6/23	8:00 AM	Grace Schroeder
Thurs, 6/24	7:30 PM	Alex Shininger
Fri, 6/25	8:00 AM	Owen Siebeneck
Tues, 6/29	8:00 AM	Emma von der Embse
Wed, 6/30	8:00 AM	Parker Vorst
Thurs, 7/1	7:30 PM	Lauren Bockrath
Fri, 7/2	8:00 AM	Faith Feldman

Marcus Landin Memorial Benefit

Chicken BBQ Dinner (potato salad, baked beans & roll) Saturday, June 19, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at Four Seasons Park Pavilion. Proceeds benefit HCM Research. Call or text 419-615-3101. Carry-out only and presale only. Donation is \$10. Thanks!



Upcoming Wedding

*Paige Burgei
&
Dan Painter
will be
married on
June 5, 2021.
Please include
them in
your prayers.*

