



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I am still smiling because of our recent First Communion classes. They look so good in their suits and dresses. There is a dignity, innocence, maturity, seriousness and joy all wrapped up into one celebration. Families celebrate the handing on of faith and love. Our parishes do the same. It is pretty easy to see the image of God on the faces and in the actions of our children. Like I said, I am still smiling.

And it is Mother's Day. Although my mom has been gone for longer than I had her in my life here on earth, she is still with me in so many ways. Every year I take Mother's Day to spend some quality time with my Mom, even if it is from my memories. In my family, Mom was the driving force. Mom was a hard worker. No one could outwork Mom. I'm not sure when she slept, except for a nap at noon or a snoring doze while watching television at the end of the day (she would always deny that she was sleeping but we knew different from the bearlike sounds coming from her end of the couch). Mom got up to milk the cows and was the last one to bed. In between there was canning, gardening, butchering, sewing and quilting, cooking, helping with the farm work AND playing games. Our family wore out many a deck of cards and Mom was usually in the middle of most games. A familiar sound was the loud knocking of her knuckles on the kitchen table when she would play the right card to win the trick. Along with the "tap" on the table was a winning squeal that came from the excitement of playing the games of euchre, pinochle or even go fish.

Mom was a big prayer. Every May and October we prayed the rosary as a family. Before we would go to bed and after night lunch (a snack to hold us over till breakfast) our family would pray the rosary. We would say prayers before and after meals. Mom could say the before meal prayer, Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be in one breath. We liked when Mom prayed. We also prayed when there were storms, weddings, births and many other occasions. I think Mom prayed at Bingo, but she said it didn't do her much good because Mrs. Franzer would ALWAYS win at the K of C.

Mom was friendly to everyone (even Mrs. Franzer). In times of race riots, Vietnam War and the interesting 60's, Mom handled people with kindness. I think a lot of this came from her experiences with her own disabled child and the early deaths of two of her children, Kenneth and Beverly. She knew the joys of life but also life's difficulties. And life is easier when we treat each other with kindness.

I'm sure everyone has stories about their moms. Take time to thank God for them. Happy Mother's Day to all Moms.

One last thought on moms. May is the month of Mary. There are many inspiring stories of Mary. She had to be hard working and prayerful, also. God was in every facet of her life, from Joys to Sorrows to Glory. Take time during this month to remember Mary's part of our salvation by our Lord. Saying the Rosary is a good way to make this happen. Have a great week.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, MAY 11

8:00 AM Living members of CLC

8:50 AM **Grade 3**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

8:00 AM Harold Barnhart

THURSDAY, MAY 13

8:00 AM **Grade 7**

7:30 PM Andy Merschman, Doris Sager
Carolyn Unverferth

FRIDAY, MAY 14 *St. Matthias, apostle*

8:00 AM Barbara Burwell

8:50 AM **Grade 4**

SATURDAY, MAY 15 *St. Isidore*

4:30 PM Alvin Horstman, L/D Horstman Family
Judy Honigfort & Honigfort Family
Ray, Dorothea & Ron Aversch
L/D Otto Miller Family, Larry Haselman
Dick Langhals

SUNDAY, MAY 16 *The Ascension of the Lord*

8:00 AM Tom Pohl

11:00 AM Jim Kahle, Urban Selhorst, Kelly Miller

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,546.00

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Barbara Burwell** was held on Friday, May 7, 2021. Please include Barb and her family in your prayers.

Donations Sought for Children's Garden

St. Michael's
**CHILDREN'S
Memorial
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 or comments, contact Chris Schroeder

(419-615-3355), Adriene Swyers (419-796-0355) or Fr. Mark.

The committee continues to brainstorm ideas and will be working with local professionals to help with the design and layout. We want to make this a beautiful place to remember those children who have died before and after birth. Current plans are to memorialize those children somewhere in the garden. Look for more information on this in upcoming bulletins. We're very excited about this project, but need your help to make it the best it can be!

Outdoor Mass at Cuba This Thursday!

It has been a few years since we have been able to gather for a Farmer's Mass. We will try to have Mass at 7:30 p.m., at the sight of the former St. Isidore Church, on Thursday May 13. In case of rain, join us for Mass at St. Michael's at 7:30 p.m., with a gathering to follow. All are welcome, especially farmers.

Note: there will still be a Mass at St. Michael's, rain or shine.

Schedule of Students at Mass This Week

Tuesday: Grade 6 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 3 at 8:50 a.m.
Wednesday: Grade 5 at 8:00 am
Thursday: Grade 7 at 8:00 a.m.
Friday: Grade 8 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 4 at 8:50 a.m.

Several 2021-22 Holy Name Raffle Tickets...

need sold or returned. Contact Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke.

Lion's Club Senior Citizen Dinner

The Kalida Lions Club would like to extend an invitation to all Senior Citizens (aged 65 and over on or before June 1, 2021) for a free meal in honor of Senior Citizens Month on **Monday, May 10**, from 5:00- 7:00 p.m., at Dick's Steak House. The meal will be your choice of chicken or roast beef with all the trimmings. This dinner is open to the general public at a cost of \$8. If you are not able to dine in the restaurant, please contact Bruskotter Financial Services' office ([419-532-2099](tel:419-532-2099)) to arrange for your dinner to be delivered. Carryout dinners are also available. The Kalida Lions again wishes to thank all of our Senior Citizens for your generous support over the years.

Looking for New or Gently-Used...

jewelry, especially with a religious theme and rosaries, tiny statues, medals and holy cards for summer mission trip. Please place these items at the elevator entrance of the church, marked "Mission Trip." Thank you so much!

Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, May 12, from 4:30—6:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Legion. Carry-out only (drive thru in the alley). \$8 donation. Proceeds benefit the Children's Christmas Carnival in December. Tickets can be purchased at the Ottawa Legion or by calling 419-615-7442.

Upcoming Youth Group Events

Sun., May 23 Baccalaureate Mass at 1:00 p.m.
Sat., June 12 YES (Youth Elect Service)
Nov. 18-21 National Catholic Youth Conference
Contact Jill 532-3494 (x103) or 567-376-9115 for details.

Little League Umpires Needed

Umpires need to be at least 7th grade or older. Call Craig Recker (419-231-5401) if interested in helping out. Thanks!

Bus Trip to Louisville this June

Join us on our bus trip to Louisville, Kentucky, June 24-27. Some of our activities include Claiborne Horse Farm, a dinner cruise on the Belle of Louisville Riverboat and touring Churchill Downs. We'll have reserved seats in Millionaires Row to watch the races and enjoy the included lunch. We'll tour Jim Beam and Makers Mark distilleries and My Old Kentucky Home and park. We will also enjoy a dinner theatre performance of 'Dearly Beloved.' Call or text Cheryl Kersh at 419.890.8565 to sign up or for more details.

The Virtue of the Week is Moderation

Moderation means to have balance in our life. We are called to limit how much food we eat and drink and to limit time spent on the computer and cell phones. We need to set limits for ourselves and to create a balance with work and leisure. Saints who modeled moderation were St. John XXIII, Bl. John Henry Newman and St. Francis de Sales. Our prayer this week is "Dear Jesus, Help me to keep a balance in my life, using created things properly and in the right amount that is best for me. I need Your help to set limits for myself in doing things that I enjoy, such as using social media, eating and drinking, and using my phone and the internet. Lead me on Your way to happiness!"

May Crowning

May Crowning will be at each Mass this weekend. Our First Communicants will be participating at each Mass with one student randomly picked to crown Mary.

Thank You...

to Gene & Terry Dickman for volunteering to pressure wash the brick and military monument at the entrance of St. Michael's Cemetery.

Blood Drive at Kalida K of C - Tuesday, May 18

From Noon - 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: KALIDAKOFC.

Meadows of Kalida Assisted Living Open House

Friday, May 14, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Join us for a full access tour of our Assisted Living amenities. If this time doesn't work, give us a call (419-532-2961) for a private tour.

Muffins for Mother's Day at...

The Meadows of Kalida from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, May 9. Mothers can pull under the Assisted Living canopy for assorted muffins, coffee & fruit to celebrate all moms!

May 15 & 16 Assignments

4:30: Lisa Unverferth, Ryan Kerner, Jane Kleman, Beth Nienberg

LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart

8:00: Darlene Miller, Mark Remlinger, Donna Schnipke, Deb Schroeder

LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart

11:00: Duane & Barb Steffan, Lynda Fortman, Kay Unverferth

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You're Gonna Love These "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!

Tiny Saints® are colorful and vibrant charms, rosaries, plushies, board books and lanyards, all themed around the saints. At \$5-15, Tiny Saints® products make fun, affordable gifts and offer something for everyone.