

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, October 18, 2020

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Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. Just a quick note about my niece's wedding. IT WAS GREAT! It took me all week to recover and I'm not sure I am at full capacity yet. There was lots of singing, dancing, laughing with some tears mixed in. My family is so goofy. We were trying to talk the next niece into getting married so that we could do it all over again. I think that after my sister's death, we needed a family party to show how we believed and live in God's goodness. A good time was had by all. I know that I was really worn out, and I am one of the younger ones. I hate to think how bad my older siblings felt. It was worth it and we would do it all over again. And by the way, Rachel and Tyler, the bride and groom, smiled all day.

Today, I am smiling. Last night I taught seniors at St. Michael's. They got to ask questions and I got to answer with the help of Fr. Elmer. They asked questions about God, the Church, the devil, their place in the Church and world, the elections and variety of related topics. I'm not sure if I gave the best of answers, but I was surely impressed with the questions. To see our young people grow, and grow spiritually, brings me great delight. With so much of the news questioning the maturity and goodness of our young population as a country, I wished that we could have televised our seniors and their questions. It takes depth to ask questions about God. It takes insight to question about the direction of our country. It takes God's wisdom and their openness to show them their vocation. It takes understanding to know the difference between God and the devil some days. It takes courage to live a Christian life. I first met these young men and women in First Grade. To see them grow makes me smile.

On Tuesday night, I spent time with our RCIA class. Questions poured out of that class, also. I may not have all the answers when it comes to catechism answers, but we can look them up. Most of the questions were spoken with the same heart as the high school seniors. They, like all of us, want to know God. In a very busy world, the answer came that if you want to know God, a person needs to take time to listen. I told the seniors to invest in a tractor with no radio to listen to the Lord as you drive for hours back and forth in a field. I told them to invest in a lawn chair and put it in the middle of a woods to hear the voice of God. A person may hear that tree that falls in the middle of a woods and find the answer to an age old question. Or the age old question of "Where is God?" and what am I to do with that answer might be discerned.

This week I am thinking about the third commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day. Although the bishop has dispensed us from attending Mass on Sundays during the pandemic, we are still obliged to keep Sunday holy. We need time to rest in the Lord. For some, coming back to attend Mass fits into their way to keep holy the Lord's Day. Others attend through media. Others have found other ways to creatively keep Sunday holy. Sunday is the day of Resurrection, when we know that the Lord has conquered sin and death. We should honor our Lord for such a gift. Taking time for the Lord is so important to know who we are and how we are to truly live. During the pandemic I have been saying, "stay healthy, stay holy." I don't believe we can truly be healthy unless we are holy. Rest in the Lord. Keep Holy the Sabbath Day.

Have a great week, everyone. **Fr. Mark**

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 AM Jim & Helen Knueven

8:50 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 AM For Recovery from an Injury

9:30 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

7:30 PM Bob Winkle

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 AM

8:50 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

4:30 PM NM Holtkamp & Von Sossan

Ralph, Mark, Bruce & Judy Honigfort
Jazzlyn Gray, L/D Carl Webken Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 AM Len & Dolores Bockrath
Triena Kahle, Dorothy Miller
Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family
Alphonse & Frances Schulte
Wilfrid & Rosalia Schnipke
11:00 AM Vince Erhart, Hicks Family

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 4,814.00

Thank You

We would like to thank Fr. Mark, Deacon Bob, the organist, choir and all who helped in any way with Phil's Celebration of Life. There are no words to express our gratitude for all the cards, food and prayers. Thank you so much. We live in a wonderful community.
Phil Kahle's Family

High School CCD - October 21

Everyone has class from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Parents of 7th Graders

Recently, you received information on Confirmation requirements for your child. Please complete the requirements, initial and date. Have your son or daughter return the form to their religion teacher by December 1. Thanks!

Schedule of Students at Mass

Tuesday

Grade 6 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 3 at 8:50 a.m.

Wednesday

Grade 5 at 8:00 a.m.

Grades 1 & 2 at 9:30 a.m. (1st & 3rd Wednesday only)

Thursday

Grade 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Friday

Grades 8 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 4 at 8:50 a.m.

Recent Baptism

CHARLOTTE JOYCE FORTMAN

Daughter of Andy & Brittany (Smith) Fortman

St. Michael Memorial Mass...
will be held Thursday, November 5, 2020.

Miscarriage and Infant Loss Memorial Mass

Did you or someone you love lose a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death? Come receive spiritual consolation at the second annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on **Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 312 N. Broad Street, Kalida.** All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. Those outside Putnam County are also warmly invited. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine's Embrace (a new outreach ministry in Putnam County to support families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065, Ruth Gerding at (567)204-1275 or Jill Streicher at (419)796-0637.

Knights of Columbus Council 5669 Update!

You may have noted that K of C founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney is to be beatified on October 31, in Hartford, CT Cathedral - the last step before sainthood! Look for details at <https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/index.html>

On a less exciting note, our council plans to meet only once a month through the end of the year. So mark your calendars for the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:15! Also, if you read the online bulletin off St. Michael's website, you will have noted our annual Thanksgiving public meal. This has been cancelled for this season, and we look forward & hopefully to Fish Fry normality.

KHS Alumni Association Chicken Dinner

Tickets are now available for the election night carryout dinner being held on November 3. The menu includes BBQ chicken halves, baked potato, green beans, roll, & cookie. This is a presale only event. Tickets can be purchased at the Kalida Market or the Kalida Telephone Company for \$9 each. Proceeds benefit the KHS Alumni annual senior class scholarship. Thanks for your support!

Volunteers for Weekend Masses

So far, we have only been contacted by 20 people who would like to volunteer as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and ushers for weekend Masses. If we get enough volunteers, we can do a schedule, but for now, please continue to sign-up under "Ministry Schedules" at stmichaelskalida.org. If you would like to be put on a schedule when we have enough people to make one, please email stmich@bright.net or call 532-3474. Thanks!

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

The Diocese of Toledo will honor you and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage at a mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 25, at 3:00 p.m., at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo. Thank you for your witness to the Sacrament of Marriage. We will be live streaming the event to watch please visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org.

To register for a certificate only, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mass-on-the-anniversaries-of-marriage-2020-registration-108142003644>

They have already reached the maximum number of attendees which can fit into Rosary Cathedral, so you can only register to receive a certificate at this time.

Upcoming Wedding

Summer Holtkamp

&

Jaylen Von Sossan

will be married on

Sat., October 24, 2020.

Please include them

in your prayers.



Senior CCD

This past Wednesday, the Seniors spent their CCD class time with Fr. Mark and Fr. Elmer. The priests answered many questions while sitting around a campfire and enjoying meatballs. It was a perfect night to learn more about our faith. Thank you to Fr. Mark and Fr. Elmer for sharing your wisdom with the Seniors.