

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. This coming week I get to talk to the sophomores at St. Michael's. This past week, I talked to the Confirmation class at St. John's. It always does my heart good to speak with our young people. They have great questions and their eyes are usually wide-eyed as I tell some God stories from 35 years of ministry. God stories are usually deep, joyful and reflective. I looked at the questions from the sophomores and they made me think.

There were a number of questions that dealt with prayer and finding God. They asked how much time do I take to pray and find God in my busy world and what kind of prayers do I say? I'm blessed in that I get to go to Mass every day and have to do something I don't like to do: preach. I've never liked to talk in front of people, so putting a homily together is something I do not enjoy. It stretches me and makes me look at the scriptures every day. And then my task is to make the Word of God practical for today. That is the farmer in me. If it isn't practical, it isn't for me. So, I have to pray a lot when it comes to the sermon and scriptures. I want to share with others how much I love God.

The Mass also presents time to pray for others. There are prayers I always say. I always pray for families who are expecting a child. I don't just pray for the moms, I pray for the dads, siblings and grandparents. Having a child is such a life-giving, community-changing process. I pray for those families who have lost a loved one. I don't wait for All Souls Day to pray for our deceased and their families. Sometimes there are no words to bring comfort or peace. I put that in God's hands. I pray for the sick at every Mass. With two parishes, there are many to pray for. I think back to those who prayed for me when I got shot. The doctors had given up on me, but not those who prayed. I pray when situations seem hopeless. I pray for those who can't make it to church or for some reason aren't attending now. I think of the First Friday people who are shut-ins. I think of the people in nursing homes. I think of persons who can't come to church because it is too hard to come to church for one reason or another. They are still my family. I pray for an end to war. I hate war as I saw how much damage it has done to persons, families and society. So I pray for our soldiers and our enemies. Someone has to stop.

And I thank God every time I go to Mass. I thank God for my family, which includes more than my blood family. I look out and smile. When you see me smiling during Mass, it is more than just a fleeting thought about farming. I am thanking God for your faith, your faith journeys and our coming together. In the scriptures, it says that true worship is when we take care of the widow and orphan. When we come together and taking care of each other, we are truly praising God, inside the church and out. I think we are praising God when I am "Fishin in the Dark" at a wedding reception.

And I get to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. I take and eat, take and drink. I want to be full of life and life comes from the Lord. I can't tell you all the reflections I have when it comes to saying "Amen" to the Body and Blood of Christ. I think of His miracles, His suffering, His death, His resurrection...in me. In a fast-paced world, I have learned how to speed pray. I mentioned what happens at Mass, but still my favorite place to pray is on a tractor. But, I also pray in a woods, in the shower, in bed and at the table. God is never far from my thoughts. And I know that God has blessed me in this way. When people ask me what I do all day. I tell them, I pray. Have a blessed week, everyone.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for the Week	
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21	<i>St. Gaspar del Bufalo</i>
8:00 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22	<i>St. John Paul II, pope</i>
8:00 AM	
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23	<i>St. John of Capistrano</i>
8:00 AM	Jim & Helen Knueven
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24	<i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>
7:30 PM	Kathy & Don Sager
	Pete & Alice Gerding
	Paul & Hilda Fortman, Maddielyn Metzger
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25	
8:00 AM	George Grone
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26	
	NM Stechschulte & Kuntzman
4:30 PM	Paul & Hilda Fortman
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27	
8:00 AM	Klara Frommherz, Richard & Sally Goedde
	Tommy Goedde
	Alphonse & Frances Schulte
11:00 AM	Don Laudick

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,393.00

Choir Assignments - October 26 & 27

4:30: HN 8:00: Ashleigh 11:00: Matt

Annual Memorial Mass...

will be held Thursday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. If anyone would like to join the Bereavement Team, please Bonnie Knueve (419-532-2052).

Parish Cookbook Update

We're extending the deadline for submissions to the parish cookbook until the end of January 2020. #1. We've had trouble keeping up with the submissions and #2. We want you to be able to include the recipes you make around the holidays. Our tentative date for completion is Mother's Day 2020.

Also, a friendly reminder for those who are tech savvy: please type your submissions in an email (actually retype the recipe so we can copy and paste the text). This ensures that the recipe is accurate and saves us time from having to retype it. Thanks so much for your help! Recipes and photos can be emailed to:

kalida.stmichaelyouth@bright.net

Church Crawl - An Adventure for All

Sunday, October 27, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. We will start with an adventure up in the church tower (optional and weather-permitting). We will be visiting 4 local churches in Putnam County (and beyond) and be given a tour to learn about the history and architecture, etc. of their church. The day concludes with dinner with Fr. Mark. Cost is \$10/person. Registrations are available at all entrances of church or stmichaelskalida.org. Please RSVP by Monday, October 21.

St. Gaspar Day is October 21

St. Gaspar started the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Today the missionaries are on every continent, except Antarctica. We spread the mission of Jesus by preaching and living a life of the people of God coming together. Reconciliation is a big part of our charism. We are in the communities of Kalida, Continental, Glandorf and Ottawa in Putnam County. Please pray for our work and for vocations to our community.

Recent Baptism

ELIZA ANN MILLER

Daughter of Andy & Sarah (Warnimont) Miller

Usher Training

October 23, at 8:15 p.m. in church and October 26, at 9:00 a.m., in church. This is mandatory for those who would like to be an usher and encouraged for current ushers.

Kalida Community Fun Day

November 9, 2019, at Noon

(Lunch is at 12:30 p.m.) at Kalida's Four Seasons Park

Sponsored by St. Michael Church &

Kalida Family Outreach Center

Join us for Fall fun, bonfire, games for kids and fellowship! Please bring a side dish. Drinks will be provided. Also, as a Thanksgiving offering, we are asking for fresh baked goods which will be delivered to the prisons in Lima, Worth Center and Lima Soup Kitchen.

We are Need of a Crossing Guard...

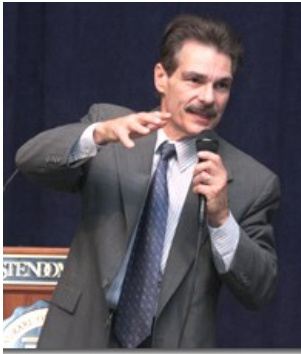
on Tuesday mornings starting December 3. Heavenly rewards are guaranteed. Call Connie 419-532-3494, Ext. 102 for more information.

Miscarriage & 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 first annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on Sunday, October 20, at 1:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, in Glandorf. All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. Those outside Putnam County are also invited. An informational reception with refreshments will be held after the Mass at St. John's Parish Hall. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine's Embrace (a new outreach ministry to support families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger (419-980-8065) or Ruth Gerding (567-204-1275).

EWTN Host Dr. Ray Guarendi in Ottoville

Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish is hosting Dr. Ray



Guarendi on Wednesday, October 30, in the Parish Center gymnasium from 7:00-8:00 p.m. with a question & answer session following. Dr Ray is a clinical psychologist, author, EWTN radio & TV host with his show "Living Right With Dr. Ray". His presentation of "Back to Family" will reveal characteristics most common to strong families as well as the struggles and difficulties most families face.

There will be practical ideas offered for children and parents of all ages! Open to the public! For more information contact Ottoville Parish office.

Annual Purse Bingo in Kalida

Iota Omega has tickets available for their annual purse bingo on Friday, November 8, in St. Michael's Church basement. Cost is \$20 and all proceeds benefit cancer research, hospice and CAP. If interested, call Barb (419-532-3515). Leave a message if there is no answer. Thanks!

Mission Festival
Sunday, October 20
Breakfast in Church Basement
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Egg Casseroles, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes,
Cinnamon Rolls, Sausage, Fruit & Drink
Wedding Style Lunch at K of C
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Beef, BBQ Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Noodles,
Vegetable, Relish, Roll, Dessert, Drink & Hot Dogs
Carry-outs available for lunch!!!

Also, at the K of C from Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Bake Sale, Cash & Basket Raffles,
Bingo & Kids' Games

Students Planning Mass this Week...

are Ruth Kuhlman's 2A class on Wednesday, October 23. There will be no students at Mass on Friday, October 25 due to the Quarter Break and no school. Our next Mass with our students will be Friday, Nov. 1 for our All School Mass.

High School CCD - October 23

Fr. Mark is with the sophomores; everyone else has class.

BGSU Hockey Game for Mass Servers

All Mass servers are invited to attend a BGSU Hockey Game for FREE on Friday, November 22, 2019. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. at Glandorf. Game time is 7:00 p.m. We will return approximately at 11:00 p.m. Reserve your spot with a \$10 deposit (cash) which will be refunded to you at the game. In addition to free admission, you will receive a discount food voucher to spend at the stadium and free bus transportation. Please complete the permission and medical form found at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins" and return it to the Parish Center or in the collection by October 31. Parents are also invited to attend at their own cost and should include \$10 with registration.



Upcoming Wedding

Alexis Stechschulte & Chad Kuntzman

will be married on

Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Please include them in your prayers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church
HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
USHER TRAINING: 8:15 p.m. in church
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
USHER TRAINING: 9:00 a.m. in church



KHS Blood Drive
Monday, October 28, at Kalida High School gym, from Noon – 6:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS or call Mrs. Beth Grime (532-3529).



Halloween Parade & Costume Contest
Friday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Kalida High School Gym. Prizes awarded in the following categories: Scariest,

Glandorf St. John’s St. Bonifest
Saturday, October 26, from 3:00 p.m. – Midnight, in the Parish Center. Mass will be in church at 4:00 p.m. Meal from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria – take outs, too! There is a Halloween costume contest with a *\$50 cash prize to the 1st place ADULT winner or \$100 to the ADULT winner if you purchased a meal ticket.* Prizes to be awarded to all other group winners! You can browse The Mustard Seed gift shop, St. John’s history scrap-books, and enjoy games for kids. There will even be an “Escape Room” this year. Call 419-538-6928 to register your team. This is on a first come, first serve basis. There will also be different kinds of raffles and a silent auction. Games on two big screens, along with beer, wine, brats, hot dogs and fellowship all night!

OFFERTORY - October 26 & 27
Carl & Rhonda Osterhage Family
Marc & Renee Kerner Family
Joe & Amy Burgei Family

USHERS – October 26 & 27
Team 4
Team 5
Team 6

LECTORS - October 26 & 27
Nancy Rampe, Shelly Burkhardt
Don Wehri, Paul Bonifas
Brenda Averagesch, Bob Buss

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 26 & 27
4:30: Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger, Tom Roof, Deb Schroeder, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Megan Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Lisa Unverferth
8:00: Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Norma Unverferth, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Don Wehri
Ministers to Homebound: Herm & Rita Borgelt
11:00: Dick & Jane Schulte, Julie Siebeneck, Kay Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Norma Vorst, Duane & Barb Steffan, Sandy Westrick, Rose Recker

<u>SERVERS</u>		
Tues, 10/22	8:00 AM	Grant Fortman Alex Gardner
Wed, 10/23	8:00 AM	Emma Hellman Madelyn Houck
Thurs, 10/24	7:30 PM	Allie Kuhlman Katherine Krouse
Fri, 10/25	8:00 AM	Ethan Langhals Drew Meyer
Sat, 10/26	4:30 PM	Jeret Landwehr Marcy Landwehr Logan Langhals
Sun, 10/27	8:00 AM	Madison Langhals Mitch Langhals Ryan Lucke
	11:00 AM	Sean Maag McKayla Maag Luke Meyer

Bus Trip to Texas!
Join the Ottawa Legion Baseball fundraiser from March 24-April 1, 2020, as we visit Dallas, Ft. Worth, the Magnolia Market at the Silos in Waco, Houston and San Antonio. Tour AT&T Stadium, have lunch at Southfork Ranch, see the stockyards of Ft. Worth, cruise on San Antonio's Paseo del Rio River and more. Cost is \$1,249/person. Contact Cheryl Kersh (419-890-8565 or cherylkersh@gmail.com).

Visit Portugal, France, Switzerland & Poland
Join Fr. Charles Obinwa, pastor of Fort Jennings St. Joseph and Chaplain at Lima, St. Rita’s, on a trip to Portugal, France, Switzerland & Poland from June 3 - 13, 2020. Cost is \$4,699. For more information, call Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890 or email jennifer@procatholicstours.com. We’ll visit Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and Holocaust Memorial, St. Faustina’s Convent, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II and more!

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, October 20, 2019

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebe, C.P.P.S.
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MISSION FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY!

Help us send life-sustaining soy to Haiti

