

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, October 25, 2020

Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. This past week on October 21, I celebrated with fellow Missionaries of the Precious Blood the feast day of St. Gaspar del Bufalo. St. Gaspar founded this community of priests, brothers, sisters and companions to go out and spread the good news of God's love shown us by Jesus' shedding His precious blood for us. I used this celebration as an opportunity to look at vocations with some of our young people.

When I was a teenager, many young people left for the convent or seminary after 8th grade. I had two brothers and three sisters who left home to join religious life when they were 14 years old. Today, vocations are encouraged at any age, but formal training usually happens at the college level or later. People hear God's call at different ages. I knew I loved God even before my hunting accident when I was 8 years old. To hear the call to religious life happened when I was about a junior in high school. I wish I could tell you that I heard a voice, but it was more of a tugging at my heart that asked me to pay attention and follow. Through many walks in woods, time spent in prayer in the barn or on a tractor, I tried to pay attention to God's call. My family always went to church, so a religious vocation was always part of the decision process. When it came time to tell my parents that I would be leaving the farm to go to the seminary, my parents gave me support, but Mom questioned if Math wasn't a good subject to pursue (I think Mom wanted more grandkids). She actually never wanted me to be alone as family was a big deal for Mom. That is why I joined the Missionaries of the Precious Blood to be part of a community. I joined the seminary with the thought that if religious life was not as fulfilling as farm life, I would see that as an indicator of the direction of my call from God. I loved farming and family farm life and felt close to God, so there was a lot to prove when it came to choosing a vocation outside of agricultural life. And it did. To talk God-talk made me happy. To see someone struggle with life's questions and find peace in God brought peace to me. To see real joy in people and know the joy came from God was exciting to me. The peace and joy that I found was different from farm life, but was just as fulfilling on a whole different level.

I've continued to try to pay attention and follow. Every now and then I still jump on a tractor or work on a farm to get an extra dose of God's call. I'm still led back to religious life. I still believe in living a full life with lots of joy with the center of my life being God. It's been a pretty good fit. I encourage young people to have the same standards of living a full life, with lots of joy, with God at the center. I believe everyone is called differently, but should be an authentic call from God.

To all parents, I encourage you to have an atmosphere in your home where God is spoken of often. Daily prayer and church attendance is important for a young person to know that God is real and important. Quiet time should be encouraged so that there is time to listen and follow the Lord. To foster religious vocations, God needs to be part of the formula. Maybe your child will grow up to be a holy accountant with ten children (sorry, that was my Mom's wish for me). Perhaps God will

call your child to be a priest, sister or brother. Encourage a vocation by encouraging your child to know and follow God.

Have a great week, everyone. Stay healthy and follow the Lord.
Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 AM Philip & Michael Kahle

8:50 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 *Sts. Simon & Jude*

8:00 AM Paul Stechschulte (HN)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

7:30 PM Jim Unverferth, Pete & Alice Gerding

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

8:50 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

1:00 PM NM Siefker & Erhart

4:30 PM Bob Schimmoeller

L/D John & Phil Stoepfel Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 *All Saints*

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman

11:00 AM Hicks Family, Dale Meyers (A)

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 8,240.00

High School CCD - October 28

Everyone has class from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Fr. Mark will be with the juniors. *Come in your best Halloween costume. The class with the best costumes wins a pizza or munchie party.*



Students at Mass This Week

There will be NO students at Mass this Friday, October 30.

Parents of Students in Grades 1-8

This week, students in grades 1-4 will be bringing home their Progress Report for the first quarter. Please talk with them about it then sign and return to their CCD teachers. For students in grades 5-8, you will be receiving an email from their teacher with information concerning their classroom activities. Please take time to ask questions and let your child share with you what they have been learning. Ask about the virtues we are discussing in class.

Server Training for Grade 7

There will be server training for students in grade 7 after school on October 28 and 29. The training will last approximately 1 hour. Permission forms were sent home on Friday and can be returned to the teacher prior to October 28 or brought to the training. Students need to attend one of the trainings.

High School Youth Ministry Training

There will be an usher training on Wednesday, November 4, at 8:15 p.m. There will be a Eucharistic Minister training on November 11, at 8:15 p.m. and on November 14, at 9:00 a.m. There will be a lector training on November 18, at 8:15 p.m. and on November 21, at 9:00 a.m. Students must attend one of the trainings for each ministry they want to take part in.

St. Michael Memorial Mass...

will be held Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.

Prayers & Soup This Sunday for High School & College Students



All High School & College Students are invited to join us TONIGHT for PRAYERS AND SOUP on Sunday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m. Meet in church first for approx. 1/2 hour Prayer Service, then join us in the Church Basement for SOUP (made by Fr. Mark).



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Paul Stechschulte
was held on Monday, October 19.
Please include Paul and his
family in your prayers.

Ministries During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Over these past six months, we have been waiting for things to go back to normal on so many levels, including ministries at church. Due to Covid-19, the bishop has asked us to reduce the number of ministers at the altar and as ushers. It doesn't look like we will get back to "normal" for a while. In the next weeks, we will be training new ministers and retraining previous ministers to deal with the reality of the virus. We need volunteers who are willing to serve, lector, usher and distribute the Lord to others. Look for upcoming sessions in the bulletin to be part of our ministries.

October Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Jeff Maag	\$100	Terry Okuley
\$100	Henry Gerding	\$100	Amy Resler
\$100	Matt & Joni Bockrath	\$ 50	Mike Giesken
\$ 50	Ruhan Tharwani	\$ 50	Tom Schroeder
\$ 50	Pat Hanneman (Mel)	\$ 50	Avery Bockrath
\$ 50	Ginny Wehri	\$ 50	Margie Schroeder

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 half, 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!

Cub Scout Popcorn Sales

The Kalida Cub Scouts are selling popcorn again this year for their fundraiser! It will be a little different this year due to Covid. We will be doing a drive thru style at the Holy Name ball field parking lot on November 1, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$2.50/box or \$30/case. Please support the boys again this year, since this is the only fundraiser we do. Also, the sign up for new scouts will hopefully be coming soon as we get off of a level 3.

CCD Program Virtue of the Week

At the beginning of the school year our teachers have shared with our children a virtue a week. Living a life of virtue brings order and balance into our lives both as children and as adults. There is great advantage in teaching children about the four cardinal virtues and their many auxiliary virtues. First of all, the virtues point the child towards developing character and living a holy life. Living a virtuous life enables us to order our interior life and it also gives shape to our view of life and the world. We also learn about saints who practiced the virtues in their daily living. During the week of October 25, our children will learn about the virtue of kindness. Kindness is related to the cardinal virtue of justice. Kindness means expressing genuine concern for the well-being of others and anticipating their needs. Examples would be to talk to someone who seems sad. Ask how someone is doing, respond to kindness by being kind in return. Practice speaking, thinking and acting kindly even when someone is not being kind to you. Saints who modeled kindness were St. Veronica and St. Martin de Porres. Parents, ask your child about the virtue of the week. This past week we talked about Gratitude which means a thankful disposition of mind and heart.



Glandorf St. John's St. Bonifert

October 31, 2020: Reverse Raffle tickets are available for \$60 each. \$7,000, \$2,000, 2- 1/8 beef prizes & every 50 drawn \$300. Chicken BBQ meals are carry out only, for \$8/meal. Drive thru at the Glandorf Fire station on from 5:00-7:00 p.m. BBQ tickets on sale from Fr. Tony, at Manufacturer's Plumbing Supply, Brooky's, Bombshelter and at the rectory. We will be raffling off 7 quarters of beef. Six tickets for \$20 and 50/50 tickets 6 for \$5. If you would like tickets, please send a check to St. John's, Box 48, Glandorf, OH 45848. We will fill out your tickets for you. Everything else will be cancelled for this year. Call rectory 419-538-6928 with questions. Thank you, all!

KHS Blood Drive – Monday, November 2...

at Kalida High School's gym, from Noon – 6:00 p.m. Appointments are highly recommended. All blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies and masks are required to donate. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Mrs. Beth Grime at 419-532-3529.



Upcoming

Wedding

Taylor Siefker

&

Zach Erhart

will be married
on Saturday.

October 31, 2020.

Please include them
in your prayers.

