

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - September 30, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It is Fr. Elmer's birthday this week. He is my inspiration when it comes to getting old. Now that I'm eligible for Medicaid, I look to Fr. Elmer to know how to think and how to act. Surely I want to act like Fr. Elmer. Anyone who can play cards till after midnight and eat four or five meals a day is someone I want to take after. He has a high metabolism, at least when he is not taking a nap. He takes two or three naps a day, with each one lasting two or three hours. Then he can sleep nine hours at night. I wonder how he can sleep that much, especially when I know his life through the stories he tells. You would think that his conscience would bother him, at least a little. Obviously his conscience does not keep him from sleeping.

When not napping or sleeping, Fr. Elmer keeps busy with an active social life. I told him when he first got here that I would do the spiritual part and he could do the social part. He has kept up with his part of the bargain. He enjoys people, if you hadn't noticed. Although there is time for cards, he takes time for RCIA, Parish Council and helping out with hospital, nursing home and First Friday runs (as I am putting this down, I know why he needs a nap or two.)

We like to pick on each other. You get to hear me from the chair and pulpit at Mass, while he is more stealthy and does it behind closed doors. Well, sometimes they are closed. He lets some fly while we play cards or at a meeting or when he has Mass. Hey!!! He does pick on me a lot. He is quick-witted and usually has a comment for any occasion. I kid him about his meditation time spent in a favorite recliner or the rocker in church. He says that someone has secretly put chloroform in the pillows. It is during this "meditation time" that he gets his best thoughts.

Fr. Elmer does take time to keep up with his spiritual life as he reads much. He says at his age he doesn't retain a lot, but he likes to test me on my knowledge of God and Church. We have great conversations. He calls me a theologian and I call him something I can't print in the bulletin (just kidding). Fr. Elmer has much knowledge of all parts of the world, as he has traveled extensively. He has a great knowledge of God because he prays and listens to God as he meditates (I'm sure that is why he can sleep so well because he is a pretty holy guy).

It has been my joy to have Fr. Elmer live with me. If everyone would say birthday wishes and pray a little prayer for him, my joy would be even greater.

Happy Birthday, Fr. Elmer. Many more and God bless you.

Fr. Mark

St. Michael Prayer

Starting this week, we will begin saying the St. Michael prayer at the end of Mass. Since Saturday is his feast day, it is a good time to begin. We will say the prayer till the beginning of Advent. St. Michael, pray for us.



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1 *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*

8:00 AM Norbert & Angie Recker

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 *Guardian Angels*

8:00 AM Mike Schroeder

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 AM Richard Grote Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 *St. Francis of Assisi*

7:30 PM Earl, Irene, Joe Kleman & Families

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 AM Betty Nartker

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

4:30 PM NM Schmitz & Gerding
Kalida Firemen, George & Dan Basinger
Rick Wurth, Cleora Winkle, Charlie Berheide
Maddielyn Metzger

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 *World Communion Sunday*

8:00 AM Donna & Rob Kortokrax

Alvin & Mary Hoffman

11:00 AM Jerry Hilvers, Connie Miller

Amos, Wilma, Tom & Roland Miller

Amy Gerdeman-Bardall

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 10,985.05

Choir Assignments - October 6 & 7

4:30: YAHS **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Youth (practice at 10 am)

Our Annual Mission Festival...

is Sunday, October 28, at the K of C Hall. We would like people to RSVP for the meal so we get an idea of how much meat to order. You can find this at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins." RSVP only...no money at this time.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's 3A class on Wednesday, October 3, and Ellen Millott's 6A class on Friday, October 5.

High School CCD—October 3

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

Blessing of the Animals at St. Michael's

In the spirit of St. Francis, we will have the Blessing of Animals on Saturday, October 6, at 9:00 a.m., by the elevator entrance. All animals are welcome (owners, too)!

Eucharistic Adoration—Thursday, October 4

Please join us in church from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Grade 8 to Do Ministries at Mass...

on Sunday, October 7, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



Upcoming Wedding

**Katie Schmitz
& Matt Gerding**

will be married on
October 6, 2018.

Please include them
in your prayers.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** 1:30 p.m., in church**HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE:** 8:30 p.m.**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2****RCIA:** 7:00 p.m., in church basement**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3****HIGH SCHOOL CCD:** 7:00 p.m.**YAH'S CHOIR PRACTICE:** 8:00 p.m.**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4****EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 8:00 - 9:30 a.m., in church**ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY:** 7:00 p.m. in church**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** 3:00 p.m., in church**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6****BLESSING OF ANIMALS:** 9:00 a.m. by elevator entrance**Engaged Couples Conference at St. Michael's**

October 13 & 14, 2018. To register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/joy-filled-marriage-engaged-couple-workshop-7474823041>**Coffee & Donuts & Euchre Next Sunday**

We'll have coffee & donuts on Sunday, October 7, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. From 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., everyone is invited back down to the church basement for a Euchre Tournament.

Thank You

The family of Frank Gardner would like to extend our thank you to everyone for their prayers and sympathy. Thank you to Fr. Mark for his support and prayers and the Funeral Mass. Thank you to the wonderful organist Carol Vennekotter and the choir, as well as Helping Hands for desserts at the luncheon.

Want Youth Updates Via Text?

We are using REMIND to keep you informed of St. Michael Youth Activities. Text @jillzeller to 81010 to receive messages about youth events. This is for parents and students.

Church Crawl—Sunday, Oct. 14, at 1:00 p.m.The Church Crawl begins with an optional adventure up in the church tower. We will visit four local churches (Col. Grove, Leipsic, Miller City & New Cleveland) and be given a tour. We will then travel back to Kalida for a tour of St. Michael's. The day will conclude with dinner with Fr. Mark. \$12 /person. Registration forms are available at all entrances of church or www.stmichaelskalida.org. **RSVP by Sunday, September 30.****Recent Baptisms****EMRY ANN KLEMAN**

Daughter of Ross & Heather (Vorst) Kleman

NATALIE ROSE KRUSE

Daughter of Austin & Jenna (Kahle) Kruse

Putnam County Right to Life Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next to Kalida's fire station). All are welcome.

Boy Scouts Chicken BBQ

Sunday, September 30. Tickets are \$8, which includes a half of chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, and dinner roll.

Kalida Chamber Adopt-A-Tree Program

Your cost is \$125/tree. All businesses and people within the Village of Kalida are eligible. Deadline for orders is October 5. Brochures are at the exits of church and at area businesses.

OFFERTORY - October 6 & 7**4:30 PM**

Mark & Deb Kahle Family

8:00 AM

Marc & Renee Kerner Family

11:00 AM

8th Grade

USHERS - October 6 & 7**4:30 PM**

Team 1

8:00 AM

Team 2

11:00 AM

Team 3

LECTORS - October 6 & 7**4:30 PM:**

Alexis Meyer, Wendy Schimmoeller

8:00 AM:

Mary Plescher, Donna Schnipke

11:00 AM

8th Grade

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 6 & 7**4:30:**

Deb Knueve, Stacy Knueve, Mike Krouse, Mandy Lambert, Bob & Annette Meyer, Alexis Meyer, Deb Miller, Lisa Niese, Don Rall

8:00:

Dick & Judy Bockrath, Dianna Kehres, Erin Kerner, Jane Kleman, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Joan Peck, Mary Plescher

Ministers to Homebound: Dick & Judy Bockrath**11:00:**

Halie Kaufman, Lauren Langhals, Becky Lucke, McKayla Maag, Deb McIntyre, Maclerin Morrissey, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg, Deanna Nienberg, Michele Niese

SERVERS

Mon, 10/1

8:00 AM

Griffin Nienberg

Tues, 10/2

8:00 AM

Maddalyn Nienberg

Olivia Olzak

Wed, 10/3

8:00 AM

Camryn Recker

Elyse Romes

Thurs, 10/4

7:30 PM

Katelyn Roof

Ella Schumacher

Fri, 10/5

8:00 AM

Sara Siebeneck

Whitney Unverferth

Sat, 10/6

4:30 PM

Alexander Verhoff

Clara Elkins

Connor Erhart

Sun, 10/7

8:00 AM

Luke Erhart

Adam Fitzgerald

Kyla Fortman

Kenzie Fortman

11:00 AM

Nicole Fortman

Tara Gerding

Paige Helmke

Wine & Canvas Event

Thursday, October 11, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., at The Meadows of Kalida Assisted Living. \$35/person all inclusive. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. All proceeds benefit our 2018 Hope for the Holidays fundraiser. Spots are limited. RSVP to Grace (419-532-2961) to reserve your spot!

A Big Thank You to All...

who sent cards, food, gifts, well-wishes and prayers for my birthday. God Bless you all.

*Fr. Mark***St. Michael Prayer***St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*