

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - September 5, 2021

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S.
Deacon: Bob Klausing **DRE:** Connie Cleemput

In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M.
Youth Minister: Jill Zeller **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. Today was another step in being "normal" for our religious education. For the past year and a half, we were not allowed to gather as a whole school to share in prayer for Mass. This morning at St. Michael's, we gathered grades one through eight to give thanks to God. The theme, besides being our first school Mass, was that today is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This is right up my alley, as I have always seen God's presence in the wonder of creation. As a farmer, I have seen God's hand in creation in many ways. I have seen a good crop of wheat being 50 bushels per acre, when I was young, to this year's harvest of being over 100 bushels per acre. I think of my Dad's hope that all people in the world having enough to eat. By caring for the earth and water, we are actually caring for people of today and the future.

When I was young, there were no eagles around Grand Lake St. Mary's. Hunting and herbicides reduced them to zero. After conservation measures were put into place, eagles are now flourishing in Mercer and Putnam Counties. To care for creation creates more opportunities for beauty. Appreciation of beauty leads to appreciation of God's gifts.

At today's Mass with the young people of the parish, I saw much beauty. To gather as a family warms my heart. To appreciate the youngest and oldest shows the dignity of God in each of us. People are a special creation as we are created in God's image. I especially liked the voices of our young people this morning. As they sang, the church rang out with praise for God. If we are called to care for God's creation, we are certainly called to care for each other. If we have a proper respect for God's creation, we share in the responsibility to care for the youngest to the oldest. We are able to see God's face in each person we meet. We are able to care for the unborn because we are made to care and love each other because we are from God.

Today was a cooler day, so I took time to care for creation by just appreciating the gift that creation is. I took in butterflies and ants. I enjoyed snap dragons and petunias. I listened for the blue jays and song sparrows. I walked out with a sweater on, as I was up early. It was nice to feel a cool breeze. I said a prayer for the crops as I looked at the beans and corn ripen in the fields. Dear God, may all the people in the world have enough to eat. And I tried to see the good in each person I met. I tried to see with new eyes people I see every day. If we don't recognize our neighbor, there is no way to care for them. Lord, open my eyes to all creation, especially the people in my life.

One final thought. It is one thing to recognize God's creation so that we can care for it. It is another to recognize how God cares for us. God sent His Son so that we would know his care and love. Even though we are not perfect, He loves us so perfectly. If He cares for the sparrow, He surely cares for us. He lifts up the lowly to the heights. Let us care as God cares for us. With Pioneer Days coming up, let us care for those in our community and for those who visit our community. We are made in His image. As He cares for us, let us care for each other. Have a blessed week. **Fr. Mark**

Bingo Sign-Up Sheets for Pioneer...

are on the bulletin board in the front vestibule of church. There are still spots to fill, if you can help...thanks!

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 AM Parishioners

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 AM Ed Schroeder

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 *Nativity of Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM Gary, Todd & Brad Wuebker

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 *St. Peter Claver*

7:30 PM Gary Bockrath, Vic Grote
Leo & Irene Schnipke

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:30 PM Alvin Horstman, L/D Horstman Family
Carolyn Unverferth, Ron Kahle, Jr.
Earl Kleman & Families, Beverly Siefker
Carl & Mae Webken, Gina Ellerbrock
Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock
Florence & Wilbert Otto

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM For Those Battling Cancer

11:00 AM Don Selhorst, Jeannie Buchholz, Hicks
Family, Gary Stechschulte, Martha
Wallace, Della Borgelt, Mary Okuley

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 10,369.00

Holy Name Choir Will Sing...

Sunday, September 12, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Any Men Want to Join the Holy Name Choir?

First practice is Monday, September 13, at 8:30 p.m. Join us!

Students Planning Mass this Week...

are Ellen Millott's 5A class on Wednesday, September 8, and Michele Doepker's 8A class on Friday, September 10.

High School Religious Education

Our high school CCD program starts the Wednesday after Pioneer, September 15, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Freshmen Catechists: Ann Warnecke & Wendy Schimmoeller

Sophomore Catechists: Phil Fuerst & Marv Kromer

Junior Catechist: Mary Siefker

Senior Catechist: Casey Utendorf

We want to thank Teresa Knueve for her 17 years sharing scripture with our freshmen and Greg Zeller for the past 5 years with the seniors.

Attention VBS Attendees

Join our parish float in the Pioneer Parade! Meet at the rectory garage at 1:15 p.m. Wear your VBS shirt! See you there!



Labor Day Mass

There will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass this Monday, September 6.

Religious Education Registration Forms

Religious education registration forms were mailed on August 24. The form can also be found on our parish website under the "Other" tab and Religious Education.

Recent Baptisms

WYATT JOSEPH KLEMAN

Son of Rob & Christy (Ellerbrock) Kleman

EMERSYN MARIE SABO

Daughter of Bryan & Karrie (Miller) Sabo

KIPTON ROBERT UNVERFERTH

Son of Cory & Megan (Unverferth) Unverferth

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

RCIA begins Tuesday, September 14, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you don't think you can make that time or day of the week, we can work with you or the group to make it work. Please contact Fr. Mark (419-969-0148) for questions or to get on the list.

Food Pantry Donations

We will be collecting items for the Ottawa Food Pantry for the month of September. Here are a few requests: bar soap, deodorant, loaves of white or wheat bread, and graham crackers. Also, if you would like to share any extra bounty from your garden, they could use any fresh produce. Please deposit in containers by elevator entrance. Thanks for your help.

K of C Meeting Date Moved!

Due to Pioneer Days, we're moving our regular 2nd Thursday meeting to the following week, September 16. At our August meeting, Fr. Elmer spoke about St. Charlene Marie Richard (1947-1959), known as the "Little Cajun Saint" from Lafayette, Louisiana. Check her biography out online. Then Hurricane Ida came ashore. What will he talk about on the 16th?

Use AmazonSmile for Kalida Parks

Currently, there are 86 AmazonSmile accounts supporting Kalida Parks. These 86 people generate approximately \$500 per year to help support our local parks. Assuming many more folks in our community purchase items through Amazon, we would like to encourage everyone to make those purchases through the AmazonSmile platform and designate the Kalida Park Foundation as their charity.

25th Annual Chris Potts Memorial Golf Scramble

Saturday, September 18, at Moose Landing Golf Club. Cost is \$65/person, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, food, on-course beverages, door prizes and more. Email cmp_inc@hotmail.com for more information. Hole sponsorships are available. Deadline is September 11.

Kalida Music Boosters

now have their 50/50 Tickets on sale for the next year. Drawings will begin Pioneer Sunday and will go thru August of 2022. Tickets are \$30 each and will get you entered in the four - \$50 drawings held each month, with additional drawings held Pioneer Sunday and at the Fall, Christmas, and Spring Concerts. If you are interested in a ticket and haven't been asked by a student in the music program, please contact Kathy Lammers at (419) 890-6564 or Emily Wehri at (419) 796-9022. The Music Department thanks everyone in the community for their continued support of this program!

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 9/7	8:00 AM	Emma von der Embse
Wed, 9/8	8:00 AM	Parker Vorst
Thurs, 9/9	7:30 PM	Lauren Bockrath
Fri, 9/10	8:00 AM	Faith Feldman
Sat, 9/11	4:30 PM	Riley Nienberg
		Cole Nienberg
		Andrew Peck
Sun, 9/12	8:00 AM	Grace Rall
		Hanna & Brady Rampe
	11:00 AM	Camryn & Livia Recker
		Carson Remlinger

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—September 11 & 12

4:30: Dave Buss, Bob Buss, Michelle Buss, Jerry Ellerbrock

LECTOR: Deb Schroeder

8:00: Rita Borgelt, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Janice Foppe

LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald

Ministers to Homebound: Dick & Judy Bockrath

11:00: Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich, Phil & Sue Fuerst

LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher

USHERS - September 11 & 12

4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6

Holy Name Pioneer Burger Tent Schedule

The schedule can be found at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins."

Want to Hear from Bishop Thomas?

Visit annunciationradio.com and see the links to "The Bishop's Corner." Here, you can access his podcast via the Annunciation radio app or youtube.com.

Ohio Polka Boosters Labor Day Dance

Monday, September 6, at the Kalida K of C Hall. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Dance is from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Blood Drive - Wednesday, September 8

Noon - 6:00 p.m., at the Fort Jennings Legion Hall. For an appointment, please call Alice Wieging (419-286-2774) or Dianne Miehl (419-863-0067). Walk-ins are also welcome. Please wear a mask, as required. Thanks for your support!

2021-22 Sunday School Registration

Child's Name _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Special Needs: _____

Children should be 4 years old by September 30, 2021. There is a fee of \$25 for activities and textbooks. Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 19, during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please note: you are asked to bring your child into church with you. At the beginning of each Mass, all the Sunday School children will be called forth and escorted downstairs. You can place the registration in the collection or mail to: St. Michael's Sunday School; P.O. Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853 Make checks payable to "St. Michael Church." Deadline is September 15.