

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, September 6, 2020

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Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone.

The coronavirus has hit Putnam County hard this past week. Let us continue to pray for remedies and live our lives in care for one another. Thanks to all who are on the front lines who take care of patients and those who are quarantined. It is a fearful time. It is a lonely time for many. Let us reach out in prayer and safe ways to our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

This past week I became aware of something which tears at my heart: Hatred. I've heard of people condemning people to hell because their thoughts were not the thoughts of the Church or aligned with a popular way of thinking. When hearts are that full of hate, it is hard to soften the hearts that have become like stone. Even if the coronavirus would be settled tomorrow or the election was in the past, my fear is that hate would remain. I have often heard that Putnam County is such a nice place to live. It's not because there are mighty coastlands or towering mountains. It is because the people are really nice. Many times people stop on their drive down the highway to check out this cathedral in the midst of the cornfields called St. Michael's. People comment on St. Michael's church as they visit for the first time. They say how beautiful the church is. I always tell them, "If you think the church is beautiful, you should meet the people." (Don't worry St. John's, our church and people are beautiful, too, just not the same highway traffic).

The words "heart" and "hatred" have the same letters except the letter "d." I think that hatred has a heart that is "defective." A defective heart is selfish and always has to be beating for oneself. That heart will never love because love is other-oriented. This kind of love is self-righteous. A true heart always wants the best for someone. A stone heart, a defective heart is about death. I think of Mary's heart and Jesus's heart. Mary said yes to life and Jesus wants life to the full. Hatred brings death while the true heart beats for life.

If hatred is encountered, check your own heart. Make sure that it is full of love so that you can respond in love. Jesus turned His cheek. He hung in there. In these troubled times, it is a real challenge to love and not hate. In the early Church, it was noted that, "See how they love one another." The scriptures did not say, "See how they hate each other." In the absence of handshakes, high fives, hugs and other signs of love, it is the challenge of this week to give signs of a loving heart instead of hate.

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

Special Collection for Holy Land

Next Sunday, there will be a special collection for the care of the Holy Land. The Good Friday collection always goes for this intention. This past year there was no collection due to coronavirus. Thanks for your generosity.

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 AM For All Laborers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 *Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM End to COVID-19

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 *St. Peter Claver*

8:00 AM Cecilia Gerdeman

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 PM Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher
Gary Bockrath, Gary Stechschulte

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 AM Earl, Pat, Bill, Joe & Irene Kleman
Bob & Joan Osterhage

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:30 PM Carolyn Unverferth, Bev Nandi Siefker
Wilbert & Marion Siefker
L/D KHS Class of 1980

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 AM Helen Korte, L/D Korte/Brickner Families
11:00 AM Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family
Martha Wallace, Della Borgelt
Mary Okuley

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 8,051.04

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for

Cecilia Gerdeman

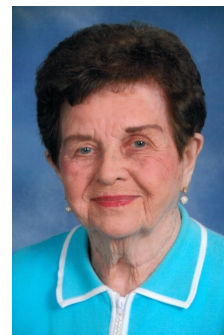
was held on

Friday, September 4.

Please include Cecilia

and her family

in your prayers.



Students to Mass This Week...

on Wednesday and Friday. They will be sitting up front on both sides, with students also sitting in the church basement. There will be more seating for adults available on St. Joseph's side. The side benches will also be open. If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister at the Masses with our children, give Connie a call (532-3494, Ext. 102). We need 4 on each day.

Volunteers for Weekend Masses

So far, we have only been contacted by seven 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!

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

We will be starting a class in September. Call Fr. Mark to join!

Mass on Labor Day

There will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass this Monday, September 7.

2020 Parish Council Ballot

The following have agreed to be on the parish council ballot. The election will be held on September 19 & 20. There will be ballots at the church exits for those who would like to vote, but do not attend Mass at this time.

*Matt Bockrath, Sandy Fortman, Annette Gerding,
Mary Gerding, Jess Recker,
Diane Schroeder and Adriene Swyers*

High School CCD...

Our high school CCD program starts September 16. High school students and teachers are asked to wear masks. Plan on meeting by the elevator entrance of church. Ann Warnecke and Teresa Knueve will be teaching freshmen. Phil Fuerst will be teaching sophomores. Mary Siefker will teach juniors and Greg Zeller will teach the seniors.

Pioneer Chicken BBQ

Sunday September 13. Please call 419-532-3029 to pre-order by Tuesday. Leave name and # of dinners desired. Pay when dinners are picked up at Drive Thru Carryout at High School from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thank You from Kalida Firemen & Lion's for your support

Change in Pioneer Days Events

In consultation with the Putnam County Health Department, all activities at the limited Pioneer Days in Kalida that had been planned for September 12, are now canceled.

On Sunday, there will be a Drive Thru Chicken BBQ (more information above), the crowning of the Pioneer Queen and Grand Marshall presentation (via Facebook live) and the Big Ticket and Harley drawing (via Facebook live). Tickets for the drawing are still available. The Pioneer Days Committee extends a special thank you to its sponsors for their full and continued support and looks forward to a full four days of Pioneer in 2021...the weekend after Labor Day.

GoFundMe Page in Lieu of Pioneer Days

In addition to buying raffle tickets, you can also make a donation on a GoFundMe page, set up by the Pioneer Days committee. Proceeds go towards the New Park, Fire Department Equipment, community betterment projects, and local vision improvement programs. Go to the following link to donate!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/pioneer-days-2020>

Kalida Music Booster Info

Students should be out selling the 50/50 Tickets for this year's monthly drawings. If you have not been asked to purchase a ticket already and would like to do so they are \$30 each. Please contact either Kathy Lammers at 419.890.6564 or Emily Wehri at 419.796.9022. The first drawing will be held on Sunday Sept 13. Also this year due to the COVID pandemic, we were unable to hold our yearly community calendar fundraiser so there are no calendars available for this current school year. We thank the community for your continued support to our music department!

Ft. Jennings Blood Drive - Wednesday, Sept. 9

Noon till 6:00 p.m. at the Fort Jennings Legion Hall. For an appointment call Alice Wieging (419-286-2774) or Dianne Miehl (419-863-0067) or visit redcrossblood.org. WALK-INS are always welcome. PLEASE WEAR A MASK, as required. Thank you for your support.

Expected delivery of cookbooks by the end of October.



ST. MICHAEL COOKBOOK

Name _____

Phone _____

_____ of cookbooks (\$15 each)

TOTAL Included \$ _____

"St. Michael the Starch Angel" Cook Book

Please make check out to "St. Michael Church" and place in collection or send to: P.O. Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853 by Sept. 27, 2020. There is no limit to the number you can order. As of this past Thursday, we had **300 orders already placed!**

Did You Submit Your Picture with Your Recipe?

This past week, several people sent us a photo of themselves or their loved one(s) to use in the parish cookbook, so we're extending the deadline until Friday, September 11 to submit your picture (if you haven't already done so). This definitely adds a nice touch to the look of the book. And years down the road, your family will think of you when they make the recipe! Email Jill at kalida.stmichaelyouth@bright.net and she will confirm receipt of your picture, or you can drop it off at the Parish Center.

Communion to the Sick, Homebound & Nursing Homes

During this time of the pandemic, a number of parishioners have not been able to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Priests are still not allowed to regularly visit hospitals and nursing homes. Only in serious cases are we to visit the sick, and then only at the request of the patient or their family. So if you would like a visit, please call.

In the early history of the Church, family members brought the Communion to their sick family members at home. With this model in mind, I would like to try to reach our homebound parishioners better. If you have a family member in the Meadows or at home and would like to bring the Eucharist to them, we can make arrangements. We have a pyx (a small container for the Body of Christ) to be brought to Mass so that the Body of Christ may be transported to the family member outside of Church. We will give some training for those who would like to be part of this way of nourishing the Body of Christ. For details and training call Fr. Mark (419-969-0148).

Ottoville Parish Festival Meals to be Delivered to Kalida

On October 4, 2020, Drive-thru Chicken and Beef dinners will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presale tickets only, at a cost of \$10 includes chicken and beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, noodles, green beans, coleslaw and dinner roll. Tickets can be purchased at the Immaculate Conception Parish Office weekdays between the hours of 8am-3pm or by calling the Parish Office at (419-453-3513) to make other arrangements, or after any weekend Mass in Ottoville. Deadline to purchase meal tickets is September 20! For your convenience, the Ottoville K of C will be delivering meals to the Kalida St Michael Holy Name Ballfield parking lot at Noon on October 4, for you to pick yours up there, but **PLEASE** call the Ottoville parish office to make those arrangements!