

# Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, August 16, 2020

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## Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I need some help. No, it's not the paperwork. It's my tomatoes. I have a bumper crop and don't know what to do with them all. Fr. Elmer does his part, but even he can't put a dent in the bounty of the garden. I am reminded of a story of my brother, Mike. Mom had acquired extra tomatoes from a neighbor. And with the tomatoes from our own garden, there should have been enough tomatoes for juice and homemade catsup. My brother loved tomatoes and saw all the hampers of the red fruit. He couldn't help himself and began to eat one tomato after another. After about a peck, Mike was not feeling the best. He came inside to sit on the porch and maybe lie down on the couch. Unfortunately, the couch was now red in color as tomatoes came out quicker than they went in. It took Mike about 50 years to eat another tomato. I'm not sure mom got over the tomato incident any quicker than Mike did, as the cushions of the couch were permanently turned over.

If we are what we eat, what are we taking in? Has our diet become toxic? The Gospel is good news. God is good, all the time. Do we look for bad news to take in and distribute or do we see God's hand of goodness in creation or our neighbor's kind word? Because of the masks, there don't seem to be as many smiles as there used to be. A kind word might be muffled or not heard. We might have to try harder to get the good news out there. As God's family, we need to look for opportunities to share and take in good news. There is plenty of bad news, but I believe there is more good news. I think of Mike's diet and how it didn't come out so well...literally.

As we get ready for another school year, it is time to remind ourselves to fill our children with good things. We may have gotten out of the habit of attending Mass every Sunday. We may have stopped the practice of praying before meals or at bedtime. Maybe our acts of kindness can be reviewed. A good "please and thank you" goes a long way to someone who needs a small Christian act. And who doesn't need one these days?

Have a great week, everyone. If anyone needs some tomatoes, come see me. Just to be ornery, I'm going back to Mercer County to bring Mike some tomatoes.

Stay healthy and holy,

*Fr. Mark*

## RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Interested in looking into the Catholic faith? We will be starting a class in September. Contact Fr. Mark for details.

## CCD Registration

Parents, look for a CCD registration in the mail this week.

## Recent Baptism

**EMELIA LOUISE BOCKRATH**

Daughter of Ned & Nikki (Becker) Bockrath

## Drive Thru Lion's Chicken BBQ - August 16

This Sunday at the High School from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thank you for supporting Lion's Club community projects.

## Outdoor Youth & Family Mass at Glandorf

Sunday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marian Shrine, across the street from Glandorf St. John's Church. Please bring a lawn chair. If bad weather, Mass will be moved inside.

## Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 AM Carolyn Unverferth

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 St. Bernard

7:30 PM Special Intention

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 St. Pius X, pope

8:00 AM End to COVID-19

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 Queenship of Virgin Mary

4:30 PM L/D William Ellerbrock Family  
Louis Verhoff, Dick Langhals, Mike Kahle  
Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00 AM Dick Langhals, Dorothy Miller

11:00 AM Tony, Marie & Mike Langhals  
Doris Deters, L/D Nartker Family  
Don Holtkamp & Family

**Last Sunday's Collection:** \$ 8,047.00

## 2020-21 CCD Classes

Plans are being made for the first day of CCD classes to begin on Tuesday, August 25.

## "FORMED" is Back!

Through the generosity of a benefactor in our Diocese, FORMED has been made available to parishes. Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter the zip code **45853**
3. Enter your name and email
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using Formed!

## Parish Cook Book

It's getting closer!

Look for an order form in next week's bulletin!

## Sunday School at Home Only

Parents can purchase a textbook published by Loyola Press to use at home (below):

### Sunday School at Home

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a textbook from Loyola Press for my child for our family to use at home.

**I have enclosed a check for \$17 per textbook payable to "St. Michael Parish" to cover the cost.**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ books for Kindergarten

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ books for Age 4

Books available in church basement in mid September.

**Deadline to order the textbooks is September 1.**