

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - August 22, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. There is a lot of activity around the parishes these days. People are trying to get in last minute outings and activities before school starts next week. We had a water day here at St. Michael's for our Jr. High students. A good time was had by all, including myself, as I sat in the "dunk the punk" tank. The water felt great on a hot, humid summer day. The intensity on students' faces as they tried to dunk the punk pastor made me smile. I believe they were just getting back at me for pouring holy water on them at their baptisms. At St. John's and St. Michael's, plans are being made for religious education. It may not seem like fun to have classroom activities planned, but having families back together in a church setting brings me joy.

In the midst of all the joyful activities, I could not get this past week's hard times out of my head or heart. The recent deaths of a friend's family, the recent deaths of parish family members, illnesses and situations which are overwhelming and even the situation in Afghanistan have been hard on my heart. How does one approach situations which are out of one's ability to control? For myself, I pray. I pray in two ways. One is that I place trust in the Lord. In hopeless times, I place my hope in the One who makes all things possible. There are things in this world which are above human fixing. All that we could do will always fall short. I have often heard to let go and let God. God just doesn't have broad shoulders. God has a love for all of us beyond our imagining. We may not be able to see it or even imagine it, but the gift of expectant hope is an important part of our faith.

A second way that I pray is for the reparation of sins. Sometimes I get stuck in my own world and my own sinfulness. To lift up other's difficult situations is important. I believe that we can all become more compassionate when we see the not-so-holy parts of the world and lift them up to the Lord. When I worked at Children's Hospital, I often heard people say that you can always find someone who has it worse than you. I'm not sure it is always healthy to compare the "bads" in people's lives. Our crosses are our crosses. But it is nice to know that people are praying for each other in all kinds of situations. And because Jesus asked us to pray, I believe we should.

So, I would like to thank all of you who prayed for my friends in Mercer County at the death of their sons. Thanks to all who prayed for me at this tough time.

Together we get through difficult times. Sometimes people bring over meals or cookies or say a kind word. All of these help. They are outward signs of what we would like to express from our hearts. Being tied together in prayer means so much, as it feeds and heals the invisible parts of us. God is good, all the time...not just in times that are good.

Have a blessed week, everyone. Fr. Mark

Bingo Sign-Up Sheets for Pioneer...

are on the bulletin board in the front vestibule of church. As usual, we need your help to make this possible! Thanks!

August Holy Name Winners

\$250	Ezra Roebke	\$100	Makena Grote
\$100	Erin Bockrath	\$100	Tony Schnipke
\$100	Andy Unverferth	\$ 50	Dustin Bryan
\$ 50	Drew Stechsulter	\$ 50	Bill Rieman
\$ 50	Diane Kahle	\$ 50	Brandon Vorst
\$ 50	Annaleice Maag	\$ 50	Conner Recker

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24 *St. Bartholomew*

8:00 AM Ruth Vorst (CLC)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

7:30 PM Arnold Siebeneck, Jeff Siebeneck

Alan Heuss, Ron Kahle, Jr.

Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 *St. Monica*

8:00 AM Mildred Rampe

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

1:30 PM NM Edwards & Gudakunst

4:30 PM Virgil & Virginia Unverferth

Chris & Jacqueline Potts

Mary & Al Siefker Families

Don & Joyce Jerwers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 AM John Kahle, Helen Korte

L/D Korte & Brickner Families

11:00 AM Tony, Marie & Mike Langhals

Wilfred & Pauline Bockrath

Last Sunday's Collection \$ 8,639.00

Youth & Family Outdoor Mass This Sunday!

Sunday, August 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Kalida's Four Seasons Park. Bring your own chair.

Holy Name Choir is Asked to Sing

at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 29.

Young Adult & High School Choir...

resumes practices on Wednesday, August 25, at 8:00 p.m., in the choir loft. New singers are welcome to join!

Religious Education Notes

St. Michael's Elementary Religious Education classes will start on Wednesday, August 25. Our teachers this year for grades 1-8 are Pat Broecker, Michele Doepker, Cindy Fitzgerald, Mary Grote, Ruth Kuhlman, Ellen Millott, Stephanie Price, Annette Schroeder and Jill Zeller. Our crossing guards are Tom Brinkman, Lucy Kahle, Bill Kuhlman and Pat Gray. Thank you to these amazing people who are willing to give of their time to help our youth learn more about God. This first day the students will be at Mass will be on Wednesday, September 1, at 8:00 a.m. for our first All School Mass. The following week, students will be at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our students in grades 5-8 will be crossing St. Rt. 115. Please watch for them in the mornings if you travel that area. The CCD registration form, along with letters from Fr. Mark and myself, will be mailed on Monday. Please complete and return the registration form with the applicable fees as soon as possible. If you have questions about our CCD program, please contact Connie at 419-532-3494, ext. 102. Our high school CCD program will start on Wednesday, September 15. Look for information on that program in the upcoming bulletin.

St. Michael Latchkey Program Begins...

on the first day of school, August 24. Our staff members are Eileen Decker, Cindy Fitzgerald, Mary Lou Hoffman, Lisa Langhals, Darlene Miller and Bonnie Schmenk. Thanks to the staff for making this program available to our parents.

Holy Name Pioneer Burger Tent Schedule

The Holy Name Society encourages you to choose your assigned shift at the Pioneer Hamburger Tent. You can coordinate with your family and friends and work a time together, if you'd like. To choose your day/time slot, contact Jim Burgei at 419-532-2092. Choose between the following:

Thursday 5:30 – 8:30 pm, 8:30 – 11:00 pm

Friday 5:00–8:00 pm, 8:00–10:30 pm, 10:30 pm–12:30 am

Saturday 9:00 am – Noon, Noon – 2:30 pm, 2:30 – 5:00 pm, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, 9:00 – 11:00 pm, 11:00 pm – 1:00 am

Sunday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, 7:00 – teardown

Call Jim (419-532-2092) by August 24 to schedule your desired shift at the Pioneer Burger Tent.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a series of classes designed to get you along the road to becoming Catholic. These start in the fall and culminate on entering the faith on Holy Saturday Vigil Mass in the spring. We hope to get started 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 for questions or to get on the list. Pass this along to anyone you know who may have interest!

Chicken BBQ Benefit for Courtney

There will be a Chicken BBQ Carryout fundraiser for the family of Chad & Courtney Ehrnsberger on Sunday, August 22, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Kalida Bus Barn, behind the high school. \$9 presale tickets are available at Moose Landing.

Ohio Polka Booster Dance

Sunday, August 22 at the Kalida K of C Hall. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Dance is from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hit and Run in Church Parking Lot

On Saturday, August 14, around 11:00 a.m., my white van was parked at the elevator entrance to church in the handicap spot to pick up Fr. Elmer. When I came out to the van, someone had hit my side mirror, causing considerable damage. No doubt, accidents happen, but please come forward and help with repair expenses. Call 419-796-0851. Thank you.

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 8/24	8:00 AM	Adult Volunteer
Wed, 8/25	8:00 AM	Adult Volunteer
Thurs, 8/26	7:03 PM	Kara Lammers
Fri, 8/27	8:00 AM	Eli Patrick
Sat, 8/28	4:30 PM	Carson Klausung Evan Klausung Grant Knapke
Sun, 8/29	8:00 AM	Katherine Krouse Allie Kuhlman Kyle Lammers
	11:00 AM	Jeret Landwehr Ethan Langhals Sean Maag

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors—August 28 & 29

4:30: Brandi Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Lindsey Slusser, Duane Steffan **LECTOR: Jill Laudick**

8:00: Donna Schnipke, Deb Schroeder, Mary Siefker, Norma Unverferth **LECTOR: Mary Plescher**

Ministers to Homebound: Dianna Kehres

11:00: Lisa Trentman, Lisa Unverferth, Kay Unverferth, Norma Vorst **LECTOR: Nancy Rampe**

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4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

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. Sponsored by Ohio Polka Boosters.



Upcoming Wedding

*Erica
Edwards
&
Grady
Gudakunst*

*will be married on
August 28, 2021.
Please include
them in
your prayers.*



A new turf infield has been installed at St. Michael's Holy Name Ballpark. Photo by Will Zeller