

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - February 10, 2019

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. This coming week is Valentine's Day. Although it may not be a big day on my calendar on a personal side, it is a big day from a spiritual side. When it comes to love, I've done years of marriage counseling and engaged counseling. I've looked at what different kinds of love mean, from filial to eros to agape. I've looked at Paul's letter to the Corinthians when he speaks that love is not jealous or self seeking and that the greatest of things is love. What I've come up with is that a person can reflect all they want when it comes to love, but no reflection is anything like living love out in one's daily life. It's like thinking about ice cream versus eating your favorite flavor and savoring every bite. If love is only something of the mind, it's not really love.

This past Monday, I went out to a woods that is owned by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Very few people go out there, so wildlife is pretty wild. I try to go out there when I can because I love the God of all creation. Just to spend some time with God is one way that I can love my God. As I walked unmarked trails, snow still covered the floor of the woods. For some reason squirrels seem to like me. It didn't take long before a big old red squirrel came right up to me to keep me company. I thanked the Lord for simplicity and wonder. I knew there were deer in the woods, but wondered if I would get a chance to see any because of the birds. Blue jays and woodpeckers put on quite a verbal show to warn the whole woods that an intruder had entered their realm. Cardinals and chickadees added some sweetness to the sounds of the day while nuthatches and juncos added beauty. The verbal and visual signs of God's creation made me praise Him and love Him more.

As I came over a crown of a hill, I saw two deer who hadn't seen me first. I'm not sure what alerted them to me, but it didn't take long for them to put up their white tails and head for safer ground. The view of these powerful animals loping over fallen trees with their distinctive tawny coats against a white snowy background was gorgeous. I'm not sure how many coats of beauty God could paint that day, but He was showing off last Monday.

When I came back to parish life on Tuesday, I was ready for more love to be encountered. We had First Reconciliation for our second graders. Some of the children were a little afraid of their first encounter with the Lord through this Sacrament. Parents were ready to love them as they returned from their absolution of sins. Hugs were given and love not only filled their hearts, but was expressed in action. Of course when adults had their sins forgiven, I could see the love of God fill the hearts of adults whose hearts were freed from sins and now were freed to love. Love through forgiveness wasn't only a ritual reality, but came alive in hearts freed and ready to love.

Valentine's Day gives people an opportunity to express love. My question is why we wait for special opportunities and not express love on a daily basis. A kind word given through the eyes of love can change a bad day into a good one. God continues to share His love with us. Shouldn't we do the same? Send a card, give a hug, surprise a stranger. Love isn't something that we just talk about. It is something that we do. Have a lovely day. *Fr. Mark*

Share the
LOVE



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM Matilda Hohenbrink

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM Gene Stechschulte

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 *Sts. Cyril & Methodius*

7:30 PM Ray & Louella Maenle, Joyce Klausling

Mike Schroeder, Herk

Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM Gary Bockrath

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

4:30 PM Ron Aversch, Dorothea Aversch

Jim & Helen Knueven, Larry Haselman

Matilda Hohenbrink, Dee Wueller

Paul & Kevin Lammers, John Phillips

Dan Schroeder

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Michael

11:00 AM Eugene Hoersten, Richard Vorst, Arnold

Siebeneck, Jeff Siebeneck, Alan Heuss



Last Sunday's Collection: \$11,210.29

Choir Assignments - February 16 & 17

4:30: TBA **8:00:** Laura **11:00:** Youth (Practice at 10 am)

From the Desk of Fr. Elmer

Dear, Parishioners. Thanks for all your kind greetings and gifts! Now that Leslie has typed up another Christmas pictorial for me, I can begin answering you. But please be patient with me, as I received quite a few hundred greetings from you and friends I've met along the way of my mission journey.

You'll notice my letter is shorter than others have been. I simply wanted to thank you for your greetings and let you know I'm better now and have moved back to the rectory with Fr. Mark and will be able to take part in parish activities and ministries more easily than from the nursing home.

Fr. Mark's a great cook, but can't be here all the time to cook for me. If anyone would like to prepare lunch for me once or twice, and eat and chat with me, it would please me a lot to get to know a few more of you wonderful people better. Phone 419-863-0385.

Fr. Elmer

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Ruth Kuhlman's 2A class on Wednesday, February 13, and Michele Doepker's 8A class on Friday, February 15.

High School CCD - February 13

Everyone has class.

Our Students in Grade 6...

will be leading the Rosary on Saturdays, February 9 & 23, before the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Please have your child there by 4:00 p.m. Thank you for encouraging them to lead the Rosary for our parish.

Our Students in Grade 4...

will do the various ministries at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 3. They will be bringing home a permission form.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m., in church

CLC MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

VBS PLANNING MEETING: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

RCIA: 7:00 p.m., in the church basement

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY: 7:00 p.m. in church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m., in church

This Sunday is Deacon Bob's Birthday!

We wish Deacon Bob the happiest of birthdays (February 10). Bob just returned from his sixth mission trip to Belize. Thanks for all you do, Bob!

CLC Meeting

Monday February 11, at 7:00 p.m. After all the COLD temps, come and socialize with CLC Sisters, play BINGO and enjoy a light snack. January and February birthdays will be honored.

KHS Juniors Selling Bread Braids & Pizza

The Kalida High School Junior class is selling Bread Braids and Little Cesar's Pizza Kits to benefit Post Prom. They will be delivered in time for Easter! The Bread Braids come in many yummy flavors including cherry, cream cheese, raspberry and double chocolate. If you haven't tried them, you really don't know what you're missing. The pizza kits are easy to make and, well, it's pizza, what's not to like about that? If you are interested in ordering, please contact any member of the Junior class or send a text to 419-302-7724 and we can get you the info. Thanks for your support of our Kalida kids' programs!

Kalida Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ

Sunday, March 10. The cost of the dinner is \$8. Student athletes have been given tickets to sell. Since this is a presale event only, we ask that you turn in the proceeds and any unsold tickets back to Carol Bockrath or the high school office by Friday, February 22. If you need more tickets, please let us know.

Valentine Cookie Giveaway - February 14...

at The Meadows of Kalida. Preorder a dozen FREE cookies for your Valentine (Senior 60+). Pick up Feb. 14. from 9-11 a.m. To order, call 419-532-2961, by February 11, at 5:00 p.m.

Occasional Babysitter Needed

Lori and Tony Schmersal are looking for an occasional high school-age babysitter. Call 419-604-2764 if interested.



K of C District Free Throw Contest

was held on Sun., Feb. 3, at Columbus Grove. The four from Kalida advancing to the Regional Contest (at Ottoville on Feb. 24 at 12:30 p.m.) are: Back Row: Jaden Smith and Front Row: Andrea Burgei, Braylon Smith, and Zach Unverferth

OFFERTORY - February 16 & 17

4:30 PM

Beth & Barry von der Embse Family

8:00 AM

Mike & Norma Unverferth Family

11:00 AM

Dick & Jane Schulte Family

USHERS - February 16 & 17

4:30 PM

Team 1

8:00 AM

Team 2

11:00 AM

Team 3

LECTORS - February 16 & 17

4:30 PM:

Beth Selhorst, Barb Unverferth

8:00 AM:

Dennis Turnwald, Don Wehri

11:00 AM

Sandy Westrick, Brenda Averagesch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 16 & 17

4:30: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Brian & Bev Berheide, Joyce Bonifas, Janet Burgei, Bob Buss, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss, Michelle Buss

8:00: Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, McKenna Bockrath, Greg Bockrath, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Ruth Foppe, Eileen Decker, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman

Ministers to Homebound: Dennis & Blyth Turnwald

11:00: Clara Elkins, Lori Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Kyla Fortman, Lynda Fortman, Nicole Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst

SERVERS

Tues, 2/12	8:00 AM	Joel Horstman Camille Hovest
Wed, 2/13	8:00 AM	John Kaufman Mariah Kerner
Thurs, 2/14	7:30 PM	Carson Klausung Evan Klausung
Fri, 2/15	8:00 AM	Jeret Landwehr Sean Maag
Sat, 2/16	4:30 PM	Cole Nienberg David Peck Carlie Rampe
Sun, 2/17	8:00 AM	Evan Roebke Gabe Roof Dakota Rosselit
	11:00 AM	Dayna Schimmoeller Ethan Schmenk Nathan Schroeder

Our First VBS Planning Meeting is Feb. 11...

at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. VBS (Roar: Life is Wild; God is Good) will be held the week of July 15-18. We'd love to have you join our planning team.

High School Youth Elect Service 2019

Are you willing to serve those in need in the county with other energetic youth? Y.E.S. is a fantastic way to enrich our community by helping those who cannot help themselves without expectation of repayment, but just a simple "thank you," and even see God in it! It is a great way to develop relationships with others while deepening your faith! Thank you if you have volunteered in the past, and hope to see you again this year! Invite your friends! Volunteers Needed! This summer, Y.E.S. will be held in Ottoville from June 13-15. *The opportunities are endless..... the reward is eternal!* Any questions or interest, please contact Jill Zeller (419-532-3494, ext. 103).

Bible Study for Men of the Parish

Fr. Rick's Bible Study for men began this Saturday and continues on Saturday mornings, from 7-8 a.m. in the church basement. It is a study of Matthew, The King and His Kingdom.