

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio

Sunday, June 28, 2020

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Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. "Stay healthy, stay holy" has been my saying over these past months with the coronavirus. Everyone is waiting to get back to the new normal or any kind of normal there might be. With this past weekend in mind, I want to say that the new normal is already here.

This past weekend our parishes were full of life. We celebrated six Baptisms. I thought the corona babies were supposed to happen next year. It was wonderful to see families celebrate that no matter what, life comes from and will always dwell with God. It was wonderful to be part of these children's life journey. It is said that violence begets violence. I believe that life begets life. These families embraced life for their children and for themselves. Handing on life is the new normal.

This past weekend also saw another wedding. We do lots of weddings in our parishes. To witness life and love coming together in a wedding is Godly. There were tears (although the groom denies any) and laughter. There were prayers of anticipation and prayers of gratitude for past blessings. Due to the coronavirus, there were added complications (would the rings arrive from New York) but life was not going to be put on hold. You can't stop God's life and that is the normal.

Even dealing with death cannot stop God's life. Death is part of life, but the end of life. I get to hear many love stories as I gather to hear stories from loved one's family. I get to hear lives touching lives. I get to hear how God's life and our lives mix. And I get to hear faith in that life will continue for those who believe. I like to hear what people believe their loved ones are doing in heaven. You can't stop God's life even beyond the grave.

I got to see the faces of our First Communicants as they made their second and third communions. They are still excited. Even without suits or white dresses, the excitement of being in communion is still there. To say "Yes, Amen" to the Lord is exciting. That is the old and new normal. When we say yes to the Lord, we say yes to life. When we live our lives fully, we say yes to God because that is His wish for us.

This week I especially took time out for sparrows, gold finches, blue jays, Baltimore orioles, cardinals, robins and the eagles which fly by both of the parishes. Just like there are a variety of birds and God cares for each sparrow, God cares for us by being the Lord of life...all life. Let us be part of the normal and let the newness of life be our normal.

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

Basement Rentals Update

To allow for social distancing, only gatherings of 50 people or less are allowed at least through September 1.

Small Religious Items Needed

Thank you in advance for any holy medals, rosaries, holy cards, small lightweight statues or any other religious objects. Please place at elevator entrance of church, marked "Mission Trip" before June 30.

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, JUNE 29 *Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles*

NOON **END TO COVID-19**

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 AM **Ruth Hermiller**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

8:00 AM **Jim Warnecke, Richard Fuerst**

THURSDAY, JULY 2

7:30 PM **Dan Schroeder Family
Lawrence & Loretta Unverferth
Cy & Frances Kahle**

FRIDAY, JULY 3 *St. Thomas, apostle*

8:00 AM **John Phillips, Emily Kahle**

SATURDAY, JULY 4

4:30 PM **Veronica Hicks, World Peace (CLC)
George, Nora & Dan Basinger
L/D Norbert J. Siebeneck Family**

SUNDAY, JULY 5

8:00 AM **Alvin & Mary Hoffman**

11:00 AM **Mike Kahle**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$12,617.00

Recent Baptisms

CARSTEN CHRISTOPHER KLEMAN

Son of Josh & Leah (Hermiller) Kleman

ME REDITH GRACE KLEMAN

Daughter of Cody & Michelle (Webken) Kleman

ELLIETTE ADELINE RAU

Daughter of Eric & Brianna (Schroeder) Rau

MAELYNN MARIE SCHROEDER

Daughter of Ryan & Cassie (Siefker) Schroeder

SOPHIE ROSE TITUS

Daughter of Jordan Titus & Angelea Kimmel

JAXSYN WILLIAM UNVERFERTH

Son of Kyle & Becky (Recker) Unverferth

Missalette Usage Update

You are now asked to pick up a missalette on your way into Mass from the appropriate table. So, if you attend the 4:30 Mass, pick up the missalette from the 4:30 Mass table and return it after Mass. If you attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass, pick up and return a missalette to that table, etc. This way, the missalettes will only be used once a weekend and there won't be only hours between use.

Get Your Holy Name Raffle Tickets!

There are 340 Holy Name raffle tickets out and about.. If they are in your possession, please sell them and return to Nick Schulte (419-532-2131) or Mark Warnecke (419-532-3662) as soon as possible. The first drawing for the new year is coming up quickly in July. Thanks for your help!

Sign-Up for Ministries for Weekend Masses...

Click on the link at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Ministry Schedules," email stmich@bright.net or call 419-532-3474.

Food for the Poor...

will give a presentation at next weekend's Masses.