

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, May 12, 2019

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Happy Mother's Day



From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. This past weekend was a wonderful blur. In the midst of a successful benefit for Courtney Ehrnsberger, 43 First Communions, a really nice wedding, before and after proms, May Crowning and the regular Mass schedule, I had the opportunity to see the face of God in so many ways. Priesthood is not a job, it is an adventure. I got to witness the depth of joy, the warmth of love, the innocence of youth, the work of saints, sincerity of prayer and vitality and hope of a generation. I needed to take Monday off to reflect on the closeness of God. I also had to take Monday off to get over food poisoning. Well, not exactly food poisoning. It was actually gluttony at its finest. With every celebration came the best of foods and my lack of self control when it came to food. I had to take Monday off to take off a few pounds and recover from a food coma. After a couple of bike rides, I started to feel a bit better.

After a busy weekend, I not only needed to take a little break, but wanted to take a break. When I was at May Crowning I reflected back when I was little. As I took in the 8th graders do the rosary and the 2nd graders pantomime a story of Mary, I thought of my own life when times were a bit more simple. In May, in the midst of planting season, Mom and Dad and the whole family would stop to pray the rosary. In the midst of raising a house full of children and a farm full of animals and crops, my parents would take time to pray the rosary as a family. As children we were not too fond of the idea, but as grown ups, my siblings and I still talk about how important it was to our development of faith and as persons. It was good to take a break from being busy and put life in perspective. All things belonged to God and taking time out to think about how God's life and our family's life intertwined was important. With the joys, sorrows and glories of life, God was and still is there. Now when we siblings talk about the family rosary and those kids reluctant to sit down at the end of the day, we talk about how it must have been hard for Mom and Dad to sit down, also. I'm sure they wanted to sit back and just do nothing after all the Spring farm activities. But they did sit down to pray with us and what a difference it made for us grown adults today.

A second reflection I had as I thought about my own busy Spring life: I thought of slowing down and taking time with Mary. Before you start wondering what Mary's last name is, I am thinking about the Mary, the mother of Jesus. Shame on you. That is how rumors get started, lol Many people used to have a Mary altar in their homes to take time to honor Mary in the month of May. As I tried to slow down this week and recover from food coma, I thought of Mary. It may seem strange for a man to think of Mary, but I thought of how strong she had to be to stand strong in her faith as people must have talked about her and Joseph during and after her carrying the Savior in her womb. She had to be tough as a person and a person of great faith to walk the Way of the Cross. She had to love deeply to stay at the foot of the cross, as Jesus would die for the sins of the world. Mary had to be hopeful to continue to be with the disciples in the upper room at Pentecost. Mary is a good model for all of us. We just need to take some time to love the Lord as she did. Well, time to get something to eat. Just kidding. Time to slow down and take in the wonders of God. Have a great week, everyone.

Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions for Holy Week

MONDAY, MAY 13

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, MAY 14 *St. Matthias, apostle*

8:00 AM Larry Haselman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 *St. Isidore the Farmer*

8:00 AM Dorothy Miller (from neighbors)

THURSDAY, MAY 16

7:30 PM Sr. Gertrude Ann Knipper
Matilda Hohenbrink, Carl Webken

7:30 PM Farmers' Mass at Cuba

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:00 AM Gary Bockrath, Pete & Alice Gerding Fam.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

4:30 PM Ron Averagesch, Dorothea Averagesch
John Phillips, Kathy Sager, Bob Brinkman
Luke Stechschulte, Joe & Mildred Buss
Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock
Gilbert & Jean Smith, Kenny Smith
Diane Smith, John Schroeder

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00 AM Mildred Rampe

11:00 AM Bill & Alice Kahle, Connie Miller
Amy Gerdeman Bardall

Last Week's Collection: \$ 10,902.50

Choir Assignments - May 18 & 19

4:30: TBA **8:00:** Laura **11:00:** YAHS



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Dorothy Miller
was held on
Wednesday, May 8.
Please include
Dorothy and her
family in your prayers.

Thank You, Dorothy!

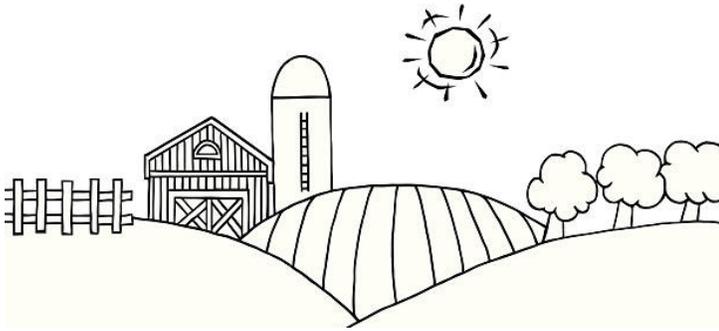
I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the Dorothy Miller Family. Dorothy was involved in the Helping Hands funeral planning. She was always ready and willing to find volunteers and was integral in making this part of Helping Hands successful. She helped many families in their time of need and we are very grateful for her ministry!

Kathy Recker, Founder of Helping Hands

A Heartfelt Thank You

Courtney and I would like to offer an extremely heartfelt thank you to all who made her benefit such an outstanding event. This community proved, once again, why it is the best place to live and raise a family. Whether you attended, donated or helped organize, the love and support shown to a loving wife and mother will never be forgotten. We are all truly grateful to live in such a caring and giving community. Thank you!

Chad, Courtney, Connor, Carter & Caden Ehrnsberger



Farmers' Mass at Cuba on Thursday, May 16

Everyone is invited to an outdoor Mass in honor of St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers, on Thursday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the former site of St. Isidore Church, Cuba. Sandwiches, chips and drinks provided. Bring your own lawn chair.

Note: There will still be a Mass at St. Michael's on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Farmers' Mass will be moved to St. Michael's, and the gathering will be in the church basement.

Mission Trip to Appalachia

There is still room for anyone wanting to join us in Appalachia. People of all ages are welcome to this trip to Kentucky to join in a week of work, fun and prayer. Check your calendar for the week of June 16. Families can make this part of their summer vacation. For more information, call Fr. Mark.

CLC Meeting - Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Come celebrate 50th wedding anniversaries and 70th birthdays with our CLC Sisters. May, June and July birthdays will also be honored. Our council was also the Pick-of-the-Month for the Sweet Treat from the Home Office

Youth Elect Service is June 13-15

The 2019 Y.E.S. project will be held at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish Center this year, beginning Thursday, June 13, at 5:30 p.m. **Current 8th grade students through graduating seniors** are encouraged to join us for this weekend service retreat. This will give you opportunities to make new friends from throughout the St. George Deanery and have some fun, grow in faith and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community! Registration forms are available from Jill Zeller or at stmichaelskalida.org, under the Youth Group tab, and are due by May 31! Bring your friends because the opportunities are endless and the reward is eternal!

Music Department Community Calendars

If you would like to purchase a Music Department Community Calendar and haven't already been asked, please contact Kathy Lammers (419-890-6564) to place an order. The calendars run from September 2019-August 2020. Cost is \$10 and includes both the wall calendar and the pocket calendar. Thanks for your continued support of the music department!

Lunch in The Park This Thursdsay

May 16, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at 1035 E. Third St., Ottawa. Lunch Choices: Taco Salad Bowl, Sloppy Joe Platter, Brats Platter, Hot Dog Platter, Pie, Desserts and Drink. Eat in, dine in the park or carry out. Carryout available by calling 419-523-5593. Sponsored by Ottawa Senior Citizens Association.

VBS Adult Crew Leaders are Needed...

to make this year's program happen. Vacation Bible School benefits over 200 children can not happen without the involvement of adults to lead them through the activities. Please considering giving your time from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for 4 evenings, July 15-18. Contact Kelly Buss or Connie Cleemput.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Michele Doepker and Annette Schroeder's 8th grade students. Our All School Mass will be Friday, May 17. There will be no students at Mass on Wednesday, May 15.

Baccalaureate Mass is Sunday, May 19...

at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, with lunch to follow in the basement.

Final Elementary CCD Class...

is Tuesday, May 21.

Need Some Help Around Your Home?

On June 14 & 15, St. George Deanery high school youth and adults will be helping private homeowners without family members nearby or who are unable to maintain or improve their homes. If you would like help with jobs around inside or outside of your home, please contact Jill Zeller (419-532-3494, ext. 103). Deadline to submit a request is June 9.

Senior Citizen Meal is This Monday!

The Kalida Lions Club would like to extend an invitation to all senior citizens (aged 65 and over on or before June 1, 2019) for a free meal in honor of Senior Citizens Month on Monday, May 13, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at Dick's Steak House. The meal will be your choice of chicken or roast beef with all the trimmings. This dinner is open to the general public at a cost of \$7. If you are not able to dine in the restaurant, please contact Bruskotter Financial Services' (419-532-2099) to arrange for your dinner to be delivered. Carry-out dinners are also available. The Kalida Lions Club thank our senior citizens for your generous support over the years.

Pioneer Days Stein Deadline Approaching

Deadline to order is Monday, May 13. Visit pioneerdays.com for order forms. They can be either mailed to Box 592 or placed in the drop box at the entrance of the fire station.

Attention Athletes Entering Grades 7-12

Specialized Therapy Services is offering a summer training program called Sportsmetrics. This program is designed to decrease the risk of serious knee ligament injuries, while also focusing on athletic performance. The program is 3 times a week for 6 weeks with a pre-testing day on Wednesday, May 29, at St. Michael's Gym. To sign up or learn more about this program, please stop in the Kalida High School office. You may also call Amy Edwards on her cell phone at 419-233-4173 or at the clinic at 419-228-7871 with questions.

Lift Chair Available for Someone in Need

A fellow parishioner has a lift chair if anyone is in need of one. Call Lee (419-615-3388).

2019-20 Holy Name Raffle Tickets

Many Holy Name raffle tickets still need to be sold. If you need any tickets, contact Nick Schulte (419-532-2131).

MONDAY, MAY 13

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

CLC MEETING: 7:00 p.m. in church basement

THURSDAY, MAY 16

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17

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

Cookies Needed for Blood Drive...

on Tuesday, May 14, at the Kalida K of C Hall. if you are interested in baking a couple dozen cookies, contact Sandy Vorst (419-532-3288).

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

OFFERTORY - May 18 & 19

Mark & Deb Kahle Family

Karl & Darlene Miller Family

Graduates

USHERS - May 18 & 19

Team 1

Team 2

Graduates

4:30 PM

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

LECTORS - May 18 & 19

Barb Unverferth, Brenda Aversch

Don Wehri, Paul Bonifas

Graduates

4:30 PM:

8:00 AM:

11:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - May 18 & 19

4:30: Kay Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Kamryn Wurth, Alice Adams, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Matt Bockrath

8:00: Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Norma Unverferth, Norma Vorst, Don Wehri, Amy Brinkman, Dick & Judy Bockrath, Brian & Bev Berheide

Ministers to Homebound: Ryan & Erin Kerner

11:00: Graduates

SERVERS

Tues, 5/14 8:00 AM Carson Klausing

Evan Klausing

Wed, 5/15 8:00 AM Jeret Landwehr

Sean Maag

Thurs, 5/16 7:30 PM EJ Miller

Malie Miller

Fri, 5/17 8:00 AM Kayla Nartker

Andrew Peck

Sat, 5/18 4:30 PM Colin Erhart

Connor Erhart

Sun, 5/19 8:00 AM Luke Erhart

Adam Fitzgerald

Collin Fortman

Nicole Fortman

11:00 AM Graduates



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS COLLECTED ITEMS FOR THE NEEDY!

Mary Grote's third grade class displays a small portion of the items that they, and other classes, donated to the nursing home, homeless, food pantry, the Cancer Awareness Program (CAP) and Heartbeat. Thanks to all those who donated to this project!