

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - May 16, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. We are down to single digits for school days left. I remember those days. Like the students of today, I had to clean my desk and make sure my books were ready to be turned back in. I had to erase all the pencil marks in the books. I purposely left a few answers in the Math book. They were the wrong answers! I think I went to Confession for that one. Some teachers taught to the end, while I had a teacher who showed sports movies the last week of school. He was my favorite. I asked a student who his favorite teacher was in the last days of school and the student replied, "The cafeteria cooks!" Now, that is my kind of student. Seriously, let us pray for our school systems, especially the students and staff, as the school year comes to an end. And be thankful that we could continue school for the full year. God is good.

We are about to end our Easter season at Church. Do we still have the same vitality at the end of the Easter season as we had when we began? The planting of gardens and fields helps me, as I look forward to a year of new life. Tonight there will be an outdoor Mass to honor St. Isidore at the site of the old church in Cuba. I always have looked forward to this Mass, as we pray for those engaged in agricultural endeavors. With St. Isidore being the patron saint of farmers and his feast day being May 15, this time of year lends itself to memories of my early farming days, but also the promise of life during this growing season. For me, the outdoor Mass at Cuba is an extension of Easter. The promise of new life surrounds us, as the fields are ready to burst forth with life. During the homily time, participants share images of life as many of us grew up in agricultural surroundings.

There are many farming images that bring a smile to my face. At this time of year, little chicks were ordered through the mail. Little chicks arrived at post offices around the country. There is a reason why these little chickens are called peeps. When we would go to the post office to pick them up, the sound of PEEP filled the building. The Hoying family was not the only family who ordered chicks through the mail. There were thousands of little birds peeping to get out of their boxes and out of the post office. If we Christians could be as excited to start life anew and share that excitement with others, the world would look different. If we would all give a peep, a huge noise would fill the world.

Another farming image that makes me smile is that, with Spring, we had to haul manure. We would turn the calves out into a small pasture so that we could empty their pens of Winter waste (I'm trying to be delicate here). The calves would kick up their hooves and dance around in their new green enclosure. It was beautiful just to watch the calves who were enclosed for a Winter to open up to Spring of newness. They were free of the piles of Winter waste. It was hard to get the calves back into their pens, but when they arrived the dancing continued as fresh straw had been put into the pens. If all of us would dance and kick up our heels as we realize that we are new because of the rising of Jesus, our world would change. (My hope is that when we are free from our masks at Mass that there will be such a joyful sound and we will have dancing in our hearts.) It sounds like we are getting close to that happening. Yea!!!

Happy Easter to everyone. Let's finish out this Easter season with joy and excitement. Let that excitement be in our hearts as we live our Christian lives throughout the year. Have a great week, everyone.
Fr. Mark

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, MAY 18

8:00 AM Carl & Florentine Klausing

8:50 AM Grade 3

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

8:00 AM Martha Turnwald

9:30 AM Grades 1 & 2

THURSDAY, MAY 20

8:00 AM Grade 7

7:30 PM Mildred Rampe, Bus Guisinger
Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher

FRIDAY, MAY 21

8:00 AM L/D William & Marilyn Leopold Family

8:50 AM Grade 4

SATURDAY, MAY 22

4:30 PM NM McAdams & Gerdeman
Ed Schroeder, Walter & Marie Becker
Virgil & Virginia Unverferth
Chris & Jacqueline Potts

SUNDAY, MAY 23 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Sally, Richard & Tom Goedde, Don Hoffman

11:00 AM Greg Erhart, Martha Wallace
Don Holtkamp & Family, Gary Stechschulte
Pam Hixon, Bob Unverferth, John Schroeder
Gilbert, Jean, Kenny & Diane Smith

1:00 PM Baccalaureate Mass

Last Week's Collection: \$ 8,696.00



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Martha Turnwald
was held on Tuesday, May 11.
Please include Martha
and her family
in your prayers.

Thank You

On behalf of the Don & Martha Turnwald family, we would like to thank Fr. Mark, the choir, Catholic Ladies of Columbia and the overall support of the parish family and community.

Donations Sought for Children's Garden

If you would like to donate toward this project, please put your donation in an envelope marked, "St. Michael's Children's Garden," and place in the collection or mail to "St. Michael Church; PO Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853. If you have any questions or comments, contact Chris Schroeder (419-615-3355), Adriene Swyers (419-796-0355) or Fr. Mark.

Parish Council Elections This Weekend!

You are asked to vote for three of the following parishioners:
Diane (Averesch) Schroeder, Lisa (Schimmoeller) Roebke,
Jess (Krouse) Recker, Dale Liebrecht, Cindy (Maag) Landwehr,
Marc Kerner or Sandy (Miller) Fortman.

Thank You!

Thank you to Casey Kahle for taking the First Communion pictures and the extra work involved in creating the class composite. We appreciate you!

Schedule of Students at Mass This Week

Tuesday: Grade 6 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 3 at 8:50 a.m.
Wednesday: Grade 5 at 8:00 am; Grades 1 & 2 at 9:30 am
Thursday: Grade 7 at 8:00 a.m.
Friday: Grade 8 at 8:00 a.m. and Grade 4 at 8:50 a.m.
Last day for students at Mass will be Friday, May 21.

Please Turn In Holy Name Raffle Tickets

Contact Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke.

Thank You

The family of Barb Burwell would like to thank everyone for their prayers, upon the death of their mother. Special thanks to those who prayed the rosary before her Funeral Mass.

Upcoming Youth Group Events

Sun., May 23 Baccalaureate Mass at 1:00 p.m.
Sat., June 12 YES (Youth Elect Service)
Nov. 18-21 National Catholic Youth Conference
Contact Jill 532-3494 (x103) or 567-376-9115 for details.

UPCOMING ASSIGNMENTS

May 22 & 23

4:30: Jim & Marilyn Becker, Dave Buss, Michelle Buss
LECTOR: Deb Kahle
8:00: Norma Unverferth, Janice Foppe, Tony & Sandy Vorst
LECTOR: Erin Kerner
11:00: Matt Bockrath, Alice Adams, Regina Fischnich, Kyla Fortman
LECTOR: Kyla Fortman

May 29 & 30

4:30: Jerry Ellerbrock, Ryan Kerner, Jane Kleman, Beth Nienberg
LECTOR: Jill Laudick
8:00: Mary Siefker, Don Wehri, Gus & Judy Brinkman
LECTOR: Donna Schnipke
11:00: Greg & Jill Zeller, Lynda Fortman, Darlene Miller
LECTOR: Nancy Rampe



Upcoming Wedding

*Joe Gerdeman
and
Torie McAdams*

*will be married on
May 22, 2021.*

*Please include
them in your prayers.*



The Virtue of the Week is Modesty

Modesty means purity of heart in action, especially in regards to dress and speech. Ways to cultivate modesty is to recognize your dignity as a person; ask yourself if you are advertising or calling attention to yourself; dress modestly. Saints who modeled modesty were St. Maria Goretti, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Andre' Bessette. Our prayer for the week is "Dear Jesus, give me a pure heart like that of Your Holy Mother! Through baptism, I have the gift of the Spirit living inside of me. Please increase in me the gift of the fear of the Lord, so that I may never sadden you by the way I dress, act, or speak."

Need Some Outdoor Help?

YES Returns for 2021!

On **Saturday, June 12**, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery will be volunteering to help people throughout Putnam County with various jobs around their homes as they participate in the annual **YES (Youth Elect Service)** project. If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around your home, please contact Jill Zeller @ 419-532-3494 (X103). This includes anything from mulching, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning around the yard! This year we will only be available to do outside jobs. **Please call by June 1** to be added to our list of job sites.

YES (Youth Elect Service)

Youth Volunteers Needed

The 2021 Y.E.S. project will be held at Kalida St. Michael this year on Saturday, June 12. Current 7th grade students through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this one-day of service. You will meet teens from throughout the St. George Deanery, have fun, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community. This one-day Service workday will close with 6:00 p.m. Mass at Four Seasons Park in Kalida, followed by a meal. Registration forms will be emailed to all students, and are available from Jill Zeller, and are due by May 24.

Blood Drive at Kalida K of C - Tuesday, May 18

From Noon - 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: KALIDAKOFC.

You're Gonna Love These "Tiny Saints"



Our St. Michael Youth who will be attending NCYC* are so excited to announce that we have teamed up with Tiny Saints® to host an online fundraiser! From May 1-31, 2021, you can shop from the comfort of home to support our fundraiser.

Please select our organization name (**St. Michael NCYC Fundraiser**) from the dropdown menu at www.tinysaints.com. 25% of every order will go directly to our fundraiser!

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