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Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. It looks like we will be doing this social distancing for a while. The bishops said that the first we have a possibility of getting together publicly is at Pentecost weekend, which is at the end of this month. Until then, we will still pray and stay close to the Lord and as close as we can to each other. We will continue to be in touch through the internet and cable TV.

I did not know that I would become an internet star (that is what some of my great nieces and nephews call me but they are only 6 and 7 - they are so easy to fool). I'm the only person they know who is on television each week. Believe me, it is not a glorious life. I have to make sure my hair looks right (I need a haircut in the worst way because I have been cutting my own hair) and also make sure that I haven't spilled any breakfast on my clothes or have food stuck between my teeth before a Facebook production goes over the internet. And I have to do the same before we send out a Fr. Elmer joke. I don't remember this class at seminary school. This coronavirus pandemic is difficult from so many angles.

When I think that I have it bad, I try to remember that I am not the one who is sick or am on the frontline who has a greater possibility of becoming sick. I still have my job. I really am blessed. I pray a little more when I start thinking this way of "poor me." I think of all the families when I used to work at Children's Hospital in Columbus. So many families would tell me that when they started feeling sorry for themselves, they just had to take a stroll down the halls and find others in the same circumstance or even worse. Somehow knowing that someone else was going through a difficult time with them brought some sense of comfort.

May is the month of Mary. The bishops of Canada, Mexico and the United States have rededicated this year of the coronavirus as a year of Mary. Many faithful people have consecrated themselves to finding the Lord through the eyes of Mary. We ask Mary to pray with us. We can think of Mary, the queen of sorrows, to be with those who, at this time, are sorrowful. For those who need health, we ask Mary to pray with us for God's healing touch for individuals and a world. When we think that our hearts cannot bear another disappointment, we can think of Mary who had her heart pierced as she stood at the cross to see her Son's side pierced. We are not in this alone. We are together with all God's people and all his angels and saints and the queen of saints, Mary. This time of coronavirus is tough, but not as tough when we face it together. Let us stay united in prayer and love.

I would also like to thank those who have shared life-giving stories. I have two weddings this weekend and both couples are full of stories of love. It is an honor to share in their abbreviated love stories, as receptions and ceremonies have been cut a little short. But it does my heart good to know that love is not cut short. We will pray and celebrate that with God and His love, we are lacking nothing. Here is to a full life to all our newly married couples.

Have a blessed week, everyone. Miss you more than you know.

Fr. Mark



May Crowning: I just finished with May Crowning at St. Michael's. It is nice to know that the Saints are praying with us, also. With today being St. Joseph day and May being the month of Mary, it is nice to know that we are surrounded by such prayer warriors to help us through these troubled days. It was also nice to visit with parishioners from both parishes today. I sure miss all of you. *Fr. Mark*

Pictured Above: Freshman Mariah Kerner crowns Mary on Friday, May 1, surrounded by her brother Mason (a KHS Senior) and parents Marc & Renee.

Attention Preschool - Grade 8 Parents

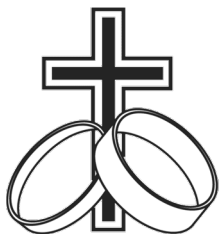
Parents of students in our preschool through grade 8 CCD programs can pick up their child's textbooks, folders, journals, and anything else their teacher would like to give them. The materials are available in the church basement, by grade. Please pick up the material by May 7, if possible. Our second grade students will be given a packet in preparation for First Communion. Parents are asked to work with their child. First Communion will be held as soon as we can keeping in mind the safety of everyone involved.

K of C Charity Campaign Update

First, in the first turn-in, we had just over 1,100 tickets sold – ahead of last year, where the final total was 1188. Thanks to all who are “in” on tickets. Second, the K of C State council has pushed back the drawing due to virus related stuff to on June 27, so you still have an opportunity to get in before the second round ticket roundup. Our local council gets a MINIMUM of \$2.50 for each ticket for local charity, the balance for statewide charity. If you still have tickets, send with check made out to Kalida K of C for \$5 each or if you do not, we can fill them out – send to K of C, PO Box 571 Kalida, Ohio 45853.



Upcoming Wedding



**Laine Laudick &
Brandon Erhart**

will be married on
May 9, 2020.
Please include them
in your prayers.

Mass Intentions/Schedule for TV and Facebook

MONDAY, MAY 4

NOON End to Covid-19

TUESDAY, MAY 5

8:00 AM Doris Deters

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

8:00 AM Roger Buss

THURSDAY, MAY 7

7:30 PM Bob & Cleora Winkle

FRIDAY, MAY 8

8:00 AM Jim Warnecke

SATURDAY, MAY 9 *Live on Channel 70 & Facebook*

4:30 PM Cleora Winkle, Ruth Hermiller
Dorothy Miller, Helen Korte
L/D Korte & Brickner Families
Ralph & Dolores Verhoff, Connie Miller
Amy Gerdeman Bardall
Neil Warnecke, Lori Von Lehmden
55th W.A. Sam & Eileen Decker
L/D Decker & Buss Families
Alice & Pete Gerding

8:30 PM NM Laudick & Erhart

SUNDAY, MAY 10 *Mother's Day*

8:00 AM Replay of Mass on Channel 70

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*Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays at Continental
St. John's on Facebook.com/kalidastmichaels*

Next Public Mass: Pentecost Sunday???

The Ohio bishops have given May 30/31 weekend for the first possible date for a public Mass. The date is not set in stone, as planning for the safety of the public is still trying to be figured out. With this in mind, our parishes will wait till June to schedule First Communion. Please keep our second graders and their families in your prayers. Please keep our wedding couples in your prayers, also.

Heartfelt Thank You

The family of Jim Warnecke would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who sent cards, messages, and prayers to comfort us during this difficult time. A special thanks to Fr. Mark, Fr. Randy Giesige, Deacon Bob, Laura Warnecke, and Leslie Stechschulte for their contributions to making Jim's Celebration of Life Mass so special. Even with the COVID-19 restrictions, the family was able to feel your “virtual” love and support.

Parish Cook Book Update

We have posted a list of recipes on the parish website, under “Recent Bulletins.” If you don't see your recipe, please email kalida.stmichaelyouth@bright.net. Thanks to everyone who took part in this project.

Holy Name Tickets

Please turn in any money and tickets sold to either Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke, as there may be checks sitting around, needing to be cashed. Thanks!

Rosary & Reconciliation

The rosary will be broadcast on Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 70 and Facebook, and Drive-Up Confession will be on Thursday at 6:45 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m., in the church handicap parking lot.