

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - October 21, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. This week has been about family. Last weekend my nephew David got married to a wonderful woman, Laura. Almost all my nieces and nephews were there, which made for a great celebration. I hadn't seen some of my family for a couple of years and it was wonderful to see them and hear their stories of life (some are getting gray and bald - it made me really feel old). Being one of the youngest in the family, I am just a couple years older than some of my nieces and nephews. It was a great time to be family. Dancing and story-telling went on till the early morning hours. It is nice to be family.

On Tuesday, my sister Helen got to go home, to heaven. Helen had been battling cancer over these past months. Being disabled from cerebral palsy, Helen could never tell us if she was in pain or perhaps where the pain was located. She smiled and welcomed visitors until her last breath. I always claimed she had a very good guardian angel to keep her from pain and discomfort. She always had a welcoming smile and an ornery disposition. As she would motor around in her wheelchair, there might be an occasional kick to let people know that she was in the hallway. Helen helped shape our family as we soon learned that, though disabled in a number of ways, she was the person God intended her to be. She helped teach us patience when she decided to sit in the middle of a room because something did not go her way. She taught us how to communicate when words weren't available. She taught us how to look after each other because we all took turns seeing her grow and age, not being able to speak or take care of herself. Helen was an important part of the family. And now she joins her heavenly family with Mom and Dad and Kenneth, Beverly and Norman. My first thought of Helen in heaven was that she would be welcomed home by my Mom. Mom desperately wanted Helen to say just one word: MOM. She never did. My vision is that when Helen entered the pearly gates and saw Mom that she called out the one word which would make heaven even more perfect. Helen would say "Mom" with Dad looking on and they would introduce Helen to God. Helen was an important part of our family. She was number 11 of the 17. She definitely made her presence known and taught us all so much about life. It is nice to be family.

I'd like to say a big thanks to all my family here. You guys have been great. You help me celebrate when God blesses us with joyful events and you are there when we question God when we can't figure out what life is about. Our whole lives belong to God and it is easier to go through life with a family. When Jesus was asked who his family was, He replied that his family were those who did the Father's will. Thanks to so many here for "doing" for me in good times and bad. You showed God's face to me many times. It is nice to be family.

May God bless all of you for your goodness to me at birthday times and times which are hard. You have been there for me and I have seen how you have been there for others. It is nice to be family. Have a blessed week. *Fr. Mark*

Communion Services Begin in November

Starting on the first Monday in November, St. Michael's will begin communion services rather than Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Mondays. Come join us to share scriptures and distribution of Holy Communion.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 AM Judy, Bruce & Ralph Honigfort

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 AM Jim & Helen Knueven

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:30 PM Marcus Landin, Norma Selhorst

Judy, Ralph & Bruce Honigfort

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 AM Helen Hoying

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

NM Schulte & Borchers

4:30 PM

Larry Haselman, Bob Brinkman

Luke Stechschulte, Herk Selhorst

Tom Wannemacher, Pete & Alice Gerding

Sr. Catherine Mary Holtkamp

50th W.A. Gene & Marge Ellerbrock

L/D Ellerbrock & Otto Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00 AM Alphonse & Frances Schulte Family

11:00 AM KHS Band & Alumni, Frank Gardner

Amy Gerdeman Bardall

3:00 PM

Mass at K of C for Mission Festival

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 9,311.47

Choir Assignments - October 27 & 28

4:30: RA 8:00: Laura 11:00: Youth 3:00: HN

The Holy Name Choir

is asked to sing the 3:00 p.m. Mass at the K of C, before the Mission Festival next Sunday, October 28.

Students Planning Mass This Week Are...

Ruth Kuhlman's 2A class on Wednesday, October 24. There will be no students at Mass on Friday, October 26.

No High School CCD This Week...

due to soccer tournament games being played at 7:00 p.m.

CCD Progress Reports

On Monday, October 29, our elementary students will be bringing home their Progress Reports with information on their participation in our religious education program. Parents, be sure to ask them questions about what they have learned.

Our Annual Memorial Mass...

will be November 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Mission Festival Next Sunday

Plan on coming to the K of C Hall for all or part of the day's activities. Mass at 3:00 p.m., followed by dinner, dancing with a live band, and bingo. Could be a date night, family afternoon outing or just coming together as a community to enjoy each others' company. All proceeds benefit the Reconciliation Center in Chicago, staffed by our Precious Blood priests and sisters and Project Bethlehem through Catholic Charities. Project Bethlehem benefits families who are in need at Christmas time.

You can still come out for the meal, even if you didn't RSVP.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

NO HIGH SCHOOL CCD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

Our Students in Grades 7 & 8...

are being asked to bring a baked item or a home canned item to our annual Mission Festival Sunday, Oct. 28. The items can be dropped off at the church basement on Friday, Oct. 26 or the K of C Hall on Sat., Oct. 27 after 10:30 a.m. or on Sun., Oct. 28 after 9:30 a.m. This will complete a work of mercy helping out the least fortunate as they prepare for Confirmation.

The Mass with Bishop Barron

Fr. Rick will be moderating *The Mass* by Bishop Barron starting Monday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. This is a six week program. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Men's Group to Begin Meeting...

on Saturday, November 3, from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., in St. Michael's Church Basement. There will be a half hour of bible study and a half hour of discussion. All men are welcome!

Stop the Bleed Rescheduled...

for Monday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m., at the Parish Center. It is a basic class about how to control a bleed after an injury. Everyone is welcome!

Knights of Columbus First Degree Initiation...

will be held this Thursday October 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hall just before our regular meeting starts. This is the "start" point for new Knights in our council and order. All existing Knights are welcome to observe and congratulate the newbies!

Kalida Lions Halloween Parade

Friday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the KHS Gym, following the Kalida Village Trick or Treat. Cash prizes for several costume categories. A treat from Lions for all participates and anyone that comes to watch the fun. Music by the KHS Band.

KHS Blood Drive – Monday, October 29

at Kalida High School's gym, from Noon – 6:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Mrs. Beth Grime (419-532-3529).

Election Night Chicken BBQ

KHS Alumni BBQ chicken dinners for CARRY OUT on Election Night, November 6, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at Kalida Market or the phone company.

KHS Junior Class Fruit Sale

Call the high school, contact someone in the Junior class or email Miss Griffith (kaylan.griffith@kalidaschools.org) by the end of October if you are interested in ordering fruit.

Iota Mega Purse Bingo - Friday, November 9

at St. Michael's. Cost is \$20 and benefits cancer research, hospice and CAP. Leave a message with Barb (532-3515) for tix.

OFFERTORY - October 27 & 28

4:30 PM

Gene & Marge Ellerbrock Family

8:00 AM

Mike & Norma Unverferth Family

11:00 AM

Dale & Julie Siebeneck Family

USHERS – October 27 & 28

4:30 PM

Team 9

8:00 AM

Team 8

11:00 AM

Team 7

LECTORS - October 27 & 28

4:30 PM:

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman

8:00 AM:

Mike Kahle, Deb Schroeder

11:00 AM

Tara Gerding, Alexis Meyer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 27 & 28

4:30:

Lori Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerde- man, Mel Hanneman, Grace Haselman

8:00:

Ryan Kerner, Dick & Judy Bockrath, Dave & Jane Kahle, Dianna Kehres, Jane Kleman, Deb Knueve, Becky Lucke, Mike Krouse

Ministers to Homebound: Ryan & Erin Kerner

11:00:

Tara Gerding, Nicole Fortman, Bill Hill, Shane Hill, Mark Kahle, Halie Kaufman, Stacy Knueve, Mandy Lambert, Lauren Langhals, McKayla Maag

SERVERS

Mon, 10/22 8:00 AM

Andrew Peck

Tues, 10/23 8:00 AM

Leo Rafaniello

Hanna Rampe

Wed, 10/24 8:00 AM

Livia Recker

Kevin Schumaker

Thurs, 10/25 7:30 PM

Jaden Smith

Allison Stechschulte

Fri, 10/26 8:00 AM

Evan Stechschulte

Gabe von der Embse

Sat, 10/27 4:30 PM

Katie Bendele

Logan Langhals

Sun, 10/28 8:00 AM

Mitch Langhals

Grant Laudick

Ryan Lucke

11:00 AM

McKayla Maag

Alexis Meyer

Clay Meyer

Luke Meyer

Brandon Miller

October Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250

Ray Miller

\$100

Mike Schimmoeller

\$100

Ella Stechschulte

\$100

Gene Ellerbrock

\$100

Denny Smith

\$ 50

Doris Stechschulte

\$ 50

Makenzie Maag

\$ 50

Art Warnecke

\$ 50

Blyth Turnwald

\$ 50

Susan Kurtzhals

\$ 50

Jon Okuley

\$ 50

Rod Bockrath



Upcoming Wedding

*Amanda Schulte
and
Alex Borchers*

will be married on
October 27, 2018.

Please include them
in your prayers.

