

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, October 6, 2019

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. In Residence: Fr. Elmer Wurth, M.M. Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rick Friebe, C.P.P.S.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2019



CHRIST
OUR **HOPE**
IN EVERY SEASON OF *Life*

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. As many of you know, I am not a technology person. I've updated my phone from a flip phone to a slide phone so that when I text, I can text "quicker." And you should see how "quick" I am. When it comes to technology, I would like to go back to three channels on television and party lines on which you could talk to all your neighbors at once if they were on the phone at the same time. I remember cassette players on which I could play the same song over and over and over until the tape tore from rewinding. There are some songs that still stay with me because I played them over and over so often. That is the feeling I have when I think of this past weekend with the celebration of Fr. Elmer's 90th birthday. I would like to play it over and over. There were so many good things about this past weekend that I would like to try to put some of them into words and share it with my neighbors on a party line. And party is what this weekend was about. People gathered from near and far. Surprise visitors came from around the country and world. Old friends and new ones showed up to bring warm wishes to the birthday boy. And that is what he turned into: an excited boy about how blessed he has been throughout so many years.

As fun as the party was with special guests, speeches and Chinese food, Mass, for me, was about as good as it gets. It was so good to see Fr. Elmer behind the altar to pray. He is a holy man and a funny man, which comes out as he celebrates Mass. Mass is a memorial of God's goodness to the whole world and to each of us. As I looked out while helping Fr. Elmer, I saw a sea of faith and love-filled people dressed in red.

I saw people of different nationalities come together to thank God. I saw joy, which is where faith in God should take us. I saw unity as people prayed, sang and came to be fed together at the table of God. I saw life in all the young and young at heart who celebrated God's presence. I also saw Fr. Elmer so happy. He saw the fruits of his labor of being a missionary away from his Kalida home, but always at home with the Lord. And when I saw all that happened at St. Michael's Church, I knew that something more than human happened. For whenever two or more gathered in His name, He promised to be there. I knew that God was here. Maybe Putnam County is God's country. And I thought of people at Mass at Continental and around the world who get to experience the same and I knew that God's love is for all people.

So, I was smiling all week, after I took a nap. I'd like to thank so many who helped bring a glimpse of God around the festivities of Fr. Elmer's birthday. Thanks to all who helped at Mass. Thanks to the ministers, the music ministry, all those who wore red and all who prayed as a community. Thanks to all who came to celebrate at the Knights of Columbus. Thanks for the great food, both American and Chinese. Thanks to the decorators for a lovely atmosphere. Thanks to all those who showed hospitality to Fr. Elmer's guests. Thanks for the Knights of Columbus for hosting such a wonderful God-filled event.

Like replaying favorite music until it sticks with me, I would like to replay the goodness of this past weekend. Congratulations, Fr. Elmer, and may God continue to bless you and us. Have a blessed week. *Fr. Mark*

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 AM Joanne Rutledge

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 AM Larry Haselman

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:30 PM Dorothy Miller

Ted Sealts, Alfred Ellerbrock

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 *St. John XXIII, pope*

8:00 AM Carl & Dolores Remlinger

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:30 PM Helen Korte, L/D Brickner/Korte Families

Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 AM Don Herman

11:00 AM Mike Kahle

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,339.82

Choir Assignments - October 12 & 13

4:30: A Capella **8:00:** HN **11:00:** YAHS

From Fr. Elmer...

Back to normal life again after a great party. Thanks! I really enjoyed it. I hope you did, too. It will take me several months to read all your greetings and respond to them. I ask for your patience to match your generosity. All your gifts will be sent to Maryknoll for our several hundred projects in 26 countries. I plan to use pictures of our party as my Christmas greetings this year. I can't respond to all of you right away and then begin my several hundred Christmas letters to you and friends from around the world. I will offer a brief prayer for you as I respond to your greetings and mission gifts.

Fr. Elmer



To the Parishioners of St. Michael

On behalf of Klara Frommherz, thank you for all you did for Klara during her lifetime and at the time of her death. Thank you for all the visits, cards, and gifts. Klara loved being a part of the St. Michael Parish. In many ways, you were her family. May all your acts of charity toward Klara help you grow in holiness.
Tammy Schroeder

Euchre Tournament This Sunday!

Sunday, October 6, in the church basement, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Mission Challenge

An anonymous family has come forward with an offer to match cash donations (up to \$2,000) made to our upcoming Mission Festival. If you would like to participate in this challenge, place your donation in an envelope marked "Mission Challenge" and put it in the collection or drop it off at the Parish Center.

Money Wall for High School NCYC Attendees

On November 21-24, eight KHS students will be joining almost 25,000 other Catholic teens from all across the U.S., in Indianapolis, for the National Catholic Youth Conference. At each entrance of church, you will find a Money Wall, which contains envelopes with various dollar amounts on the front. If you would like to help us, please choose an envelope, place your donation inside, and return it to the Parish Center or into the collection basket. *The wall will be up through next weekend.* If you have a prayer intention, please include it with your donation, and know we will be praying for you during our NCYC pilgrimage. Thank you for your support!

Freshman Retreat - Friday, November 1

Registrations will be sent soon. We will be attending All Saint's Day Mass that evening as a part of the retreat.

Public Rosary Rally

Please join in praying for our nation on **October 12, at Noon**, in the lot between Mary Jane Stechschulte's home and the Kalida Fire Station. Please bring your rosary, a chair and dress for the weather. Contact Herm and Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 (leave a message) if you have any questions.

A Three Day Bus Trip...

to the **National Shrine of the Divine Mercy**, Stockbridge, Massachusetts, will be November 11 - 13, 2019. Fr. Ron Schock, of St. Alphonsus, Peru, and St. Joseph, Monroeville, will be leading this pilgrimage. The bus will leave from Findlay, St. Michael's at 6:30 a.m., on November 11. The cost is \$330 per person for double occupancy and includes 3 meals, 2 breakfasts, 2 nights at same hotel, and bus transportation. Contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 (leave message) for information and registration forms. **Deadline is Oct. 15.**

Putnam County YMCA Aerobics

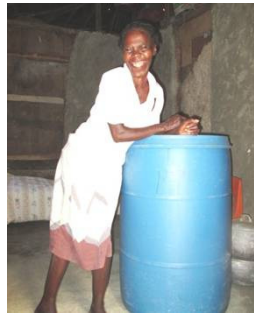
Cardio & Toning, beginning Monday, October 7. Mondays & Wednesdays, from 6:15-7:00 p.m., at the Grade School Cafeteria. Cost is \$20. To register, please call 419-532-2339.

Boy Scout Chicken BBQ - Sunday, October 13

Dinners are \$8 and include 1/2 chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, and dinner roll. Call 419-532-2272 for tickets.

Mission Festival to Benefit a Worthy Cause

This years Mission Festival's proceeds will benefit the mission of Brother Nick Renner, C.P.P.S. to provide life-saving and life-sustaining soy to Haiti (the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere). The soy comes from the Mercer County area and is shipped in blue barrels, which are put in containers and sent to Haiti. The barrels are also used to collect rain water for local use. The soy is especially beneficial to pregnant women and their unborn babies, as well as helping to eradicate malnutrition in children. Almost 50% of Haiti's population is unable to cover their minimum daily dietary requirements and nearly 25% of children suffer from chronic malnutrition. Please support this year's Mission Fest in any way you can.



The Festival will be held on Sunday, October 20, at the Kalida K of C Hall: Bake Sale, Cash & Basket Raffles, Bingo and Games for the Kids; **Breakfast** from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Egg Casseroles, Pancakes, Cinnamon Rolls, Sausage, Fruit, Drink) and **Wedding Style Dinner** from Noon - 3:00 p.m. (Beef, BBQ Pork, Potatoes, Noodles, Vegetable, Relish, Roll, Dessert, & Drink and Hot Dogs, too). We can use help out at the K of C on Friday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m., to prepare the beef and on Sunday, Oct. 20 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Students Planning Mass this Week...

are Stephanie Price's 3B class on Wednesday, October 9, and her 6B class on Friday, October 11.

High School CCD - October 9

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Mark will be with the freshmen in the church basement.

7th Grade Students & Parents

There will be a mandatory Confirmation meeting on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement.

8th Grade Students & Sponsors

There will be a mandatory Confirmation meeting on Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement.

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat - October 9

Our students in grade 8 will be making their NET Confirmation Retreat on Wednesday, October 9. Please keep them and the NET team in your prayers. Confirmation will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Church Crawl - An Adventure for All

Sunday, October 27, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. We will start our Church Crawl with an adventure up in the Church Tower (optional and weather-permitting). We will be visiting four local churches in Putnam County (and beyond) and be given a tour to learn about the history and architecture, etc. of their church. There will be a scavenger hunt-like game at each location. We will then travel back to Kalida for a tour of St. Michael's. The day will conclude with dinner with Fr. Mark. Cost is \$10/person. Registration forms are available at all entrances of church or www.stmichaelskalida.org. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 20.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

7TH GRADE & PARENTS MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

LECTORS - October 12 & 13

4:30 PM

Deb Kahle, Deb Schroeder

8:00 AM

Erin Kerner, Mary Plescher

11:00 AM

Stacy Knueve, Wendy Schimmoeller

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 12 & 13

4:30: Jim & Marilyn Becker, Kyla Fortman, Lynda Fortman, Keith & Ann Rea Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman, Tom & Judy Bonifas

8:00: Amy Brinkman, Dick & Judy Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Bob Buss, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman

Ministers to Homebound: Dick & Judy Bockrath

11:00: Janet Burgei, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss, Michelle Buss, Eileen Decker, Clara Elkins, Lori Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Phil & Sue Fuerst

OFFERTORY - October 12 & 13

4:30 PM

Mark & Deb Kahle Family

8:00 AM

Dave & Jane Kahle Family

11:00 AM

Mike & Annette Gerding Family

USHERS - October 12 & 13

4:30 PM

Team 1

8:00 AM

Team 2

11:00 AM

Team 3

SERVERS

Tues, 10/8

8:00 AM

Maddalyn Nienberg

Riley Nienberg

Wed, 10/9

8:00 AM

Olivia Olzak

Camryn Recker

Thurs, 10/10

7:30 PM

Carson Remlinger

Elyse Romes

Fri, 10/11

8:00 AM

Katelyn Roof

Ella Schumacher

Sat, 10/12

4:30 PM

Camille Hovest

Gabe Hovest

Alysen Hoyt

Sun, 10/13

8:00 AM

Katelyn Kahle

Stephanie Kahle

John Kaufman

11:00 AM

Ella Kaufman

Matt Kehres

Carson Klausung

Miscarriage & Infant Loss Memorial Mass

Did you or someone you love lose a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death? Come receive spiritual consolation at the first annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on **Sunday, October 20, at 1:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, in Glandorf.** All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. Those outside Putnam County are also invited. An informational reception with refreshments will be held after the Mass at St. John's Parish Hall. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine's Embrace (a new outreach ministry to support families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger (419-980-8065), Ruth Gerding (567-204-1275) or Jill Streicher (419-796-0637).

Short Biography of Klara Frommherz

Kay Heringhaus sat down with Klara and wrote down a few things from her life. Soon, we will make this available online for anyone who might be interested in reading it. Tammy Schroeder had this picture of Klara out at the funeral home and we loved it, and wanted to share it with those who couldn't attend her funeral.

Here she is, in 1953, with her niece Maya and a canine companion. This was taken shortly before Klara left Germany for the United States, at the age of 26.

