

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - October 7, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I'm still on a little high after baptizing a grand nephew, Dominic. The scene was beautiful as two younger siblings wanted to "help" in the best, or should I say, the worst way. Instead of sitting in the pew, they wanted to stand with the parents and godparents as they professed their faith. They wanted to touch their brother as the water was poured and cried when Dominic cried as cold water streamed down his head. The siblings kissed the forehead of Dominic after chrism was put on to mark him as priest, prophet and king. By the end of the ceremony the siblings smelled with perfumed oil as much as the baby. My sister-in-law will not let me put the baptismal candle incident in print. And I thought to myself that if Baptism is the immersion of God's life in the child and Dominic's life into the life of our God, those little ones have the right understanding. Because of God's great love we want to be near that love always. All the symbols are just symbols until we put what those symbols mean into our lives. I smiled at the sweetness of the children wanting to be involved in the ceremony. I smiled even more to think that they were already participating in God's life and I have such hope that they will live in that faith forever. And I needed that little high as this week was marked with sadness due to sickness and death. Hearts get broken by such tragedies. The question of where is God in all this passes through our minds. When the tough times of life come into my life, I turn to what I know for sure: God loves me. I may not understand all the ways of God but I do understand being loved. My thoughts are not His thoughts but being loved goes beyond what my simple mind can take in. Knowing with head and heart that He loves me like, "I'm His favorite" allows me to trust Him when life does not make sense. He loves us all like we are His favorites. There are times I just have to turn things over to God. And that is not easy for me because I believe I can handle most things by myself. As I put that down in writing, that sounds pretty arrogant. Maybe I and we need God more than we give God credit for. And that is just why we need Baptism to wash away the original sin of believing we don't need God and we try to become God ourselves. It is good to put our burdens on the Lord as the load is much too heavy for us to carry or figure out. It is easy to find God when things are going well. It is easy to question God when life is not going well. The fact that we go to God at both times reminds me that God is all in all. As Dominic was and is immersed in the life of our God, may all of us be covered with the love of God which moves us beyond doubt but to love even more. Have a blessed week everyone.

CLC Meeting - Monday October 8...

at 7:00 p.m. Barry Schroeder is our guest speaker on Estate Planning etc. We sponsored Cassidy Decker to Girls State & she will tell us about her experience. August, September, October birthdays will be honored.

Students Planning Mass This Week Are...

Stephanie Price's 3B class on Wednesday, Oct. 10 and her 6B class on Friday, October 12.

High School CCD Notes

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 AM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 AM Helen & Norbert Sarka

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 PM Ted Sealts

Nora O'Dell

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

NM Brian Schulte & Jenn Anderson

4:30 PM

L/D Korte & Brickner Families

Helen Korte, Leon & Lou Ann Kahle

Norman von der Embse, John Phillips,

Bill Bellmann & family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 AM Charlie Gerdeman

11:00 AM Joe & Rita Hanneman Family

Clete & Anna Mae Verhoff Family

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 9,196.87

Choir Assignments - October 13 & 14

4:30: 8:00: 11:00: PW

Our Annual Mission Festival...

is Sunday, October 28, at the K of C Hall. **We would like people to RSVP for the meal** so we get an idea of how much meat to order. You can find this at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins." RSVP only...no money at this time. Mass will be at 3:00 followed by a wedding style meal, dinner, dance and bingo.

Engaged Couples Conference at St. Michael's

October 13 & 14, 2018. To register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/joy-filled-marriage-engaged-couple-workshop-7474823041>

Respect Life Sunday:

I Do Love spiders and snakes: When Pope Francis asked Catholics to pay more attention to the environment, a number of people questioned his wisdom as there are so many other issues in the Church to deal with. As we learn to take care of our world, we also learn to take care of each other. As we look at the wonder of God's creating spiders and snakes, it is not long before we take in the wonder of the creation of persons. God has given people the stewardship of creating with Him. We take in the wonder of what love and life look like. By having such a respect for all life, our human life takes on greater dignity. I had the opportunity to be in the fields this week. I purposely took time to take in all the crickets and spiders. (Thank you, Lord, for not putting snakes in the field. I'm not a big fan.) There were thousands of them. With each one I thought of God's creative hand. I tried, as I came back to parish life, to see the wonder of all of you. Seeing that wonder in each person was easier than finding it in a spider. Look for God's life this week. It is easy to find.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

Cinema Night at Ft. Jennings Parish

Come and join us for a **FREE** showing of *"Paul, Apostle of Christ"*, on **Sunday, October 14**, at **7:00 PM**, in the sanctuary of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Jennings. Released earlier this year, this movie stars Jim Caviezel (from *"The Passion of the Christ"*) and highlights how Saul became Paul, 1st century Rome, the living Word, and the extraordinary friendship between Luke and Paul. This event is open to all! Come and watch on the big screen an inspiring, realistic film depicting the lives of some of the most important figures of early Christianity.

Wine & Canvas Event

Thursday, October 11, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., at The Meadows of Kalida Assisted Living. \$35/person all inclusive. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. All proceeds benefit our 2018 Hope for the Holidays fundraiser. RSVP to Grace (419-532-2961) to reserve your spot!

Rosary for Our Nation

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 13, 2018 at 12:00 noon. This local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place beside Mary Jane Stechschulte's home, 100 Broad St., Kalida. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please dress for the weather as this will be outside. Bring your rosary and a chair. Please contact Herman and Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 for more information.

Thank You

for helping to make my birthday a really memorable occasion for me. The Mass in the Park was friendly and relaxing. The singing at the Masses in church was very moving and surprising. May you all be blessed.
Fr. Elmer

The Mass with Bishop Barron

Fr. Rick will be moderating The Mass by Bishop Barron starting Monday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in the church basement. This is a 6 week program. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Euchre Tournament this Sunday, October 7

in the basement of St. Michael's. We begin at 2 and play till 4. Prizes and food provided. Come join us for a good time and to meet fellow parishioners. I did not say beat fellow parishioners. (You know how competitive I am.)

Putnam County YMCA Aerobics

(cardio, stepping, toning) Beginning Monday, October 8 (runs monthly) Mondays and Wednesdays 6:15 -7:00pm. Kalida Grade School Cafeteria Cost: \$20 Any questions or to register, please call Lisa (419-532-2339).

OFFERTORY - October 13 & 14

4:30 PM

Mark & Deb Kahle Family

8:00 AM

Karl & Darlene Miller Family

11:00 AM

Mary Ann Hoersten Family

USHERS - October 13 & 14

4:30 PM

Team 4

8:00 AM

Team 5

11:00 AM

Team 6

LECTORS - October 13 & 14

4:30 PM:

Barb Unverferth, Beth Selhorst

8:00 AM:

Dennis Turnwald, Don Wehri

11:00 AM

Sandy Westrick, Brenda Averagesch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 13 & 14

4:30: Mark Remlinger, Tom Roof, Ethan Schmenk, Deb Schroeder, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Dick & Jane Schulte, Kay Unverferth

8:00: Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Rose Recker, Deb Remlinger, Mike & Karen Sarka, Donna Schnipke, Mary Siefker, Norma Unverferth, Don Wehri

Ministers to Homebound: Dennis & Blyth Turnwald

11:00: Duane & Barb Steffan, Lisa Rampe, Lisa Unverferth, Lisa Rampe, Scott Unverferth, Norma Vorst, Teresa Rampe, Diane Vorst, Sandy Westrick

SERVERS

Mon, 10/8	8:00 AM	Dyllan Bendele Dominic Bockrath
Tues, 10/9	8:00 AM	Kendal Bockrath Drew Buss
Wed, 10/10	8:00 AM	Brooke Erhart Ryan Fischnich
Thurs, 10/11	7:30 PM	Nick Foppe Grant Helmke
Fri, 10/12	8:00 AM	Colin Hoffman Joel Horstman
Sat, 10/13	4:30 PM	Jayce Horstman Gabe Hovest Katelyn Kahle
Sun, 10/14	8:00 AM	Alysen Hoyt Makenna Hoyt Stephanie Kahle
	11:00 AM	Ella Kaufman Matt Kehres Mason Kerner

Wildcat Cards are Here

Junior students at KHS are selling "Wildcat Cards" to support Post Prom. The cards offer coupons and discounts for 39 local businesses for the upcoming year 11/1/2018 - 1/1/2019. Price remains only \$10. You can purchase a card from any Junior at KHS, Kalida Party Mart, Kalida High School office, Kalida Telephone Co, Rachel's Hair on the Square or by contacting Kim Bockrath 419-615-2078 or Rose Langhals at 419-302-7724. Thank you for your support!

Mission Festival Meeting

will be Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Center. Please join our planning team. Many new changes this year are being planned.

Upcoming Wedding

Brian Schulte & Jenn Anderson

will be married on October 13, 2018.

Please include them in your prayers.