

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - Pioneer Sunday - September 10, 2017

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. Mine was extra nice, as we celebrated 100 years of my Mom's life. Although Mom has been gone for thirty years, the memories of her life flowed freely throughout the day. All my siblings brought an object or two to tell stories of Mom's full life with a husband of fifty years and seventeen children. Grandchildren listened intently to butchering stories, quilting stories, farming stories and canning stories. In between laughter and a few tears, we noticed that raising children following the Depression was hard work. There was no money to stretch, so food, clothes and shelter (six in a room, three in a bed) had to go further than they should have. Patches on patches on hand-me-down jeans were in order. We ate what Mom cooked because there was nothing else to eat. Foods like blood pudding, noodle milk, tomatoes on noodles, extra rice in soup or anything to make a filling meal were all mentioned. As we told our stories, we realized how hard Mom worked and how "easy" we have it today. We lived through those years and took a meal for granted. Today, we take so much for granted: food, shelter and clothing.

As our towns celebrate Pioneer Days and a Fall Festival, maybe we should not take for granted all the work that has been done and is being done for our towns. There was much work put into starting our towns and in keeping them alive. The festivals are more than hamburgers, cakes, and bingo. In the past, these gatherings were ways of gathering people to celebrate and build a community. Today we are still building community.

This weekend around the diocese, our communities get to help rebuild community in Texas. A second collection will be taken in our churches to be sent to the needy of Texas, through the efforts of Catholic Charities. As I write this, my prayers go out to the victims of Hurricane Harry and for all those who may be involved with Hurricane Irma. At our bingo tent this year, we will be collecting for the victims of the hurricane and will send those funds collected to Catholic Charities. Perhaps by eating one less helping of fries or one less beverage, those monies could be sent to help rebuild another community. The Lord asked us to help our neighbors and brothers and sisters we might not even know. Let us not take people for granted. It will take much work to rebuild the Houston area. Inspired by Mom, I know that hard work gets a lot done.

Thank you, Lord, for our communities and our families. Your hard work of carrying a cross and taking on our humanity will not be taken for granted. Thanks to all who have worked and are working to make our communities a family. Have a great week, everyone. *Fr. Mark*

RCIA Classes Begin This Tuesday...

September 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the church basement.

Thanks to Jeff & Nick Cleemput...

for taking the beautiful drone pictures you see inside!

Mass Times Change Next Sunday

Beginning, Sunday, September 17, Sunday Mass times will be at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. (9:30 a.m. at Continental).

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 AM Kristen Vennekotter (A)
Earl Kleman Family, **An End to Terrorism**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM Tom, Rose & Kim Erhart

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 *St. John Chrysostom*

8:00 AM Gene Stechschulte

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 *Exaltation of the Cross*

7:30 PM Art & Thelma Rosengarten

John Anderson

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:00 AM Gilbert Berheide, Jim Hamilton

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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4:30 PM L/D Robert & Vi VonderEmbse Family

L/D John & Phil Stoepfel Family

John Phillips, Stan Haselman

Bob Brinkman, Helen Korte

L/D Korte & Brickner Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

11:00 AM Martha Wallace, Della Borgelt

Jim Berheide

Last Week's Collection: \$ 8,017.00

Choir Assignments - September 16 & 17

4:30: PW 8:00: Laura 11:00: Youth (practice at 10 am)

Join the Youth Choir (Grades 2-8)

Our first practice is Sept. 17, before we sing at the 11:00 Mass.

Want to Join the Praise & Worship Choir?

First practice is Mon., Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Open to anyone.

Want to Join the Holy Name Choir?

Our first practice is Monday, September 25, at 8:30 p.m. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining the men's choir this year.

Engaged Couple Workshop (Pre-Cana)

If you are engaged to be married, you'll want to register for this workshop, which fulfills the "marriage class" component, which is part of the requirements for marriage in the Catholic Church. To register, visit ToledoMarriagePrep.org (and choose from the different dates at the bottom of the page). The Kalida workshop will be held September 16 & 17, but you can attend anywhere.

K of C Notes

As our new chaplain, Fr. Elmer provides some points to ponder, with a few free jokes, at each meeting (2nd & 4th Thursday at 8:15 p.m.) even on card nights. He has agreed to be chaplain for ten years, with an option for ten more. On the Club side, we are in need of Knights willing to do bartending service for weddings. Bartending is paid an hourly stipend, plus tips! Contact Bob Karhoff or Tony Vorst if interested.

Kalida Cub Scout Pack 221 "Sign Up Night"

If your son grade 1-5 enjoys building rockets, fishing, pinewood derby racing, camping and BB guns, please stop by Kalida St. Michaels Church Basement on Thursday, September 14, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., to sign up for Cub Scouts. Boys receive a free ROCKET when they join! Any questions, please call Jim Klausning (419-796-9460 or jimklausning32@gmail.com).

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Ellen Millott's 5A class on Wednesday, Sept. 13, and Michele Doepker's 8A class on Friday, September 15.

High School CCD Begins This Wednesday...

September 13. Everyone will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot by the church elevator for food and to meet the teachers.

Generosity Appreciated

Thank you for the generous donation to the Ottawa Food Pantry for the generator. Our parish donated \$1841 in the collection. We also had some industrious children who had a lemonade stand and donated \$102. Every little bit counts to helping the food pantry achieve their goal. They are hoping to install the generator yet this fall.

Sunday School Begins September 24

Visit stmichaelskalida.org (Recent Bulletins) for a registration form and more information. Deadline is Sept. 17.

Church Crawl - An Adventure for All

Sunday, October 1, from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. We will start our evening with an optional adventure in the church tower. We will be visiting three other churches in Putnam County and be given a tour by someone from that parish to learn about the history and architecture, etc. of their church. There will be a scavenger hunt like game at each location, after the speaker. We will then travel back to Kalida for a tour of St. Michael's. The day will conclude with dinner with Fr. Mark. \$12/person (includes local snacks throughout the day and dinner). Registrations are available at all church entrances or www.stmichaelskalida.org. Please RSVP by Sun., Sept. 24.

Recent Baptism

JULIA RUTH SCHNIPKE

Daughter of Ryan & Amy (Morgan) Schnipke

Wedding Anniversary Mass at Cathedral

Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage in 2017 are invited. You can register until September 15. Register directly online at toledoanniversarymass.org or by contacting Marsha Rivas (419-214-4938).

TDCCW Fall Conference

September 29-30, 2017, at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 5856 Heatherdowns, Toledo. Cost: Friday evening (\$20) and Saturday (\$25). Pre-registration is required by September 20. To register, contact the Pastoral Center (419-244-6711, ext. 4929).

Ohio Polka Boosters Important Meeting/Dance

Wed., September 20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Band at 7 p.m. Call 419-236-8029 with questions.

Paint & Partake - Thursday, September 14...

at 6:30 p.m., at The Meadows. \$40 if prepaid and \$50 at the door. Local wine & finger foods provided. Proceeds benefit *The Walk to End Alzheimer's*. Call 419-532-2961.

Part-Time Office Manager Position at Habitat

Please call the Habitat office (419-523-9621) to inquire about an application. Deadline for application is September 15.

Old Film Containers Needed

Kalida Elementary would like them to use as ice containers for injuries. Please drop them off at the Elementary School. Thanks!

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

OFFERTORY - September 16 & 17

4:30 PM Barry & Beth von der Embse Family
8:00 AM Gus & Judy Brinkman Family
11:00 AM Mary Ann Hoersten Family

USHERS - September 16 & 17

4:30 PM Team 7
8:00 AM Team 8
11:00 AM Team 9

LECTORS - September 16 & 17

4:30 PM Barb Unverferth, Brenda Averagesch
8:00 AM Dennis Turnwald, Don Wehri
11:00 AM Carl Siefker, Sandy Westrick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - September 16 & 17

4:30: Tony & Sandy Vorst, Marilyn Becker, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas, Kelly Buss, Lori Erhart, Regina Fischnich, Keith & AnnRea Fortman

8:00: Don Wehri, Joan Peck, Dennis & Blyth Turnwald, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Ruth Foppe, Janet Burgei, Dave & Cindy Erhart

Ministers to Homebound: Herm, Rita Borgelt, Joan Peck
11:00: Sandy Westrick, The Zellers, Alice Adams, Brian, Bev & Anna Berheide, Dave Buss, Eileen Decker

SERVERS

Mon, 9/11	8:00 AM	Leo Rafaniello Hanna Rampe
Tues, 9/12	8:00 AM	Livia Recker Kevin Schumaker
Wed, 9/13	8:00 AM	Jaden Smith Allison Stechschulte
Thurs, 9/14	7:30 PM	Evan Stechschulte Gabe von der Embse
Fri, 9/15	8:00 AM	Logan Bockrath Brandt Brinkman
Sat, 9/16	4:30 PM	Josh & Tyler Klausung Jillian Knueve
Sun, 9/17	8:00 AM	Connor Krouse Trevor Lambert Kevin Lammers Marcy Landwehr Logan & Madison Langhals
	11:00 AM	



Upcoming Wedding

Alan Verhoff & Michelle Le

will be married on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Please include them in your prayers.