

# Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - September 16, 2018

## From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I'm getting ready for Friday night. Years ago, that might have meant getting ready for a football game or a night out with friends. This Friday night I am getting ready to pray for the Church. The bishop has asked the Church of Toledo diocese to have time set aside on the feast of The Exaltation of the Cross to pray and fast for our Church in the face of the abuse scandal of our Church. Even though you will be reading this after the fact, I think it is still relevant to continue to pray and fast for our Church, and not only on September 14.

As I thought about what I wanted to pray about, I thought about the wonder of our faith. My faith is in a God who is amazingly good to us. Each person has their own story of God's presence in their lives. Sometimes God's presence and wonder is with a person. Sometimes God's presence is with a family or community. In everything, God is always good. No matter if a person or family or community has its failings, God is always good. And I believe that through all the failings of our Church or its leaders that we read about or heard about, we will be alright. I don't believe this because we have great leaders or a great institution, but we have a God who will never abandon us. When we turn to the Lord and are directed by Him we will be more than victorious. When people ask me about my thoughts on the abuse scandal, I always have hope. Jesus showed us that sin and death have been conquered. And the sins of our time are small to the love which is forever. No greater love is there than the love He showed us by laying down His life for us. And then He rose and so will we rise from this scandal because our faith is in the name of the Lord.

My prayers are for those who have been abused. May the Lord, who wants us all healed, be with the abused. May our love for them help in the healing process. For all those who have been hurt due to abuse. For those who have had their faith shattered. May the Lord, who can heal the broken-hearted, mend lives. For those who have abused and those who still abuse, be so touched by the Lord to bring a change of heart. May hearts of stone be made soft and ready to love as the Lord loves.

There is much to pray about at this time in the history of the Church. Only by turning to the God who is always with us will life turn around for the good. Let us pray...not only on one day, but all our days so that we stay close to the One who is close to us. Have a good week.  
*Fr. Mark*

## Catechetical Sunday

Teachers are an important part of the life of our parishes. To grow in knowledge and understanding of our God is an important part of our faith journeys. We have so many teachers who have put their hearts and souls into sharing faith with children and adults. I spoke with one of our teachers who said that she had been teaching for 31 years. We have so many people in our parishes who are willing to share their time and faith. May God bless all our teachers. For all those who work with children, with Baptism and Marriage classes, adult education and Bible studies, RCIA and all those who share the faith in daily conversation, may God bless you. We appreciate the work you do. And one last part of catechetical Sunday is to pray for all parents who are the first teachers of the faith. We have good children because we have good parents. So often our faith is caught and not so much taught. Thanks to all parents who "throw" faith to their children. By what I see, the children are "catching" on. Today we celebrate teachers of the faith.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 AM Gene Stechschulte

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM Steve & Laura Schulte

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 AM Leonard & Dolores Verhoff

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 PM Bill Cleemput

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 *St. Matthew, apostle*

8:00 AM Frank Gardner

4:30 PM NM Horstman & Peck

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

4:30 PM Jim & Helen Knueven, Dan Siefker  
Hubert & Irma Pohlman, John Phillips  
Joe, Emma & Dick Langhals  
Cy, Cecelia & Nick Vorst  
L/D KHS Class of 1968

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 AM Annie Ketcham

11:00 AM Leroy Warnement, Don Holtkamp  
Richard, Gladys & Mark Unverferth



## Upcoming Wedding

*Ashley Horstman & Larry Peck*

will be married on September 21, 2018. Please include them in your prayers.

## Prayer Cards at the Church Entrances...

for Catechists and Family Commitment. Please pray for our catechists and that our families stay committed to living the faith.

## Students Planning Mass This Week Are...

are Annette Schroeder's 4A class on Wednesday, September 19, and Joyce Bonifas's 7A class on Friday, September 21.

## The Kalida Knights of Columbus...

are working on improving our parking lot drainage and should be done with all the digging in a couple weeks, depending on weather.

## Outdoor Mass

On September 29 we will be having an outdoor Mass (weather permitting) at the park in Kalida. Bring a lawn chair and your love for the Lord. I always love an outdoor Mass. This year the Mass falls on the feast day of St. Michael and the birthday of our own saint...Fr. Elmer. Fr. Elmer will be 89 this year. Help us thank the Lord for many blessings. Hot Dogs and cake and cookies served after Mass.



## Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Frank Gardner** was held on Friday, September 14. Please include Frank and his family in your prayers.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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

PW CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:30 p.m.

HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21***NO CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: due to wedding***Last Sunday's Collection:** \$ 8,703.00**Choir Assignments - September 22 & 23**

4:30: PW 8:00: HN 11:00: RA

**High School CCD—September 19**

Everyone has class from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**First Holy Name Choir Practice of Season**

Monday, September 17, at 8:30 p.m. If you like to sing, join us!

**It's Time to Celebrate!**

We have two people on St. Michael's staff celebrating birthdays this week. Our DRE Connie Cleemput celebrates her birthday this Sunday, September 16, and Fr. Mark celebrates his birthday on Friday, September 21. Happy Birthday to you both!

**Our Annual Mission Festival...**

will be held on Sunday, October 21, at the K of C Hall.

**Genesis to Jesus Bible Study at St. Michael's**

Would you like to better understand the relationship between the Old and New Testaments? Join us for the "Genesis to Jesus" Bible Study, beginning Saturday, October 6, at 9 a.m. in St Michael's Parish Center. Cost for workbook is \$10. To register, please call Connie (419-532-3474) or Rita (419-532-3637).

**Church Crawl—Sunday, Oct. 14, at 1:00 p.m.**

The Church Crawl begins with an optional adventure up in the church tower. We will visit four local churches (Col. Grove, Leipsic, Miller City & New Cleveland) and be given a tour. 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. Registration forms are available at all entrances of church or [www.stmichaelskalida.org](http://www.stmichaelskalida.org). RSVP by Sunday, September 30.

**Battle of the Youth**

Sunday, October 7, at Ottawa Sts Peter & Paul from 1:00– 6:00 p.m. Battle of the Youth is a series of fun, sort of crazy, athletic events. This year it's the "Battle of the Board Games." Each team must consist of 5 girls & maximum of 5 boys with an adult coach (age 21+). Cost is \$50/team. A Spirit Trophy is awarded to the team demonstrating the most creativity, spirit, good sportsmanship & positive attitude. Registrations due Sept 26. Contact Jill at 419-532-3494 (x103) for forms & more details.

**Kalida Chamber Adopt-A-Tree Program**

Your cost is \$125/tree (the Chamber will pay the difference). For the Chamber, Beining' Nursery will inspect the site prior to planting, and will plant the tree for you. All businesses and people within the Village of Kalida are eligible. Deadline for orders is October 5. Brochures are at the exits of church and at area businesses.

**OFFERTORY - September 22 & 23****4:30 PM**

Larry &amp; Grace Haselman Family

**8:00 AM**

Dave &amp; Jane Kahle Family

**11:00 AM**

Greg &amp; Kim Bockrath Family

**USHERS – September 22 & 23****4:30 PM**

Christian Nartker, Paul von der Embse

Clay Meyer &amp; Mason Kerner

**8:00 AM**

Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk

Trevor Vorst

**11:00 AM**

Team 12

**LECTORS - September 22 & 23****4:30 PM:**

Paul Bonifas, Shelly Burkhart

**8:00 AM:**

Chris Fortman, Kyla Fortman

**11:00 AM**

Clara Elkins, Jennifer Erhart

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - September 22 & 23**

**4:30:** Kay Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Diane Vorst, Jim & Marilyn Becker, Brian & Bev Berheide, Matt Bockrath, Joyce Bonifas

**8:00:** Mary Siefker, Denny & Blyth Turnwald, Norma Unverferth, Don Wehri, Amy Brinkman, Dick & Judy Bockrath, Gus & Judy Brinkman

**Ministers to Homebound:** Herm & Rita Borgelt

**11:00:** Norma Vorst, Sandy Westrick, Greg, Jill & Jade Zeller, Alice Adams, Janet Burgei, Bob Buss, Dave Buss, Kelly Buss

**SERVERS**

Mon, 9/17	8:00 AM	Malie Miller Kayla Nartker
Tues, 9/18	8:00 AM	Andrew Peck Leo Rafaniello
Wed, 9/19	8:00 AM	Hanna Rampe Livia Recker
Thurs, 9/20	7:30 PM	Kevin Schumaker Jaden Smith
Fri, 9/21	8:00 AM	Allison Stechschulte Evan Stechschulte
Sat, 9/22	4:30 PM	Trevor Vorst Hannah Berheide Kamryn Wurth
Sun, 9/23	8:00 AM	Peyton & Sydney Wurth Ella Wehri
	11:00 AM	Jack & Will Zeller Logan Bockrath

**Sunday School Begins September 23**

Deadline is this Sunday, September 16. Registration is online.

**Soup & Pie Day**

September 20, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at 1035 E. Third Street, Ottawa. Sponsored by Ottawa Senior Citizens Association. Menu includes: Beef Vegetable Soup or Bean with Ham Soup, cooked in kettles over an open fire, Brats Sandwich Platter, Chicken Salad Sandwich Platter, Assortment of Homemade Pies and Beverages. Music provided by Bob Clark. Join us!

**Upcoming Polka Dance at Kalida K of C**

Ohio Polka Boosters meeting and dance on Wednesday, September 19. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Dance is from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. The band is "Happy Times."

**Kalida FFA Fundraiser—Cow Pie Bingo**

The event will be hosted at the Kalida Four Seasons Park on October 12, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Contact an FFA member or the Kalida High School to purchase a square! The cost of ticket is \$20/square. Grand Prize is \$1,000.