

## Thoughts from Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. Thanks, everyone, for all the birthday wishes. I can't believe that I am old as I am. I have gotten older, but have not grown up. I spent my birthday with my brothers. The five of us spent the day outside and I tried not to answer my phone. The day included a walk through a neighboring woods, throwing walnuts to see who had the best arm, a bike ride, cards and lots of food cooked over a blazing fire. It was like we were little kids again. We stayed outside until we had to come in. I was kind of waiting for mom to yell for us to come in and get cleaned up. Since it was my birthday, I didn't even clean up...much. We promised ourselves that the day would not get heavy with heavy topics. There were lots of old joke telling and stories of old times on the farm. I am the youngest and quietest of the Hoying brothers. We do have a great time when we get together.

Family get-togethers are a lot like I envision Mass to be. The best stories are told with the best of people. The cares of the world are still there, but the time together takes you to a whole different world. The time spent is timeless as the old and unknown future come together in the goodness of a present gathering. There is healing that happens when you are surrounded by so much goodness. My brother is the only person whom I have ever physically hit. I was in grade school and he was much older. I hit him with all my might. I don't think he even remembers as my grade school muscles and temper were no match for his wiser, older and much bigger self. Those family gatherings brought healing to hurt feelings and memories. Church does the same thing as our faith family shares its stories and shares a special meal. God is present on so many levels. Coming together as a family, and maybe especially a faith family, is timeless as life is shared from creation to resurrection with celebration and forgiveness in between.

Which brings me to the point of today's article. I miss my family. It was great to have all my brothers together. One day it will be great to have the whole St. Michael's and St. John's families together and not have to worry about the coronavirus. I pray for family members who haven't been able to join in communion and in Communion. Every day I pray for people who have not yet been back to Mass due to Covid. I have family members who have not yet been back to church. I understand and respect those decisions. But because we are not all together does not mean that we are not one family. Keep praying for one another. Keep telling stories of life. Do not let ungodly things keep you from being holy.

I've got to get this turned in as Leslie, our secretary at St. Michael's, is going on vacation. Have a great week, everyone, and remember to take time for family. And remember that your family includes our Church family, also. *Fr. Mark*



## Happy Birthday,

### Fr. Elmer!

Fr. Elmer will celebrate his 91st Birthday on Tuesday, September 29. Happy Birthday, Fr. Elmer! We're lucky to have you!

## Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29** *St. Michael & the Archangels*

8:00 AM For all parishioners

8:50 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** *St. Jerome, priest*

8:00 AM Mercedes Cox

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1** *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*

8:00 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

7:30 PM Carol & Virgil Ellerbrock

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2** *Holy Guardian Angels*

8:00 AM

8:50 AM *New Mass Time Added!*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

1:00 PM NM Heitmeyer & Mikek

4:30 PM George, Nora & Dan Basinger

Firemen, Carolyn Unverferth

Bob & JoAnn Brinkman, Roger Buss

Luke Stechschulte, Joe & Mildred Buss

Deacon Frank Kneue

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

8:00 AM Lester Verhoff, Alvin & Mary Hoffman

11:00 AM Cecilia Gerdeman

**Last Sunday's Collection:** \$ 8,823.00

## 2020 Parish Council Election Results

*Matt Bockrath, Annette Gerding, and Adriene Swyers* are our newly elected Parish Council members. Thank you to outgoing members Ron Erhart, Karen Fortman & Barry Schroeder for your three years of service!

## Students at Mass

Students will be at every morning Mass during the week. Students in grades 1 and 2 will attend Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 7.

## High School CCD - September 30 at 7:00 p.m.

## Recent Baptisms

**HUDSON EDWARD HASELMAN**

Son of Lucas & Dana (Bruskotter) Haselman

**RYKER LUKE and GUNNER KENNY NICKERSON**

Sons of Ryan & Amber (Erhart) Nickerson

**MORGAN PAIGE TRENTMAN**

Daughter of Pat & Lisa (Schimmoller) Trentman

## September Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Nick Boley	\$100	Dick Bockrath
\$100	Andrea Janka	\$100	Nick Schulte
\$100	Tom Steffan	\$ 50	Jack Bierer
\$ 50	Cindy Rieman	\$ 50	Drew Bruskotter
\$ 50	Dale Riepenhoff	\$ 50	Joe Selhorst
\$ 50	Claire Bockrath	\$ 50	Logan Selhorst

## K of C Newsletter Released!

Yes, it's out for good behavior.....The fall/winter newsletter is available online on St. Michael's website at <https://www.stmichaelskalida.org/k-of-c-council-5669.html> and click on "Current Newsletter." Some copies will be available in the vestibule, as well. Also, for those demanding to go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month on the 24<sup>th</sup>, it's been cancelled. We're running just one meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday due to the election. Hope to see you October 8, at 8:15 p.m.

## Preschool & Kindergarten Textbooks

are in the church basement (for those who ordered one).



### Jr. High Fun Night (Pioneer Days-Style)

On Friday, September 11, St. Michael's sponsored a Junior High Fun Night at the Four Seasons Park. About 100 students in grades 6-8 enjoyed a fun night of Bingo, Kickball and fun with their friends. Since we couldn't have our Pioneer celebration this year, we sold "Socialburgers," Cotton Candy and Sno Cones. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Pioneer GoFundMe account (\$200). Many thanks to all the parents who helped: Adriene Swyers, Susan Johanns, Janice Foppe, Jenni Ricker, Amy Wannemacher, (and Greg Zeller & Kelly Buss - not pictured); and also to the 6 High School students who helped, too; Logan Bockrath, Luke Meyer, Luke Erhart, Ryan Lucke, Will Zeller, and Kayla Nartker. Bingo winners chose from candy and other small trinkets as prizes. At the end of the evening, many door prizes were given out, with the Ultimate Door Prizes; 2 huge stuffed bears (donated by Chris and Karen Fortman).

Expected delivery of cookbooks by the end of October.



## ST. MICHAEL COOKBOOK

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ of cookbooks (\$15 each)

TOTAL Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# FINAL CALL!

### "St. Michael the Starch Angel" Cook Book

Please make check out to "St. Michael Church" and place in collection by this Sunday **September 27, 2020**.

### Preschool & Kindergarten Textbooks

Anyone who ordered a textbook for their Kindergarten or Age 4 child can pick up their book in the church basement. The Kindergarten textbook comes with a black line masters, which enhance each chapter.

## SENIOR CANOE TRIP



Ben Doepker, Adam Basinger, Will Zeller, Luke Meyer, Jasmine Vorst, Marcy Landwehr, Carlee Recker, Brooke Siefker, Hannah Berheide, Jill Kneuve, Jen Rall & Ariana Basinger

### Senior Canoe Trip

On Sunday, September 20, twelve St. Michael's Seniors set sail down the Ottawa River for a 3 hour tour... (it really took almost 4 hours). It was a beautiful day to spend on the water. (until someone needed stitches). We ended the day with Mass and Dinner (Brats and Chili with some near-award winning Salsa!) with Fr. Mark at Four Seasons Park. Some of the seniors had their own kayakers, but Thank You to all who loaned us your extra kayakers for the day: Keith and Julie Brinkman, Ryan & Kristy Krouse, Gary & Sharon Siebeneck, and John Karhoff (Pandora). And thank you to all who transported kids and kayakers to our drop-off and get-out points, Brian Doepker, Lisa Niese, Don & Cindy Rall, and Fr. Mark (using Mark Kahle's trailer).

### Eucharistic Adoration Moved to First Monday

Adoration will now be the first Monday of every month (8:00 - 9:30 a.m. for grades 3-8). Please join us on October 5.

### Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m. by the elevator entrance.

### Confirmation Retreat Canceled

The Confirmation retreat that had been scheduled for October 9-11 at the Damascus Catholic Mission Camp has been canceled due COVID restrictions.



### Upcoming Wedding

*Stacie Heitmeyer & Trent Mike*

*will be married on October 3, 2020.*

*Please include them in your prayers.*

