

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, Ohio - September 9, 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi and welcome to Pioneer Weekend. Pioneer literally takes over the town. Streets are closed and traffic is shut down. Children are thinking of free bicycles and learning is shut down. Almost the same thing happens in Continental in a couple of weeks at the Fall Festival. Welcome to all those who come back to see old friends and eat food that brings back memories. There must be some reason to eat French fries that are dripping in grease or eat an elephant ear that should have a warning on it. For some reason, we all come back. I think there is something hidden in the weekend that follows Labor Day. People begin to crave social burgers and sitting down to play Bingo. Cake wheels have a draw that brings in patrons, just to hear the clicking of the wheel. Goldfish and turtles may have gone by the wayside, but there is something that calls us back. The situation brings back a Robert Palmer song, "You're gonna have to face it, you're addicted to Pioneer." Those may not be the exact lyrics, but you get the idea. Welcome, everyone, to St. Michael's, Kalida, Pioneer Days.

Today I am heading off to a workshop put on by the diocese about addictions. Our country has a definite addiction problem and we're gonna have to face it. The problem is everywhere in our country, even in our backyard. How, as a Church, do we deal with the effects of addiction? How do we, as the people of God, keep people from becoming addicted? Addictions cost billions of dollars in lost revenue. Most importantly, families are broken apart and personal lives are injured. There is a true sin to addiction which takes control of lives, and people do not live up to what God calls them to be. I hope to learn more and be able to put some programs into action here which may help people in our own backyards to follow the Lord, rather than the draw of addictive drugs.

On a much lighter subject, RCIA always begins the Tuesday after Pioneer. We already have a nice group assembled and ready to go. If you don't know, RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Adults gather on Tuesday nights to learn about the Catholic faith. Some of the adults are current Catholics who want to know more about their religion. Learning about the Catholic faith is different on an adult level than what it was when we learned it before Confirmation. Many people ask questions they would have never asked as a teenager. We have persons of different faith traditions who are looking at the Catholic tradition to help them on their journey to find and celebrate their love of God. The RCIA is a good program for these people to investigate their faith and ask lots of questions also. We have a good time and all are welcome. It is not too late to join. If you have any questions, please call me. If you know anyone whom you would like to invite, please do so.

One last thought: I've got "Addicted to Love" on my mind. I believe that God has put his spark of love in us that is stronger than any call for social burgers or Bingo. Love calls us more than French Fries or cake wheels. God seems addicted to us and won't leave us alone. He just wants to love us. I believe that once we know His love, we become addicted too. Have a great Pioneer Weekend everyone and show the love of God to all those you meet. **Fr. Mark**

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 AM Loretta Vorst

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 AM Alaina & Mia Landwehr

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 *Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:00 AM Bill Cleemput

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 *St. John Chrysostom*

7:30 PM Bob & Martha Wurth

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 *Exaltation of the Cross*

8:00 AM Victims of Abuse

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

4:30 PM Helen Korte, L/D Korte & Brickner Fam.
Ron & Dorothea Aversch, Bob Brinkman
Luke Stechschulte, Norman von der Embse
L/D Ray & Norma Berheide Family
Alfred Landwehr

Urban & Rosemary Schroeder

L/D John & Phil Stoeffel Family

L/D Bob & Vi Vonder Embse Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM Matilda Hohenbrink, Frank & Mary Wehri
Jim Hamilton

11:00 AM 50th W.A. Dick & Irma Hoffman
L/D Greg & Laura Foppe Family
L/D Clete & Bertha Hoffman Family
Jeannie Buchholz, Don Selhorst, Eugene
Hoersten, Della Borgelt, Martha Wallace

Choir Assignments - September 15 & 16

4:30: Marcie 8:00: Laura 11:00: Youth

First Holy Name Choir Practice of Season

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

Prayers for Healing this Friday Evening

On Friday, September 14, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., there will be three hours of prayer and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament for healing from the abuse crisis in our Church. Our parishes and parishes around the diocese will take time out to ask God's healing touch for victims of abuse and to bring reconciliation for our Church. Please join us at St. Michael's on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross to pray for healing.

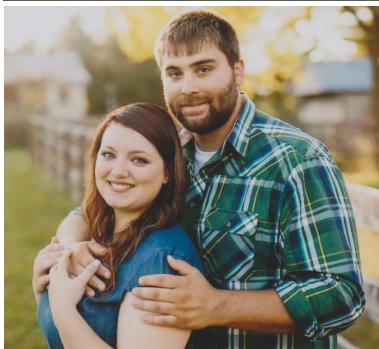
High School CCD...

begins Wednesday, September 12, at 7 p.m. Everyone is asked to meet by the elevator entrance parking lot for refreshments.

Sunday Mass Times Change on September 16

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. at Kalida

9:30 a.m. at Continental



Upcoming Wedding

Jared Fortman
& *Kimberly Schnipke*
will be married on
September 15, 2018,
at St. John's
Delphos, OH
Please include them
in your prayers.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

MISSION FEST MEETING: 7:00 p.m., in Parish Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

PRAYER SERVICE FOR HEALING: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 9,119.00

Students Planning Mass This Week Are...

are Ruth Kuhlman's 5B class on Wednesday, September 12, and Annette Schroeder's 8B class on Friday, September 14.

Mission Festival Planning Meeting

Monday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. Anyone is welcome to join us in planning this year's event.

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

We will start our Church Crawl with an adventure up in the church tower (optional). We will be visiting four local churches in Putnam County (Columbus Grove, Leipsic, Miller City & New Cleveland) 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. \$12 /person. Registration forms are available at all entrances of church or www.stmichaelskalida.org. RSVP by Sunday, September 30.

Host Families Needed for 8th Grade Retreat

The NET Confirmation Retreat will be Thursday, September 27. We need families to host the team members on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Call Connie if you can house 2 or 3 team members for the night.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)...

Classes begin Tuesday, September 11, and run weekly through Easter 2019. Call Fr. Mark at 419-969-0148.

Sunday School Begins September 23

Registrations found at stmichaelskalida.org, under "Recent Bulletins." Deadline is September 16.

20th Reunion of KHS Class of 1998

Saturday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m., at the Kalida Fish and Game Club. \$25/person or \$40/couple which includes meal, entertainment, etc. Please contact Alison (Unverferth) Niemeyer at driemeyer@yahoo.com or the KHS Class of 1998 Facebook page to RSVP or for more information.

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."

Blood Drive in Ft. Jennings on September 12

At the Ft. Jennings American Legion Hall, from Noon - 6:00 p.m. To make an appointment please call Alice Wieging (419-286-2774). Walk-ins are welcome. Thanks!

OFFERTORY - September 15 & 16

4:30 PM

Jim & Brenda Burgei Family

8:00 AM

Gus & Judy Brinkman Family

11:00 AM

Barry & Beth von der Embse Family

USHERS - September 15 & 16

4:30 PM

Bradley Siefker, Ethan Schmenk

Trevor Vorst

8:00 AM

Christian Nartker, Paul von der Embse

Clay Meyer & Mason Kerner

11:00 AM

Team 12

LECTORS - September 15 & 16

4:30 PM:

Beth Selhorst, Barb Unverferth

8:00 AM:

Dennis Turnwald, Don Wehri

11:00 AM

Sandy Westrick, Brenda Averagesch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - September 15 & 16

4:30: Deanna Nienberg, Lisa Niese, Don Rall, Lisa Rampe, Teresa Rampe, Deb Remlinger, Mark Remlinger, Ethan Schmenk, Deb Schroeder, Karen Schroeder

8:00: Dianna Kehres, Karl & Darlene Miller, Joan Niese, Joan Peck, Mary Plescher, Rose Recker, Donna Schnipke, Mike & Karen Sarka

Ministers to Homebound: Dianna Kehres

11:00: Maclerion Morrissey, Peter Morrissey, Michele Niese, Tom Roof, Dick & Jane Schulte, Megan Schulte, Stacy Schulte, Duane & Barb Steffan

SERVERS

Mon, 9/10	8:00 AM	Colin Hoffman Joel Horstman
Tues, 9/11	8:00 AM	Camille Hovest John Kaufman
Wed, 9/12	8:00 AM	Mariah Kerner Jeret Landwehr
Thurs, 9/13	7:30 PM	Carson & Evan Klausung
Fri, 9/14	8:00 AM	Sean Maag & EJ Miller
Sat, 9/15	4:30 PM	Amanda Unverferth Tyler Unverferth
		Brooke Vennekotter
Sun, 9/16	8:00 AM	Josh Verhoff, Noah Verhoff Paul von der Embse
	11:00 AM	Zach von der Embse Grant & Jasmine Vorst

Knights of Columbus Meetings are...

Thursdays, Sept. 13 & 27, after the 7:30 p.m. Thursday knight Mass. On September 27, we will hold a 1st degree initiation AND discuss ideas generated from meeting with Fr. Mark on joint activities we can do. Need your support and direction!

If You Are Attending the Women's Conference

on September 22, at Tiffin, will you please contact Tammy Schroeder so some carpooling can be arranged? Phone 419-532-3762 or 419-796-8964 or email:ews@bright.net.

Quarter Auction for Putnam County Cancer Awareness Program...

at the St. Joseph Hall, Ft. Jennings, on Friday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10. You can reserve a table for an extra \$10. For tickets, call Janet Hoersten (419-235-4242) or Norma Von Sossan (419-236-2769).

Want to Ride on the Parish Pioneer Float?

All VBS participants are invited to wear their VBS shirts and meet at 1:15 p.m. at Fr. Mark's house to ride in the parade. Parents can pick their children up after the float has gone through the parade.