



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OH - SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

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Glad to be Back

Summer School is over! It is a relief to say that and to have completed the 4 year canon law program; but, I'm particularly excited to be back with all of you. Even though I went through this experience the past three summers, it is still awkward being away for that long. You are constantly wondering how things are going, how everyone is doing, is everyone staying healthy, are the scheduled priests showing up for their assigned Masses, etc. But with being back now, those worries are put to rest and I'm looking forward to catching up with all of you!

One of the things that I would like to put on your radar is our **"Back to School Backpack Blessings."** This is an idea I stole from Fr. Scott Kramer at my previous assignment, because it is wonderful to recognize all our students preparing for this upcoming year. What happens is that we invite all our pre-K - 12th grade students to bring their backpack for this school year to Mass, place it at the altar before Mass begins, and then we pray for our Lord's blessing upon these backpacks and in particular for the students who will be wearing them. We will be having this blessing for *St. Michaels on August 20, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. For St. John's it will be on August 27, at the parish feast day Mass (the feast of St. John is on Aug. 29, so we anticipating it a few days earlier).* So, kindly welcome your students to these Masses as they prepare for the upcoming year!

Finally, don't forget that *August 15 is a holy day of obligation for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Our Masses will be on that day at 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Kalida, 6:00 p.m. in Continental. It's a wonderful feast that helps us consider what is preventing us from ascending to our personal best.

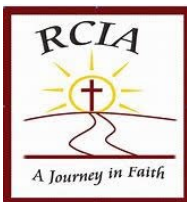
God Bless,
Fr. Nathan

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Or Know Someone Who Is?

This can be a little daunting, so an INFORMATION NIGHT will be held on Tuesday August 22, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Michael's Parish Center to help understand what it's about, how classes run, etc., so you can better understand if it's for you. This is primarily for St. John's and St. Michael's Parishes. Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will start later in September. These classes lead toward entering the

Church at the Easter Vigil in 2024. Think about it or refer someone you know!

If the 22nd does not work for you, contact Phil Fuerst at pgfuerst@gmail.com for information.



Crossing Guards Needed

Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays. Call Connie Cleemput if you can help...thanks!

High School Catechists Needed

We are in need of one Junior and one Senior Catechist on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Connie if you can help.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 15,233.00

This Week's Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 *Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM Jim Hamilton (A)
Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman
7:30 PM Marlene Verhoff, L/D Haselman/Verhoff Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

7:30 PM Helen Gerding

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

4:30 PM L/D Rich & Wilma Vorst Family
L/D Tom & Marilyn Niese Family
L/D Bernard & Mary Jane Aversch Family
Ray, Dorothea & Ron Aversch
Larry Haselman & Family, Art Hermiller
Bud & Marie Becker, Ray & Connie Verhoff Fam.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 AM Dorothy Miller

11:00 AM Ron Kahle, Jr., Don Holtkamp & Family
L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family
Dick Langhals, Kelly Miller, Brian Knott
Norman & Dorothy von der Embse



Mass Times for the Assumption of Mary

Tuesday, August 15

8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. at Kalida
6:00 p.m. at Continental

Choir Assignments - August 19 & 20

4:30: Ashleigh 8:00: HN 11:00:

Thank You

Thanks to all who helped to celebrate my 90th. It was great fun. Love you.
Mary Knueve



Backpack Blessing Next Sunday

There will be a School Backpack Blessing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on August 20. Children are encouraged to place their backpacks in front of the altar before Mass or be a part of the procession. If you choose to be a part of the procession, meet Jill Zeller down in the church basement by 10:55 a.m.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who thought of me for my 90th birthday. I appreciated the cards I received, for those who stopped in for my party and the gifts. I loved every little detail. It was great seeing everyone, especially my family and friends. I feel so blessed.
Mary Lou Merschman

MONDAY, AUGUST 14**ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church****THURSDAY, AUGUST 17****ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church****FRIDAY, AUGUST 18****CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church****Eucharistic Revival**

What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church? It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life (*from the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

St. Tarcisus, whose feast day is August 15, died defending the Eucharist. He would take Communion to the early Christians who were awaiting martyrdom. As he traveled the Roman road he ran into a group of pagan boys and men. He refused to show them what he had in his clothes. As the angry mob beat him Tarcisus fell shielding the Host beneath his body. The mob eventually killed him. When they rolled his body over to discover what he had been hiding they found nothing. The Host had vanished. He became the first Patron Saint of First Communion. He is also the Patron Saint of altar servers.

Students for Life Movie for High Schoolers

Thursday, August 17, at 6:00 p.m. at Four Seasons Park. Come see "Unplanned," a true story about Abby Johnson's conversion from a Planned Parenthood directory to a pro-life activist. RSVP to Public Relations Office Grace Rall at 419-890-5540. **Free food, games, speakers & more!**

Thank You to Our Visiting Priests!

We are very grateful Fr. Nathan is back and also very grateful to the priests who filled in for him while he was gone:
Fr. Rick Friebel: 937 N. Defiance St.; Ottawa, OH 45875
Fr. Steve Schroeder: 6607 US 224; Ottawa, OH 45875
Fr. John Stites: 10680 Water St.; Defiance, OH 45875

Coffee & Conversations on Thursdays

Join others from the Kalida community on Thursdays (August 17 - September 7, 2023) from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at CCR Realtors (307 S. Broad St., Kalida). Each week, you can join a discussion on a timely topic and learn more about what's happening in Kalida. Connect with old friends and meet new ones! *This is open to anyone of any age in the community! Please join us this Thursday!*

**Suitcases Needed**

Large suitcases in good working condition (preferably with wheels) are needed for a Mission Trip to South Africa in mid-September 2023. You can drop them off behind the bar area in the church basement. Thanks!

**Pioneer Bingo**

It's that time again to sign up for the parish-sponsored bingo tent at Pioneer. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Thanks!

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - August 15**8:00:** PB: Duane Steffan, Don Wehri

Wendy Schimmoeller, Ella Schumacher, Barb Steffan, Tony Vorst

LECTOR: Gus Brinkman**7:30:** PB: Norma Vorst, Norma Unverferth

Lisa Trentman, Lindsey Slusser, Scott Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth

LECTOR: Brenda Aversch**Offertory Bearers - August 19 & 20****4:30:** Roger & Lisa Unverferth Family**8:00:** Marc & Renee Kerner Family**11:00:** Sean & Adriene Swyers Family**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Tues, 8/15	8:00 AM	Lucas Schroeder
		Luke Siefker
		Aubrey Simon
Tues, 8/15	7:30 PM	Maria Gerding
		Kyla Grime
		Nathan Kahle
Wed, 8/16	8:00 AM	Landon Warnecke
		Rebekah Bendele
Thurs, 8/17	7:30 PM	Avery Bockrath
		Ethan Dickman
Fri, 8/18	8:00 AM	Matt Foppe
		Toby Goubeaux
Sat, 8/19	4:30 PM	Meredyth Horstman
		Cooper Horstman
		Jax Horstman
Sun, 8/20	8:00 AM	Erica Kahle
		Logan Kerner
		Mallory Kerner
		Audra Hovest
		Griffin Klausing
	11:00 AM	Katherine Krouse

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - August 19 & 20**4:30:** PB: Brian & Bev Berheide

Chellie Unverferth, Alice Adams, Jerry Ellerbrock, Jeff Bockrath

LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart**8:00:** PB: Greg Bockrath, Dennis Bockrath

Sandy Vorst, Gus & Judy Brinkman, Kendal Bockrath

LECTOR: Don Wehri**Ministers to Homebound:****11:00:** PB: Sandy & Mike Westrick

Matt Bockrath, Logan Bockrath, Bob Buss, Michelle Buss

LECTOR: Sandy Westrick**USHERS - August 15****8:00:** Team 5 **7:30:** Team 4**USHERS - August 19 & 20****4:30:** Team 8 **8:00:** Team 9 **11:00:** Team 7**Back to School Event**

Thursday, August 17, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. for Grades 1-4. Meet your child's teacher, view his/her classroom, pay book fees and lunch fees in the office and bring in school supplies clearly marked with the student's name.

Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, August 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Fort Fest Biker Escort...

Is coming through Kalida on Friday, August 18, at approximately 4:30 - 4:40 p.m. Let's line the streets wearing our red, white and blue! Flags are welcome and very much appreciated! They will be coming into Kalida on St. Rt. 115 from Vaughnsville. This is a great way to honor our first responders, active military and veterans.