

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
RCIA: 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church
MONDAY, JANUARY 2
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
RCIA: 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Holy Name Christmas/New Year's Party...
will be Friday, January 20, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - January 7 & 8
4:30: PB: Brian & Bev Berheide
Glen & Annette Schroeder, Lindsey Slusser, Alice Adams
LECTOR: Deb Kahle
8:00: PB: Mary Siefker, Duane Steffan
Joan Niese, Rose Recker, Barb Steffan, Don Wehri
LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart
Ministers to Homebound: Diane Schroeder
11:00: PB: Sandy & Mike Westrick
Deb McIntyre, Beth Nienberg, Michele Niese, Lisa Trentman
LECTOR: Erin Kerner

Offertory Bearers - January 7 & 8
4:30: Ryan & Erin Kerner Family
8:00: Kyle & Jess Recker Family
11:00: Andrew & Tess Wehri Family

USHERS - January 7 & 8
4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

First History Book of Kalida
A local history group has been researching and is currently working to complete a comprehensive one-of-a-kind history book of Kalida...something that has never been done before!
If you have information you want to be included in the book, it must be submitted by December 31, 2022. Send to Millie McElwain; 17941 Rd. L; Ottawa, OH 45875.



Upcoming Wedding
Adam von der Embse
& Kirsten Malsam
will be married on
December 30, 2022.
Please include them in
your prayers.



Offertory Bearers - Dec. 31/January 1
4:30: Josh & Mary Horstman Family
8:00: Mike & Norma Unverferth Family
11:00: Doug & Amy Wannemacher Family
Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Dec. 31/January 1
4:30: PB: Dianna Kehres, Kay Unverferth
Jane Kleman, Becky Lucke, Peter Morrissey, Teresa Rampe
LECTOR: Brenda Aversch
8:00: PB: Dave Kahle, Mark Kahle
Gus & Judy Brinkman, Mary Grote, Darlene Han-neman
LECTOR: Don Wehri
Ministers to Homebound: Mary Siefker
11:00: PB: Phil & Sue Fuerst
Ryan Fischnich, Jim Hanneman, Ryan Kerner, Mike Krouse
LECTOR: Sandy Westrick

USHERS - December 31/January 1
4:30: Team 8 **8:00:** Team 9 **11:00:** Team 7

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 12/27	8:00 AM	Taylor Nienberg Lillian Schnipke
Wed, 12/28	8:00 AM	Lucas Schroeder Emma Shiningier
Thurs, 12/29	7:30 PM	Luke Siefker Aubrey Simon
Fri, 12/30	8:00 AM	Landon Warnecke Hannah Bendele
Sat, 12/31	4:30 PM	Griffin Klausing Evan Klausing Carson Klausing
Sun, 1/1	8:00 AM	Erica Kahle Nathan Kahle Logan Kerner Audra Hovest Camille Hovest Mariah Kerner
Tues, 1/3	8:00 AM	Adam Bockrath Morgan Bockrath
Wed, 1/4	8:00 AM	Carson Buss Cooper Horstman Jax Horstman
Thurs, 1/5	7:30 PM	Riley Horstman Mallory Kerner
Fri, 1/6	8:00 AM	Evan Langhals Max Langhals Issabella McKee
Sat, 1/7	4:30 PM	John Kaufman Katherine Krouse Ethan Langhals
Sun, 1/8	8:00 AM	Allie Kuhlman Grady Kuhlman Jeret Landwehr
	11:00 AM	Kyle Lammers Kara Lammers Malie Miller

New Year's Eve Polka Dance (December 31)
Ohio Polka Boosters Dance at the Kalida K of C. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Dance is from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. with the Al Best Band. Call 419-966-3826 with questions. Public is invited!

Snow Shoveler Volunteers Needed
If you can help, please contact Kevin at kevinatstmike@gmail.com or 419-532-3494, ext. 106.



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OH - CHRISTMAS 2022

Pastor: Fr. Nathan Bockrath **Deacon:** Bob Klausing **DRE:** Connie Cleemput
Youth Minister: Jill Zeller **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer
Website: stmichaelskalida.org **Address:** 312 N. Broad St.; Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853
Phone: 419-532-3474 **Email:** stmichaelskalida@gmail.com **Office Hours:** Mon-Thus, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.



What My True Love Gave To Me

A very Merry Christmas to you and your families! This is certainly a wonderful time of year, full of celebrations, memories, and music. There are many notorious Christmas songs, but perhaps one that really stands and whose deeper meaning is overlooked is “The 12 Days of Christmas.” What at first glance sounds like a song rattling off bizarre and random gifts, is actually a beautiful hymn that captures the fullness of God’s gifts to us. The “True Love” in the song is not a smitten date, but rather our Heavenly Father. The twelve days account for the days between Christmas and Jan. 5, for on Jan. 6 is the classic date of the Epiphany when the Magi (who stand for you and I) discover Christ for themselves. So, allow me to break the code on this classic hymn, and may it deepen your anticipation for our Lord!

(1) Partridge in a Pear Tree: Jesus is referred to as a Partridge because that bird is willing to sacrifice itself if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

(2) Two Turtle Doves: This may refer to the two natures of Jesus (Human and Divine), or it is in reference to the Old and New Testament. Either way it brings to mind completeness and Communion with our Lord.

(3) French Hens: These three hens symbolizes the three Theological Virtues (a virtue is simply a good habit), that if are apart of our lives will bring us in Communion with our Lord: Faith, Hope, and Love.

(4) Calling Birds: Who are four that call or proclaim Jesus to the world? It’s the four evangelists: Sts. Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John.

(5) Golden Rings: These would be the first five books of the Old Testament (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). These books, known as the “Petateuch,” capture the history of man’s fall from grace, but also God’s path to the “Promised Land.”

(6) Geese A-Laying: This calls to mind the 6 days of creation before God rested: (1) Heaven and Earth and the separation of Light (day) and Darkness (Night); (2) separation of the Firmament and the Waters; (3) separation of Dry Land (vegetation) and Seas; (4) the Sun, Moon and Stars; (5) Creeping creatures, Birds and Fishes; (6) Beasts, cattle and finally mankind.

(7) Swans A-Swimming: Is in reference to the gifts of the Holy Spirit that build on our natural capabilities and so help us engage the world: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

(8) Maids A-Milking: Jesus Himself taught us the best attitude for experiencing Happiness/Blessedness in this life through the 8 Beatitudes: poor in spirit; those who mourn (i.e. those not attached to earthly pleasure); the meek; those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; the merciful; the pure of heart; the peacemakers; the persecuted (i.e. those who stand for Truth).

(9) Ladies Dancing: Is in reference to the 9 choirs of Angels: Seraphims; Cherubims; Thrones; Dominions; Virtues; Powers; Principalities; Archangels; and Angels.

(10) Lords A-Leaping: Symbolizes the Law of God that directs us towards the Father and others: the Ten Commandments.

(11) Pipers Piping: This calls to mind the 11 faithful Apostles who stuck with Jesus when all others seemingly abandoned Him. They are called “pipers” for they were sent to all corners of the world to spread the Gospel.

(12) Drummers Drumming: And the final great gift is our faith, summarized concisely in our Apostles Creed. Beginning with “I believe in God” and ending with “and life everlasting,” this Creed contains 12 clauses capturing our Faith.

Our True Love certainly has given us a lot to help us through this life. Perhaps a good question for us all to ponder, is if someone would write a hymn expressing what we give to our Lord, what would it include and what should it include? Merry Christmas.

Fr. Nathan

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 <i>St. John, apostle & evangelist</i>	
8:00 AM	Wilfred Hermiller, Tom Recker & Family
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	
8:00 AM	Alice Brinkman
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29	
7:30 PM	Neil Schnipke, Doris Deters
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 <i>The Holy Family</i>	
8:00 AM	Larry Peck
1:00 PM	NM von der Embse & Malsam
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31	
4:30 PM	L/D Alvin & Marcella Recker Family Don Schnipke, Jim & Angie Erhart Dick & Gladys Unverferth, James, Keith & Mark Unverferth, Charles Nussbaum L/D Carl & Dolores Remlinger Family John Phillips, Sandi Kidd, Dale Meyers Nolan & Irma Krouse, Shawn Bailey
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1	
8:00 AM	Jim Hamilton
11:00 AM	L/D Stoepfel & Winkle Family Norman von der Embse, Marilyn Hamburg
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3	
8:00 AM	Dave Wehri (HN)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	
8:00 AM	Mary Jane Aversch
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 <i>St. John Neumann</i>	
7:30 PM	Ron Kahle, Jr., Dorothy Miller
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6	
8:00 AM	L/D Gene & Mary Jane Stechschulte Family
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7	
4:30 PM	George, Nora & Dan Basinger John Smith, Tom Recker & Family Carolyn Unverferth, Bud Guisinger Carolyn & Henry Schmit
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	
8:00 AM	Bill Cleemput
11:00 AM	Connie Miller, Mary Kay Unverferth

Choir Assignments - Dec. 31/January 1
4:30: Ashleigh **8:00:** HN **11:00:**
Choir Assignments - January 7 & 8
4:30: Alissia **8:00:** **11:00:** YAHS

Engaged Couples Conference at Kalida
Sunday, March 19, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. This will include Sunday Mass. Email stmichaelskalida@gmail.com or call 419-532-3474 to sign-up.

December Holy Name Raffle Winners			
\$250	Danielle Rosenbauer	\$100	Sara Grote
\$100	Andrea Winkle	\$100	Dylan Hoffman
\$100	Maya Wehri	\$ 50	Tammy Schroeder
\$ 50	Aiden Killion	\$ 50	Craig Schmenk
\$ 50	Mike Merschman	\$ 50	Carl Fortman
\$ 50	Leroy Hermiller	\$ 50	Mark Bloniart

2023 Offertory Envelopes Delayed
Until the new envelopes arrive, you can use a 2022 envelope or use a blank envelope and write your envelope number on it, and indicate if it’s regular collection, building fund, etc.

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Dave Wehri** was held on Monday, December 19. Please include Dave and his family in your prayers.



Our Condolences

Mary Kay Unverferth passed away on Wednesday, December 21. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please include Mary Kay and her family in your prayers.



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Mary Jane Averagesch** was held on Tuesday, December 20. Please include Mary Jane and her family in your prayers.

Parish Pictorial Book Photos Will be Taken...

Jan. 9 – 21, Jan. 30 - Feb. 4. ucdir.com/schedule/login.php
church code: oh2607 password: photos
Pick your desired date and time, fill out the necessary information, and then click “schedule appointment.”
[You can also call Leslie \(419-532-3474\) to schedule.](http://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php)

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 9,350.04

Students Planning Mass

Michele Doecker’s 5th grade class on Wednesday, January 4, and Stephanie Price’s 6th Grade class on January 6.

Next High School CCD Class is January 4

Fr. Nathan will be with the juniors and sophomores.

Recent Baptisms

NELLIE ANN GUDAKUNST
Daughter of Graden & Erica (Edwards) Gudakunst
ELIJAH RICHARD KERNER
Son of Mitchell & Casey (Wehri) Kerner
HAILEY BELLE LAYTON
Daughter of Chad & Kristin (Bellmann) Layton
HENRY VINCENT ROEBKE & NOAH JAMES ROEBKE
Sons of Austin & Megan (Erhart) Roebke

Thank You

Your love and prayers are helping to hold our broken hearts together. Thank you to all for your kind words about our Mom, for your prayers, love and support. A special thanks to Father Mark and Father Nathan not only for your spiritual support, but also for truly caring for our Mom. Thank you to every medical staff that has helped our Mom over the years. Also thank you for the amazing support we received from too many to name at The Meadows of Kalida and Putnam County Hospice. Your kindness has not gone unnoticed. Blessings to all. *The Family of Mary Jane Averagesch*

No Bulletin January 1: Offices are closed this week.

Help Needed with Photography Dates

Volunteers are needed to help sign people in on the pictorial photography days. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

“Why We’re Pro Life” Booklets...

can be picked up at the exits of church.

Challenge Club for Girls in Grades 4-8

Second session begins Friday, January 6, for girls grades 4-8. Now accepting new girls. Contact Denise (419-306-7781).

Additional Christmas Flower Intentions...

In loving memory of Ron VonderEmbse, John, Phil Stoepfel & John Stoepfel, Jr. from Janice & Family
In memory of John Smith and Jim & Angie Erhart and L/D Smith & Erhart Families from Dave & Cindy Erhart & Family
In loving memory of Ted Sealts from his family
In memory of Greg & Vince Erhart from David & Rita Iliff
In loving memory of John Smith, Esther, Jim & Randy Siefker from Gary & Rhonda Siefker & Family
In loving memory of Lee, Frances & Bob Schnipke, Hubert Warnecke, John & Matt Luna, Don & Ted Kahle, Collin George, and Mark Stechschulte from Roger, Liz, Mark, Heather, Reed, Elijah & Ashlee
L/D Schmenk & Recker Families from Jim & Bonnie Schmenk
In memory of Len & Anna Rose Kahle, Triena & Emily Kahle, Virgil & Virginia Unverferth & Chris Potts—Roger Unverferth Family
In loving memory of Carl & Mae Webken and Arnold & Emma Heitmeyer from Denny & Marge & Family
In loving memory of Ron, Sarah, Cole & Amber Foppe and Ike & Leona Kemper from Bob & Janice Foppe and Family
In loving memory of Dale Meyers - Thinking of you at this holiday season—love Gloria, Scott, Michelle, Kim, Tim & Nick
In loving memory of Burnell, Veronica, Carolyn & Don Hicks and Al & Anna Warnecke from Paul & Cathy Warnecke
L/D Schulte & Kaverman Families
In loving memory of Gene Ellerbrock & Gina Ellerbrock from her Family
In loving memory of Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock from their Family
In loving memory of Deb Grote, Tarder & Mike Verhoff from their Friends
In loving memory of Cy, Cecelia & Nick Vorst from Kenny & Connie Kruse & Family
In loving memory of our daughter Lilly Ann Kruse from Kenny & Connie & Family
L/D members of the Len Kruse & Cy Vorst Families from the Tony & Sandy Vorst Family
In loving memory of Tarder from Mary
In loving memory of Theresa Foppe from Mary
In memory of Richard, Leona & Bill Grote from Mary, Joe, Nancy, Matt, Crystal, Owen, Collin, Chad, Sara & Makena & Eloise
In loving memory of Marsha Courtright from Mary, Joe, Nancy, Matt, Crystal, Owen, Collin, Chad, Sara & Makena & Eloise
In loving memory of Richard, Gladys, Mark & Jim Unverferth, Jim & Martha Wurth, Gary Stechschulte, Alice Tarr & Fr. Elmer from Steve & Linda Unverferth & Family