MONDAY. DECEMBER 12 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m. **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13** RCIA: 7:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14** HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m. YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m. **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**: 8:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

2023-24Kalida Kindergarten Registration

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

It's time for Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-24 school year! Kalida Elementary will be using FinalForms, an online forms and data management service, for the 2023 kindergarten registration process. Please register your kindergarten student for the "2023" school year via this link:

https://kalida-oh.finalforms.com/

You will be asked to create a NEW account if you do not currently have any students in the Kalida school system. If you already have an account, simply log in and create a NEW STUDENT.

After creating a new account, you will receive an email verifying the account. Follow all prompts to verify and enter your student's information.

Please upload a copy of a certified birth certificate and immunization record when you register. You may go in at a later date to update busing information, update immunization records and any other changes in address, phone etc. that occur between now and the start of the school year. Each online form will need to be completed and signed at the bottom. When all online forms are "green", your registration process is complete. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign enrollment and back-to-school forms for your students. FinalForms saves the data from year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice! FinalForms also prepopulates information wherever possible, for each of your students, saving you time. You may review your data at any time to verify it is current. You will be required to sign your forms once per year and after any update.

Christmas Gala at Meadows of Kalida

Sunday, December 11, from 1:00—4:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun, crafts, refreshments, meet and greet with Santa and a live ice sculpture show. Our Christmas trees and décor will be available for silent auction. All proceeds benefit the purchase of a wheelchair swing to be donated to Kalida Parks.

Toys for Tots

Kalida FFA is collecting items for Toys for Tots until December 12. They will take unwrapped, new toys, kids socks, blankets, underwear, Kiddie towels, batteries, and more. All items stay in Putnam County for our needy families.

Fr. Mark's Address

Tis the season for Christmas cards, so his address is: St. Charles Center: 2860 US Route 127 Room 108; Celina, OH 45822

Offertory Bearers - December 17 & 18

4:30: Roger & Lisa Unverferth Family

8:00: Karl & Darlene Miller

11:00: Tony & Erica Unverferth Family

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - December 17 & 18

PB: Brian & Bev Berheide

Bob Buss, Michelle Buss, Dave Buss,

8:00: PB: Tony Vorst, Don Wehri

> Sandy Vorst, Matt Bockrath, Dennis Bockrath, Logan Bockrath LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald

Ministers to Homebound:

11:00: PB: Mike & Sandy Westrick

Greg Bockrath, Kendal Bockrath, Brooke Erhart, Regina Fischnich LECTOR: Sandy Westrick

USHERS - December 17 & 18 4:30: Team 4 8:00: Team 5 11:00: Team 6

SERVER SCHEDULE 8:00 AM Kylie Peck

Tues, 12/13 Cody Recker Blake Remlinger Wed, 12/14 8:00 AM Bryce Remlinger Josh Schulte Thurs, 12/15 7:30 PM Nicole Siebeneck Kennedy Simon Fri, 12/16 8:00 AM Zachary Unverferth Nathan Wannemacher Maya Wehri Sat, 12/17 4:30 PM Kendal Bockrath Meredith Bockrath Gabi Brinkman Sun, 12/18 8:00 AM Kaylyn Bockrath Lauren Bockrath Andrea Burgei 11:00 AM **Drew Buss Evvy Cattell**

Putnam County Museum Christmas Open House

Faith Feldman

Sunday, December 11, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Musical entertainment, antique Christmas décor, military tribute, trees decorated by local Scout troops, PCHS books/memberships for sale. Free admission!

The Perfect Christmas Gift...Be a Part of the **Renovated Holy Name Ballpark**

Not only will this be a great place for baseball, but it will also beautify a prominent corner of the village and celebrate the site's rich history...and you can be a part of it:

Walkway pavers: \$250 Seatback Nameplate: \$1,000

Monument Seat Wall: 4 inch - \$1,000 or 8 inch - \$2,500

Donation Plaque Board Levels: Hall of Fame - \$15,000

All Star Club - \$10,000 Gold Glove Club - \$7,500 Home Run Club - \$5,000

Visit kalidabaseball.org for more information or to donate! You can also mail a check, along with your selection to: Kalida Baseball Association, PO Box 655, Kalida, OH 45853.

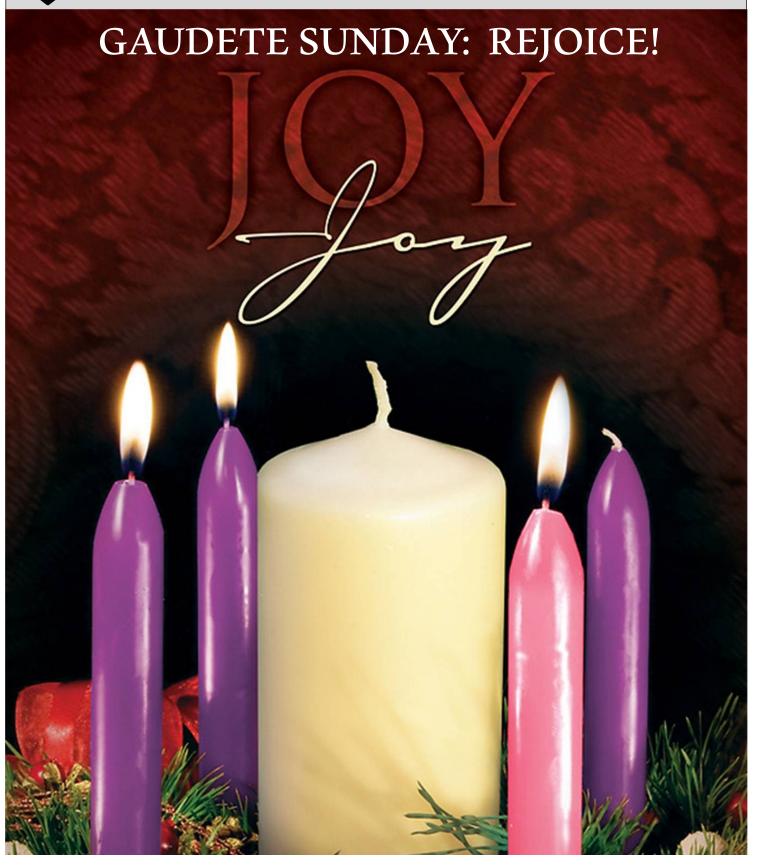


ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OH - DECEMBER 11, 2022

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.



"Forgive Me Father, for I Have Sinned ..."

Christmas is really a time all about our Lord wanting to come into our lives most fully. Everything we do as Christians aims at being in communion with our Lord ... hence why we have "Holy Communion" at every Mass. We do this because we are made for God. In other words, without our Lord's full presence, we always sense an emptiness and restlessness in our hearts. We sense, but to make matters worse, we try to fill this emptiness and calm this restlessness with things that are less than God (e.g. concerns of our self-image, concerns over material things, concerns for being in control, etc.). However, no matter what gains we make in these concerns, they never satisfy our hearts because in the end: we are made for God. The reason Christmas is so joyful is because it's the answer to our deepest desires since day 1 of our lives.

With that being said, our time now in Advent is about making "room" in our hearts for our Lord. Sin acts as a barrier because it runs counter to the ways of our Lord. Keep in mind that when we sin, it's not simply a one-time act; rather, its an indication of a twisting of our soul. That fact that we sinned indicates that we have become the type of person who is capable and prone to doing that; thus, our soul has become twisted in such a way that I did that. With that twisting, it in turn exacerbates the problem of our empty and restless heart since it creates a barrier between us and our Lord. It's not God abandoning us; but, rather we are pushing our Lord away. Nonetheless, our Lord has given us a way out, a way to experience true lasting joy and peace, a way to be on the path to encounter Him most fully: the sacrament of Confession.

Knowing the extreme importance of this spiritual dynamic, Jesus instituted this wonderful sacrament in John's Gospel: "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you ... Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained" (JN 20:21-23). Much could be said on the internal logic of this particular form (e.g. confessing to a priest); but, the important thing is to sense the seriousness our Lord sees in this. Our Lord sees our potential and knows what more we could be experiencing ... but He will not force it. With our free will, we need to return to Him.

This Tuesday, December 13, at St. Michael's Kalida, we will have an area wide penance service. There will be multiple priests, and we will have two opportunities: one at 4:00 p.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. If you have not made a confession yet this Advent, and even it has been years, I encourage and invite all of us to prayerfully consider this opportunity. In the end, you lose nothing by going to confession, rather you gain the opportunity to experience the essence of the Christmas mystery!

Fr. Nathan

Eucharistic Adoration-Thursday, December 15

8:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Christmas Flower Deadline...

is THIS Sunday, December 11.

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy, virgin
8:00 AM Martha, Aaron & Loretta Miller
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM Neil Schnipke, Alice Brinkman Paul Hermiller, Charlie Schmitz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 PM Melissa Hoffman, Herk Selhorst,

Tom Wannemacher, Leo & Irene Schnipke Gerry Vorst, Kenny Moening, Steve Moening Barb Sehlhorst, Bernie & Helen Sehlhorst

Denny Sehlhorst, Jeannie Buchholz

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:30 PM

11:00 AM

8:00 AM Agnes Schulte, Alex Wehri

Dan Schroeder & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Rich & Wilma Vorst Family

L/D Tom & Marilyn Niese Family
Dan Siefker, Hubert & Irma Pohlman
L/D Bernard & Mary Jane Averesch Family
Bud & Marie Becker, Eileen Decker
Ray, Dorothea & Ron Averesch

Carolyn Unverferth, Tom Recker Steve Killion, Evangeline, Harold & Chris Potts, John Smith, Adam Kerner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Monica & George Schmersal

Charlie Schmitz, Paul Hermiller Marilyn Hamburg, Dick Langhals

Don Holtkamp & Family, Louis Verhoff Lawrence Unverferth Family

Cy & Frances Kahle Family

Last Week's Collection: \$17,455.00

Choir Assignments - December 17 & 18

4:30: Alissia 8:00: HN 11:00: Renee

Our New Parish Pictorial Book

Photos will be taken in the church basement January 9 – 21 and Jan. 30 - Feb. 4. Schedule your appointment at:

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) and

she will be happy to schedule it for you.Note: If you need to delete a reservation, also call Leslie, as there is no way to do it yourself.

Area Penance Services

Kalida: December 13, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Ottawa: December 19, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Recent Baptisms

COLE JAMES HERMILLER

Son of Jacob & Kellie (Kaufman) Hermiller THEODORE JOHN RECKER

Son of Neil & Emily (Schnipke) Recker GRAHAM GERALD MIKEK

Son of Trent & Stacie (Heitmeyer) Mikek

GATLIN RAY POTHAST

Son of Taylor & Ashley (Heitmeyer) Pothast

2023 Offertory Envelopes

The delivery of the 2023 offertory envelopes has been significantly delayed due to a problem with the company's printing presses. They are working to get us the envelopes by Christmas, but it's possible it may not happen until after the New Year. Just in case, you may want to keep a couple of the envelopes from the current year to use until they come (as your envelope number is how we enter your donation amount). Thanks.

Thank You

Thank you to Fr. Nathan, Deacon Bob, Steve and choir, adult servers and greeters and everyone that made Mom's mass a special one. Thank you to those who provided desserts and helped out at the luncheon. Finally, thank you to all those who showed us their kindness, love and support. We are very blessed; Mom loved her "home" parish.

The Family of Martha Berheide

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. Thanks in advance for your help with this!

Virtue of the Week is Prayerfulness

This virtue involves being still and listening. To have a willingness to talk to God as a friend. Ways to practice prayerfulness are to foster a spirit of quietness in body, mind and heart. It helps to create a prayer space in your home and to participate in the sacraments. Saints who practiced prayerfulness were St. Dominic, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Hildegard of Bingen. Our prayer for the week is "Dear Jesus, I desire to have You as my best friend. Give me a desire to spend time with You each day, as I do with my friends. Help me always to put You first in my life, even when I am busy."

90th Birthday Open House

We would like to ask you to help celebrate the 90th birthday of Mary Phillips. There will be an open house on December 18, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Kalida Fish & Game. If unable to attend, we are having a card shower. If you would like to send a card, her address is: Mary Phillips; Box 343; Kalida, OH 45853

Child Care Offered During Penance Service

St. Michael's Challenge Club is offering child care for anyone needing it during the Penance Services on December 13, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Kid-friendly snacks and a craft will be provided. They will also be hosting a "baby shower/birthday party" for Jesus with gifts to benefit Heartbeat of Lima at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. RSVP with the number of children and their ages to Mindy Houck at 419-236-6169 by Monday, December 12. Note: This will be taking place on the classroom side of the church basement, as there is a preschool children's program on the kitchen side that evening.

Engaged Couples Conference

St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held Saturday, March 4, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost of the day is \$40 per couple. Any couples interested, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office or can be made the morning of the conference.

Christmas Mass Times

<u>Christmas Eve:</u> 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.

<u>Note</u>: If needed, there will be overflow worship area in the church basement at the 4:00 p.m. Mass, where there will be a live feed of the Mass. Those in the basement will need to come up into church to receive Communion. An usher will come down to let you know when it is time.

Also: If you had a Mass intention for the 8:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, please call the Parish Center at 532-3474 to let us know to which Mass you would like to move your intention. Thank you!

Incense at Christmas Eve Masses

FYI: incense will be used at the 4:00 & 11:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve. There will be no incense on Christmas Day.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's first grade class on Wednesday, Dec. 14 and Michele Doepker's grade 6 class on Friday, Dec. 16.

High School CCD - December 14

Everyone will have class. The juniors and seniors will be with the Culture Project missionaries for a presentation on Social Media. They will meet in the church basement.

Crossing Guard Needed

Our elementary CCD program is in need of a crossing guard for Mondays. Students cross the highway in front of church at 8 a.m. and again at 8:40 a.m. Please contact Connie at 419 -532-3474, Ext. 102.

Caroling Challenge Club

On Friday, December 16, the Challenge Club will be Christmas Caroling around Kalida from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. and would love to sing for you! If you are ready to jump into the Christmas Spirit and would appreciate a visit from these beautiful and joy-filled young ladies, please contact Mary Siefker at 419-532-2480 or 419-969-5129.

Amazon Smile

We have 150 Amazon users supporting The Kalida Park Foundation through AmazonSmile and we THANK these folks for their ongoing support of Kalida Parks!

There are many more folks purchasing items through Amazon who have probably never considered designating a charity, perhaps not knowing this option even exists. If you, or your business, purchases items through Amazon, we encourage you to make those purchases through the AmazonSmile platform and designate THE KALIDA PARK FOUNDA-TION as your charity. There is no additional charge for Amazon purchases when using AmazonSmile, HOWEVER, Amazon donates ½ of a percent of your total purchase to the charity you select. When signing up on AmazonSmile, BE SURE to follow all the instructions for your device. When signed up properly, you will get a message at check out time that indicates you are supporting The Kalida Park Foundation. If you do not see that message when checking out, then you have not signed up properly. You may also need to periodically register again, so BE SURE to watch for the message at checkout time that you are still signed up to support The Kalida Park Foundation.

Thank you for your continued support of Kalida Parks!