

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT: 4:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
PENANCE SERVICES: 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.
ROSARY: 6:45 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Greeters for Funerals Needed

If interested, contact Millie McElwain at 419-231-5656.

Kindergarten Registration

Kalida Elementary will be using FinalForms, an online forms and data management service, for the 2024-25 kindergarten registration process. Please register your kindergarten student for the 2024-25 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.

Outing for Those 65 & Older

“Thursdays Out for Seniors” is starting back up again on January 4, 2024. Come enjoy a few hours out to enjoy coffee, doughnuts, conversation, puzzles, and games. It will be held at Pete and Kirstie Rafaniello's; 105 Carnation Street, Kalida, OH. Questions? Call Kirstie at (419) 957-7679.

Christmas Assignments

4:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve

EUCH. MIN.: PB: Lisa Unverferth, Tony Vorst
Lisa Niese, Sandy Vorst, Lisa Trentman, Jeff Bockrath

LECTOR: Kayla Nartker

USHERS: Team 4

SERVERS: Jack Stechschulte, Reese Strauer, Alexander Verhoff

OFFERTORY: Roger & Lisa Unverferth Family

11:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve

EUCH. MIN.: PB: Matt Bockrath, Scott Unverferth
Logan Bockrath, Kay Unverferth, Greg & Jill Zeller

LECTOR: Greg Zeller

USHERS: Team 5

SERVERS: Kaylyn, Lauren & Brant Bockrath

9:30 a.m. Mass Christmas Day

EUCH. MIN.: PB: Norma Unverferth, Don Wehri
Cherie Kemper, Dennis Bockrath, Gus & Judy Brinkman

Ministers to Homebound: Herm & Rita Borgelt

LECTOR: Mary Plescher

USHERS: Team 6

SERVERS: Parker Vorst, Nathan Wannemacher & Maya Wehri

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - December 23 & 24

4:30: PB: Bob Gerdeman, Tom Roof

Teressa Rampe, Glen & Annette Schroeder, Ella Schumacher

LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart

8:00: PB: Mary Siefker, Duane Steffan

Barb Steffan, Norma Unverferth, Dave Buss, Ryan Buss

LECTOR: Lynda Fortman

Ministers to Homebound: Ryan & Erin Kerner

11:00: PB: Scott Unverferth,

Wendy Schimmoeller, Lindsey Slusser, Chellie Unverferth

LECTOR: Deb Kahle

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 12/19	8:00 AM	Toby Goubeaux Collin Horstman
Wed, 12/20	8:00 AM	Emma Jerwers Alyssa Kahle Hunter Klausung
Thurs, 12/21	7:30 PM	Katelin Knueve Annaleice Maag
Fri, 12/22	8:00 AM	John Recker Jack Schulte Eli Selhorst
Sat, 12/23	4:30 PM	Josh Schulte Ella Schumacher Alex Shiningier
Sun, 12/24	8:00 AM	Sara Siebeneck Jacob Siebeneck Nicole Siebeneck
	11:00 AM	Owen Siebeneck Kennedy Simon Braylon Smith

Offertory Bearers - December 23 & 24

4:30: Josh & Mary Horstman Family

8:00: Karl & Darlene Miller Family

11:00: Mike & Jessi Grime Family

USHERS - December 23 & 24

4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

Professional Catholic Counseling Available

If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available at Findlay St. Michael Parish. To inquire, please contact the main parish office @ 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services. Informational flyers are available at our church exits.

Putnam County Young Adults...

Ugly Christmas Sweater & Karaoke Night on Tuesday, December 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Uptown Market (upstairs) 200 E. Main St., Leipsic. The guest speaker will be Michael Fields (2017 Fort Jennings Grad, University of Dayton Grad, current Law Student at St. John's University in New York City). The topic will be “Why it Matters to be Catholic.” BYOB. Food & non-alcoholic drinks available to purchase.

Polka New Year's Eve Dance

Sunday, December 31 with the Al Best Band. Open to the public. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Dance from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Food & beverages available. Contact 419-966-3826 with questions.



St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, December 17, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Nathan Bockrath (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)

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, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00



Gaudete Sunday... Rejoice!

“Call no one on earth your father, you have but one Father in heaven” (MT 23:9)

We have seen so far that the Sacrifice of Jesus is the key to the restitution of our relationship with the Father, and it’s this relationship that ultimately unlocks our full potential (art. 6 and 1). In doing so, Jesus fulfills the entire fundamental goal of the Old Testament: perfect union with our Lord (art. 5). The power of this loving action is made available to us at Mass since it represents to us the Sacrifice of the Cross (art. 7). Furthermore, we have the opportunity to make this Sacrifice our own by consuming the Sacrifice itself, which is the sacrament of Jesus’ Body and Blood (art. 8). But, how does all this happen? *Answer: the gift of the priesthood.*

Throughout the Old Testament, the one who offered a sacrifice was called a priest. We saw numerous priests offer countless sacrifices to God, but all were lacking (art. 5). With Jesus, He is the definitive priest because He offers the definitive sacrifice: Himself as the Lamb of God. In other words, on the Cross He is both the priest and sacrifice. To make the power of His Sacrifice available for future generations, He instituted the priesthood at the Last Supper when He said “do this in remembrance of me.” A very important point here: the apostles were not made new priests; but rather, priests of Jesus Christ. They act as vessels through which Jesus operates. In other words, our Lord uses a priest as a tool, just like how a person uses a hammer to knock a nail into a wall. Because our Lord works through His priests, this is how we know transubstantiation of the bread and wine into Jesus’ Body and Blood continues in the Church today. Because our Lord works through His priests, this is why the priests say the same words of Jesus at the Last Supper: “This is my Body, this is my Blood.”

This idea of God working through a person is not foreign to the New Testament, rather it’s at the heart of understanding Christian spirituality. Jesus Himself expresses this intimate context in the analogy of Him being the vine and we the branches (JN 15:1-6). St. Paul perhaps offers some of the richest lines expressing this theology. For example, Paul said “I have been crucified with Christ and so I no longer live, but Christ lives in me” (Gal 2:20). He also said “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil 4:13). With this reality in place and knowing that Jesus works through some in a particular way to represent His sacrifice, the Church has always understood ordination as a gift to be passed down. For example in Acts 6:6, 13:3, and 1 Timothy 4:14 we see ordinations being conducted so that the Mass can be shared with all.

But wait, why do we call Catholic priests “father” when Jesus says in the Gospel to call no else “Father”? The simple answer is because a Catholic priest is not a new or competing priest to Jesus, rather they act in His name, their importance rests not in themselves, but in His sacrifice, and their purpose lies with His will. Everything about a Catholic priest points to Jesus and it’s through His priests that Jesus makes present again the power of His Sacrifice and the Sacrament of His Body and


Blood.

Let us pray for and encourage more young men to consider the priesthood of Jesus Christ!

Fr. Nathan (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19	
8:00 AM	Fr. Herman Scherger
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20	
8:00 AM	Pats & Rita Broecker, Courtney Ehrnsberger Louis & Marian Verhoff, Arthur, Rose Mary & Tom Horstman
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21	
7:30 PM	Marcus Landin, Dorothy Miller Mary Kay Unverferth
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22	
8:00 AM	Denny McCollum (A)
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23	
4:30 PM	Dan Siefker Family, Tom Recker & Family Hubert & Irma Pohlman, Ron Vonder Embse Joe Langhals, Dick Langhals Charles Nussbaum, Allen Schroeder, Greg & Vince Erhart, Lincoln Roebke, Len, Anna Rose, Triena & Emily Kahle
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent	
8:00 AM	Connie Miller, Dick Langhals, Vince Erhart
11:00 AM	
CHRISTMAS EVE	
4:00 PM	Leanne Goedde Pardo, L/D Albert & Alma Warnement Family, Denny Heitmeyer, Paul Bellmann, Howard Rellinger, Marlene Verhoff L/D Haselman & Verhoff Family, Cy, Cecelia, Nick, Arnie & Loretta Vorst, Jiggs & Helen Unverferth, Bob Unverferth, Mary Kay Unverferth, Deacon Frank Knueve, Roger Buss Mel Unverferth, Don & Opal Niese, Mary Lou Niese, Karen Otto, Connie Miller, Frank Wilpert Paul, Valita & Kevin Lammers, Larry Haselman & Family. Leroy & Mary Ann Warnement Brian Knott, Jerome, Ethel & Don Bendele Bob Schimmoeller, Lincoln Roebke, Bill & Mary Lou Felkey, Ron Kahle, Jr., Cy & Frances Kahle, Lawrence & Loretta Unverferth, Gene Ellerbrock, Gina Ellerbrock, Xavier Wurth Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock, L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family, Denny McCollum
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 The Nativity of the Lord	
9:30 AM	Richard, Sally & Tommy Goedde, Jim Hamilton L/D Goedde Family, Cleora, Bob & Stan Winkle Ralph & Dolores Verhoff, Klara Frommherz Ed Schroeder, Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth Mike & Phil Kahle, Burgei & Stechschulte Fam., L/D Jim Siefker Family, Ellen Niemeyer, L/D Henry Horstman & Landin Family, Ralph, Bruce, Mark & Judy Honigfort, Jazzlyn Gray Donald & Joyce Jerwers, Lawrence Peck Al & Mary Siefker Family, Joyce Klausing, Tom Warnecke, L/D Tony & Bernadine Hoersten Fam Norbert & Belva Berelsman, Craig McElwain Robert McElwain, Ed McElwain, Lee Halker

Recent Baptism
CLARIE MARIE SCHNIPKE
Daughter of Alex & Kylie (Siebeneck) Schnipke



Our Condolences

The funeral for
Elijah Robert Kahle
was held on
December 16, 2023.
Please include Elijah
and his family
in your prayers.

Choir Assignments—December 23 & 24

4:30: YAHS 8:00: Ashleigh 11:00:

Choir Assignments—Christmas

4:00: Children’s Choir 11:00: YAHS 9:30: HN

Area Penance Services

Monday, December 18, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Ottawa
Tuesday, December 19, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Kalida

2023 Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve at 4:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m.

Hallow

Our parish has purchased access to the #1 Catholic Meditation app in the world through Easter!


1. Visit: hallow.com/holyday (you need to sign up on the website before you download the app to access the free parish subscription)

2. Search for our parish by typing “Kalida” then click on our parish name

3. Complete your profile with name, email address and password

4. Download the Hallow app

5. Explore the app!



Hallow Parishioner Favorite:

6 Tips on Getting Started in Prayer

New to prayer or a seasoned prayer warrior? Learn new tips from the Hallow team on how you can deepen your prayer life, build a routine, and draw closer to God.

Use the QR code or visit hallow.com/how-to-pray/

Examination of Conscience on Hallow

You probably know Christmas is a week away. You probably also know that there are two great opportunities to make your confession before Christmas: Ottawa on Monday and Kalida on Tuesday (4 p.m. and 7 p.m.). But did you know that there is an easy way to prepare yourself for this sacrament on your phone? You can play, listen and reflect on several wonderfully-guided Examinations provided by the Hallow app. Just type in “Examinations” and they will pop up ... you can even adjust the speed of the reflection based on how much time you have. If you are driving to one of these Penance Services, what a wonderful thing to play in your car as you approach your Reconciliation!

Fr. Nathan

Offertory Bearers at Christmas Masses
We need offertory bearers for the 11:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day.
Email stmichaelskalida@gmail.com Thanks.

Christ Bearers at Christmas Masses
Email stmichaelskalida@gmail.com if your child (age 5 and older) would like to bring up Baby Jesus at one of the Christmas Masses. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 18.

Eucharistic Adoration This Thursday
Sign up sheets are in the back of church for our next Eucharistic Adoration on December 21. Students in grades 3 -8 will join from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Students Planning Mass This Week
are Pat Broecker's grade 1 class on Wednesday, December 20, and Michele Doepker's grade 6 on Friday, December 22.

High School CCD Notes
There are no CCD classes on December 20. Our next class will be January 3, 2024.

Church Pictorials...
are now at the Parish Center. If you submitted a photo or pre-ordered an extra, they are \$15.

Church Offices Will be Closed...
from December 22—January 2. So if you need something in the bulletin, please submit it by this Tuesday, December 19. Thanks!

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 21,782.96

Caroling Before Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve
3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass
10:25 p.m. before the 11:00 p.m. Mass
Christmas Day
9:15 a.m. before the 9:30 a.m. Mass

St Michael's Children's Choir Concert

Monday, December 18,
at 4:30 p.m. in church,
on Channel 70
and on St Michael's Facebook page.

