

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.
ROSARY: 6:45 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Greeters for Funerals

The Bereavement Team is looking for greeters for Funeral Masses. If you are interested, please 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.

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! Expected completion and delivery is 2024. It will be a hard cover book, estimated at 320 pages. We encourage you to order now to ensure your copy...there will only be one printing of this book. All proceeds will be used for the betterment of the community.

Checks can be made payable to “Kalida Book” and mailed to:

Millie McElwain; 17941 Rd. L, Ottawa, OH 45875.

Cost: \$65/book

of books_____ Total Payment: \$_____

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Office Use Only

Paid by: __Cash or Check #_____

Date:_____ Received by_____

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Ushers - December 7

Euch. Min: PB: Phil & Sue Fuerst

Lori Erhart, Brandon Erhart, Reina Fischnich, Ryan

Fischnich LECTOR: Don Wehri USHERS: Team 8

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - December 9 & 10

4:30: PB: Dave Kahle, Tom Roof

Bob Gerdeman, Maria Gerding, Dianna Kehres, Cherie Kemper

LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald

8:00: PB: Janice Foppe, Ruth Foppe

Lynda Fortman, Mary Grote, Beth Nienberg, Joan Niese

LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher

Ministers to Homebound: Wendy Schimmoeller

11:00: PB: Greg & Jill Zeller

Darlene Hanneman, Jim Hanneman, Erica Kahle, Mark Kahle

LECTOR: Sandy Westrick

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 12/5	8:00 AM	Addelyn Brinkman Emerson Burgei
Wed, 12/6	8:00 AM	Isabelle Buss Madelyn Cattell Gavin Leis
Thurs, 12/7	7:30 PM	Ethan Langhals Evan Langhals Max Langhals
Fri, 12/8	8:00 AM	Taylor Nienberg Chase Rampe Logan Rampe
Sat, 12/9	4:30 PM	Drew Meyer Olivia Meyer Sophia Meyer
Sun, 12/10	8:00 AM	Adyson Miller Jagger Miller Olivia Olzak
	11:00 AM	Griffin Nienberg Maddalyn Nienberg Riley Nienberg

Offertory Bearers - December 9 & 10

4:30: Ryan & Amy Schnipke Family

8:00: Ron & Dorothy Kerner Family

11:00: Dave & Shirley Buss Family

USHERS - December 9 & 10

4:30: Team 8 8:00: Team 9 11:00: Team 7

Professional Catholic Counseling Available

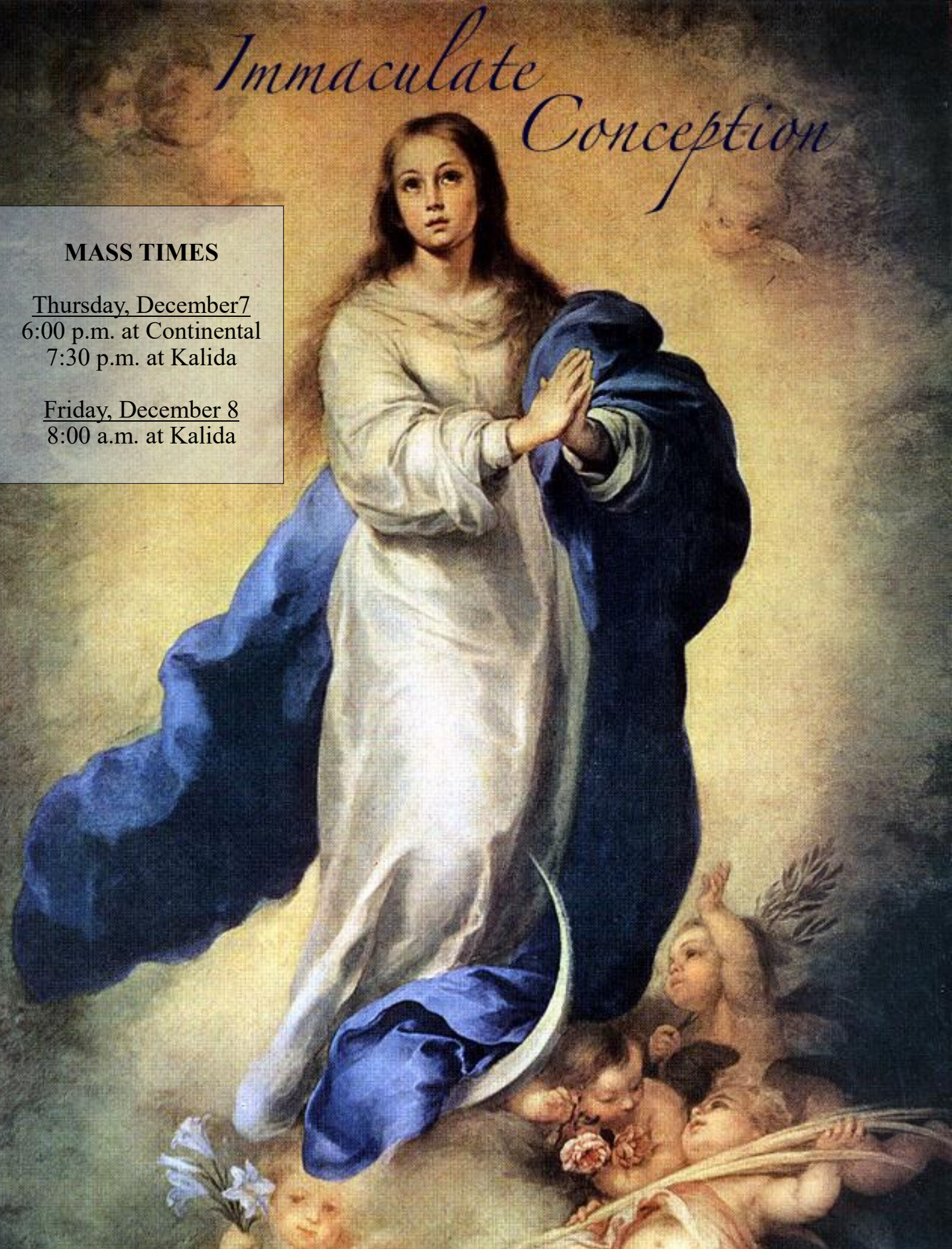
Feeling depressed during the Christmas season? Struggling with the loss of a loved one? Dealing with marital problems? Experiencing gender identity issues? If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available 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.

Bereavement Support

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish has started a Bereavement Group that is open to anyone that is suffering from the loss of a loved one. They will meet Thursday, December 14, from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room (use the gym entrance).

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, December 3, 2023

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



“Behold, I am with you always” (MT 28:20)

Jesus' true presence in the Blessed Sacrament is so essential, key, and fundamental to our faith. Our Catholic faith cannot stand if this is not true! In article 9 I explained why we believe this since it is a teaching directly from our Lord and in article 11, I will explain how we can make sense of this. Right now, I think it is helpful to simply recall that this teaching has been consistently held throughout the entire Church’s history: from the Last Supper till now. To recall this history would take a library of books, so let’s just consider some examples of the early church Fathers of the Church and how the Eucharist was not understood as just a symbol, but instead His real presence that empowered His Church, through her priests to continue His physical presence in the world.

In 110 A.D., St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote: “Take note of those who hold heterodox opinions on the grace of Jesus Christ which has come to us, see how contrary their opinions are to the mind of God. They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, flesh which suffered for our sins and which that Father, in his goodness, raised up again. They who deny the gift of God are perishing in their disputes” (Letter to the Smyrnaeans 6:2-7:1).

In 151 A.D. St. Justin wrote: “We call this food Eucharist, and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true and who has been washed in the washing which is for the remission of sins for regeneration [i.e. has received baptism] and is thereby living as Christ enjoined. For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by Him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurture, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus” (First Apology 66).

In 180 A.D. St Irenaeus wrote: “But if this flesh is not saved, then neither did the Lord redeem us by his Blood, nor is the cup of the Eucharist the Communion of his Blood, or the bread that we break the Communion of his Body. For blood can only come from veins and flesh, and whatever else makes the human substance. Having truly become this human substance, the Word of God redeemed us by his own Blood ... [and] he has declared that the cup that is taken from creation is his own Blood, from which he makes our blood increase, and he has decreed that the bread, taken from creation, is his own Body, by means of which our bodies grow” (Against Hersey, V, 2).

Briefly, it should be also noted that from time to time, our Lord allows miracles to take place ... mainly for the purpose of getting our attention. Our Lord has permitted 153 approved Eucharistic miracles attesting to his Real Presence in the Eucharist, across the ages and in many countries. Some of the most famous are the miracles that occurred in Italy in Orvieto (1263), Lanciano (8th cent) and Siena (1730). In each miracle where bread and wine have taken on the appearance of flesh and blood, the flesh

has been confirmed to be cardiac tissue and the blood is always Type AB. A website called therealpresence.org gives details of the 153 approved miracles of the Eucharist and other miracles that are well-documented but not formally approved. All of these miracles as well as the consistent teaching of the Church simply reaffirms Jesus' final message (which is the last verse of Matthew’s Gospel): “I am with you always until the end of the age.”

Fr. Nathan (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)

This Week’s Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5	
8:00 AM	Successful Surgery Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 <i>St. Nicholas</i>	
8:00 AM	Earl & Dan Kleman & Families
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 <i>Vigil of Immaculate Conception</i>	
7:30 PM	Melissa Hoffman, Greg & Laura Foppe Clete & Bertha Hoffman, Ron Kahle, Jr. Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 <i>Immaculate Conception of Mary</i>	
8:00 AM	Joe Unverferth
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9	
4:30 PM	L/D Al & Mary Siefker Family Thomas B. & Jamison Siefker, Marlene Verhoff L/D Haselman & Verhoff Family Jim, Keith, Joe & Mark Unverferth, Jim & Angie Erhart, Richard & Gladys Unverferth Virgil, Virginia & Mary Kay Unverferth, Chris Potts, Gary Bockrath, Ted Sealts Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock Family
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:00 AM	Sylvester Hanneman, Edna & Dick Kruse Dorothy Miller, Norbert & Lorene Fuerst Richard Fuerst, Alfred & Kate Wehri Moxie & Cindy Wehri, Ken Okuley
11:00 AM	Sylvester & Mathilda Hohenbrink L/D Harry & Alberta Selhorst Family Walter & Edna Warnecke Family Brian Knott, Denny Maag L/D Oscar & Evangeline Kerner Families

Thanksgiving Collection: \$ 4,951

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 9,620.00

Choir Assignments—December 7
7:30: YAHS

Choir Assignments—December 9 & 10
4:30: 8:00: HN 11:00: Renee

High School Dessert & Prayer

All Kalida High School Students are welcome to Dessert & Prayer on Tuesday, December 5, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in St. Michael’s Church Basement. BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner) & Dessert will be provided.

Next Euchre Tournament is in January

There's no euchre tournament this Sunday but the next tournament will be January 7, 2024, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., in the church basement. \$1 entry. Bring a snack to share if you want.

Hallow

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

You now have free access to Hallow through Easter.

- Visit: hallow.com/holyday (you need to sign up on the website before you download the app to access the free parish subscription)
- Search for our parish by typing “Kalida” then click on our parish name
- Complete your profile with name, email address and password
- Download the Hallow app
- Explore the app!

As Advent approaches, this app could help you build your relationship with God by creating a habit of prayer or enhancing your already-established prayer life.

- Use the app by yourself or with your family...at home or in your car
- Create prayer groups within your family or your group of friends
- Allow Hallow to lead your family in prayer until you are more comfortable doing so
- Join the Advent Prayer Challenge
- Get an age-appropriate examination of conscience for Reconciliation
- Access daily reflections, homilies, novenas, rosaries, music, courses and much more!

Hallow Ideas

Presents, parties, decorating, baking, wrapping, shopping... the never ending to do list of the season can often-times be overwhelming. The reason for the season can be lost among all the twinkling lights. Help get your hearts and homes ready for Christmas with Hallow. The Hallow app has two different Advent challenges aimed to help you do just that. The Mary on the Mantel Challenge is a family challenge that will feature parts of Mary’s story, a daily kindness challenge for the kids followed by a daily prayer for Advent.

The Advent Pray25 with C.S Lewis is a prayer challenge geared in helping adults prepare for the birth of Jesus through reflections of the works of C.S Lewis. Join Liam Neeson, Jonathan Roumie and other guests as they guide you through this challenge.

Both of these challenges, plus other great Advent resources can easily be found on the Hallow app.

Adriene Swyers

Note: Do you have a favorite aspect of Hallow? Email stmichaelskalida@gmail.com with your own experience so we can share with other parishioners!

St. Michael’s Children’s Choir Concert

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

2024 Offertory Envelopes Have Arrived...

and are in the back of church. If you don’t see your name on one of the boxes, we have extra sets at the Parish Center.

Area Penance Services

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 p.m. at Ottoville
Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Glandorf
Monday, December 18, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Ottawa
Tuesday, December 19, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Kalida
Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. at New Cleveland

Eucharistic Adoration Opportunities

Sign up sheets are in the back of church for several days of Eucharistic Adoration coming up: December 7 and December 21. What a special opportunity to ready ourselves for the Birth of Our Lord!

Students at Mass This Week

There will be an All School Mass on Friday, December 8. Students in grade 6 will be doing the ministries. There will be no students at Mass on Wednesday, December 6.

High School CCD Notes



On December 6, everyone will have class. There will be no CCD classes on December 13. All high school students are asked to attend the Jason Evert event being held at Saints Peter & Paul Church, Ottawa, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. To order tickets online, scan the QR code.

Little Blue Books for Advent ...

are available at the entrances of church. Pick up your copy today to prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

All Giving Tree Gifts...

for the needy children of Putnam County were due back December 1. They will be delivered on Monday, December 4. Thank you for your generosity this year in helping children both here and internationally and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Christmas Flower Deadline...

Is Thursday, December 14.

CLC Christmas Party

CLC members, our Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 13, at Dick’s Steak House at 6:00 p.m. Please Call Mary Lou Hoffman (419-532-3373) for reservations.

Pictorials...

will be in the church basement after the weekend Masses (once they arrive). Only those who had their picture taken by United Church Directories receive a free book. If you submitted a photo, you can purchase a directory for \$15. If you pre-ordered an extra directory, they are also \$15. Unlike other times, we are not being given several extra copies; so if you did not pre-order an extra copy, you will have to wait to see if there are any extras after all have been distributed.

Note: If you are paying for a directory, please have a check written for \$15 to “St. Michael’s Church.” Our volunteer directory distributors will not be handling cash. Thanks!