

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF THE MASS: 6:30 pm
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: attend 7:30 p.m. Mass
YAH'S CHOIR PRACTICE: after 7:30 p.m. Mass
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
ROSARY: 6:55 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church
K OF C FISH FRY: 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Beautiful Eucharist Books...

are available at the entrances of church for those who got missed at Christmas.

27th Annual Hospice Night Out

February 17, at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Questions about tickets and/or donation questions can be directed to Kaylee Wilhelm at Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice office by calling 419-523-4449.

Pilgrimage in April 2024

April 15-17, 2024 Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Basilica Notre Dame, Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, LaCrosse, WI & Archbishop Fulton Sheen Museum, Cathedral where Archbishop Fulton Sheen's Tomb is located in Peoria, IL. Fr. Scott Perry will be accompanying us and celebrate Mass at St. Mary Cathedral in Peoria, IL. Contact the Mustard Seed for further details and registration. Space is limited to 35.

Kalida Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ

Sunday, March 10. The cost is \$10. Since this is a pre-sale event only, we ask that you turn in the proceeds and any unsold tickets back to Mrs. Carol Bockrath or the high school office by Friday, February 16. If you need more tickets, please let us know.

Recycling Supports Kalida Parks

Please consider recycling! It's not that hard! Recycling is good for the environment AND supports Kalida Parks! The Kalida Recycling Center (18247 SR114) is open 24/7/365 and accepts: -Steel (Anything made of steel); Aluminum (Cans and all other aluminum); Cardboard; Clothing & Shoes. Thank you from the Kalida Lions!

Junior High Gathering - Sunday, March 3

All 6-7-8 graders from Putnam County are invited. It will be held at Kalida St. Michael's. More details later.

Chicken & Fish Fry This Sunday

All-You-Can-Eat Fish and Chicken Fry, Sunday, February 11, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the St. Barbara/Cloverdale Parish Center. Adults-\$10, Children-\$5, and 5 & under-free. Carry-outs available. Altar-Rosary Bake Sale. In case of inclement weather, it will be held the following Sunday, February 18.

Ash Wednesday – February 14 (7:30 p.m.)
Eucharistic Min: **PB:** Greg Bockrath, Dennis Bockrath
Alice Adams, Matt Bockrath, Logan Bockrath, Jeff Bockrath
LECTOR: Brenda Averagesch

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - February 17 & 18
4:30: **PB:** Dave Buss, Ryan Buss
Jill Leis, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Maria Gerding
LECTOR: Tom & Nancy Rampe Family
8:00: **PB:** Tony Vorst, Janice Foppe
Sandy Vorst, Ruth Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Han-neman
LECTOR: Wendy Schimmoeller
Ministers to Homebound: Herm & Rita Borgelt
11:00: **PB:** Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich
Bob Buss, Michelle Buss, Lori Erhart, Brandon Erhart
LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 2/13	8:00 AM	Annaleice Maag John Recker
Wed, 2/14	8:00 AM	Jack Schulte Eli Selhorst
	7:30 PM	Lyla Siebeneck Avrie Unverferth Madison Unverferth
Thurs, 2/15	7:30 PM	Parker Vorst Zach Siefker Riley Unverferth
Fri, 2/16	8:00 AM	Mallory Unverferth Quinn Unverferth
Sat, 2/17	4:30 PM	Zach Siefker Gavin Leis Nathan Wannemacher
Sun, 2/18	8:00 AM	Maya Wehri Hannah Bendele Katie Bendele
	11:00 AM	Kaylyn Bockrath Lauren Bockrath Morgan Bockrath

Offertory Bearers - February 17 & 18

4:30: Tom & Nancy Rampe Family
8:00: Karl & Darlene Miller Family
11:00: Mike & Jessi Grime Family

USHERS - February 17 & 18

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

The CLC Meeting...

scheduled for Monday, February 12, has been canceled.

Attention Those 60 & Older

The Putnam County Council on Aging is having a game day (for those age 60 and over). The Friendship Game (our version of the dating game) on February 23, 2024. It will be held at Dick's Steak House in Kalida beginning at 10:00. Lunch will be included. An RSVP is required by February 13 for you and your friend.

**“Toss it Like a Boss” at the KHS
Boys Basketball Game on February 16**

The junior class post prom committee is doing a Ball Toss at the KHS boys basketball game on Friday, February 16. For \$5, you throw a ball from your seat to a target in the middle of the court (at the halftime of the varsity). There are only 150 balls available. You could win up to \$200. Balls will be for sale at that night's game.



St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, February 11, 2024

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 p.m.



Rediscover the Beauty of the Mass

Monday, February 12, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Church Basement

Do you want to get more out of Mass? Join Father Nathan as he dives into sharing the beauty of the Mass in an informal night of faith and fellowship. Father Nathan will give insight into the Mass and then end with a Q and A session. He will answer questions you may have about our Catholic faith. You can ask your questions out loud, or you can write them down anonymously. This is a night you won't want to miss. This will be a great way to begin the season of Lent. Delicious beverages provided by 1820 Brewwerks (as well as other options) and light snacks.

Fr. Nathan’s Eucharistic Article 20 of 40

“Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy.” (Ps 42:4)

It only took 20 weeks, but we are now ready to look at the movements of the Mass. The first question we face is: why do we begin Mass the way we do? Why do the servers carry heavy items and burning candles? Would it just be easier if everyone just went to their seats once they are vested? The simple reason is that the opening Procession sets the tone for what the Mass is all about: we as a pilgrim people moving towards heaven! Central to our faith and understanding is that we are meant for more (arts. 1-2); but yet, we are held back (art. 3). It is as if we are exiled from the life that we should be experiencing. In an effort to remind themselves of this, early Christians called themselves, in Greek, “*paroiko*,” from which we get the word “parishioner,” which means a “sojourner” ... a temporary resident in a foreign land. In other words, a person who knows that he is not home yet! When these sojourners gathered in a community, they were called a “*paroikia*,” from which we get “parish.”

The beginning of Mass then wants us to call this reality to mind. So, what happens first: from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, we first enter into a peaceful space, God’s space. The contrast from the noisy outside to the quiet inside of the church reminds us immediately of God’s radical plan of how He desires to pull us out of the ordinary and make us extraordinary (art. 1). This is why it's customary and very appropriate for us to begin with a private prayer, drawing to mind what we are thankful for, are in need of, and to be open to our Lord’s calling. When it comes time to begin Mass, we all stand to show our readiness to follow and respond to our Lord (art. 17). We too have an opening hymn that sets the tone for that particular Mass ... emphasizing a particular way that we can process more easily to our true home.

As all this commences, the procession itself begins. While it in general symbolizes our deepest desire to move towards our Lord, it more precisely symbolizes Jesus (working through the priest [art. 12]) going to the Cross. It’s the grace that Jesus merited through His sacrifice on the Cross that brings us closer to our Lord (art. 6). And it’s the Mass that represents to us this sacrifice and makes those graces available (art. 7). Because of this focus on the Cross, the procession begins with a server carrying a cross, thus signifying what we are all about. At our most solemn celebrations, incense may be used, and this server (i.e. the thurifer) would precede the Cross bearer. One of the symbols of the incense is to emphasize the presence of our Lord’s spirit and how He is making His grace available to us; therefore, he proceeds the Cross. After the Cross bearer are the two candle bearers, whose presence puts emphasis on the centrality of the Cross. Next is the deacon, who carries the Book of the Gospels ... the books that share our Lord’s saving plan for us that culminated in the Cross. Finally, there is the priest, the one who stands for us before our Lord, but also stands for Jesus working in our midst.

Upon approaching the sanctuary, reverence is given to the altar and tabernacle. For those carrying anything they make a bow of the head, while the rest make a genuflection. Before the liturgical changes of Vatican II, there

were actually prayers said (i.e. psalm 42) at the foot of the altar to emphasize the importance of what was to take place in the sanctuary. In fact, the sanctuary is typically elevated by a number of steps, reminding us of Jesus’ ascent to Mount Calvary. When the priest and deacon enter the sanctuary, they kiss the altar. This may seem like an odd gesture, but it’s a symbol of deep reverence for what has and will take place there: the representation of Jesus' sacrifice. It calls to mind the Biblical scene of the sinful woman who bathed Jesus' feet with tears and kissed them (Lk 7:38). So too as we begin Mass, we are mindful of our shortcomings, how essential our Lord is in making a difference in our lives, and how we too should be moved with that same charity.

Fr. Nathan

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13	
8:00 AM	Ralph & Dolores Verhoff
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
8:00 AM	Earl & Dan Kleman & Families Jim Hamilton, Lous & Marian Verhoff Loretta, Aaron & Martha Miller Arthur, Rose Mary & Tom Horstman
7:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Michael's
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15	
7:30 PM	Ron Kahle, Jr., Ellen Niemeyer
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16	
8:00 AM	Bill Cleemput
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17	
4:30 PM	Dee Wueller, Paul, Valita & Kevin Lammers John Phillips, Sandi Kidd 50th W.A. Tom & Nancy Rampe Walter & Marie Becker Ronald, Dorothea & Ray Averesch Eugene & Rosalia Osterhage Virgil & Virginia Potts Mary Kay Unverferth, Chris Potts
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	
8:00 AM	Bob & Carolyn Warnecke, Jim Gerding Dorothy Miller, Carol Verhoff
11:00 AM	Brian Knott
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

Last Week’s Collection : \$ 11,994.70

Choir Assignments—Ash Wednesday
7:30: YAHS

Choir Assignments—February 17 & 18
4:30: YAHS 8:00: HN 11:00: Renee

Stations of the Cross Through Mary’s Eyes
will be Sunday, February 18, at 1:00 p.m. in church.

K of C Fish Fry
The first fish fry of the Lenten Season will be Friday, February 16, from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Kalida K of C.

Recent Baptism
AUDREY LYNN GRAVES
Daughter of Dustin & Karly (Westbeld) Graves

Thank You

The family of Robert Warnecke would like to thank Fr. Nathan, the Mass servers, greeters, organist and choir for the beautiful Funeral Mass. Thank you to the Helping Hands volunteers for the desserts. We are grateful to belong to such a wonderful parish.

Hallow
A Parishioner’s Perspective

Everyone has that one thing that takes something else to the next level. For a lot of men, it’s bacon. My daughter puts ranch dressing on EVERYTHING! Recliners at the movie theater. Oh, heck yeah! It just takes the experience up a notch. The Hallow app will do that for you with their Lent Pray40.

Lent is already such a special time for Catholics. A time to lock into your faith, focus on God, and reflect on the sacrifice he made for us. It offers daily challenges and meditations that will inspire you and keep your eyes on Him. This year, Hallow will be focused on the book “He Leadeth Me” by Fr. Walter Cizek, a Catholic priest who endured labor camps for over 20 years.

The app has many other benefits to take advantage of, such as a wide variety of music genres like choral, lo-fi (alternative), instrumental, and contemporary Christian, daily trivia challenges, thoughts from renowned theologians like Jeff Cavins and Dr. Scott Hahn, as well as daily homilies from Fr. Mike Schmidt and reflections from Bishop Barron. You’ll also see submissions from guest celebrities like Jim Caviezel (The Passion of Christ), Jonathon Roumie (The Chosen), Mark Wahlberg (Father Stu), as well as athletes like Jrue Holiday of the Boston Celtics, Trevor Williams of the Washington Nationals, and Harrison Butker of the Kansas City Chiefs.

Let’s face it. We all probably stare at our phones more than we should. The Hallow app gives us a chance to use our phones as a tool to get closer to Him, be more like Him, and take Lent to the next level. *Steve Krouse*



Ash Wednesday Mass Times
8:00 a.m. at Kalida
6:00 p.m. at Continental
7:30 p.m. at Kalida



Small Group Series: Jesus & the Eucharist

If you were unable to join the first study session of Jesus and the Eucharist, The handout and video for Session 1 are available at stmichaelskalida.org, under “Recent Bulletins.” A paper copy of the handout is available for pick up from the mailbox at the outside entrance of the parish center. There were over 70 people at the first session! Feel free to join us for one (or all) of the next sessions: Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. February 13, 20, and 27, 2024; March 5, 12, and 19, 2024 in the church basement on the kitchen side (note: no session will be held February 6). Each session will be 2 hours or less. There is no pre-work or homework. Study handouts will be provided to you at each session. Hospitality provided. There is no cost. See you there!

Eucharistic Adoration—Thursdays of Lent
February 15 & 29, and March 7, 14 & 21,
from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
February 22, from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
March 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

High School CCD - February 14
Everyone is asked to attend the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

Planning Mass This Week
is grade 7 on Wednesday, Feb. 14 for the Ash Wednesday All School Mass. There will be no students at Mass on Friday.

High School Eucharistic Minister Training
Training for high school students 16 and older will be held on Wednesday, February 21, at 7 p.m. in church.

Little Black Books for Lent
are at the entrances of church. Please pick one up and start on the journey of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving during the season of Lent.

Dragon Slayers Retreat ...
at St. John's in Delphos on Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m. for those who didn't make the retreat in November.

Parish Improvement Fund Envelopes

If you would like to donate toward the improvements of the front steps and the rectory/parish center, please use the special envelopes at the exits of church. Thank you!

St. Michael Parish Improvement Fund
For updates to St. Michael's Church Buildings and Grounds

Offering Envelope Number: _____ (This is required for processing)

Name: _____

Amount: _____ Date: _____