

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
SOUP NIGHT: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the basement
JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL EUCH. MINISTER TRAINING: 7:00 pm
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
ROSARY: 6:55 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
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.

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. Deadline is February 26 at The Mustard Seed.

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.

Golden Gatherings Meet & Mingle
Get to know the Council on Aging’s Activities Coordinator Tammy Schroeder, meet new friends and find out what activities are coming your way on March 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pandora Lunch Box (200 E. Main Street, Pandora). Breakfast will be provided, but seating is limited. RSVP by March 1 by calling 419-523-4121.

Healthy Food for One or Two
March 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the Educational Service Center (Classroom 2 at 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa). Seating is limited. Call the Putnam County Council on Aging at 419-523-4121.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - February 24 & 25
4:30: PB: **Jerry Ellerbrock, Bob Gerdeman**
Cherie Kemper, Jane Kleman, Becky Lucke, Peter Morrissey
LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald
8:00: PB: **Dave Kahle, Erica Kahle**
Lynda Fortman, Mark Kahle, Dianna Kehres, Bob Klausing
LECTOR: Don Wehri
Ministers to Homebound: Carrie Patrick
11:00: PB: **Ryan & Erin Kerner**
Jim Hanneman, Mike Krouse, Deb McIntyre, Beth Nienberg
LECTOR: Tony Unverferth

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 2/20	8:00 AM	Brant Bockrath Corinne Brinkman
Wed, 2/21	8:00 AM	Addelyn Brinkman Emerson Burgei Isabelle Buss
Thurs, 2/22	7:30 PM	Madelyn Cattell Taylor Nienberg
Fri, 2/23	8:00 AM	Chase Rampe Logan Rampe Lillian Schnipke
Sat, 2/24	4:30 PM	Alex Gardner Maria Gerding Kyla Grime
Sun, 2/25	8:00 AM	Jax Horstman Erica Kahle Nathan Kahle
	11:00 AM	Logan Kerner Mallory Kerner Griffin Klausing


Offertory Bearers - February 24 & 25
4:30: Ryan & Amy Schnipke Family
8:00: Kyle & Jess Recker Family
11:00: Sean & Adriene Swyers Family

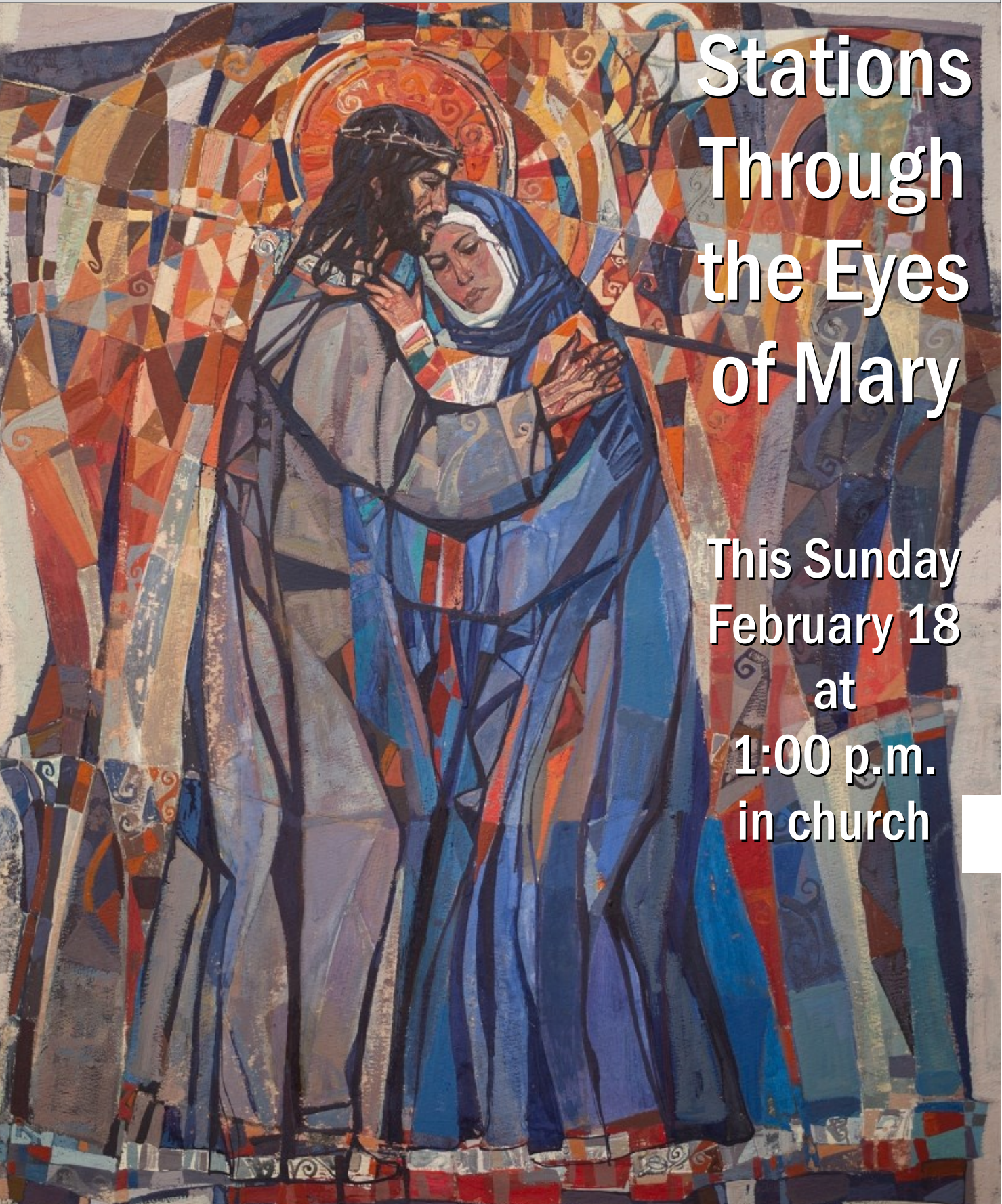
USHERS - February 24 & 25
4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

Presentation on Putnam County Preparations for the Total Solar Eclipse
Brian Hilvers, Director of Public Safety, will speak on March 5, at 10:00 a.m. at the Leipsic Community Center (120 East Main Street) about the county’s preparations for the upcoming solar eclipse. A Grab and Go Lunch OR Stay and Eat Meals will be offered to participants 60 years and better following the presentation. Seating is limited. Please call Putnam County Council on Aging to register for the presentation and lunch: 419-523-4121 or Toll-free 1-877-796-1760. Registration Deadline is February 26.



Kalida K of C Fish Fry
Friday,
February 23,
from
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

 **St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, February 18, 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.



**This Sunday
February 18
at
1:00 p.m.
in church**

Fr. Nathan’s Eucharistic Article 21 of 40

“After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.” (Mk 14:26)

The point when Mass officially begins is with the signing of the Cross. Why do we make the sign of the Cross on ourselves, and why do we do this with all our prayers? Within the signing, there is a twofold symbolism that is essential to our Christian theology. First, it expresses who we desire to be in union with: God ... who revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we have seen (Art. 2) we are made for God and we only realize our full potential when we are in union with Him. By signing ourselves, it reminds us of this goal/reality. Secondly, the signing reminds us of the means or way to be in union with our Lord: the Cross. As we have seen (Art. 6), the Cross is our Lord’s fundamental and principle means/way to be in union with us. When our Lord died on the Cross, it created an infinite treasury of grace (which is our Lord’s divine life), and that grace is made available to us at the Mass, which represents the sacrifice of the Cross in a sacramental way (Art. 7). By allowing this grace, which was merited by Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross, to be applied to our soul, it in turn strengthens our union with our triune Lord.

Next, we have our Penitential Rite where we call to mind our sins. Logically this makes sense: if the whole point of the Mass is to bring us into union with our Lord, we need to consider what it is in our life that blocks us from Him. In fact, the whole point of the Cross, as Jesus Himself tells us, is to address sin: my blood “will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sin” (Mt 26:28). Because of this close connection between the Cross, which the Mass represents to us, and sin, St. Paul advises his community to examine themselves first: “a person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup” (1 Cor 11:28). Even the ancient Christian manuscript the *Diadache*, from the 1st century, advised this examination first: “On the Lord’s day, we meet together; break the bread and give thanks, after having first confessed our sins so that our sacrifice may be pure.” You probably also notice that we strike our chest when we say “through my fault ...”. The striking of one’s chest is an ancient symbol of self-accusation. Even when people left the Cross on Good Friday, they conducted this act: “when the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts.” (Lk 23:48)

Another part of the Penitential Rite is the prayer “Lord have mercy,” commonly known as the “*Kyrie eleison*.” The official language of the Mass is Latin, but this is the only prayer of the Mass that is in another language, Greek. This was because it was a longer chant that began in the East, and when it was discovered around 390 A.D, it was introduced into the Mass as is. Even though it was introduced later, the prayer itself is Biblical. The blind man of Jericho cried out “Son of David, have mercy on me” (Mk 10:47), and the lepers cried “Jesus, Master, have pity on us.” (Lk 17:13) As we recognize our own faults, we too cry out.

Then we have the *Gloria*. This prayer aims to excite our hearts for what we are about to encounter: our Lord. While all the phrases are Biblical, the opening line is what the angels sang to the shepherds as they prepared

themselves to meet our Lord: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to his people on earth” (Lk 2:14). This prayer was used by the first Christians whenever they gathered, and soon it was a part of the Mass, but only at Christmas. In the 6th century, Pope St. Symmachus extended it to all main solemnities (e.g. Sunday Mass). First, it begins with a prayer to the Father (we praise you, we ...). Then it addresses Jesus, as the Lamb of God. Interesting in these two addresses, it invokes the four ends/purposes of Mass: (1) Praise of God (“we worship you ... we praise you”), (2) Thanksgiving (“we give you thanks”), (3) Sorrow for sin (“you take away the sin of the world”), and (4) Petition (“receive our prayer”). Finally, it ends with an act of faith in the Trinity.

So, yeah, a lot is happening at the beginning of Mass!

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	
8:00 AM	Lawrence Peck, Al & Mary Siefker Family Roger Buss, Tom Recker
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	
8:00 AM	Gene Deters
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 <i>The chair of St. Peter, the apostle</i>	
7:30 PM	Bob Grote, Gerry Vorst L/D Bernard & Mary Jane Averagesch Family
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23	
8:00 AM	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24	
4:30 PM	Jim Warnecke, Charles Nussbaum Ron Kahle, Jr. L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family L/D Alfred & Marcella Ellerbrock Family
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	
8:00 AM	
11:00 AM	Brian Knott, L/D Don Holtkamp Family Norman & Dorothy von der Embse Eugene Hoersten, Special Intention Martha Turnwald, Juanita, Mark & Jeff Westrick
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

Last Week’s Collection : \$ 11,542.37

Choir Assignments—February 24 & 25
4:30: YAHS **8:00:** Ashleigh **11:00:** Renee

Soup Nights During Lent

Soup will be available every Tuesday in Lent from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., beginning this Tuesday, February 20. This is open to the parish as walk-ins, drive up and anyone who wants to come together to eat in the church basement. If soup was delivered to you last year, your name will remain on the list for delivery this year. Please call Millie McElwain (419-231-5656) or Darlene Miller (419-615-8819) if you want to be added to our delivery list. Beef & Noodle soup is being served on February 20. Donations for making soup can be left in the church basement (beans, potatoes, canned veggies, onions, tomato juice, cream of celery soup, celery, noodles, canned beef, beef or chicken broth, etc.). Cookies and brownies would also be appreciated. If your family would like to donate a roaster or crockpot of soup, please call Darlene Miller. On February 27, we will be serving ham and bean soup and chili. On March 5, we will serve chicken noodle soup and potato soup.

Hallow

My mind tends to wander. It is hard for me to simply be still, although I know that is exactly often what the Lord wants (and needs me to do) to hear his voice. Last Lent I added weekly adoration as part of my Lenten journey. Although you would think sitting with the Blessed Sacrament would be more than enough, my mind would still wander to my never-ending to-do list. I found that Hallow had many great resources that helped me make the most of adoration. My favorite is Matt Maher’s Adoration Volume I playlist. I suggest simply searching “adoration” to explore the endless possibilities Hallow has to offer!

Adriene Swyers

Attention Eucharistic Ministers

St. Rita's Spiritual Health is seeking Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. If you feel called to this very special ministry, please contact the Spiritual Health Dept. (419-226-9481) for more information. You can also contact St. Michael parishioner Jerry Ellerbrock for more information, as he currently does this ministry at St. Rita's. His number is 419-303-9425. Thanks for considering!

Area Penance Services During Lent

Wednesday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Ft. Jennings
Wednesday, March 6, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Kalida
Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 p.m. at Ottoville
Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Continental
Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Miller City
Wednesday, March 20, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Glandorf
Monday, March 25, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Ottawa

Faith Enrichment Resources for Lent

Our Little Black Books for Lent are available at the entrances of church. Also at the back of church are copies of the Eucharistic Prayer Companion for Lent which can be used during Adoration on Thursdays. Please return when your individual Adoration time is completed.

Sacrament of Confirmation

will be Sunday, April 21, at 1:00 p.m. Youth from St. John's, Continental will be joining us this year. Please keep our young people in prayer as they continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Recent Baptism
LYDIA KAY RECKER
Daughter of Logan & Marissa (Smith) Recker

Pictured below: It was a fantastic turnout for Fr. Nathan’s presentation on the Mass last Monday evening!



Small Group Series: Jesus & the Eucharist

Even if you missed the first study sessions, feel free to join us for one (or all) of the next sessions: Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. February 20, and 27, 2024; March 5, 12, and 19, 2024 in the church basement. Each session is 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 22, from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
February 29, and March 7, 14 & 21, from 8:00 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

On February 21, everyone has class. On February 28, high school CCD classes will be canceled due to the boys basketball tournament game at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Mass This Week

are Mary Grote's grade 3 on Wednesday, February 21, and Stephanie Price's grade 6 on Friday, February 23.

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.

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

There are extra donation envelopes at the exits of church. Our parish goal is \$38,580. Please send your donation directly to: Diocese of Toledo; ACA Office; PO Box 917;

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. Thanks!