

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** 1:30 p.m. in church  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 1**  
**RCIA:** 7:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 (Ash Wednesday)**  
**HIGH SCHOOL CCD:** 7:30 p.m. Mass  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 3**  
**ROSARY:** 7:00 p.m. in church  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 4**  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** 3:00 p.m. in church  
**FISH FRY AT KALIDA K OF C:** 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Athletic Boosters Presale Only Chicken BBQ**  
Sunday, March 13. Cost of the dinner is \$9. Contact Ashley Buss (419-796-9533) for tickets.

**Putnam County Right to Life Notes**  
Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting in St. Michael's Church basement on Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Our garage & bake sale at the Ottawa K of C Hall will be held on Tuesday, April 5, & Wednesday, April 6, with donation drop off on Monday, April 4.

**Kalida Baseball Association Purse Raffle**  
Twelve purses will be given away. Winners will be announced after the varsity baseball game on May 10. Tickets are \$20 each. Anyone interested can contact any KBA Committee Person, Randy Buss or Brian Hoffman.

**Little Slugger Baseball Sign-Up Now Open**  
Little Slugger League is open to all boys and girls from Kalida who are currently Pre-K (5 years old), Kindergarten or 1st Grade. Games are T-Pitch rules with coaches pitching to each player. All players will be able to bat and play defense every inning. All games are played in Kalida at Froggy Park on Saturday mornings of May and June. Registration forms have been distributed at the elementary and are available at in the lobby of the post office. Or you can contact Randy Buss at 419-532-2208 or bussrandy@yahoo.com for more information. Deadline for registrations is March 21.

**Girl Scouts Collecting Used Crayons**  
The Girl Scouts are collecting crayons for The Crayon Initiative. The Crayon Initiative collects used and unwanted crayons donated from homes, restaurants, and schools across the country, then melts them down and remanufactures them, reducing environmental waste. The crayons are distributed to child life programs at children's hospitals in all 50 states, to brighten the lives of young patients during their stay. These programs provide countless children with a creative outlet to express themselves, while at the same time helping to ease anxiety. They also enhance problem-solving and critical thinking skills, while promoting creativity and imagination.

*Please drop your crayons off at the exits of church.*

**Kalida Area Garage Sales**  
April 28, 29 & 30. If interested in having a garage sale, please sign up at Kalida Telephone or Union Bank by April 15.

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 3/1	8:00 AM	Jax Horstman Riley Horstman
Wed, 3/2	8:00 AM	Mallory Kerner Issabella McKee
	7:30 PM	Brady Rampe Camryn Recker Livia Recker
Thurs, 3/3	7:30 PM	Max Langhals Evan Langhals
Fri, 3/4	8:00 AM	Sophia Meyer Jagger Miller
Sat, 3/5	4:30 PM	Carson Remlinger Elyse Romes Emerson Schnipke
Sun, 3/6	8:00 AM	Katelyn Roof Gabe Roof Nathan Schroeder
	11:00 AM	Lauren Schulte Ella Schumacher Sara Siebeneck

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Ash Wednesday**  
**7:30:** Michelle Buss, Jerry Ellerbrock, Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich  
**LECTOR:** *Erin Kerner*

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - March 5 & 6**  
**4:30:** Lynda Fortman, Kenzie Fortman, Bob Gerdeman, Sue Gerdeman  
**LECTOR:** *Jill Laudick*  
**8:00:** Janice Foppe, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Dianna Kehres  
**LECTOR:** *Mary Plescher*  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Dianna Kehres, Tom & Judy Bonifas  
**11:00:** Brooke Erhart, Lori Erhart, Phil & Sue Fuerst  
**LECTOR:** *Grade 4*

**USHERS - March 5 & 6**  
**4:30:** Team 1    **8:00:** Team 2    **11:00:** Team 3

**KHS Blood Drive – Tuesday, March 8...**  
at Kalida High School's gym, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The American Red Cross is currently in a National Blood Crisis, due to the low amount of blood they have available for hospitals. Please consider donating if you are eligible. Appointments are highly recommended, and masks are required to donate. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Mrs. Beth Grime at the high school (419-532-3529).

**Upcoming Wedding**  
*Haley McIntyre & Michael Schwartz will be married on March 5, 2022. Please include them in your prayers.*



**ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OHIO - FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

Pastor: Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S. 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

RETURN TO THE  
LORD YOUR GOD,  
FOR HE IS MERCIFUL  
AND COMPASSIONATE.  
JOEL 2:13

*Ash Wednesday (March 2) Mass Times:  
8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. at Kalida and 6:00 p.m. at Continental*





From the Desk of Fr. Mark

Hi, everyone. I have two main thoughts for today and they can be summed up in an old John Denver song: "Thank God I'm a Country Boy." With a complicated world around me, I still go back to simple roots. "Got me a fine wife, got an old fiddle and cakes on the griddle" and other simple things as the song goes, make me thank God. Two current events make me wonder as a simple person, as a simple person who loves God.

The first event was the question of a valid Baptism in the Church. The question of the right words of "we" or "I" as someone is ceremonially Baptized came into question and what that means for the living out of one's Catholic faith. Thank God I'm a Country Boy. I will let theologians ponder lofty questions and all the implications of a mysterious Trinity and how the divine and human can come together in the person of Jesus. I do know that God first loves us and shows us that love in many varied ways. God shows us that love, in the person of Jesus who showed us to love God and our neighbor, should be the simplest of laws, but not always easy to achieve. God will help us live this reality with gifts of the Holy Spirit. To keep it simple: that God first loves us and that His love is enough for me. Even prior to Baptism, God loves us. Even prior to our birth, God loves us. Even prior to our conception, God loves us. And because of that love, we are made to love with or without Baptism. Who would believe that we could make love so complicated?

The second event that made me think of simplicity is the situation in the Ukraine. As I am writing this, my heart hurts. I visited the Ukraine in 1979 and wonder if any of the children and people I met could be some of the people involved in the conflict. Many times the innocent are hurt in conflicts. Last Sunday the Lord asked us to love our enemies. Our hearts should hurt when anyone is hurt, innocent or not. This conflict brings big questions which are too big for simple people to answer. But we still have to live in this complexity. To live simply and walk with God is probably the best answer I can give when people ask what our response should be to this crisis. Instead of worrying about things we cannot control, put into action the love I can control. To take time to love our families around us changes the world we live in. It may not seem like an earth shattering answer, but the love of God shattered the power of sin and death. It is our faith. It is our hope. It is love that makes the difficult simple.

I do thank God because I am a country boy with all the simple things that go with it. Most of all, I thank God because He has made me a child of God, because He loves me.

Have a blessed week. Fr. Mark



This week, Steve Unverferth showed a class of 5th grade music students what the church organ could do. Steve has been playing organ at our parish since the summer of 1966!

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week	
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 1</b>	
8:00 AM	Larry Peck, Tom Recker
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
8:00 AM	Connie Miller, Alvin Horstman Joe Langhals, Elmer Korte
7:30 PM	World Peace
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 3</b>	
7:30 PM	Jim Warnecke, Stan Winkle
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 4</b>	
8:00 AM	Fr. Elmer Wurth
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 5</b>	
4:30 PM	NM McIntyre & Schwartz George, Nora & Dan Basinger Doris Deters, Eleanor Siebeneck John Smith, Jack & Armella Fortman
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 6</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	
8:00 AM	Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Dorothy Miller Walter & Mary Vennekotter
11:00 AM	Olivia Schnipke L/D Gene & Mary Jane Stechschulte Fam L/D Bill & Anita Doepker Family Ferd & Clementine Kahle Family
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

Last Sunday’s Collection \$ 8,407.00

Choir Assignments - March 5 & 6

4:30: 8:00: Ashleigh 11:00: Renee

Soup for Lent

Every Tuesday in Lent (March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12) from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. This is for pickup and, if needed, delivery. Open to anyone in the Kalida community. Call Diane (419-890-7004) or Millie ( ). Donations (potatoes onion veggies, beef or chicken broth, noodles, etc.) can be placed in the church basement on the counter.

Have a Prayer Line Request?

Call Rita Borgelt (532-3637). Leave a message if not home.

Volunteers Needed for Funeral Luncheons

Call Mary Grote (532-3161) if you can help. Thanks!

February Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Daxton Karhoff	\$100	Kage Bockrath
\$100	Nick S. & Mark W.	\$100	Brooks Kahle
\$100	Ada Gerdeman	\$ 50	Gene Foppe
\$ 50	Evelyn Metzger	\$ 50	Steve Duling
\$ 50	Aubrey Simon	\$ 50	Craig Recker
\$ 50	Rose Siebeneck	\$ 50	Dennis McCollum

Prayer Gathering for Women of All Ages

Every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in church. If inclement weather, please be safe and stay home. All women are welcome.

Why Do I Have to Go to Mass?

If you are in high school and have ever asked this question (or not) this might be a learning experience for you. Through five sessions, we hope you come to appreciate the beauty and mystery of the Mass. Each session includes a few short video clips and discussion. No preparation is required. You can come to as many sessions as you would like. The sessions will be Wednesdays, from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center on March 9, 16, 23, 3- & April 6. Open to high school students only.

New Email Address for Leslie at Church  
Instead of stmich@bright.net, Leslie’s email address will be: **stmichaelskalida@gmail.com**

Coffee & Donuts - Sunday, March 6...  
in the church basement after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Euchre Tournament - Sunday, March 6...  
2:00-4:00 p.m. in the church basement. Everyone is invited.

High School CCD - March 2  
Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Recent Baptism  
WALKER LEE BUSS  
Son of Cody & Brittany (Wagner) Buss

Offertory Bearers Needed

We want to start scheduling offertory bearers at the Masses, but only have four families on this list so far. Please call 419-532-3474 or email stmich@bright.net and let us know at which Mass you would like to be put on the list. Thanks!!!

St. Michael’s Children’s Choir

All students in grades 3-6 are invited to join the Children’s Choir. Registration forms were handed out in religion class. Deadline is March 18. Contact Ashleigh Kahle (419-615-9701 or ashleigh.s.kahle@gmail.com) with questions.

Little Black Books for Lent  
are available at the entrances of church.

2022-23 Holy Name Raffle Tickets...

are available from Nick Schulte (532-2131) or Mark Warnecke (532-3662).

Kalida K of C Fish Frys...  
begin Friday, March 4, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Meadows of Kalida Announcements

- Volunteer Opportunities at the Meadows of Kalida! Must be vaccinated and at least 18 years of age!
- Bingo will be held at St Anthony’s Church Basement from 3-4 p.m. Monday Feb. 28, March 28 & April 25.



Good Luck to St. Michael’s Girls CYO...

who qualified for State Tournament, to be held March 4 & 5.

Top Row: Coach Grace Klausing, Alex Gardner, Gabi Brinkman & Riley Nienberg & Audra Hovest  
Bottom Row: Kendal Bockrath, Katelyn Roof, Kenzie Fortman & Allie Stechschulte

There Will be an All School Mass...

on Ash Wednesday, March 2, at 8:00 a.m. Students in grades 1 through 8 will be at Mass. Mass is planned by grade 7.

Students in Grade 4 to Do Ministries...  
at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 6.

Virtue of the Week is Industriousness

This virtue means to diligently complete a task, setting small goals along the way. Working on this virtue leads to a natural and supernatural maturity. Saints who modeled industriousness were St. Bede, St. John Neuman and St. Cyril and St. Methodius. Our prayer for this week is “*Heavenly Father, You have given me the gift of this day, the gift of this moment. Help me to use my time well. Give me the grace to do all for Your greater glory.*”

Bible Study During Lent

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

In his video-based study A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass at Kalida St. Michael Church basement beginning Wednesday, March 2, (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.) and continuing every Wednesday for total of six weeks. Please contact Wendy Schimmoeller (419-236-0522) ASAP if you want a workbook.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, March 7, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Please pray for priestly and religious vocations.

2022-23 Little Lambs Preschool

St. Michaels is teaming up with the Outreach Center to create this Christian-based preschool. Little Lambs Christian Preschool will be led by board members from each congregation and run by administrator Carrie (Buss) Patrick. We will be located at Kalida Outreach Center. We feel that this new venture will not only build a foundation for your child’s education and faith, but also create a stronger community bond. Registration forms are available for children that are 3 years old by September 1 and are fully potty trained. Forms are available at various locations for your convenience: Kalida Elementary office, the back of St. Michael’s Church, Kalida Outreach Center, Kalida Post Office, and also at stmichaelskalida.org, under Religious Education. We ask that you return forms to St. Michael’s Parish Center as soon as they are completed. We will then contact you with your child’s class assignment and a \$40 registration fee will be due at that time to ensure your child’s spot is held.

