

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** 1:30 p.m. in church  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
**RCIA:** 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** 7:00 p.m. in church  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
**HIGH SCHOOL CCD:** 7:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
**ROSARY:** 7:00 p.m.  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** 3:00 p.m. in church

**Beautiful Eucharist Books...**  
are available at the entrances of church for those who got missed at Christmas. Consider getting a group together to discuss the book. It would make for some great conversations.

**Attention Putnam County Young Adults**  
Those post college to 35 years (plus) are invited to First Monday Adoration Praise & Worship on Monday, February 5, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church, Leipsic.

**Putnam County Right to Life Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., in St. Michael's Church basement. Please come in from the front of church. All are welcome.

**Bereavement Group...**  
will meet at Sts. Peter & Paul on Thursday, February 8, from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. Use the gym entrance.

**27<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - February 10 & 11**  
**4:30:** **PB: Brian & Bev Berheide**  
Glen & Annette Schroeder, Ella Schumacher, Lindsey Slusser  
**LECTOR: Nancy Rampe**  
**8:00:** **PB: Duane Steffan, Mary Siefker**  
Donna Schnipke, Barb Steffan, Norma Unverferth, Don Wehri  
**LECTOR: Mary Plescher**  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Ryan & Erin Kerner  
**11:00:** **PB: Greg & Jill Zeller**  
Chellie Unverferth, Lisa Trentman, Mike & Sandy Westrick  
**LECTOR: Scouts**

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 2/6	8:00 AM	Avery Bockrath Ethan Dickman
Wed, 2/7	8:00 AM	Matt Foppe Toby Goubeaux Collin Horstman
Thurs, 2/8	7:30 PM	Emma Jerwers Calvin Hovest
Fri, 2/9	8:00 AM	Alyssa Kahle Hunter Klausing Katelin Knueve
Sat, 2/10	4:30 PM	Owen Siebeneck Jack Stechschulte Reese Strauer
Sun, 2/11	8:00 AM	Jacob Siebeneck Nicole Siebeneck Kennedy Simon Braylon Smith Whitney Unverferth Zachary Unverferth
	11:00 AM	

**Offertory Bearers - February 10 & 11**  
**4:30:** Scott & Angie Meyer Family  
**8:00:** Dale & Jill Liebrecht Family  
**11:00:** Scouts


**USHERS - February 10 & 11**  
**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. A RSVP is required by February 13 for you and your friend.

**Want to Attend the Eucharistic Congress?**  
The Diocese of Toledo has 50 tickets left for the Eucharistic Congress being held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. Transportation and rooms are available as well. Check out the Congress at [www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org). Contact Connie if you are interested.\\

**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 to follow.



**St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, February 4, 2024**  
**Pastor:** Fr. Nathan Bockrath ([nbockrath@toledodiocese.org](mailto:nbockrath@toledodiocese.org))  
**Deacon:** Bob Klausing **DRE:** Connie Cleemput **Youth Minister:** Jill Zeller **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer  
**Website:** [stmichaelskalida.org](http://stmichaelskalida.org) **Address:** 312 N. Broad St.; Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853  
**Phone:** 419-532-3474 **Email:** [stmichaelskalida@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelskalida@gmail.com) **Office Hours:** Mon-Thus, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

			<b>Euchre Tournament</b> 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. In basement.
			<b>Marriage Classes (Pre-Cana)</b> Church basement
			<b>Stations Through Eyes of Mary</b> - 1:00 p.m. Sophomore Retreat
			<b>Stations of The Cross</b> 1:00 p.m.
<b>Rediscover the Beauty of the Mass</b> 6:30 - 7:30 In basement.	<b>Jesus and the Eucharist</b> 6:30 - 8:30 In basement.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mass	
<b>Holy Name Meeting</b> 8:00 p.m. In basement.	<b>Jesus and The Eucharist</b> 6:30 - 8:30 In basement.		
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The Rosary is prayed in church on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

**To Schedule a Baptism:**  
Email Fr. Nathan at [nbockrath@toledodiocese.org](mailto:nbockrath@toledodiocese.org).  
Classes are needed for your first child only.  
Before you schedule your baptism, you need to take a class.  
To schedule your class, call Matt & Joni Bockrath at 419-532-3139 for classes in:  
Jan, March, May, July, September or November.  
Call Dale & Jill Liebrecht at 419-789-2447 (Jill) for classes in:  
February, April, June, August, October or December

**To Schedule a Wedding:**  
Email Fr. Nathan at: [nbockrath@toledodiocese.org](mailto:nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)

<b>Parish Council</b> Marc Kerner Dale Liebrecht Lisa Roebke Mary Gerding Deb McIntyre Don Rall Wendy Schimmoeller Scott Unverferth Allison Wurth	<b>Finance Committee</b> Paul Bonifas Jim Burgei Joan Niese Norm Schnipke Cindy Webken Greg Zeller
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Fr. Nathan’s Eucharistic Article 19 of 40

“Vested in his magnificent robes, and wearing his garments of splendor, as he ascended the glorious altar and lent majesty to the court of the sanctuary” (Sir 50:11)

These inspired words from the author of Sirach, depict the appearance of the high-priest at the Temple during the Old Testament period. Vestments have a long history in our liturgies, and their original usage can be traced back to first priests during the Exodus (Ex 28). Even St. John envisions them being symbolically used in the Heavenly worship: “they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they stand before God’s throne and worship him day and night in his temple” (Rev. 7:14-15). So, what’s the point behind their usage? In general, they are meant to draw our attention away from the ordinary to the extraordinary. They are reserved to priests within a liturgical setting in order to emphasize the uniqueness of what is happening. In the context of Mass, that is representation of Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross. Each has its own unique symbolism, and while I will articulate how the priest is to think of it, all of us are encouraged to take its symbolism to heart as well.

**Roman Cassock:** A tradition of the Church dating to the 5<sup>th</sup> century, is the usage of the Cassock during a liturgical rite. This is the first garb that is used, that goes from the shoulders to the ankles. For priests it is black, monsignors and bishops it is purple, cardinals it is red, and the pope wears white. All clerics begin with “black” as it is meant to encourage him to spiritually think of dying to self and living for our Lord, for as Jesus said “if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Lk 9:23). The traditional design has 33 buttons from top to bottom, in honor of the 33 years of Jesus’s life. Thus, the priest is invited to think how he is in communion with our Lord.

**Amice:** This is the first official vestment and its practical purpose is to cover the roman collar of the cassock. The desire is for none of the priest’s daily clerical garb to be seen, as to emphasize the extraordinariness of what is to take place within the liturgy. This vestment is a square piece of white linen that goes around the priest’s neck. Its name is derived from the Latin verb *amicire*, which means “to cover.” Its spiritual symbolism is meant to draw our attention to St. Paul’s “helmet of salvation” (Eph 6:17). St. Paul encourages us to fight against the attacks of evilness, and so put on a “helmet” of grace in this effort. Consequently, as the priest vests, he is to be mindful of his efforts in warding off evilness.

**Alb:** This is the long white vestment that covers the rest of the cassock. Its name comes from the medieval Latin *alba*, which means “white.” This color is meant to symbolize purity, and so it is to be worn by all those at the altar. In turn, it challenges the priest to be completely pure and clean of heart.

**Cincture:** This is the cord that is fastened around the waist of the priest. In the Bible, when someone is encouraged to “gird themselves” (e.g. Lk 12:15, Eph 6:14), it is done in connection to acts of labors, warfare, and pilgrimage. The idea being to fasten their loose clothing so that they can move with ease. In turn, the priest is challenged to be effective and efficient in his work for our Lord.

**Maniple:** This is the vestment that hangs off the left arm of the priest. It has largely fell out of use, but it never was abolished. Its original purpose was to serve as a handkerchief that would be used to wipe the sweat of the priest’s brow during Mass. Thus, its purpose was connected to the laborers of the priests. Its name, too, points to labor, as it is a Latin word for a “sheaf” of wheat (e.g. Ps 126:6), which is the bundling of wheat after harvest. Thus, the priest is challenged to carry out his duties with zeal and pray for the fruit of his labor.

**Stole:** This is the vestment that hangs around the neck of the priests. Its name is a Greek word derived from the early Greek word for towel (*stolas*), and so it points to service. Early Christian writers, in fact, attached to it the symbolism of Christ washing the feet of the Twelve. As part of this service, it also points to the sacramental and teaching authority bestowed on the cleric for the people. Thus, the priest is encouraged to be mindful of his service towards those entrusted to his care.

**Chasable:** This is the vestment that is most easily seen, as it is the most outer garment that hangs over the body of the priest. Its name is rooted in the Latin *casula* meaning “little cottage” or “hooded cloak” ... the idea being that it overcast the entire life of the priest. Its symbolism is that of our Lord’s love, which leads Him to the Cross ... thus the priest, too, is led to the altar by charity. Because of this symbolism, it is always to be worn over the stole since it represents the charity of Christ which “covers all things” (Col 3:14). Historically, there has been a wide variety of styles of chasubles that have evolved over the centuries, and there is no such thing as a “correct” style. The main thing is that it reminds the priest that he is to allow our Lord’s love to work through him.

Finally, a note on the **Colors:**  
-white – symbolizes joy, exuberance, celebration, victory, purity, innocence. Thus, it is for solemnities and feasts of our Lord and Our Lady, saints, and festive seasons.

-red – symbolizes the “fire” of the holy spirit (cf. Acts 2:3) and the blood of martyrdom. Thus, it's for Pentecost, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, apostles, evangelists, and martyrs.

-violet – as a “heavier” color, it symbolizes sorrow, mourning, repentance, and penance. Thus, it's for Lent and Advent.

-green – a classic symbol of hope, everlasting life, and fidelity. Thus it is used for the “ordinary” times of our liturgical calendar.

-rose – as it’s a mix between white and violet, it symbolizes subdued joy. Thus it is used for the third Sunday of Advent and fourth Sunday of Lent, since the celebration of Christmas and Easter is right around the corner.

-black – symbolizes mourning and death. Thus, it is reserved for All Souls day and funerals.

Last Week’s Collection : \$ 9,144.00

Choir Assignments—February 10 & 11

4:30: Ashleigh 8:00: Alicia 11:00: Children’s



Upcoming Mass Schedule	
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6</b>	<i>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>
8:00 AM	Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7</b>	
8:00 AM	Bob Warnecke (HN)
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8</b>	
7:30 PM	Dorothy Miller & Family
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9</b>	
8:00 AM	
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10</b>	<i>St. Scholastica</i>
4:30 PM	Len, Anna Rose, Triena & Emily Kahle Ellen Niemeyer, Joe Langhals, Gene Wurth Jeff Heitmeyer (A), Denny McCollum
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11</b>	
8:00 AM	Elmer & Helen Korte L/D Korte & Brickner Families John Siefer (A), Brian Knott, Ron Kahle, Jr. Ed Schroeder, L/D Amadeus & Marcelle Schroeder Family, Scouts Arnold Siebeneck, Jeff Siebeneck Alan Heuss
11:00 AM	

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for  
  
Bob Warnecke was held on  
  
Saturday, February 3.  
  
Please include Bob and his  
  
family in your prayers.



**Euchre Tournament**  
**This Sunday, February 4**  
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the church basement. In March and April, the euchre tournament will be held the second Sunday of the month (3/10/24 and 4/14/24) in the church basement. \$1 entry (for prizes). Bring a snack to share if you want. See you there!

**Rediscover the Beauty of the Mass**  
**Monday, February 12**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**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 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 will be provided.



**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!

**High School CCD - February 7:**  
Everyone has class.  
  
**Students Planning Mass This Week**  
are Becky Lucke and Kayla Nartker's grade 4 class on Wednesday, February 7 and Michele Doecker's grade 6 class on Friday, February 9.

**First Reconciliation...**  
for our second grade students will be Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. in church. Family members are invited to received the Sacrament of Reconciliation along with their child. We will have 5 priests available.

**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.

**Happy Birthday, Deacon Bob!**  
Deacon Bob celebrates his birthday next Saturday, February 10. Thanks for all you do!

**Just an FYI**  
The regular size hosts used for Communion were not available from the supplier, so we were forced to order a smaller size. We anticipate receiving the regular size hosts very soon.

**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!

