

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

RCIA: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Bus Trip to Religious Locations

Mark your calendar for the upcoming trip to The Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana, National Shrine Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin and tour of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Chapel, at Notre Dame. This will be a three-day and two-night bus trip leaving on April 18 and returning on April 20. Further details are coming.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - February 11 & 12

4:30: PB: Brian & Bev Berheide

Jerry Ellerbrock, Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich, Bob Gerdeman

LECTOR: Deb Kahle

8:00: PB: Dave Kahle, Norma Vorst

Greg Bockrath, Dennis Bockrath, Kendal Bockrath, Janice Foppe

LECTOR: Tony Unverferth

Ministers to Homebound: Wendy Schimmoeller

11:00: PB: Jill Zeller, Matt Bockrath

Greg Zeller, Logan Bockrath, Bob Buss, Lynda Fortman

LECTOR: Scouts

Offertory Bearers - February 11 & 12

4:30: Josh & Mary Horstman Family

8:00: Karl & Darlene Miller

11:00: Scouts

USHERS - February 11 & 12

4:30: Team 9

8:00: Team 8

11:00: Team 7

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 2/7	8:00 AM	Sophia Meyer Jagger Miller
Wed, 2/8	8:00 AM	Kylie Peck Blake Remlinger Bryce Remlinger
Thurs, 2/9	7:30 PM	Cody Recker Josh Schulte
Fri, 2/10	8:00 AM	Nicole Siebeneck Kennedy Simon Maya Wehri
Sat, 2/11	4:30 PM	Kaylyn Bockrath Lauren Bockrath Drew Buss
Sun, 2/12	8:00 AM	Andrea Burgei Evvy Cattell Nick Foppe
	11:00 AM	Ryan Fischnich Evan Fischnich Faith Feldman

Virtue of the Week is Docility

This virtue means a willingness to be taught. Ways to practice docility would be to follow directions; be willing to take turns. Listening is a key to following directions. Saints who practiced docility were St. Juan Diego and St. Dominic Savio. Our prayer for this week is "Dear Jesus, You are my teacher in every situation! Before acting on important matters, please give me the humility to seek Your wisdom and the wisdom of others, in order to make the best decision. Give me the gift of counsel, so that I may do Your holy will in each situation."

Upcoming High School Events

Homecoming Mass

Sunday, February 19, at 4:30 p.m.

All Students and Families are invited to attend.

Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m.

High School Students will be leading, contact Jill if you want to join us.

Eucharistic Revival & Gathering

Sunday, March 19, from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

An afternoon of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

4:30 p.m.-? There will be a St. George Deanery High School Gathering after the Eucharistic Revival in St. Michael's Church Basement. We will have Games & FREE food. All HS students from the County are invited to join.

Senior Citizen Prom

Sunday, March 26, in Leipsic

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)

NOVEMBER 16-19, 2023

Open to current 8th graders thru Juniors.

Contact Jill if interested in going.

We will be starting fundraising soon.

Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ

Sunday, March 12, 2023. Student athletes have the tickets for sale. The cost of the dinner is \$10. Since this is a presale event only, we ask that you turn in the proceeds and any unsold tickets back to Carol Bockrath or the high school office by Friday, February 17, 2023. If you need more tickets, please let us know.

Photo Opportunities are Dwindling: Don't Miss Out on Being Included in the 2023 Parish Directory!

March 3 & 4, 10 & 11 in the church basement

There are only openings left on March 10 & 11

You can still schedule a session by visiting: ucdir.com/schedule/login.php

church code: oh2607 password: photos

If you need to cancel your appointment, call Leslie at 419-532-3474. You can't do it yourself.

You can also call Leslie (419-532-3474) to schedule your appointment.

The background for the photos is grey.

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OH - FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Nathan Bockrath

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 a.m. - 5 p.m.

HOME

KALIDA, OH

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE

Second Chance for "Home" Apparel

We're placing another order for the "Home" Apparel t-shirts. You can find the form on our website, under "Recent Bulletins" or at the exits of church.

Deadline for orders is February 14, with delivery by March 4.

Eucharistic Adoration During Lent

We will have Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays during Lent. The sign-up sheets are in the back of church. Thanks!

2023 Sacrament Dates

First Reconciliation: February 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation: March 18, at 4:30 p.m.

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m.

Students Planning Mass

are Pat Broecker's third grade class on Wednesday, Feb. 8, and Michele Doecker's grade 6 class on Friday, Feb. 10.

High School CCD - February 8

the freshmen and sophomores will be in the church basement for a presentation by the Culture Project missionaries. Jrs. and Seniors will have class.

VBS Week is July 10-13

"Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light" is our theme.

Attn: Parents of Current Seventh Graders

The Damascus Retreat for our 2024 Confirmation students will be November 10-12. More info to follow.

St. Michael's Lending Library is Now ...

located in the church basement, behind the bar area.

2023 Offertory Envelopes...

are in the back of church.

Happy Birthday, Deacon Bob!

Deacon Bob will celebrate his birthday this Friday, February 10.

Happy Birthday, Bob, and thanks for all you do!

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 AM Larry Peck

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 AM Carol Verhoff, Alice Brinkman, Neil Schnipke

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 PM Gerry Vorst, Denny McCollum

Leo & Irene Schnipke

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica

8:00 AM Mary Jane Stechschulte—from neighbors

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:30 PM L/D Rich & Wilma Vorst Family

L/D Tom & Marilyn Niese Family

L/D Bernard & Mary Jane Aversch Family

Gene Wurth, Joe Langhals

Jeff Heitmeyer, Louis Verhoff

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 AM Ron Vonder Embse, Helen & Elmer Korte

L/D Korte & Brickner Families

11:00 AM Ralph & Dolores Verhoff,

Mike Schimmoeller, Scouts,

Bob Unverferth, Jiggs & Helen Unverferth

Last Week's Collection: \$ 17,041.00

Choir Assignments - February 11 & 12

4:30: Ashleigh

8:00: Ashleigh

11:00: Renee

CYO Games—Sunday, February 5

Boys A Team

1:00 p.m. at Home

High School Girls

2:15 p.m. at Home

Boys B Team

3:30 p.m. at Home

Engaged Couples Conference at Kalida

Sunday, March 19, 2023, starting at 8:30 a.m. This will include Sunday Mass. Email stmichaelskalida@gmail.com or call 419-532-3474 to sign-up.

Recent Baptism

WESTIN LEE ODENWELLER

Son of Craig & Melissa (Jorrey) Odenweller

St. Michael's Holy Name Ballpark

The Kalida Baseball Association (who is leading the improvement efforts at St. Michael's Holy Name Ballpark) is conducting a second collection during Masses the weekend of February 11 & 12. Please contemplate a gift during that time, as well as consider the other opportunities to associate you and/or your family to such a historic facility. More details will follow at those Masses. Thank you in advance of the support!

**A spark into
a flame.**

**A bonfire into a
movement.**

On a summer evening in 2022 (see picture to the right) Gery & Diane Wurth hosted a county wide pro-life event, led by Ohio Regional Students for Life Coordinator Jamie Scherdin. Activities included a bonfire, line-dancing, singing, speakers, and a movie on the side of a barn. A fire was lit inside Ella Schumacher, a junior at Kalida High School, “I heard and saw the joy and how much fun they were having and I went up to Jamie and said I wanted to start a group.”

And so she did.

Ella and several other schoolmates created the first-ever Students for Life organization at Kalida High School. This sort of pro-life fortitude is many times born out of a supportive family environment. Sophomore Grace Rall, stated that her family has always been pro-life. Her parents and grandparents were mainstays at the national march in Washington D.C.

The group had a chalk day in November, where they decorated St. Michael’s sidewalks with pro-life messages.

Their first “official” event was in the KHS cafeteria, giving witness in front of their peers, which isn’t always easy.



“We did a table talk at lunch at school (below) where people could come and talk to us and have conversations about it,” stated Junior Erica Kahle. “We also had informational post cards for the students, along with promotional items like wristbands, pins and stickers.”



Ella stated, “The goal is to inform others on the dangers of abortion. They may not truly know.”

Gabi Brinkman, a sophomore, shared how they want to “plant seeds so others can make informed decisions.”

Sophomore Evelyn Cattell agreed. “We want to help people make informed decisions and know the facts.”

The group is very public, but not pushy. They realize hearts aren’t changed with in-your-face tactics and arguments. They simply exist to educate.

Lauren Bockrath, the lone freshman of the group, shared how this has been a learning opportunity for her. “I thought ‘Planned Parenthood’ was a good thing, and then I found out they helped fund abortions.”

St. Michael’s Youth Minister Jill Zeller is impressed with these young girls, many of whom joined her last month at the National March for life in Washington D.C. “They took the initiative to start a Students for Life club, and are willing to share the Pro-Life message with others. They are so passionate about being the Post-Roe Generation. It is very exciting to witness them take initiative at such a young age.”

High school is normally a time filled with extreme self-consciousness and fear of what others might think. When asked if they had any reservations about standing up so publicly about what can be a controversial topic, they all agreed it wasn’t an issue.



The Officers for the Kalida Chapter of Students for Life

L-R: Treasurer Evelyn Cattell, daughter of Jody & Sharon; Publicity Designer Gabi Brinkman, daughter of Keith & Julie; Public Relations Coordinator Grace Rall, daughter of Don & Cindy; Secretary Lauren Bockrath, daughter of Matt & Joni; Vice President Erica Kahle, daughter of Jeff & Casey; President Ella Schumacher, daughter of Jason & Alissia and Advisor Mrs. Gracyn Schwieterman

Mrs. Gracyn Schwieterman is new to Kalida High School and is honored to be their advisor. “Even though it is all student-led, I am proud to play a small role in something I believe in. The members of this group are amazing for standing up and fighting for their beliefs. Their boldness is something to strive for.”



They talked at last Sunday’s Putnam County Right to Life Gathering (left) at which former Kalida elementary teacher Lori Erhart was present. “I had some of these girls in third grade and I was amazed they could get up and talk so confidently in front of adults. Their courage is rare. It’s nice to see.”

Courage? This spring, they plan to have a prayerful presence at an abortion clinic in Toledo, as a part of the “40 Days for Life” event.



Their activities always have a pro-life aspect, but they also get together to have fun. They have had a Christmas party and a Bake Sale for Heartbeat of Lima.

They are also very active on social media. Their Instagram account is [@kalida_sfl](#) And for all you TikTokers out there, it’s: [kalidasfl22](#)

To get involved, talk to any of the girls at school, message them through social media or the school email. This is for Kalida students only, and they meet once a month, usually after school.

Back to the event that started it all...the gathering at the Wurth homestead. Mary Jane Stechschulte, the founder of the Putnam County Right to Life, was asked to attend that gathering and was recognized for her dedication to the unborn for approximately 50 years of her life (below).

It was the final pro-life event Mary Jane would attend. It was also the catalyst for the founding of the Kalida Students for Life.

An un-ceremonial passing of the pro-life torch.

One event. One flame. One group of girls who allowed the pro-life light to shine through them.

Mary Jane would be proud...and so are we.

