

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
ROSARY: 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

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.

Putnam County Rally for Life - January 28
2:00 pm in St. John's Parish Center in Glandorf.
Cookies & drinks will be provided. All are welcome.

Marriage Encounter Couples...
are invited to support each other on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Mass is at 3:00 p.m. at St. John Church, Glandorf. Dinner at 4:00 p.m. Dance from 5:00–8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. BYOB. Tickets are \$40 per couple. Contact Herm & Rita Borgelt at 419-796-9168 or hborgelt@bright.net and Tony & Sandy Vorst at 532-3288.

Lion's KOMEDY Night Show
Saturday February 3. Steak Dinner, ALL beverages, two comedians, cash drawing all included with ticket. Pre-Sale ONLY. Call Greg Knueve (419-532-2277) or Jason Birkemeier (419-796-9975). Thank you!

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.

Professional Catholic Counseling Available
If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available at Findlay St. Michael Parish. To inquire, please contact the main parish office @ 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services. Informational flyers are available at our church exits.

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 - January 27 & 28
4:30: PB: Erica Kahle, Mark Kahle
Maria Gerding, Dianna Kehres, Jane Kleman, Becky Lucke
LECTOR: Deb Kahle
8:00: PB: Janice Foppe, Ruth Foppe
Lynda Fortman, Mary Grote, Darlene Hanneman, Dave Kahle
LECTOR: Lynda Fortman
Ministers to Homebound: Wendy Schimmoeller
11:00: PB: Phil & Sue Fuerst
Jim Hanneman, Cherie Kemper, Ryan & Erin Kerner
LECTOR: Erin Kerner

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 1/23	8:00 AM	Riley Unverferth Mallory Unverferth
Wed, 1/24	8:00 AM	Quinn Unverferth Brant Bockrath Corinne Brinkman
Thurs, 1/25	7:30 PM	Addelyn Brinkman Emerson Burgei
Fri, 1/26	8:00 AM	Isabelle Buss Madelyn Cattell Gavin Leis
Sat, 1/27	4:30 PM	Jagger Miller Griffin Nienberg Maddalyn Nienberg
Sun, 1/28	8:00 AM	Riley Nienberg Olivia Olzak Eli Patrick
	11:00 AM	Brady Rampe Camryn Recker Cody Recker

Offertory Bearers - January 27 & 28
4:30: Josh & Mary Horstman Family
8:00: Marc & Renee Kerner Family
11:00: Dave & Shirley Buss Family

USHERS - January 27 & 28
4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6


First Reconciliation...
for our grade 2 students and their families will be Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m.

First Communion: Sunday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation: Sunday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.

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.

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. Contact Connie if you are interested.



St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, January 21, 2024

Pastor: Fr. Nathan Bockrath (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)

Deacon: Bob Klausing **DRE:** Connie Cleemput **Youth Minister:** Jill Zeller **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer

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Phone: 419-532-3474 **Email:** stmichaelskalida@gmail.com **Office Hours:** Mon-Thus, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00

Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic Article 17 of 40



“let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord who made us” (Ps 95:6)

Why do we make all those movements at Mass? This question will be addressed in more detail throughout the following articles. For now, its important to note two fundamental points: (1) the Mass is meant to represent to us the Sacrifice of the Cross so that the grace of Jesus’ sacrifice may be applied to our soul (cf. art. 7) and thus we can reach our full potential (cf. art. 1), and (2) every part of our body is an expressive instrument of our soul. Our soul does not inhabit the body as a person inhabits a house; rather, it lives and works throughout the entire body. Thus, our body has a role in our soul’s cooperation and acquisition of our Lord’s grace.

Genuflection: Historically, the act of genuflecting on one knee comes from royal etiquette where one does this in the presence of a king/noble, as a sign of respect and a pledge of service. It’s ultimately a great sign of humility. The early Church clearly thought that if this is proper for earthly kings, why not our heavenly King? However, since the royal etiquette required the genuflection of the left knee, the Church encouraged Christians to genuflect with the right knee as to distinguish our intention. In practice, we genuflect as we enter our true King’s “court” within our churches (cf. art. 14). In particular, we do so only towards the tabernacle when it contains a consecrated host, since we believe that Jesus is truly present (Body, Blood, soul and divinity) in that host. Typically, a red sanctuary lamp will be lit to indicate its presence. On a side note, during times of adoration when the consecrated host is exposed in the Monstrance, tradition called for a “double genuflection” (i.e. kneel on both knees at the same time with a head bow) to indicated ultimate devotion to our Lord.

Bow: A bow is another sign of reverence and honor. In ordinary practice, you can still see diplomats do this upon greeting each other. As indicated by the above quoted psalm, bowing has a very ancient part of our worship practice. In current liturgical practice, we are encouraged to make a bow of the head at certain times where reverence is most fitting: before receiving Holy Communion, a blessing at the end of Mass, and if we hear the sacred names of Jesus, Mary, or the saint we are remembering that day. Sometimes, a profound bow is prescribed (i.e. bow of the body), as is the case during the Creed.

Kneeling: As you can imagine, if a bow and genuflection are signs of reverence and honor, how much more so is the act of kneeling. Its uncomfortable, I know, but its kind of the point because in this act we are saying “Lord you are my king and are worth more than my discomfort.” This is always a good reminder to have since it was the preference for comfort that pushed God out of the picture in the Fall (cf. art. 3). Overall, kneeling is a sign of humility, as well as a sign of worship in times of quietness and reflection.

Standing: The opposite of kneeling, but also can be done as a sign of worship ... all depends on one’s intention. Just as a servant or soldier stands in attendance, it reflects worship in times of vigilance and action. It’s like saying “Lord, I am ready to carry out your will, kindly direct me.” Thus, we stand at the beginning of Mass, indicating our desire to carry out our Lord’s will.

Sitting: This gesture, as is the case in all learning environments, is a sign of receptivity. We are prepared to be taught, challenged, and directed by our King.

Hands: There are several classical liturgical positions for our hands. First is the flat hand to flat hand position. This is a historical sign of devotion to a king and his governance. In ancient times, to show your loyalty to a king, you would kneel before him with your hands flatly pressed together, and if the king accepted you, he would wrap his hands around your folded hands. Coming into a church with the same position, we are showing our devotion to the true King and our prayer desire that He wrap His hands around ours and accept us into His heavenly kingdom. Second is the interlocked finger clasped. It gestures compress and control, signifying our desire for our Lord’s spirit not to escape us. It’s also a reflection of beautiful intimate relationship between us and God expressed in the Song of Songs: “my beloved is mine and I am His” (Song 2:16). Another position that the presider is required to do is the open hand, shoulder to the part position (think of the priest during the opening prayer or at the altar). This is called the “orans” position, which literally means “one who is praying or pleading.” As the priest stands in for the person of Christ (cf. art. 12), it is really Christ’s prayerful position before the Father, with His hands extended on the Cross, praying and pleading for our redemption.

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A Small Group Series: Jesus & the Eucharist

Encounter the reality of the Real Presence and fall in love with your faith like never before. This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us. There is no pre-work or homework. Study handouts will be provided to you at each session.

Please join us Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. January 30, 2024; February 13, 20, and 27, 2024; March 5, 12, and 19, 2024 in the church basement on the kitchen side (note: no sessions will be held February 6). There is no cost to attend. Hospitality will be provided.

SESSION 1 - What’s Our Story?

SESSION 2 - Who Is Jesus?

SESSION 3 - Am I Saved?

SESSION 4 - Why a Church?

SESSION 5 - God Is with Us

SESSION 6 - The Story of the Eucharist

SESSION 7 - Bread for the Journey

K of C Annual Membership Breakfast

This Sunday January 21, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Members & their families eat yummi-ness FREE with paid-up membership. Regular membership is \$25, Honorary Members \$12.50 and Lifers are FREE! Features scrambled eggs, toast, sticky buns, sausage, applesauce, and other stuff. Avoid forgetting to pay your dues while eating!

Recent Baptism

CALVIN JOSEPH VON DER EMBSE

Son of Ben & Sydney (Duffy) von der Embse

Upcoming Youth Events

More details and registration forms will be coming...

Friday, January 26: Donuts and Prayer - HS students

Sunday, February 18: Sophomore Retreat

Sunday March 3: Junior High Gathering - 6-7-8th graders

Sunday March 10: 8th Grade Stations of the Cross

Sunday March 17: St. Patrick Day Dance - all ages invited

Sunday March 24: Senior Retreat

Sunday April 28: Junior Retreat

High School CCD - Jan. 24:

Everyone has class. Fr. Nathan will visit the freshmen and sophomores.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Tom Recker, Carolyn Unverferth

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 *St. Francis de Sales*

8:00 AM Brian Schroeder, Kelly Miller

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 *Conversion of St. Paul, the apostle*

7:30 PM L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family
Harold Rampe

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 *Sts. Timothy & Titus*

8:00 AM Right to Life (CLC)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:30 PM John Stoepfel, Jr., Jim Warnecke, Ron Kahle, Jr.
Ron Vonder Embse, Charles Nussbaum
Ralph & Dolores Verhoff

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM Emily Kahle

11:00 AM Brian Knott, Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth
Leroy & Mary Ann Warnement

Last Week’s Collection : \$ 9,104.00

Choir Assignments—January 27 & 28

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

Students Planning Mass This Week

are Cindy Fitzgerald's grade 4 on Wednesday, January 24, and Annette Gerding and Marv Kromer's grade 7 on Friday, January 26.

To Schedule a Baptism:

Email Fr. Nathan at 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

Hallow

Our parish has purchased access to the #1 Catholic Meditation app in the world through Easter!

1. Visit: hallow.com/holyday (you need to sign up on the website before you download the app to access the free parish subscription)
2. Search for our parish by typing “Kalida” then click on our parish name
3. Complete your profile with name, email address and password
4. Download the Hallow app
5. Explore the app!

St. Michael Church, Kalida, OH
Income Statement

Ordinary Income

Sunday, Holy Day, and Other Collections

Christmas Collection

Parish Activities

Building Fund

Special Gifts/Bequests

Interest, Rental, Misc.

Other Income

Total Ordinary Income

2nd Qtr. 2023-24

\$ 139,437

77,754

24,242

55,200

600

11,812

7,595

316,640

2nd Qtr. 2022-23

\$ 143,389

71,616

10,201

13,606

50,000

5,100

8,841

302,753

Expenditures

Salary Expense

Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits

Administrative/Office Expense

Other Parish Operations

Building Expense

Diocesan Assessment

Total Expenditures

47,387

20,653

7,856

59,153

329,032

20,269

484,350

46,664

7,411

15,873

45,093

25,015

33,486

173,542

Net Ordinary Income (Loss)

(167,710)

129,211

Capital Income (Living Christ Campaign)

8,244

-

Net Income (Loss)

\$ (159,466)

\$ 129,211

Cash Assets Detail

Beginning Balance

Net Income/Loss

Ending Balance

\$ 1,602,963

(159,466)

\$ 1,443,497

\$ 1,297,259

129,211

\$ 1,426,470

Ending Balance Detail (12/31/23)

Checking

Deposit and Loan Fund - Diocese

Certificate of Deposit

Certificate of Deposit

\$ 117,341

1,020,171

269,975

36,010

\$ 1,443,497

Above is our 2nd Quarter financial report. Thanks to your generosity and support, we have been able to address some much needed projects and yet remain in a good financial position. I will offer several comments/clarifications on this report. First, looking at “Parish Activities” in income and “Other Parish Operations” in expense, the reason for the increase is that our parish collected and then paid for the youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference. The reason for the increase in “Interest, Rental, Misc.” as well as “Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits” is simply a reflection a timing of receiving interest and the paying of health insurance. The biggest difference is the “Building Expense.” The main reasons why are that we paid for the tuck-pointing/sealing project on the church, the flat-roof replacement, and remaining cost of the up-stairs portion of the rectory project. All these costs were anticipated.

In next week’s bulletin, I will outline our plan to address the next round of projects. Stay tuned, but for now, thank you!

Fr. Nathan