



Remembering Pope Benedict XVI

On behalf of St. Michael’s parish, we join the entire Catholic Church with deep sadness as we mourn the death of Pope Benedict XVI. The Holy Father was a faithful and humble servant to our Lord’s Church, and we pray that that he may be welcomed into the Heavenly Father’s merciful embrace and rejoice forever in the eternal liturgy of Heaven. On a personal note, Joseph Ratzinger was extremely instrumental to my formation in seminary and as a priest. He had an ability to explain our faith like no other, and his humble example was simply inspiring. In all honesty, I would not be a priest today if it wasn’t for him. I will always be eternally grateful.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Requiescat in Pace! Fr. Nathan

MONDAY, JANUARY 9  
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10  
RCIA: 7:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11  
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12  
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13  
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Engaged Couples Conference at Kalida  
Sunday, March 19, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. This will include Sunday Mass. Email stmichaelskalida@gmail.com or call 419-532-3474 to sign-up.

Snow Shoveler Volunteers Needed  
If you can help, please contact Kevin (kevinatstmike@gmail.com) or 419-532-3494, ext. 106.

Mathew Leonard to Speak at Glandorf  
Matthew Leonard speaker, author and film maker, will be speaking at St. John’s on Wednesday, January 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the church. He will be giving two talks on Prayer. A free will offering will be taken up. We hope you can join us! See Glandorf’s bulletin for more details.

Thank You from Heartbeat  
Thanks to all who donated Christmas gifts for Heartbeat of Lima and Putnam County. It was a huge success thanks to your generosity!



Upcoming Wedding  
Carlee Miller &  
Carter Mox  
will be married on  
January 14, 2023.  
Please include them  
in your prayers.



Offertory Bearers - January 14 & 15  
4:30: Scott & Angie Meyer Family  
8:00: Don & Maggie Wehri  
11:00: Mike & Jessi Grime Family  
Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - January 14 & 15  
4:30: PB: Dave Buss, Jerry Ellerbrock  
Bob Buss, Michelle Buss, Phil & Sue Fuerst  
LECTOR: Jill Laudick  
8:00: PB: Norma Unverferth, Norma Vorst  
Tony & Sandy Vorst, Gus & Judy Brinkman  
LECTOR: Mary Plescher  
Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst  
11:00: PB: Greg Bockrath, Matt Bockrath  
Kendal Bockrath, Logan Bockrath, Brooke Erhart,  
Lori Erhart  
LECTOR: Kayla Nartker

USHERS - January 14 & 15  
4:30: Team 1 8:00: Team 2 11:00: Team 3

SERVER SCHEDULE			
Tues, 1/10	8:00 AM	Sophia Meyer Jagger Miller	
Wed, 1/11	8:00 AM	Kylie Peck Blake Remlinger Bryce Remlinger	
Thurs, 1/12	7:30 PM	Cody Recker Josh Schulte	
Fri, 1/13	8:00 AM	Nicole Siebeneck Kennedy Simon Zachary Unverferth	
Sat, 1/14	4:30 PM	Drew Meyer Olivia Meyer EJ Miller	
Sun, 1/15	8:00 AM	Adison Miller Griffin Nienberg Maddalyn Nienberg	
		Riley Nienberg Olivia Olzak	
		Eli Patrick	

K of C Breakfast—Sunday, January 22  
Annual K of C Council 5669 Membership Breakfast! Will be held on SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, from 9:00 a.m. to noonish, including most of the usual breakfast stuff. Family Cost is FREE with payment of 2023 dues. Honorary Lifers are, of course, free, as well. We’ll plan the details at our regular meeting Thursday, January 12, at the Hall.



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - KALIDA, OH - JANUARY 8, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Nathan Bockrath Deacon: Bob Klausing DRE: Connie Cleemput  
Youth Minister: Jill Zeller Maintenance: Kevin Fischer  
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20 + C + M + B + 23  
Epiphany Blessing

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.





## 20 + C + M + B + 23

Today's feast of *Epiphany simply means "manifestation" or "appearance."* Hence, it draws our attention to the time where Christ is revealed to the world by the representatives of the three Magi. In a personal way, it's a challenge to ask "How will Christ be present in my life anew this year?" Of course Christ is always present in our lives, so the more precise question is "How will I look for or turn towards Him differently this year?" Early Christians always saw this feast as a fresh challenge of welcoming Christ anew into their lives. To accompany this inward welcoming of Christ into the home of their souls, these disciples also saw this as an appropriate opportunity to welcome Christ afresh into their physical homes with an Epiphany blessing. You may have seen the markings of this blessing above doorways of churches and homes, 20 + C + M + B + 23, which stands for the particular year and the first initial of each of the wise men (i.e. Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar). Providentially, it also stands for the acronym in Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat* (which translates: "May Christ bless the house"). For this reason we have conducted the same blessing at each of our churches. In addition, we also have for each of your households blessed chalk, the blessing prayer, and instructions on how to apply the chalk if you would like the same blessing to come upon your home. Simply pray the prayer and apply the chalk above your main doorway, and you are all set.

On a side note, you may already notice that the Precious Blood has been offered again at St. Michael's. I mentioned at that time that it could be possible for St. John's, but I needed to meet with our Eucharistic Ministers first to see if they were willing. Well, we are set to go, so on January 15, we will bring back the Precious Blood to St. John's, as well. Always keep in mind that you are not obligated to receive the Precious Blood and you already receive the fullness of our Lord through the smallest particle of the Host.

God Bless,  
Fr. Nathan



### Thank You!

We had an overwhelming response to our "Home" apparel fundraiser for our youth group. We had 470 items ordered! Thanks to Joe Burgei from Press It Designs and Jackie Schimmoeller from County Wide Designs for filling all of our orders so quickly. If you haven't picked yours up yet, you can do so at the Parish Center. We also ordered a few extra t-shirts and sweatshirts, which are also available at the Parish Center. Thanks, again, for all of your support!

## Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 10</b>	
8:00 AM	Dennis McCollum (HN)
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11</b>	
8:00 AM	Mary Jane Aversch, Alice Brinkman
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 12</b>	
7:30 PM	Gerry Vorst
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 13</b>	
8:00 AM	Mary Jane Stechschulte - from neighbors
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 14</b>	
2:00 PM	Miller & Mox
4:30 PM	John Phillips, Sandi Kidd, Tom L. Siebeneck L/D Rich & Wilma Vorst Family L/D Tom & Marilyn Niese Family L/D Bernard & Mary Jane Aversch Family Pete & Alice Gerding
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 15</b>	
8:00 AM	Don & Joyce Jerwers, Dorothy Miller Mildred & Wilbur Remlinger
11:00 AM	Ron Kahle, Jr. William & Marilyn Leopold Family Courtney Ehrnsberger, Alvin & Rita Kleman Andrew Orzechowski, Ed Schroeder Amadeus & Marcele Schroeder

**Christmas Collection:** \$ 79,748.52

**Last Week's Collection:** \$ 10,735.00

### Choir Assignments - January 14 & 15

**4:30:** **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Youth

### Thank You

We want to thank Fr. Nathan, Steve and the choir, the adult servers and anyone else that made the funeral Mass a special one for Dave. Thanks to Sandy and all those who helped prepare the meal and to all those who prepared the desserts. Also, thanks to all who showed us their kindness and love. We appreciate everyone's support.  
*The Family of Dave Wehri*

### 2023 Offertory Envelopes Delayed

Until the new envelopes arrive, you can...

1. Use a 2022 envelope
2. Use a blank envelope and write your envelope number on it, and indicate if it's regular collection, building fund, etc. We have placed envelopes in the pews for your convenience.

**AUTOMATE YOUR OFFERTORY DONATIONS**  
**Have you ever thought about adding the church to your bank's auto pay? It is easier and safer than using an online giving company, as your private information is not given to a third party. It's also free and the set up is easy:**

- 1. Add St. Michael Parish as a payee (PO Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853) Phone: 419-532-3474**
- 2. Set contribution amount and frequency**
- 3. Include your envelope number in the memo line**  
*For years, several parishioners have used this option.*

The envelope company is still working overtime to fulfill all of their orders after their printing press went down.

## Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for  
**Denny McCollum**  
was held on Friday,  
December 30.  
Please include  
Denny and his family  
in your prayers.



### Thank You

The family of Denny McCollum would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all those who have helped carry us through these past couple of weeks and to those who helped make Denny's mass a beautiful remembrance. Father Nathan, thank you. The homily was such a lovely and wonderful commemoration of Denny's life. Deacon Bob, Leslie, the servers, Carol and the choir, and Helping Hands, we are so grateful for all of you. A special thank you to the local fire departments, especially Kalida and their families, for their support and the beautiful tribute to Denny. Finally, thanks to the entire community for your love, prayers, and thoughtfulness during this difficult time. It has meant the world to us. We are blessed to be part of such a loving and supportive community.

### Photo-Taking Begins This Week!

#### Parish Pictorial Book Photos Will be Taken...

Jan. 9 – 21, Jan. 30 - Feb. 4, March 3 & 4

You can still schedule a session by visiting:

**[ucdir.com/schedule/login.php](http://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php)**

**church code: oh2607 password: photos**

Pick your desired date and time, fill out the necessary information, and then click "schedule appointment."

**[You can also call Leslie \(532-3474\) to schedule.](#)**

***Two dates have been added in March!***

- **Please register in the kitchen side of the church basement about 5-10 minutes before your appointment.**
- **If you can't remember your appointment time, call Leslie at 419-532-3474.**

### St. George Deanery JUNIOR HIGH GATHERING

#### (for all 6-7-8 graders in our Deanery)

Sunday, January 29, at Miller City, St. Nicholas. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. (ending with Sunday Mass at 6:00 pm - all families are invited to attend). Registration Forms were handed out during Religion Classes this past week. This annual gathering is for middle school youth and will consist of fun, games, food, prayer and close with Mass. This event is meant to bring together all Putnam County youth by promoting friendship and encountering Christ through each other! We will also need High School helpers for the day. Contact Jill Zeller 567-376-9115 for more details.

## Students Planning Mass

are Cindy Fitzgerald's grade 4 class on Wednesday, Jan. 11 and Jill Zeller's grade 8 class on Friday, Jan. 13.

## High School CCD - January 11

everyone has class. The Culture Project missionaries will be talking to grades 9 & 10 in the church basement.

## Virtue for the Week is Sincerity

Sincerity means to be trustful in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm toward others. Ways to practice this virtue are to pay attention when someone is talking and to speak and act honestly. Saints who practiced sincerity were St. Peter Claver, St. Anthony of Padua and St. Vincent Ferrer. Our prayer this week is "Dear Jesus, please give me the grace to be honest in all my words and actions. When someone is speaking, give me the patience to listen attentively."

## Parents of Second Graders

- First Reconciliation is February 7, at 7:00 p.m. Your child has brought home a booklet entitled "Jesus Gives Us His Peace." Please work with your child and complete the booklet. When you are finished, sign the booklet and have your child return it to their CCD teacher.
- For those parents of second graders who were unable to attend the Dragon Slayers Retreat, you are asked to attend the same retreat in Delphos on February 19, at 2:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Connie at 419-532-3474, ext. 102.

## Thank You

Words cannot begin to express our gratitude towards the prayers, love, and support shown to us during our time of loss. We have truly felt the flood of support and it has helped make our loss bearable. We live in the best community. A special thanks to Father Nathan, Steve Unverferth, Helping Hands, Dick's Steakhouse, the servers, the choir members, and everyone else who made mom's celebration of life so beautiful. A simple thank you will never be enough.  
*The Family of Mary Kay Unverferth*

## Recent Baptism

**ELIZA RUTH MCVEY**

Daughter of Matt & Jennifer (Kahle) McVey

## Help Needed with Photography Dates

Volunteers are needed to help sign people in on the pictorial photography days. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. We will use the information gathered to update our parish records. Thanks in advance!

## CYO Games—Sunday, January 8 High School Girls

1:00 p.m. at Home vs. Glandorf St. John's

High School Boys (Miller)

2:15 p.m. at Home vs. Col. Grove St. Anthony

High School Boys (Kahle)

1:00 p.m. at New Reigel All Saints