

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**  
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church  
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**  
SOUP NIGHT: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the basement  
JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**  
PENANCE SERVICE: 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**  
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
ROSARY: 6:55 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**  
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church  
K OF C FISH FRY: 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.



**Little Lambs Christian Preschool**  
Registration for the 2024-25 school year will be posted on their Facebook page on March 4, at 6:00 p.m.

**Kalida Garage Sales**  
April 25, 26 & 27. Sign up at Kalida Telephone or Union Bank by April 12.

**KHS Blood Drive – Thursday, March 14**  
at Kalida High School’s gym, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Mrs. Beth Grime at 419-532-3529.

**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!

**Golden Gatherings Meet & Mingle**  
Get to know the Council on Aging’s Activities Coordinator Tammy Schroeder, meet new friends and find out what activities are coming your way on March 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pandora Lunch Box (200 E. Main Street, Pandora). Breakfast will be provided, but seating is limited. RSVP by March 1 by calling 419-523-4121.

**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.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - March 9 & 10**  
**4:30:** PB: Scott Unverferth, Jeff Bockrath  
Glen & Annette Schroeder, Lindsey Slusser, Chellie Unverferth  
**LECTOR: Lynda Fortman**  
**8:00:** PB: Norma Unverferth, Tony Vorst  
Sandy Vorst, Don Wehri, Matt Bockrath, Logan Bockrath  
**LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart**  
**Ministers to Homebound:**  
**11:00:** PB: Mike & Sandy Westrick  
Lisa Trentman, Greg & Jill Zeller, Alice Adams  
**LECTOR: Girl Scouts**

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 3/5	8:00 AM	Owen Langhals Evan Leis
Wed, 3/6	8:00 AM	Zach Lucke Anna McVey Madden Miller
Thurs, 3/7	7:30 PM	Ava Niemeyer Ivy Patrick
Fri, 3/8	8:00 AM	Drew Potts Cooper Rampe Riley Ricker
Sat, 3/9	4:30 PM	Olivia Meyer Sophia Meyer Adyson Miller
Sun, 3/10	8:00 AM	Jagger Miller Griffin Nienberg Maddalyn Nienberg
	11:00 AM	Riley Nienberg Taylor Nienberg Olivia Olzak

**Offertory Bearers - March 9 & 10**  
**4:30:** Josh & Mary Horstman Family  
**8:00:** Don & Maggie Wehri Family  
**11:00:** Girl Scouts

**USHERS - March 9 & 10**  
**4:30:** Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

**Blood Drive – March 7**  
Miller City St. Nicholas Church Parish Hall from Noon – 6:00 p.m.

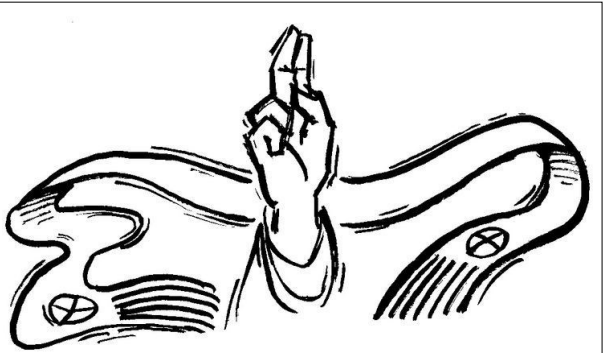
**St. Patrick’s Day Celebration...**  
**For ALL AGES** will be hosted by the Putnam County Youth Groups on Sunday, March 17, at the Ottawa K of C Hall, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This is a family-friendly event for all ages. There will be music by “The Electric Raindrops,” snacks and fun! \$5/person. \$20 max per family.

**Putnam County Right to Life...**  
will be meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Michael’s Church basement. Please come in from the front entrance of church. All are welcome.  
Putnam County Right to Life will be holding our annual Garage and Bake Sale at the Ottawa K of C Hall in April. On Monday, April 8, donated gently-used items and baked goods can be dropped off from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sale days are Tuesday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Help us support all life.



**St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**Pastor:** Fr. Nathan Bockrath (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)  
**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, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**Penance Service**  
**St. Michael Church**  
**Wednesday, March 6**  
**4:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

**To Schedule a Baptism**  
Email Fr. Nathan  
nbockrath@toledodiocese.org  
(Classes are needed for your first child only)

**To Schedule a Wedding:**  
Email Fr. Nathan  
nbockrath@toledodiocese.org

**To Choose a Cemetery Plot:**  
Call Ron Schulte  
419-532-3078

**Parish Council**  
Marc Kerner, Dale Liebrecht  
Lisa Roebke, Mary Gerding  
Deb McIntyre, Don Rall  
Wendy Schimmoeller  
Scott Unverferth, Allison Wurth

**Finance Committee**  
Paul Bonifas, Jim Burgei,  
Joan Niese, Norm Schnipke,  
Cindy Webken, Greg Zeller

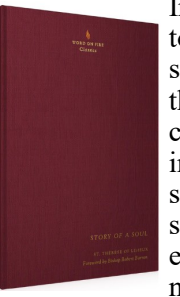
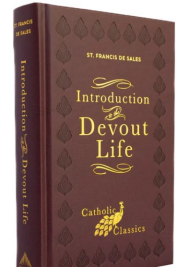
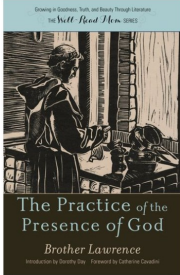
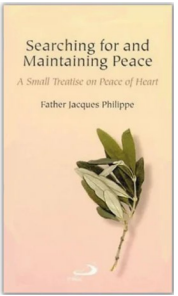
# Hallow

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

- Visit: [hallow.com/holyday](http://hallow.com/holyday) (you need to sign up on the website before you download the app to access the free parish subscription)
- Search our parish by typing “Kalida” then click on parish name
- Complete your profile with name, email address and password
- Download the Hallow app

**Audiobooks on Hallow**

I’ve enjoyed a few audiobooks on Hallow. Because I don’t immediately find the audiobook category on the home screen of Hallow, I thought it may be helpful to highlight these “hidden” gems. I found the category of audiobooks by entering the term audiobooks into the search feature in Hallow (i.e, tap the magnifying glass at the bottom of the Hallow app screen then enter text). Under the category of audiobooks, are found: Story of a Soul by St. Thérèse of Lisieux; Searching for and Maintaining Peace by Fr. Jacques Philippe (abbreviated Searching for Peace in Hallow); The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence (abbreviated Presence of God in Hallow); and An Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis De Sales (abbreviated Intro to Devout Life in Hallow). So far, I’ve thoroughly enjoyed Introduction to the Devout Life and Story of a Soul. Intro to the Devout Life reminds us that we’re all called to holiness and provides guidance on how to live a holy life. Listening to the Intro to the Devout Life audiobook is like having a personal spiritual director speaking directly to me wherever and whenever I may please. This audiobook may be good for Lent to learn how virtues may be pursued and vices rooted out when temptations abound. I may listen to this audiobook over and over again in the future.



In Story of a Soul, I so enjoy listening to St. Thérèse of Lisieux telling her faith-filled life story including private thoughts and experiences and the impact of those around her on her formation. Much can be learned from the lives of the saints. Even during her early times as a toddler, St. Thérèse had her sights on heaven. Before the time of her first confession, St. Thérèse would voluntarily confess to her parents as immediately as possible all her wrongdoings no matter how small and whether intentional or not. I particularly appreciate from Story of a Soul when St. Thérèse states, “It is for me to do His will not for Him to do mine,” “All is vanity except loving God and serving Him alone,” and “Though living in the world, we are no longer of the world.” Also, St. Thérèse states she was advised, “May our Lord always be your superior and your novice master.” It’s so good.

-Wendy Schimmoeller



Fr. Nathan’s Eucharistic Article 23 of 40

“The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.” (Heb 4:12)

So why do we have readings at Mass? Well, since the Mass is meant to represent the sacrifice of the Cross, and Jesus spent three years teaching before Good Friday, so too do we expose ourselves to our Lord’s teaching before the prayers at the Altar. Already in the Old Testament the prophets spoke of Lord’s truth re-saturating the world as was the originally plan (cf. Art. 2): “the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea” (Is. 11:9). In other words, because this is not the case, it is why we experience the chaos in life (cf. Art. 3). Thus, as Jesus began His ministry, He said “the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me, to preach the gospel to the [spiritually] poor” (Lk 4:18). In addition, Jesus told Pilate that He came to testify to the truth (Jn 18:37). St. Paul says that within Jesus “are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col 2:3). When we let this truth and reality set-in, it's no wonder why at the end of the reading we say “thanks be to God” ... because where would we be without this instruction? In addition to these theological considerations, another reason is that this was the custom of services within a Jewish synagogue. We hear of Jesus himself in a synagogue on the sabbath, standing up to read (Lk 4:16). Also, we hear of St. Paul sitting through the readings in a synagogue on the sabbath (Acts 13:14). Since Christians believe that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament (cf. Mt 5:17, as well as Art. 5 and 6), they have assumed many Jewish elements into the Mass.

The structure of our readings are the following: (1) typically an Old Testament reading that usually has a thematic connection with the Gospel (reflecting how Christ fulfills the Old Testament), but sometimes it could be a New Testament reading, like during the Easter season with readings from the Acts of the Apostles; (2) a reading from the book of Psalms (this was a custom of Jewish liturgy that the course of readings be broken by the recitation of psalms, thus keeping away monotony); (3) a New Testament reading, often from a letter of St. Paul; and (4) then a reading from one of the four Gospels. For the Sunday Masses, the readings are on a three-year cycle (meaning you will hear the same readings every third year). The “A” cycle focuses on the gospel of Matthew, “B” cycle on Mark (and some of John), and “C” on Luke. For the weekday Masses, the readings are on a two-year cycle, and just have one reading, psalm, and Gospel. Feast Days (i.e. Christmas, Easter, etc.) have their own particular readings.

The Gospel always comes last because these are the words of Jesus Himself, who is the “way, the truth, and the life” (Jn 14:6). We sing “Alleluia” beforehand, which is an old Judaic expression of joy, which means “praise the Lord.” It’s a hymn and attitude of triumph ... recognizing Jesus triumph over all the darkness that this world can throw at us. Since Lent is a time to consider how this world’s darkness has been negatively affecting us that year, we cease the use of “Alleluia” as way to heighten our desire for our Lord’s triumph power at Easter. To

emphasize more the importance of Jesus’ word, we sign ourselves with the cross on our foreheads, lips and chest, as to express the desire for our Lord’s words to pierce our mind, tongue, and heart. In addition, the priest or deacon makes a cross on the gospel after introducing it ... expressing that these words are what leads to our salvation. On feast days, he may incense it as well. At the end of the gospel, he will kiss the text, while quietly saying “may the words of the gospel wipe away our sin.” Of course, at the end of the Gospel we all say “Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ” ... what words would be more fitting than these after hearing our Lord’s message of our salvation?

Fr. Nathan

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 5</b>	
8:00 AM	Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6</b>	
8:00 AM	Pats & Rita Broecker, Ryan Nickerson
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 7</b>	
7:30 PM	Dorothy Miller & Family, Successful Surgery Frances & Alphonse Schulte
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 8</b>	
8:00 AM	Susan Maag, Jay Hanneman
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 9</b>	
4:30 PM	Tom Horstman (A), Ron VonderEmbse Helen & Elmer Korte, L/D Korte & Bricker Fam Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth, Ed Giesige
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 10</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	
8:00 AM	Bob & Carolyn Warnecke, Ellen Niemeyer
11:00 AM	Brian Knott, Girl Scouts
1:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

**Last Week’s Collection:**  
\$ 13,539.00

**First Phase Improvement Fund Total:**  
\$ 23,124.88 of \$300,000 goal

**Choir Assignments—March 9 & 10**  
4:30: Ashleigh 8:00: Ashleigh 11:00: Alissia

**Holy Name Choir Practice**  
Monday, March 4, at 8:00 p.m. Please bring your Lenten and Easter music.

**Funeral Choir Members Needed**  
All singers are welcome to sing in the choir for funerals. The songs are familiar and we can always use extra voices. Just show up to the choir loft when you see there is a funeral. Thanks!

**Book Study: Beautiful Eucharist**  
There are Two Options  
(Yes, you can do both!)

**1. In Person:** 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month starting March 11, 2024, in St. Michael Church Basement (classroom near men’s restroom).

**2. Online Facebook Group:** Search Beautiful Eucharist Book Study



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for  
**Susan Maag**  
was held on  
Friday, March 1, 2024.  
Please include  
Susan and her family  
in your prayers.



Our Condolences

**Jay Hanneman**  
passed away on  
February 26, 2024.  
Please include  
Jay and his family  
in your prayers.

**Area Penance Services During Lent**  
Wednesday, March 6, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Kalida  
Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 p.m. at Ottoville  
Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Continental  
Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Miller City  
Wednesday, March 20, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Glandorf  
Monday, March 25, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Ottawa

**Recent Baptisms**  
**LUCAS DAVID HOFFMAN**  
Son of Kyle & Lindsey (Zimmer) Hoffman  
**ARCHER JAMES MYERS**  
Son of Darren & Stefanie (Schroeder) Myers

**The Next Euchre Tournament...**  
will be Sunday, March 10, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the church basement. \$1 entry to be distributed for prizes. Bring a snack to share if you want. See you there!

**Soup Nights: Tuesdays During Lent**  
Soup will be available every Tuesday in Lent from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. This is open to the parish as walk-ins, drive up and anyone who wants to come together to eat in the church basement. If soup was delivered to you last year, your name will remain on the list for delivery this year. Please call Millie McElwain (419-231-5656) or Darlene Miller (419-615-8819) if you want to be added to our delivery list. Donations for making soup can be left in the church basement (beans, potatoes, canned veggies, onions, tomato juice, cream of celery soup, celery, noodles, canned beef, beef or chicken broth, etc.). Cookies and brownies would also be appreciated. If your family would like to donate a roaster or crockpot of soup, please call Darlene Miller. On March 5, we will serve chicken noodle soup and potato soup.

**Small Group Series: Jesus & the Eucharist**  
Feel free to join us for one (or all) of the next sessions: Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., March 5, 12, and 19, 2024 in the church basement. Each session is 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!

**Eucharistic Adoration—Thursdays of Lent**  
March 7, 14 & 21,  
from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
March 14, from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

**High School CCD**  
On March 6, high school students will meet in church for Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning Mass This Week...**  
are Pat Broecker's grade 3 class on Wednesday, March 6, and Jill Zeller's grade 8 class on Friday, March 8.

**First Communion Practice...**  
will be Wednesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. New this year: all individual and group pictures will be taken after the practice instead of on Sunday, May 5. The children are to wear their First Communion clothes to practice.

**Reconciliation for Grades 3-8**  
On March 14, students in grades 3 through 8 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their regular class time.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
will be Sunday, April 21, at 1:00 p.m. Youth from St. John's, Continental will be joining us this year.

**Attention Eucharistic Ministers**  
St. Rita's Spiritual Health is seeking Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. If you feel called to this very special ministry, please contact the Spiritual Health Dept. (419-226-9481) for more information. You can also contact St. Michael parishioner Jerry Ellerbrock for more information, as he currently does this ministry at St. Rita's. His number is 419-303-9425. Thanks for considering!

**CLC Meeting**  
is Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.

**8th Grade Will Lead Stations of the Cross...**  
On Sunday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m. in church.

**Parish Improvement Fund Envelopes**  
If you would like to donate toward the improvements of the rectory/parish center and front steps, please use the special envelopes at the exits of church. Thanks!

