MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:30 - 4:00 p.m.

## **Eucharistic Adoration Opportunities**

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

Sign up sheets are in the back of church for several days of Eucharistic Adoration coming up: December 1, December 7 and December 21. What a special opportunity to ready ourselves for the Birth of Our Lord!

## **Students Planning Mass This Week...**

are Jill Zeller's second grade class on Wednesday, November 29, and Annette Gerding and Marv Kromer's grade 7 class on Friday, December 1.

## **High School CCD Notes**

On November 29, everyone has class. On December 13, CCD classes will be canceled. All junior high and high school students are asked to attend the Jason Evert event at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Ottawa, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

#### **Pictorials...Soon and Very Soon**

We still don't have a specific date, but our new pictorials are due to be delivered very soon. Once they arrive, we will have them in the church basement after weekend Masses. Only those who had their picture taken by United Church Directories receive a free book. If you submitted a photo, you can purchase a directory for \$15. If you pre-ordered an extra directory, they are also \$15. Unlike other times, we are not being given several extra copies; so if you did not pre-order an extra copy, you will have to wait to see if there are any extras after all have been distributed.

<u>Note</u>: If you are paying for a directory, please have a check written for \$15 to "St. Michael's Church." Our volunteer directory distributors will not be handling cash. Thanks!

#### **2024 Offertory Envelopes Have Arrived...**

and are in the back of church. If you don't see your name on one of the boxes, we have extra sets at the Parish Center.

#### **Greeters for Funerals**

The Bereavement Team is looking for greeters for Funeral Masses. If you are interested, please contact Millie McElwain at 419-231-5656.

## **November Holy Name Raffle Winners**

\$250	Tony Fisher	\$100	Michelle Buss
\$100	David Schumaker	\$100	Isaac Brinkman
\$100	Ray Miller	\$ 50	Kennedy Simon
\$ 50	Bailey Izor	\$ 50	Jeff Bockrath
\$ 50	Jared Fortman	\$ 50	Brian Gerdeman
\$ 50	Andrea Winkle	\$ 50	Jamie Tyrrell

### **Ohio Polka Boosters Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 2, at the Kalida K of C. Doors open at Noon. Meal is at 1:00 p.m. Meeting and dance is from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Call 419-966-3826 with questions.

#### Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - December 2 & 3

4:30: PB: Jerry Ellerbrock, Ryan Ellerbrock

Ella Schumacher, Chellie Unverferth, Bob Buss, Michelle

Buss LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke

8:00: PB: Don Wehri, Greg Bockrath
Dennis Bockrath, Dave Buss, Gus & Judy Brinkman

LECTOR: Tony Unverferth

Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas

11:00: PB: Sandy & Mike Westrick

Lisa Trentman, Alice Adams, Jeff Bockrath, Ryan Buss

LECTOR: Nancy Rampe

**SERVER SCHEDULE** 

Tues, 11/28	8:00 AM	Lyla Siebeneck
		Zach Siefker
Wed, 11/29	8:00 AM	John Recker
		Jack Schulte

Thurs, 11/30 7:30 PM Eli Selhorst
Riley Unverferth
Mallory Unverferth
Pri, 12/1 8:00 AM Quinn Unverferth

Brant Bockrath
Corinne Brinkman
Sat, 12/2 4:30 PM Katherine Krouse

Allie Kuhlman
Grady Kuhlman
Sun, 12/3
8:00 AM
Griffin Klausing

Kyle Lammers Kara Lammers 11:00 AM Nathan Kahle

> Logan Kerner Mallory Kerner

## Offertory Bearers - December 2 & 3

4:30: Scott & Angie Meyer Family
8:00: Marc & Renee Kerner Family
11:00: Andrew & Tessa Wehri Family

USHERS - December 2 & 3

4:30: Team 4 8:00: Team 5 11:00: Team 6



Our current church building will be 100 years old in 1926. A parishioner recently suggested we ask for memories/stories to be submitted of recol-

lections from our parents, grandparents, greatgrandparents, etc. about the construction of the current St. Michael Church. If you have any recollections that have been passed down to you over the years, submit them in writing.

# You can email them to: stmichaelskalida@gmail.com; mail them to Box 387; Kalida, or drop them off at the Parish Center.

Also, as we lead up to the 100th anniversary of our church building, we will share some facts about the planning and building process, as well as facts about the building, itself; so look for the 100 years logo (above). Thanks!

# St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, November 26, 2023

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

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CHRIST THE KING



# Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic **Article 9 of 40**

# "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world"

So, what is it? As we saw last week in article 8, this question is literally what "Manna" means in Hebrew. Frankly, its an appropriate name for the bread "that came down from Heaven" because there is nothing that we can compare it to from our ordinary experiences. In a very similar way, this is the case with the sacrament of Jesus' body and blood: what is it? We see that Jesus calls it His Body and Blood, and even in the "Our Father" tells us to pray for "supersubstantial" bread. But, what actually is it? Is Jesus just using this as a metaphor to strive for spiritual communion? It is just a symbol that reflects Jesus' desire for Heavenly Communion with us? The correct response to these and like statements is: **NO!!!** That is absolutely not the case; rather, we believe that this sacrament is really and truly Jesus' body/blood, soul, and divinity!

Why do we say this? The best response is because that is how Jesus Himself explained it, as recorded in John's Gospel. John is unique from the other Gospels for many reasons. One reason is that he doesn't record Jesus' words of consecration at the Last Supper (i.e. "this is my body..."). However, he does recount when Jesus explained how His body will be bread for humanity in chapter 6. It was right after the miracle of the multiplication of fishes and loaves, and Jesus tells them "do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life" (v. 27). He is contrasting between ordinary and extraordinary food, and then says "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (v. 35). Notice that He is identifying Himself as this extraordinary food. Understandably, the audience was confused how Jesus could be food and questioned Him; but, Jesus persisted:

> I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died: this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world (vv. 48-51)

The audience persisted and asked, "how can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (v. 52). At this point, seeing that the audience is struggling to grasp that He is speaking about His physical flesh, Jesus changes His language. When He said "eat" in v. 51, He used the word "fagan," which is how we ordinary eat. But in response to this new question He uses a new word in v. 54 "trogan," which means to "gnaw" or chew aggressively and persistently. In effect, He intensified His language to express that He is literally speaking of His actual flesh:

<u>U</u>nless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him (vv. 53-57)

Certainly, this concept is difficult to grasp, and I will offer an explanation in article 11 for how we can rationally make sense of Jesus' true presence in the Blessed Sacrament. But, for now it's important to note that many of Jesus' followers "returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him" because the teaching was too difficult to grasp (v. 66). Facing the Apostles, Jesus asked "do you also want to leave?" (v. 67). Peter replied with all faith: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (v. 68). So, too, we are asked today...is our faith strong enough to trust Jesus and keep going on this journey? *Fr. Nathan* (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)

## This Week's Mass Schedule

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28** 

8:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29** 

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 St. Andrew, apostle

L/D Charles & Martha Berheide Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 First Friday Joe Unverferth

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2** 

George, Nora & Dan Basinger, Don Schnipke 4:30 PM

Alvin & Marcella Recker, Ron Kahle, Jr.

Denny Maag, Jim Warnecke

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman, Carolyn Warnecke

11:00 AM Paul, Dorothy & Roger Vorst, Roger Miller

Brian Knott, Alphonse & Frances Schulte Fam.

**Last Week's Collection:** \$10.070.00

# **Choir Assignments—December 2 & 3**

**4:30:** Alissia **8:00:** Ashleigh **11:00:** YAHS

# **Holy Name Choir Practice**

This Monday, November 27, at 8:00 p.m. Please bring your Christmas music to practice.

#### **Giving Tree—Deadline is This Friday!**

This year's Giving Tree will provide monetary assistance to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Those envelopes can be placed in the collection or dropped off at the Parish Center. The Angel ornaments have gift ideas for children in Putnam County. The gifts and monetary donations are due back by <u>December 1</u>. If you choose a tag for gifts for a needy family, please make sure to place the tag on the present when returning it to church. Thanks so much!

#### **Area Penance Services**

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 p.m. at Ottoville Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Glandorf Monday, December 18, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Ottawa

Tuesday, December 19, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Kalida Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. at New Cleveland Hallow

The #1 Catholic Meditation App in the World!

Our parish has purchased access to the #1 Catholic Meditation app in the world! You now have free access to Hallow 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!

As Advent approaches, this app could help you build your relationship with God by creating a habit of prayer or enhancing your already-established prayer life.

- Use the app by yourself or with your family...at home or in your car
- Create prayer groups within your family or your group of friends
- Allow Hallow to lead your family in prayer until you are more comfortable doing so
- Join the Advent Prayer Challenge
- Get an age-appropriate examination of conscience for Reconciliation
- Access daily reflections, homilies, novenas, rosaries, music, courses and much more!

We will share more about Hallow in the coming weeks. Watch St. Michael's Facebook page and the bulletin for tips and ideas from parishioners who already use Hallow.

