

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6  
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church  
PRAYER SERVICE TO DEFEAT ISSUE 1: 7:00 p.m.  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m. in church  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9  
ROSARY: 6:00 p.m. in church  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10  
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

**Putnam County Museum Event This Sunday**  
This Sunday, November 5, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., The Putnam County Historical Society is hosting a Military Trivia Competition in honor of Veteran's Day. Prizes will be awarded. Come and explore what the museum has to offer!

### Box of Joy Program

This year's "Giving Tree" will be our participation in Cross Catholic Outreach's "Box of Joy" program. It provides hope to impoverished children around the world, and may be the only Christmas gift they receive. You can find the boxes at the tower and elevator entrances of church. **Grab and construct a box and follow these steps...**

1. Purchase gifts to bring joy to a child, such as...  
*Small dolls or plush animals, cars, trucks, boats, deflated balls with a pump, necklace, sunglasses, purse or wallet, handheld toy, simple dresses or sandals, hair accessories, small balls, mini puzzles, binoculars, harmonica or small instrument, jump rope, coloring book, yo-yo, balloons, craft kit (beads, elastic), pencils, crayons, pencil sharpener, erasers, pencil case, ruler, notepads, stickers, hard candy & gum (in a zip closure-style bag, but no chocolate or jolly ranchers), socks, underwear, shorts, t-shirts, flip-flops, hats, watch, jewelry, cross or rosary, sewing kit, LED flashlight, drawstring bag, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, comb, brush, manicure kit*  
**NO LIQUIDS, FOOD (other than candy) and NO COMBAT ITEMS**  
**NO CASH OR CHECKS INSIDE THE BOX**
2. Place the items in the box.
3. On the box, mark if it is for a BOY OR A GIRL, and the approximate age.
4. Tape an envelope to the top of the box, with a check inside made out to **Cross Catholic Outreach** for \$9. This covers the cost of shipping and handling of your box. If you do not want to tape it to the box, you can also bring the check separately to the Parish Center, but **do not place the check in the box.** Also, **PUT A RUBBER BAND AROUND THE BOX—DO NOT TAPE THE BOX SHUT.**
5. Return the box to the Parish Center or in the church basement (behind the bar area, near the elevator entrance) by **Sunday, November 12 at NOON.** **No boxes will be accepted after this deadline.**

Any questions, email Connie Cleemput at [ccleemput@bright.net](mailto:ccleemput@bright.net) or call 419-532-3494, ext. 102



### Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - November 11 & 12

**4:30:** PB: **Dave Buss, Ryan Buss**  
Michelle Buss, Jerry Ellerbrock, Phil & Sue Fuerst  
**LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart**  
**8:00:** PB: **Dennis Bockrath, Matt Bockrath**  
Logan Bockrath, Gus L& Judy Brinkman, Janice Foppe  
**LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart**  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Carrie Patrick  
**11:00:** PB: **Greg Zeller, Regina Fischnich**  
Lori Erhart, Brandon Erhart, Ryan Fischnich, Lynda Fort-man  
**LECTOR: Sandy Westrick**

### SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 11/7	8:00 AM	Isabelle Buss Madelyn Cattell
Wed, 11/8	8:00 AM	Gavin Leis Taylor Nienberg Lillian Schnipke
Thurs, 11/9	7:30 PM	Chase Rampe Logan Rampe
Fri, 11/10	8:00 AM	Lucas Schroeder Emma Shiningier Luke Siefker
Sat, 11/11	4:30 PM	Owen Siebeneck Kennedy Simon Braylon Smith
Sun, 11/12	8:00 AM	Jack Stechschulte Reese Strauer Avrie Unverferth Whitney Unverferth Zachary Unverferth Madison Unverferth
	11:00 AM	

### Offertory Bearers - November 11 & 12

**4:30:** Roger & Lisa Unverferth Family  
**8:00:** Mike & Norma Unverferth Family  
**11:00:** Sean & Adriene Swyers Family

### USHERS - November 11 & 12

**4:30:** Team 7 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 9

### Euchre Tournament at Cloverdale

Cloverdale St. Barbara's Holy Name Society will sponsor a Euchre Tournament on Sunday, November 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Open to all men, women and children who enjoy playing euchre. \$5 per player. All money collected will be returned in prizes.

### Upcoming Wedding

**Zoey Mann**  
daughter of  
Jonathan & Jennifer,  
and  
**Noah Hermiller**  
son of Leroy & Clarine,  
will be married on  
November 11, 2023.  
Please include them in  
your prayers.



## St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, November 5, 2023

**Pastor:** Fr. Nathan Bockrath **Deacon:** Bob Klausing **DRE:** Connie Cleemput  
**Youth Minister:** Jill Zeller **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer  
**Website:** [stmichaelskalida.org](http://stmichaelskalida.org) **Address:** 312 N. Broad St.; Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853

**“The amendment (*Issue 1*)  
on which we are being asked to  
vote is nothing short of *EVIL*.  
I urge you to fulfill your moral  
duty to *vote NO on Issue 1.*”**

*Bishop Daniel E. Thomas  
Leading the Flock October 2023*

**Vote NO**  
**Issue 1**  
**Nov. 7**

- **If Issue 1 passes**, we will have enshrined abortion-without-limits **into the very constitution of our state**. Not only that, parental consent laws will be eradicated. Minors will be able to obtain major medical procedures such as abortions and sex-change surgeries without their parents' knowledge.
- **A NO vote does not end abortions up to 22 weeks of pregnancy, or deny access to contraception, fertility treatments, or take away care for a miscarriage. Abortion up to 22 weeks is currently legal in Ohio and a NO vote does not change this.**





Fr. Nathan’s Eucharistic  
Article 6 of 40

“Behold the Lamb of God”

In the famous Exodus story of Moses and the Israelites, there is the dramatic scene of Passover where, to escape the grip of slavery, they had to apply the blood of a lamb without blemish to their homes (EX 12). Sounds gory, but the idea is that this is a clear way for the people to say, “I’m in,” or “I’m out.” Furthermore, the intention was clear: to leave this life that is holding me back and get to the Promised Land. Moses even told them, “You shall eat like those who are in flight” (EX 12:11). Since the first years of Christianity, the Church Fathers have seen the Exodus event serving also as a metaphor for our lives: we are born into a Fallen World that tries to hold us back (slavery), we are meant for more (promised land), and now we find ourselves in this in between time (desert).

Sticking with this metaphor and our conversation from the past weeks, the question remains: what lamb could be sacrificed that can free us from this deepest sense of slavery and allow us to experience our fullness with our Lord? The answer: the Lamb of God = Jesus (whose nature is both divine and human). The problem before is that no sacrifice was ever of infinite value...they were just animals and crops. Jesus, though, is God; thus, *He is of infinite value*. The other problem is that since humanity offended God, they needed to offer the sacrifice on their behalf; but, how will this work? Solution: Jesus also took on our human nature and joined our humanity. He “became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (JN 1:14). From the very beginning, He was sent by the Father to be both the sacrifice of infinite value and the priest who conducted the sacrifice. Thus, when John the Baptist identifies Jesus to the people, he points to the essence of what Jesus is all about: “behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (JN 1:29). When St. Paul tries to explain the importance of Jesus to fellow Jews, he stresses Jesus’ role in this profound sacrifice: “But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be ... he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption” (HEB 9:11-12). In other words, (1) by becoming man, Jesus acted on behalf of humanity, and (2) by being God, His sacrifice was of infinite value and could make up for the infinite damage caused by our offence. **Finally, with Jesus, we have the sacrifice that can heal our broken relationship with God and allow us to experience our full potential.**

Going back to the Exodus event of Moses and the Israelites, remember that they had a choice to apply the blood of the lamb to their homes. They were not forced, nor does God force us. Our Lord desires a loving relationship that is freely chosen. What this means for the sacrifice of the Cross is that (1) the sacrifice was made on our behalf; but, (2) we need to allow the effects of the sacrifice to be applied to our soul. With the Israelites in the Exodus, there was a prescribed way (i.e. the applying of the blood to their homes) so that they know if they are in or not. How are the effects of the sacrifice of the cross applied to our souls ... how do we know?

Fr. Nathan (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)

This Week’s Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7	
8:00 AM	Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman, Dave Wehri
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	
8:00 AM	Pats & Rita Broecker
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 <i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i>	
7:30 PM	Gerry Vorst, Dorothy Miller, Jim Gerding (HN) Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 <i>St. Leo the Great</i>	
8:00 AM	Walter Warnecke Family
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 <i>St. Martin of Tours</i>	
1:00 PM	NM Hermiller & Mann
4:30 PM	Gene Ellerbrock, Hubert Warnecke L/D Meyer & Warnecke Families, Carl Maag Oscar & Evangeline Kerner, Jim, Keith, Mark & Joe Unverferth, Jim & Angie Erhart, Richard & Gladys Unverferth, Tom Recker & Family Thad Schroeder
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12	
8:00 AM	Len, Anna Rose, Triena & Emily Kahle Ellen Niemeyer
11:00 AM	Connie Miller, Brian Knott, Denny Maag Brian Schroeder, Rich, Rick & Xavier Wurth

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 12,990.60

Choir Assignments - November 11 & 12

4:30: 8:00: HN 11:00: Renee

First Quarter Comments

At my previous parishes, I like to offer the folks four financial reports throughout the year. It was an easy way to be transparent and to give a good sense of the parish’s financial situation. These reports were for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the financial year (July –Sept.), 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, and then the end of the year report. In the bulletin this weekend, we have our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report prepared for you. Of course the numbers from that quarter are provided, as well as the previous year’s 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (contrasting the two sets of numbers can be helpful in interpreting how we are doing). First of all, while our collection is down compared to last year, more parishioners are using the “Maintenance Fund” envelopes that go into the “Building Fund” ... so, we are actually up in donations (thank you!!!). Second, “Parish Activities”, the increase is mainly due to funds coming in for the NCYC youth trip (Kalida is taking the lead for the deanery on organizing this). Third, in the expenses “Other Parish Operations,” the main reason for this increase Kalida’s lead in the NCYC trip. Fourth, “Building Expense,” approximately \$130,000 went towards the rectory. While this was within our set budget, kindly note that a significant portion of this was applying insulation and drywall upstairs (there was none before), and some work was in anticipation for phase 2. Fifth, “Other Operating Expenses,” the reason for the increase compared to last year is the timing of the payment for the diocesan tax. I know this is brief, so if you have any questions don’t hesitate to ask me. God Bless,  
Fr. Nathan

Euchre Tournaments at St. Michael’s...

will be held in the church basement this Sunday, November 5, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please bring \$1 per euchre player which will be used for prize money. Bring a snack to share if you wish.



Thank You

The family of Ellen Niemeyer would like to express our most sincere and deepest gratitude to family and friends who supported us before and after her passing. Thank you for the many prayers and condolences. Also, a huge “Thank You!” to Father Nathan and all who helped make the funeral mass such a touching tribute to her life.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Pat Broecker's grade 3 class on Wednesday, Nov. 8 and Annette Schroeder's grade 8 class on Friday, Nov. 10.

All Parishioners are Welcome!  
Music, Prayer & Adoration  
This Wednesday, November 8

On November 8, all high school students will meet in church for an evening spent with a speaker/musician from the Damascus Worship Team. Students are asked to meet in church at 7:00 p.m. The evening will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Parents, make note to pick up your child at 8:30 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m.. This counts as class for everyone. CYO players, take note. A special invitation is extended to our Jr. High students. *Anyone from our parish is welcome to come. This is part of our Eucharistic Revival.* An invitation has also been extended to all the parishes in our county.

Recent Baptisms

COOPER RYAN KLEMAN

Son of Ryan & Trisha (Horstman) Kleman

QUINN LOUISE KLEMAN

Daughter of Rob & Christy (Ellerbrock) Kleman

K of C Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 5, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Cost is a free-will donation for the meal. Includes all sorts of turkey day stuff, including stuffing & stuff.

Date Night with Fr. Nate Cromly

Enjoy a night with your spouse as you learn how your marriage can change the culture. Fr. Nathan Cromly (founder and president of Eagle Eye Ministries and The Saint John Institute in Denver) will be at the Kalida K of C Hall on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Cost is \$70/couple. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and program begins at 7:00 p.m. Heavy hors d’oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks, and live music. To register, visit:



<https://brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/putnamcountystatewithfrnate/561224>

Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for

Jim Gerding

was held on

Friday, November 3.

Please include

Jim and his family

in your prayers.

Parents of Second Graders...

are asked to attend the Dragon Slayers Retreat held at Saints Peter and Paul Elementary School, Ottawa, on Saturday, November 11, at 8:30 a.m. A retreat for First Communion is required by the Diocese as part of the preparation for the Sacraments. The program will end at 11:30 a.m. Attendance will be taken. If you have questions, call Connie.

For Our Parents of Grade 8 Students...

attending the Damascus Confirmation Retreat on November 10-12, the bus will be between the Elementary School and St. Michael Church at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. Don Rall is our bus driver. Please refer to the packing list that was emailed to all the parents. Please don't over-pack since we are taking a bus with limited luggage space. We will return on Sunday, Nov. 12 around 3:00 p.m. We will be stopping for lunch on the way home. This retreat is a life-changing experience for our young people. It will strengthen them in their faith if they are open to it. If you have questions, call Connie.

Prayer Service to Defeat Issue 1

Monday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. in church. Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome.

Lion’s Chicken BBQ - Sunday, November 5

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. drive-thru at the high school. Thank you for supporting Kalida Lion’s community projects!

Young Adult Game Night

Tuesday, November 7, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in New Cleveland (5 miles north of Ottawa on St. Rt. 109) in the house/religious ed center across the street from the church. Please park in the church lot and go in the front door. Bring a game with you or join in on a game someone else brings! Feel free to bring snacks & drinks, too.

Basketball Season Ticket Information

Basketball Season Ticket Sales will be held on Monday, November 6, and Tuesday, November 7, at the high school event entrance near the Auditoria from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Winter Season Passes (Good for ALL home HS and JH boys’ and girls’ games): Student - \$50, Adult - \$80 (preferred seat additional \$20 per), Sr. Citizen - \$50 (preferred seat additional \$10 per) HS Gate Price: Adult \$7 /Student \$5 ~ FR Gate Price: Adult \$5/Student \$5 ~ JH Gate Price: Adult \$5 /Students \$5. Boys PCL & HOME GAMES PRE-SALE: Adults - \$7 and Students - \$5. ALL TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$7. Please note: We do not sell girls season tickets or have pre-sale for the girls’ games. Tickets are \$7 and \$5 at the door.

Recycle Your Aluminum Cans

Did you know it can take well over 200 years for an aluminum can to fully degrade in a landfill, however, when it’s recycled, it can be back on the shelf as a new can in as little as six weeks? In addition, recycling aluminum takes 95% less energy than making aluminum from raw materials. Plus, there is no limit to the number of times aluminum can be recycled! And, did you know you can support your local Kalida Parks by recycling those cans? It’s not that hard! Just save your aluminum cans and, at your convenience, drop them off 24/7/365 at the Village of Kalida Recycling Center, located on SR114 West. THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING and SUPPORTING KALIDA PARKS! *The Kalida Park Board*