

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
CLC MEETING: 6:00 p.m. at 1820 BrewWerks
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

A Note from Bishop Thomas
The inclusion of **Issue #1 for a vote on the November ballot** should alarm us all because of its profound disregard for human life, for the health and safety of women, and for the rights of parents. Make no mistake this amendment would not only enshrine abortion into the Ohio Constitution but take it to its furthest extreme by placing women at risk in an unregulated abortion environment, undermining the right of parents to know if their young children are having abortions or medical treatments contrary to their beliefs, and permitting late-term abortions, even up to birth. This **horrific amendment** should compel all of us to reject it on the grounds of its complete disrespect for human life, its disrespect for the women of Ohio, its disrespect for parents and their rights, and its disrespect for a baby about to be born. I hope, pray, and encourage all people to **VOTE NO on Issue #1 in November.** *Bishop Daniel E. Thomas*

Vote No on Issue 1 Signs
Putnam County Right to Life has Vote NO yard signs about Issue 1, the abortion amendment. If you would like one, contact PC Right to Life at 419-532-3662 or you can pick them up in the church basement, behind the bar.

Benefit at Four Seasons Park - October 14
You are invited to Four Seasons Park on Saturday, October 14, from Noon - 11:00 p.m. to enjoy OSU Football, live music, food raffles, auction and fellowship to benefit the Neil R. Schnipke Foundation and the Leann Altman Family. The Neil R. Schnipke Foundation will help fund research on Cholangiocarcinoma mutations, provide engineering scholarships and assist families experiencing cancer or medical diagnosis. Leann is a young lady fighting breast cancer who has several relatives in our parish (granddaughter of Oscar & Evangeline Kerner). To find out more about this event, visit Facebook and search “Neil. R. Schnipke Foundation and Leann Altman Benefit.” The event is family friendly and will happen rain or shine. Thanks for all the support, love and kindness. May God Bless all of you!

Trip to Greece & Greek Isle
Join Fr. Charles Obinwa, of Fort Jennings, on a 2024 Spiritual Pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Paul to Greece and the Greek Isle (3 day cruise). Thessaloniki, Philippi, Delphi, Athens, Corith, Ephesus and more. \$4,899/person from the Ft. Wayne airport. July 19-29, 2024 (11 days). For details and to book, visit: www.206tours.com/frobinwa. Email obinwacm@yahoo.com.

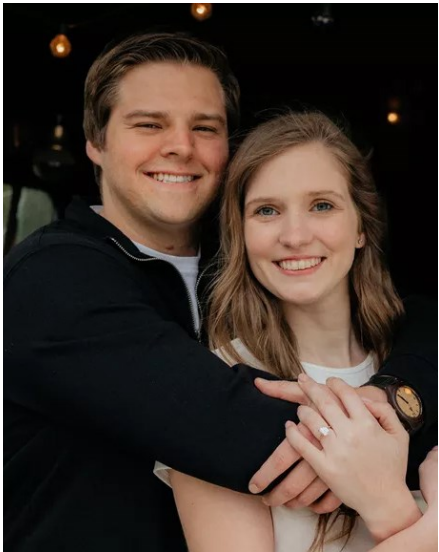
Kalida Post Prom Chicken BBQ
Sunday, 10/22/23 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM or until sold out. \$10 each, no pre-sale. Drive-through behind the Voag building. Thank you for your support!

Offertory Bearers - October 14 & 15		
4:30:	Josh & Mary Horstman Family	
8:00:	Ron & Dorothy Kerner Family	
11:00:	Doug & Amy Wannemacher Family	
SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 10/10	8:00 AM	Emerson Burgei Isabelle Buss
Wed, 10/11	8:00 AM	Madelyn Cattell Gavin Leis Taylor Nienberg
Fri, 10/13	8:00 AM	Chase Rampe Logan Rampe Lillian Schnipke
Sat, 10/14	4:30 PM	Kyla Grime Erica Kahle Nathan Kahle
Sun, 10/15	8:00 AM	Griffin Klausung Katherine Krouse Drew Meyer
	11:00 AM	Audra Hovest Logan & Mallory Kerner

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - October 14 & 15
4:30: **PB: Brian & Bev Berheide**
Chellie Unverferth, Lisa Trentman, Bob Buss, Michelle Buss
LECTOR: Jill Laudick
8:00: **PB: Norma Unverferth, Tony Vorst**
Sandy Vorst, Don Wehri, Matt Bockrath, Logan Bockrath
LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart
Ministers to Homebound: Wendy Schimmoeller
11:00: **PB: Norma Vorst, Greg Bockrath**
Alice Adams, Dave Buss, Ryan Buss, Lynda Fortman
LECTOR: Kayla Nartker

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

Join the Rosary Novena for Life
Bishop Thomas invites you to join him and all the Bishops of Ohio, along with other Catholics, in a Rosary Novena for the protection of human life and the defeat of Issue 1 on the Ohio ballot this November. Follow the [Diocese of Toledo](#) Facebook page for daily reminders or sign up to receive them in your email at pray54ohio.org. The novena has already started, but we encourage you to join.



Upcoming Wedding
Briana Fenbert
daughter of
Doug & Diane,
and
Dylan Hoffman
son of Chris & Linda,
will be married on
October 14, 2023.
Please include them in
your prayers.



St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, October 8, 2023

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

ST MICHAEL PARISH FESTIVAL

FOUR SEASONS PARK

OCTOBER 8, 2023

12PM-3PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

BEAN SOUP & CHILI **APPLE CIDER**
Combread Hot Dogs

STRAW MAZE **PUMPKIN CHUCKIN'**
PETTING ZOO

HAYRIDE

Rides available all day, for all ages

BASKET AND MONEY RAFFLES
Win a Basket or one of the Money prizes \$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200

PUMPKIN PAINTING **COTTON CANDY**
Golf Cart "Taxis" available from the PARKING LOTS **SNOW CONES** **FACE PAINTING**

HAVE FUN while donating to help with the cost of **YOUTH EVENTS** sponsored by the Parish, the Deanery and the Diocese

“He Found It Very Good”

How do I know what my potential is? How do I know what I am made for? How do I reach this end? Certainly there will be a nuance to each of our stories; however, there is also a common denominator. A denominator that is a necessary element for each of our stories to unfold as they are intended. This denominator is revealed in the very first page of the Bible. While we are familiar with the creation story, it is important to remember that the Bible’s primary intention is not to tell us how the world was made, but rather *why it was made*. *What is clear from the first page is that everything is made from God and for God. Our Lord is that common denominator, and this means that He is the fundamental and necessary element in understanding our purpose and reaching that end ... in other words, our full story can never be understood and discovered without Him!*

While the creation story stresses this point in different ways, I will highlight three of these ways. First is with the number “seven.” *The Bible loves to use numbers because they help to express completeness or incompleteness. “Seven” conveys completeness. Hence, the number given to the devil is 666; thus conveying that he is absolutely incomplete, and it is repeated three times because he dared to imitate the three faces of the Trinity. So, notice with the story of creation, its “seven” days and thus expressing completeness to our Lord’s plan. Notice further, what brings about the completeness to the overall plan, what happened on the seventh day: it is time with our Lord. God not only makes the picture, but also completes it. To isolate or remove God from the picture, then we are back to “6.”*

Secondly, *the language used to describe the formation of people suggests that we can only be understood when God is in the picture. Throughout the creation story, it says God “makes” different things. But, three times it says he “created” (“bara” in Hebrew), for the creation of matter (1:1), for life (1:21), and then humanity (1:27). Bara’ does not mean to create something like a cake; rather, its to make something new that was not there before. When we make things, we depend upon other things already in existence. To create something out of nothing, this is an action that only God can do. Thus, by using this term, the Bible is stressing that who we are as a person, our essence, our rights, our purpose is not and cannot be independent from God; rather, we are deeply rooted in Him. Driving this point home is the intimate detail of 2:7, where our Lord formed our bodies from the earth (the matter He created, 1:1) and breathed His life (which He created, 1:21) into us (i.e. the creation of our soul). Perhaps this whole intimate point is most beautifully expressed in our Lord’s words to Jeremiah: “before I formed you in the womb I knew you” (Jer 1:5).*

Thirdly, when God is fully in the picture, look at how the rest of life goes. Adam and Eve are in a lush garden, a place that is life-giving. They are told not to eat from the

tree of knowledge of good and bad...in other words, God does not even want them to be exposed to badness. There is a perfect balance between the rest of creation and Adam/Eve. Finally, the relationship between Adam and Eve is itself whole/perfect. Did you ever wonder what was the significance of the verse “they were naked, but felt no shame” (2:25)? It expresses that when God is in the picture, we don’t focus on the shallow and “skin-deep” level of the person; rather, we go to the heart and know that they too are a child of our Lord made in “His image and likeness” (1:27) ... that perspective is the foundation of true relationships.

“God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.” That’s the fundamental plan, a *very good plan, and plan that only unfolds for each of us when our Lord has His proper place in our lives. What does our life look like when God is not in the picture? Stay tuned for next week.*

This Week’s Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 AM Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman
Howard Rellinger (HN), In Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM L/D Steve & Karen Osterhage Family
Joe Unverferth (HN)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:30 PM Gerry Vorst, Leo & Irene Schnipke
Neil Schnipke, Dorothy Miller

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 AM Successful Surgery, Helen & Joe Gerding

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:00 PM NM Fenbert & Hoffman
4:30 PM Ray & Connie Verhoff Family, Gerry Vorst, Jim, Keith, Mark & Joe Unverferth, Richard & Gladys Unverferth, Jim & Angie Erhart, Ron Kahle, Jr. Shawn Bailey, Irma & Nolan Krouse Cy, Cecelia, Nick, Arnie & Loretta Vorst Eugene & Rosalia Osterhage, Joanne Rutledge

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00 AM Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family
11:00 AM Ed Schroeder, Amadeus & Marcelle Schroeder Brian Knott, Denny Maag, Don Laudick William & Marilyn Leopold Family Paul & Gary Stechschulte

Choir Assignments - October 14 & 15


4:30: Ashleigh

8:00: Ashleigh

11:00: Renee


2023 Memorial Mass

Thursday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. We will remember:
Gerry Vorst, Mary Ann Warnement, Marilyn Hamburg, Irene Stechschulte, Melissa Hoffman, Juanita Selhorst, Mary Jane Averagesch, Martha Berheide, Dave Wehri, Mary Kay Unverferth, Dennis McCollum, Jim Verhoff, John Siefer, Connie Verhoff, Brian Schroeder, Gia Dana Verhoff, Janice Stechschulte, Dorothy von der Embse, Harry Horstman, Delores Maag, Brian Knott, Allen Schroeder, Tom Brinkman, Betty Holtkamp, Sharon Burgei, Carolyn Warnecke, Dennis Maag, Carol Erhart, Denny J. Heitmeyer, Howard Rellinger & Joe Unverferth



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Howard Rellinger
was held on
Thursday, October 5.
Please include Howard
and his family
in your prayers.



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
Joe Unverferth
was held on
Friday, October 6.
Please include Joe
and his family
in your prayers.

Pray to End Abortion & Defeat Issue One

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in church on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. If unable to attend, feel free to join by tuning into Channel 70.

Music, Prayer, Worship & Adoration

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Michael’s Church. Music will be provided by Damascus Praise & Worship. This is part of the Eucharistic Revival. Youth from our parish and around the county will be present, but it is open to all parishioners.

A Time for Healing.... Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

Have you lost a loved one and are searching for ways of healing? Whether you are dealing with a recent loss, or it has been a while, if you are seeking a supportive peer group setting to share your loss, please join us at Sts. Peter & Paul. Monthly group sessions are open to all, beginning Thursday, October 12, from 7:15-8:15 p.m. in the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Meeting Room. For more information, call the rectory/Teresa at 419-523-5216.

No Cardboard at Village Recycling

We are unable to accept cardboard at Village Recycling Site again. It could be 30 or more days before we can accept again. You can take still take it to the county site in Ottawa. Thank You. *Village of Kalida & Kalida Parks*

More Work to Begin on Church

Starting this Monday, work will begin on sealing the exterior of the entire church. We will be waterproofing the brick, replacing any missing mortar and caulking where needed. Special attention will go to the areas above where we’ve had moisture/plaster issues inside of church.


Students at Mass This Week


Becky Lucke and Kayla Nartker's grade 4 class has Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 11, and Michele Doepker's grade 6 class on Friday, Oct. 13.

High School CCD - October 11

Everyone has class

Date Night with Fr. Nate Cromly





Enjoy an early Christmas present with your spouse as you learn how your marriage can change the culture.
Fr. Nathan Cromly C.S.J.
(founder and president of Eagle Eye Ministries and The Saint John Institute in Denver)
Saturday, November 18, 2023
\$70.00 couple - Kalida K of C Hall
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. Registration/Tickets:
<https://brushfire.com/eagleeyeministries/putnamcountydatewithfrnate/561224>

Public Rosary Rally

Please join in praying for our nation on October 14, 2023 at Noon in the lot between the Stechschulte home and Kalida Fire station. Our country is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Holy Mother. Please bring your rosary, a chair and dress for the weather as this will be outside. Contact Herm and Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 (leave a message) if you have any questions.

Putnam County Girls Challenge Club

Girls in grades 4 to 8 are invited to join. Our Catholic Curriculum fosters a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and forms adolescents as Christian leaders to transform culture. This service-focused club is led by Mom Mentors who, in turn, mentor High School Teen Mentors that lead each grade level through weekly lessons that focus on Virtues, Saints and Apostolic Projects. We meet on Friday after school until 5:00 p.m. There are 2 sessions: 1st Session: Oct. 20 - Dec. 15. 2nd Session is January 5 - February 23. The cost is \$25 a session or \$50 for the entire year. The first meeting will be Friday, October 20, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Kalida St. Michael's Church basement. Paper registration and Emergency Medical forms will be handed out at Religion Class this week. You can also register online by accessing the Registration Link on Putnam County Challenge Club Facebook Page. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Siefker 419-969-5129 or Denise Schroeder 419-306-7781.

Last Week’s Collection:

\$ 9,089.00