CALENDAR OF EVENTS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m. YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

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

Cardboard Recycling to Return!

Cardboard recycling at the Kalida Recycling Site will return the week of September 11. Please remember, clean cardboard only, remove any dirty or greasy areas before recycling. Also, please continue to recycle steel, aluminum cans, clothing, and shoes at this site. Every little bit helps! The Kalida Park Board thanks you for your ongoing support.

Toledo Diocesan Women's Fall Conference

Come join the women of the Toledo Diocese for a day of spiritual and inspirational nourishment at Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 St. Rt. 269 N., Bellevue, OH 44811, on September 23, 2023. The theme this year is "The Miracle of the Eucharist." Our speaker will be Pat Odey-Murray. The cost for the day is \$40, with reservations needed by September 12, 2023. Registration forms with more details are available at the doors of our church. Contact Tammy Schroeder at 419-796-8964.

Pro Life Town Hall

Putnam & Henry County Right to Life are hosting a Pro-Life Town Hall on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Ottawa K of C. All are welcome. The wording of the abortion amendment that is on the November 7 ballot will be explained; we will hear about abortion procedures that the desired result is the death of an unborn baby, and how we need to get involved to stop this amendment. This is not a Democrat, Republican or union issue. It is a moral issue. It is about the sanctity of every human life. It is about protecting our children from abortion and the transgender movement. It is about the possibility of losing our current laws protecting life. It is about keeping our parental rights. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Do not hinder them. The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Matthew19:14. God said, "Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20:13. Our state motto says, "With God all things are possible." Say NO to the abortion amendment. Protect our children from all evil.

Women's Retreat in Glandorf

"Anchored in Faith" retreat will take place from September 30 - October 1, 2023, at St. John's, Glandorf. To register, or for more information, email Haley Rhodes at hlressentials 1@gmail.com.

Cloverdale Cascade Park Benefit

Saturday, September 16, at Cascade Park. This familyfriendly event will help raise funds for the upkeep of the park. BBO Chicken Dinners served 11:00 a.m. until sold out. Canoe Poker Run registration 11-11:45 a.m. Paddles in at noon. 50/50, Raffle, Music, & OSU Game. See Cascade Park Benefit Facebook Page for details.

Offertory Bearers - September 16 & 17

Scott & Angie Meyer Family Mike & Norma Unverferth Family 11:00: Mike & Jessi Grime Family

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Tues, 9/12	8:00 AM	Taylor Nienberg
		Chase Rampe
Wed, 9/13	8:00 AM	Logan Rampe
		Lillian Schnipke
		Lucas Schroeder
Fri, 9/15	8:00 AM	Emma Shininger
		Luke Siefker
		Aubrey Simon
Sat, 9/16	4:30 PM	Alex Shininger
		Jacob Siebeneck
		Nicole Siebeneck
Sun, 9/17	8:00 AM	Sara Siebeneck
		Owen Siebeneck
		Kennedy Simon
	11:00 AM	Braylon Smith
		Jack Stechschulte
		Reese Strauer

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - September 16 & 17

4:30: PB: Jeff Bockrath, Dave Buss

Alice Adams, Bob Buss, Michelle Buss, Jerry Ellerbrock

LECTOR: Nancy Rampe

8:00: PB: Tony Vorst, Don Wehri

Norma Unverferth, Sandy Vorst, Gus & Judy Brinkman

LECTOR: Donna Schnipke Ministers to Homebound: Ryan & Erin Kerner

11:00: PB: Sandy & Mike Westrick

Greg Bockrath, Kendal Bockrath, Norma Vorst, Ryan

LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke

USHERS - September 16 & 17

<u>4:30:</u> Team 4 <u>8:00</u>: Team 5 <u>11:00</u>: Team 6

First History Book of Kalida

A local history group has been researching and is currently working to complete a comprehensive one-of-a-kind history book of Kalida...something that has never been done before! Expected completion and delivery is 2024. It will be a hard cover book, estimated at 320 pages. We encourage you to order now to ensure your copy...there will only be one printing of this book. All proceeds will be used for the betterment of the community.

> Checks can be made payable to "Kalida Book" and mailed to:

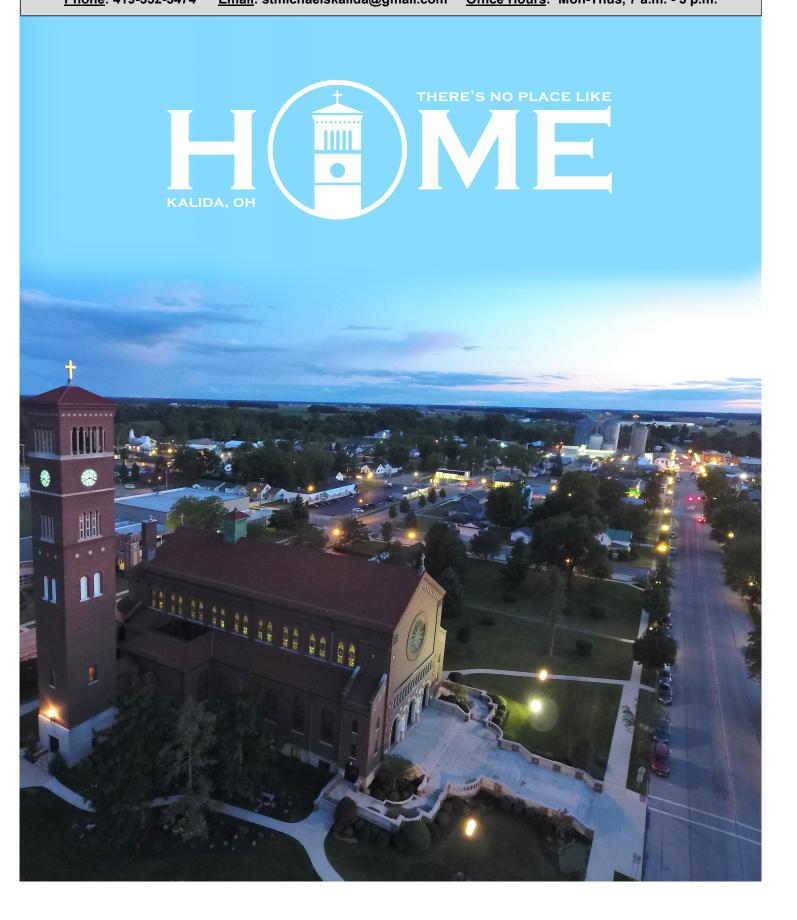
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St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Pioneer Sunday, September 10, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Nathan Bockrath 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 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Pioneer and Church?

When Jesus was asked "What is the greatest commandment?" He did not hesitate: (1) love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and (2) love your neighbor as yourself. Sometimes we may balk at this second part and ask: why? Why do I have to do that? Why can't people just take care of themselves? Why is it my problem? Well, you could answer this more theologically and philosophically by considering how this is simply a way to imitate Jesus, who we all to strive to follow. Or, you could answer this question more practically by saying: "Look at Pioneer!!!"

Last year was my first time attending Pioneer in over 20 years. Immediately I was struck by the sense of community, people enjoying the company of others, people looking to support a good cause, people caring ... essentially, a community living out the command to "love your neighbor as yourself!" All of Jesus' teachings correspond to our hearts, they're natural to us. And so its no surprise that people look forward to Pioneer because that experience reflects a deep concern of love for your neighbor. What a blessing it is that our community has this festival, what a blessing it has been for so many years, and what a blessing it can continue to be. However, let's never forget the first commandment that Jesus began with, the commandment that serves as the foundation for all the rest: love the Lord! The more we strive to love our Lord, the more we actually become the ideal neighbor. By loving our Lord, we see and sense more clearly what is most important, how we can better help, and how we can be a vessel of grace for others.

Pioneer and the Church... may seem like different topics, but when we consider more deeply why the former is so special, it reinforces ever more why we need the latter. Fr. Nathan

Attention VBS Participants

You are invited to ride on St. Michael's Pioneer float. Wear your VBS shirt and meet at the rectory driveway at 1:15 p.m. on Pioneer Sunday!

Boys High School CYO Coach Needed

Contact Connie Cleemput at ccleemput@bright.net if you can help coach High School Boys CYO Basketball.

Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Child

Tuesday, September 19, at 8:00 p.m. in the church basement. Please note time change due to a sporting event.

CCD Registration Forms Can be Returned... to the religion teacher, put in the collection or mailed.

Items Needed for Ottawa Food Pantry

We will be collecting the following items in September for the Ottawa Food Pantry: canned pineapple, canned & boxed potatoes, Spaghettios & other canned pasta. Please put your donated items in the marked area by the elevator entrance of church. Please do not donate expired items. Thanks for your help in feeding the hungry of our county!

Coffee, Donuts & Prayer for High Schoolers Friday, September 15, from 6:45-7:30 a.m. in St. Michael

Church Basement. All High School students are welcome - it's FREE!

This Week's Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 Most Holy Name of Mary Loretta Miller, Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman 8:00 AM

10:30 AM **Funeral Mass - Carol Erhart** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 St. John Chrysostom

8:00 AM **Carol Erhart**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 Exaltation of the Cross

7:30 PM **Gerry Vorst**

Herk Selhorst, Tom Wannemacher

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

4:30 PM

11:00 AM

8:00 AM **Jim Hamilton Family**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Pete & Alice Gerding, Gene Wurth

Harry Horstman, Gerry Vorst, John Phillips Sandi Kidd, Bud & Marie Becker L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family Ray, Dorothea & Ron Averesch John & Phil Stoepfel, John Stoepfel, Jr. Ron Vonder Embse, Ron Kahle, Jr. Len, Anna Rose, Triena & Emily Kahle

Brian Knott, Dave Wehri

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 AM **Dorothy Miller, Sally Goedde**

Klara Frommherz (A), Elmer & Helen Korte

L/D Korte & Brickner Families

Jeannie Buchholz, Don Selhorst Denny Maag, Joe Langhals, Jr.

Dick, Joe & Emma Langhals

Martha Wallace, Della Borgelt, Mary Okuley

Brian Knott, Eugene Hoersten

L/D Norman & Mathilda Doepker Family L/D William & Dorothy Schmitz Family



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for

Carol Erhart

will be held on

Tuesday, September 12.

Please include Carol

and her family

in your prayers.

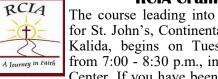
Last Week's Collection: \$13.311.00

Choir Assignments - September 16 & 17

4:30: YAHS

8:00: HN **11:00**: Children's Choir

RCIA Cranking Up!



The course leading into the Catholic Church for St. John's, Continental, and St. Michael's, Kalida, begins on Tuesday, September 19, A Journey in Faith from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in St. Michael's Parish Center. If you have been thinking of giving it

a try, well, give it a try. We meet weekly up to Easter 2024 when folks are brought into the Church on Holy Saturday. Contact Fr. Nathan or Phil Fuerst (pgfuerst@gmail.com) for details or just show up and we'll gladly take you in!

What is Eucharistic Revival?



Jesus in the Eucharistic Sacrifice renewed at every Mass is truly the center of the Universe. This "source and summit" of the Christian life (Lympor C. tian life (Lumen Gentium, no. 11) is the origin

of all truth, goodness, and beauty. This is what the Church teaches, and this is why the Eucharistic Revival is different: it is a movement wholly fixed upon the Presence of Jesus and his desire for communion with us forever.

Jesus, the Divine Mover, courses through human history not to condemn us but to save us through his total gift of self, his final sacrifice offered on Calvary and triumphant at the moment of Resurrection. In a real way his sacrifice is made present to us at every Mass. "... a vague memory of the Last Supper would do no good. We need to be present at that Supper, to be able to hear his voice, to eat his Body and to drink his Blood. We need Him" (Desiderio Desideravi, no. 11).

The saving graces of redemption won for us are represented at the altar every time a Catholic priest celebrates the Liturgy, and these graces are offered for us to receive into our own bodies in Eucharistic communion. Jesus' Flesh is the Life of the World. This is why this movement is different: because it courses toward eternal life in a way no other movement ever could.

Every time we receive the Eucharist, saying "amen" with a humble, contrite heart, we proclaim the Death of the Lord and his Resurrection. Receiving communion is a profound act of faith. Jesus' life is renewed and imbibed ever more intensely with us, flowing through our own veins, mingling with our own blood. Slowly, over time, we grow in the desire to be like Jesus—to offer our own flesh, in communion with him.

From this movement, we can be Jesus' presence in all the other noble movements that surround us, Christifying them so that these other movements are caught up in the one movement, the only movement that will last until the end of time: Jesus' own movement through human history to "draw all creation to Himself" (Jn 12:30-32) and to journey with us back to the Father, so that we may have that abundant life we have always thirsted for but could never attain on our own.

So, what is the National Eucharistic Revival? It is a movement inviting us to rediscover Jesus' desire to give us his flesh for the life of the world. It is sweet in its simplicity, intentional in its integrity, and heartfelt in its humility. The world needs Jesus, and Jesus has entrusted himself to the Catholic Church—in a way unlike any other—in the Holy Eucharist. Let's allow his Real Presence to draw us into this movement, his movement, our movement, so that we, with Christ, can offer our own flesh in loving service and passionate self-sacrifice for the life of the world.

Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.

Want to Attend the Eucharistic Congress?

If you want to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024, visit www.toledodiocese.org/congress. You will use this link to register each family member who wants to attend. The deadline to register is September 22, and there are a limited number of tickets. If you have questions, please contact Connie (532-3474, Ext. 102).

Students at Mass This Week...

are Michele Doepker's grade 5 class on Wednesday, September 13 and Jill Zeller's grade 8 class on Friday, September 15.

High School CCD First Class This Wednesday...

September 13, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone will gather at the elevator entrance of church to meet their teacher. There will be refreshments. Also, registration forms will be given to students who are the youngest in the family. Please complete and return as soon as possible. Parents, please call your child's CCD teacher to report an absence or call the Parish Center at 419-532-3474, Ext. 102. Thanks.

2023-24 CYO Eligibility

Any student who plans on playing High School CYO Basketball this year must attend all Wednesday classes, Masses and activities starting September 13, 2023 and ending April 10, 2024. For each 2 classes missed, the student will sit out a game. This will be monitored with a signature from the teacher that attendance at class was met. Missed classes will carry over from year to year. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Cleemput.

Crossing Guard Needed for Thursdays

Contact Connie if you are interested. Thanks!

Donation Envelopes at Church Exits

Putnam County Right to Life is asking all parishes in the county to help raise funds for Protect Women Ohio. It is a non-profit organization working to defeat the abortion amendment on the ballot on November 7. This amendment is a major threat to our current laws protecting pregnant mothers, preborn babies up to and just after birth, and parental rights. It will eliminate parental notification and consent before children seek life-altering procedures like abortion or gender transitions. There will be envelopes at the church exits. Please put in your donation and mail to Putnam County Right to Life. Do not put in the collection.

Happy Birthday to Our DRE Connie Cleemput!

Connie's birthday is September 16. Happy Birthday, Connie, and thanks for all you do!

