

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** 1:30 p.m. in church  
**ROSARY FOR LIFE:** 8:00 p.m. in church  
**HOLY NAME MEETING:** 8:00 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**  
**RCIA:** 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
**HIGH SCHOOL CCD:** 7:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
**ROSARY:** 7:00 p.m. in church  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** 3:00 p.m. in church

**Cardboard Recycling Has Returned**  
Cardboard recycling at the Kalida Recycling Site has returned. 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! Thank you!

**Pro Life Town Hall This Wednesday**  
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." Matthew 19:14. 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 hlressentials1@gmail.com.



**Upcoming Wedding**  
**Kara Siefker**  
daughter of Gary & Rhonda,  
&  
**Joel Beining**  
son of Brian & Ann,  
will be married on September 23, 2023. Please include them in your prayers.



<b>Offertory Bearers - September 23 &amp; 24</b>		
<b>4:30:</b>		Ryan & Amy Schnipke Family
<b>8:00:</b>		Don & Maggie Wehri Family
<b>11:00:</b>		Sean & Adriene Swyers Family
<b>SERVER SCHEDULE</b>		
Tues, 9/19	8:00 AM	Landon Warnecke Rebekah Bendele
Wed, 9/20	8:00 AM	Avery Bockrath Ethan Dickman Matt Foppe
Fri, 9/22	8:00 AM	Toby Goubeaux Collin Horstman Emma Jerwers
Sat, 9/23	4:30 PM	Whitney Unverferth Avrie Unverferth Madison Unverferth
Sun, 9/24	8:00 AM	Zachary Unverferth Alexander Verhoff Parker Vorst
	11:00 AM	Nathan Wannemacher Maya Wehri Owen Askins

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - September 23 & 24**  
**4:30:** **PB: Bob Gerdeman, Erica Kahle**  
Cherie Kemper, Jane Kleman, Peter Morrissey, Lisa Niese  
**LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher**  
**8:00:** **PB: Matt Bockrath, Janice Foppe**  
Logan Bockrath, Ruth Foppe, Lynda Fortman, Mary Grote  
**LECTOR: Don Wehri**  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Tony & Sandy Vorst  
**11:00:** **PB: Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich**  
Lori Erhart, Brandon Erhart, Maria Gerding, Jim Han-neman  
**LECTOR: Greg Zeller**

**USHERS - September 23 & 24**  
**4:30:** Team 4    **8:00:** Team 5    **11:00:** Team 6

**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.

**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!





# St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, September 17, 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.





## St. Michael Parish Festival

### Sunday, October 8, 2023

Noon—3:00 p. m.

Four Seasons Park


- We will have Bean Soup & Chili, Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Cider, Hayrides, Pumpkin Painting and Chuckin' and a Straw Maze, too. Fun for all ages!
- If you would like to donate a **theme basket**, choose one from the Basket Tree in church. Return filled baskets to the Parish Center by Thursday, September 28.
- Money raffle tickets** will be available from any grade school child.

*Come and enjoy a fun day with our Parish Family.*



**First Friday Eucharistic Devotion**  
The next date for First Friday Eucharistic Devotion is October 6, 2023. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Thanks!

**Update on Church Pictorial**  
This past week, final approval was given for our 2023 Church pictorial. Once production begins, we should receive the final product in 40 days.



### Eucharistic Revival: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

We lift up our American Eucharistic Witness, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Not only did Elizabeth possess a deeply Eucharistic spirituality, but she collaborated with the Church's hierarchy to set the foundation for what has become the Catholic education system in the United States.

When Elizabeth traveled to Italy with her husband during his illness, they stayed with her family's acquaintances, the Filicchis, who were Catholic (and at the time, Elizabeth was Episcopalian). She was fascinated by their faith in the Eucharist: they believed that Jesus really meant it when he said that the bread and wine offered at Mass are truly transformed into his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Elizabeth was moved deeply by seeing how the Italian people expressed their belief and devotion to the Eucharist. In one letter home she wrote, *“My sister dear, how happy would we be if we believed what these dear souls believe, that they possess God in the Sacrament and that he remains in their churches and is carried to them when they are sick.”*

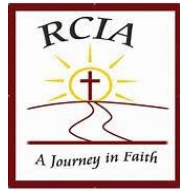
May we be inspired by the witness of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and find ways-even very small ways-to help share the Good News that Jesus is indeed alive in the Eucharist!

This Week's Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	
8:00 AM	Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20	
8:00 AM	Sts. Andrew Tae-gon & Paul Ha-sang
8:00 AM	Brian Schroeder, Kelly Miller
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	
7:30 PM	St. Matthew, apostle
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	
8:00 AM	Neil Schnipke
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23	
1:00 PM	NM Siefker & Beining
4:30 PM	Don & Ted Kahle, L/D Kahle, Ellerbrock, Clement & Ardner Families, Tom Recker & Family
	Dan Siefker Family, Hubert & Irma Pohlman
	50th W.A. Frank & Dorothy Schroeder
	Cy, Cecelia, Nick, Arnie & Loretta Vorst, Charlie Nussbaum, Mary & Al Siefker, Ted Sealts
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	
8:00 AM	Carolyn Warnecke
11:00 AM	Leroy & Mary Ann Warnement, Brian Knott
	Don Holtkamp & Family, Dorothy von der Embse

**Last Week's Collection:** \$9,831.67

**Choir Assignments - September 23 & 24**  
4:30: Ashleigh    8:00: Ashleigh    11:00: Renee

**Holy Name Choir**  
The Holy Name Choir will have their first practice of the season on Monday, September 25, at 8:00 p.m. Please bring your music folder to practice. We can always use more choir members, so if you like to sing, just show up for practice!



### RCIA Begins This Tuesday!

The course leading into the Catholic Church for St. John's, Continental, and St. Michael's, Kalida, begins on Tuesday, September 19, 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!

**Join in a Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet for an End to Abortion**  
On Monday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. in church, join us in praying the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for an end to abortion.

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

**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. Confirmation is Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

**St. Michael Adult Education Survey We Need Your Input!**  
What type of adult faith formation and education programs should be offered to the parishioners of St. Michael's? You have an opportunity to answer that question and more! Father Nathan and the newly-formed Adult Education Committee at St. Michael's have created a short, ten-question survey to gather the thoughts of all adult parishioners. Beginning next weekend, September 23-24, we will offer three ways for you to participate. Hard copies of the survey will be inserted in the bulletin—you can take a few minutes after Mass to fill it out and deposit it in the basket at the door. Or if you prefer electronically filling out the survey, we will post a link and a QR code in the bulletin AND will also post a direct link on the parish Facebook page. Please start thinking about the areas of your faith you are unsure about, and/or what topics you would like to brush up on! We are hoping a majority of adult parishioners will participate in this survey. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

**Thank You to Our High School Catechists:**  
Wendy Schimmoeller, Deb Remlinger, Lisa Rampe, Phil Fuerst, Marv Kromer, Kara Siefker, and Roger Brickner.

**Young Adult Gatherings are Coming!**  
Young Adult gatherings will be coming soon to the St. George Deanery (Putnam County). The gatherings will be held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in October, November, and December. Stay tuned for more details !

**Want to Attend the Eucharistic Congress?**  
If you want to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024, visit [www.toledodiocese.org/congress](http://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).



## RECTORY UPDATE

**Students at Mass This Week...**  
are Cindy Fitzgerald's grade 4 class on Wednesday, September 20, and Annette Gerding. and Marv Kromer's grade 7 class on Friday, September 22.

**High School CCD**  
Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone has class.

**Eucharistic Adoration for Grades 3-8...**  
will be on the third Thursday of every month, from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

**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.

**Boys High School CYO Coach Needed**  
Contact Connie Cleemput at [ccleemput@bright.net](mailto:ccleemput@bright.net) if you can help coach High School Boys CYO Basketball.

**Crossing Guard Needed for Thursdays**  
Contact Connie if you are interested. Thanks!

**Volunteers Needed for Rosary Before Mass**  
October is a month the Church dedicates to Mary under her title of Queen of the Rosary. In keeping with our parish tradition, we will be praying the rosary before Mass during October. We need volunteers to lead these rosaries. If you are able to volunteer, you will find a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Thank you for enriching our parish faith life. A special THANK YOU to the family of Gene and Mary Jane Stechschulte for continuing their tradition of praying the rosary before the 11:00 Mass.



*The installation of the flooring in the upstairs of the rectory has been completed, along with the installation of the heating and cooling system. Next up is the trim work, a little bit of plumbing and electrical work, installation of cabinetry in the living room, closet and bathroom, and then the decorating. Fr. Nathan hopes to move back into his house by the first part of October.*