

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

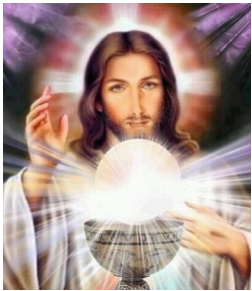


The Real Presence

Visit youtube.com and search Father Mike Schmitz, “How the Eucharist Changed My Life.” Sometimes we need reminded of the true and miraculous gift that is found in the Eucharist. It is Jesus... really, truly and substantially present under the Eucharistic signs of bread and wine. Father Mike discusses the following bible verses and how Jesus speaks literally, not figuratively:

“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.”
The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless 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. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”
John 6: 51-57



Work on Flat Roof of Church to Begin Soon
Work is scheduled to begin the middle of this week on the flat roof of church. The air conditioning units will also be removed and replaced. Note that the **handicap parking may be limited**, as the workers will be using that as a staging area.

High School Server Schedules
The new schedule is online at stmichaelskalida.org, under “Ministry Schedules.” Parents, if you see your child’s name on the schedule and they no longer wish to be a server, please email stmichaelskalida@gmail.com.

Want to Attend the Eucharistic Congress?
If you want to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis (July ‘24), 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, contact Connie (532-3474, Ext. 102).

Offertory Bearers - September 30 & Oct. 1
4:30: Roger & Lisa Unverferth Family
8:00: Herm & Rita Borgelt Family
11:00: Tony & Erica Unverferth Family

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 9/26	8:00 AM	Alyssa Kahle Hunter Klausing
Wed, 9/27	8:00 AM	Katelin Knueve Annaleice Maag
Fri, 9/29	8:00 AM	John Recker Jack Schulte Eli Selhorst
Sat, 9/30	4:30 PM	Adam Bockrath Lauren Bockrath Kaylyn Bockrath
Sun, 10/1	8:00 AM	Hannah Bendele Katie Bendele Victoria Bendele
		Meredith Bockrath Morgan Bockrath Gabi Brinkman
	11:00 AM	

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Sept. 30 & Oct. 1
4:30: **PB:** Jill Leis, Tom Roof
Michele Niese, Carrie Patrick, Teresa Rampe, Wendy Schimmoeller **LECTOR:** Jennifer Erhart
8:00: **PB:** Dave Kahle, Bob Klausing
Darlene Hanneman, Dianna Kehres, Mike Krouse, Becky Lucke **LECTOR:** Tony Unverferth
Ministers to Homebound: Dianna Kehres
11:00: **PB:** Phil & Sue Fuerst
Mark Kahle, Ryan & Erin Kerner, Deb McIntyre
LECTOR: Sandy Westrick

USHERS - September 30 & Oct. 1
4:30: Team 9 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 7

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.

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.

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.

Live Music at Pioneer Park Next Saturday
On Saturday, September 30, *Pauly v & the Cawdads* will be playing at Pioneer Park from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. There will be music for all, as they play tunes that span seven decades. Come and enjoy!

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, September 24, 2023

Feast of St. Michael and the Archangels: September 29

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander
through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*



Mass - What's the Point?

Why do we go to Mass? Why do I have to go to Mass? What is actually going on at Mass? Why do we do what we do at Mass? How can I get more out of Mass? These questions and more are so common, and yet are very appropriate to ask. The problem, though, is that none of these questions can be simply answered in a concise couple of sentences. It would be like me asking “Why should I like soccer?”... to answer this adequately, you would need to look at the topic from different perspectives.

Beginning this year, all the dioceses of the United States are participating in Eucharistic Revival (another way of saying that they are trying to grow/foster a deeper appreciation for the Eucharist). I am going to offer a series of bulletin articles focused on these core questions of the Mass. The Revival ends in June of 2024, so starting next week till the end of June, I will be offering articles on this topic. These will ultimately be 40 individual articles, but all of them build on each other. I will start broad and generic (e.g. what's the point of the Mass?) and then slowly get more particular (e.g. what's the point of this action at Mass?). This means that I am going to start with some generic principles or points-of-view that are necessary to have in order to even begin to understand the Mass and its details...in fact, I won't even mention “the Mass” until we are about ¼ of the way in. If we don't get the back-story, we won't get the Mass.

“40” has always been the Biblical number for a journey (Noah's 40 days on the boat, 40 years in the desert, Jesus tempted 40 days, 40 day of Lent, etc...), and so I hope this can be a little journey for all us: to get back to the basics, to have the right point of view, to grow a deeper appreciation, and to position ourselves to get more out of Mass. Now, for the get-go, I must admit that I will fail in this effort. The Mass centers on the mystery of our Lord, and no human language can ever adequately capture the fullness of God. Nonetheless, I pray that these articles can help point us in the right direction. Stay tuned.

God Bless,
Fr. Nathan

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

This Week's Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 AM Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 *St. Vincent de Paul*

8:00 AM Denny J. Heitmeyer (HN)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 PM Dorothy Miller, Martha Berheide
L/D Charles & Martha Berheide Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 *St. Michael & Archangels*

8:00 AM Mike & Phil Kahle

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 *St. Jerome*

4:30 PM Denny Maag, Marlene Verhoff

L/D Haselman & Verhoff Family

Jim, Keith & Mark Unverferth

Jim & Angie Erhart

Richard & Gladys Unverferth

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 *Respect Life Sunday*

8:00 AM Alvin & Mary Hoffman

11:00 AM L/D Amos & Wilma Miller Family

Ron Kahle, Jr., Don “Mike” Schroeder

Harry Horstman, Brian Knott



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for

Denny Heitmeyer

was held on

Monday, September 18.

Please include

Denny and his family

in your prayers.

Thank You

Words cannot express our appreciation and gratitude to everyone who supported us before and after Denny's recent passing. There are far too many to list and fear of inadvertently missing some, so please accept a great big **THANK YOU** to all! It was evident that Denny has touched many lives and will be greatly missed. We are blessed to live in such a great community. While our time on earth may be short, eternal life is forever...have faith, pray often and love deeply. Gratefully,

Bernice Heitmeyer & Family

Choir Assignments - September 30 & Oct. 1

4:30: Ashleigh **8:00:** HN **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!

Last Week's Collection: \$12,080.56

Song for Eucharistic Revival

“*Lord, I Am Not Worthy*” is a new song that will be used during this parish year of Eucharistic Revival at our week-end Masses. The words to the song are in the back of the Missalette. Along with the song is the “*Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival*.” Please take time to pray this prayer before or after Mass. Extra prayer cards are located at the entrances of church.

St. Michael Adult Education Survey

We Need Your Input!

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 about adult faith formation. Hard copies of the survey were 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, use the QR code to the left. There is also a link to the survey on the parish website, under “Recent Bulletins.” Thanks in advance!



Recent Baptisms

SUMMER CHRISTINE BOCKRATH

Daughter of Rodney & Amy (Wulliman) Bockrath

MAELYNN KAY HOVEST

Daughter of Drew & Brittany (Kahle) Hovest

VALLIE SHAY STECHSCHULTE

Daughter of Adam & Kayla (King) Stechschulte

Eucharistic Minister & Lector Schedule

The new schedule (which runs through November 1) is online (stmichaelskalida.org) and at the exits of church. Also, if you haven't already done so, you can join the Facebook page, “**Kalida St. Michael Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors.**” This has become a helpful tool for many to find substitutes.

September Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Matt Bryan	\$100	Pat Hanneman
\$100	Gene Foppe	\$100	Steve Dearth
\$100	Gene Foppe	\$ 50	Gary Krouse
\$ 50	Arnie Siefker	\$ 50	Matt Grote
\$ 50	Mike Schnipke	\$ 50	Joyce Grote
\$ 50	Glen Fortman	\$ 50	Brad Honigford

Crossing Guard Needed for Thursdays

Contact Connie if you are interested. Thanks!



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.

Students at Mass This Week

There will be an All School Mass on Friday, September 29. This is planned by our grade 4 students. It will be the only day of the week the students will attend Mass.

High School CCD – 9/27 - Everyone Has Class

Fr. Nathan is with the Juniors & Seniors.

Boys High School CYO Coach Needed

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

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.

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 if you haven't already.

St. Michael Parish Festival

October 8: Noon - 3:00 p.m. at 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!
- 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.

We Need Your Help!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front vestibule of church. We need volunteers to help with apple cider, cotton candy, serving food, clean-up, etc.



RECTORY UPDATE

This past week, trim work was started and the doors were installed. Move-in day is getting close!