

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MONDAY, APRIL 13
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 pm
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
CONFIRMATION PRACTICE: 7:00 pm
THURSDAY, APRIL 16
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
ROSARY: 7:00 pm in church
FRIDAY, APRIL 17
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 pm in church

Requested Items for VBS

The VBS crew is requesting donations of Capri Sun (and only this drink due to it being dye-free). They also need colorful pipe cleaners and empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes. Please put donations at church entrances. Thanks!

Catholic Road Trip....

to Refresh & Renew... July 27 - 31 this summer. Get away for a few days and join area Catholics for an amazing faith-filled and fun summer trip for adults. Highlights include: group seating for live performance of JOSHUA at Sight & Sound Theater, Celebrate America 250 Gettysburg Tour, National Center for St. Padre Pio, National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Flight 93 National Memorial, Tanger Outlet Malls, Kitchen Kettle Village stores, and more. Includes motorcoach transportation, 2 nights in Amish Country, 2 nights in Gettysburg, and most meals. Cost: \$1148 double occupancy (single available upon request). **Deadline is Monday, April 20.**

For complete details, contact the leader Diane Utrup at 419-306-5588 or letsgotravelclub2@gmail.com

Rosary in Glandorf This Monday at 7:30 pm

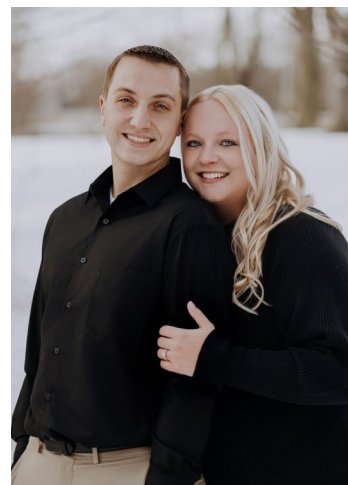
Please join us on April 13 for a Rosary for the Safety and Unity of Our Nation, led by 4th Degree K of C Assembly. It will be held every second Monday of the month (April-October) at 7:30 p.m. at 620 E. Blake St. in Glandorf.

Memorial Dance

This Sunday, April 12, at the Bavarian House in Deshler, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Music by Polka Pirates. Admission is a free will offering.

Ohio Polka Boosters Dance

Sunday, April 19, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Kalida K of C. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. A variety of music will be played by Anthony Culkar/Golob. Contact 419-966-3826 for more information.



Upcoming Wedding

Trent Siebeneck & Halie Kaufman

will be married on April 18, 2026. Please include them in your prayers.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - April 18 & 19

4:30: PB: Deacon Greg, Jill Zeller
 Phil Fuerst, Lisa Unverferth, Nancy Rampe
LECTOR: Nancy Rampe
8:00: PB: Dave Kahle, Erica Kahle
 Dianna Kehres, Jane Kleman, Becky Lucke, Joan Niese
LECTOR: Lynda Fortman
Ministers to Homebound: Tom & Judy Bonifas
11:00: PB: Mark Kahle, Nathan Kahle
 Deb McIntyre, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg, Michele Niese
LECTOR: Erin Kerner

USHERS - April 18 & 19

4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 4/14	8:00 AM	Claire Bockrath Hayden Bockrath
Wed, 4/15	8:00 AM	Avery Bruskotter Cami Buss
Thurs, 4/16	8:00 AM	Loralei Goedde Tyler Hanneman
Fri, 4/17	8:00 AM	Ryan Houck Jagger Klaus
Sat, 4/18	4:30 PM	Eli Patrick Jagger Miller Nathan Wannemacher Logan Rampe
Sun, 4/19	8:00 AM	Josh Schulte Eli Selhorst Landon Unverferth
	11:00 AM	Alex Shininger Emma Shininger Nicole Siebnneck

Offertory Bearers - April 18 & 19

4:30: Confirmandi
8:00: Herm & Rita Borgelt Family
11:00: Doug & Amy Wannemacher Family

Annual Kalida EMS Chicken BBQ

This Sunday April 12, from 11:00 a.m. until sold out. Carryout only and no presale. Pickup behind Kalida EMS/ Fire Station. Thank you for your continued support!

Harmony for Hope...

A benefit for the Putnam County Cancer Assistance Program. Sunday, April 12, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. @ Black Angus in Ottoville. Live Music, Raffle, Food and Drinks. Tickets available at Ottoville Parish Office, The Gentry or Ottoville Town & Country Flowers.

VVU Scholarship in Agriculture

Putnam County seniors in high school or high school graduates can apply for the VVU scholarship. It is to encourage course work in agriculture at any 2 year or 4 year college. You need to be a resident of Putnam or Henry County, have a minimum GPA of 2.5, show a strong interest in obtaining higher education in agriculture or related discipline and have not yet earned a 4 year college degree. Dr. James Vorst, a 1960 KHS graduate, is one of the originators of the scholarship. Applications can be found at the church office. Deadline is April 15, 2026.

Kalida Garage Sales—April 23, 24 & 25

Sign up at Kalida Telephone or Union Bank by April 10.

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - April 12, 2026



From the Desk of Fr. Phil

Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building on May 2, 2026, my bulletin columns will focus on church architecture the next few weeks.

Today we focus on a feature of Catholic churches we often take for granted. The “nave” is the large area of the church, typically rectangular, where the faithful assemble during Mass. While a church without an area for people to gather and pray would not make sense to us, in the Roman world when Christianity began many of the pagan temples did not have a large area for people to gather. Oftentimes, there was just enough room for a priest who the people would employ to offer prayers and sacrifices for them. Or there was just enough room in the temples for a couple of people to offer their sacrifices to the gods as individual offerings, not as a communal event.

Christians worship differently. Because every Christian can have a personal relationship with God, Christians built their churches with room for lots of people. In fact, the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, one of the first churches built in Rome after the legalization of Christianity, had room for thousands of Christians to gather *together* to worship. This underlined that each Christian has a personal relationship with God but also approaches God *together* with a community. At each Mass, we gather *together* to encounter God and to offer our lives back to God *together* in the Eucharistic Prayer. Then, after receiving Holy Communion *together*, we are sent out *together* by God to continue Jesus’ mission in the world.

The word “nave” comes from the Latin word for ship (*navis*). Like Noah’s Ark in the Old Testament, the Church is a refuge where life is sustained in a stormy, sinful world. Amid the problems and stressors of our lives, we gather in a place where our peace and purpose are renewed by God’s loving and saving presence, and supported by other believers.

Our church in Kalida was built so that the people in the nave face east, the traditional orientation of Christian church buildings. Just as the sun rises in the east each morning, God renews his loving commitment to us each day through his risen Son’s presence in the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. The disciples discovered the good news of Jesus’ Resurrection as dawn broke on Easter morning and similarly, we experience the hope of Jesus’ victory of sin and death each time we gather as a community of faith to encounter the risen Jesus in the Mass. In fact, Zechariah the father of John the Baptist compared Jesus’ saving presence to the dawn, the sun rising out of the darkness of night: “...in the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (Luke 1:78-79) Just as the sun is still present even when it is not directly visible because of clouds, so too is the Risen Jesus present to us in the Church in dark times of human history.

As Catholics, our worship is directed to God, not ourselves. We seek out the presence of the risen Jesus, orienting our lives towards him, looking with hope to Jesus’ saving work, knowing that the deep peace of soul we long for can only be found in God, not by our own efforts or plans.

Have a good week!
Fr. Phil

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, APRIL 14	
8:00 AM	Gene & Mary Jane Stechschulte
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15	
8:00 AM	Joe Warnecke, Larry Haselman & Family Pats & Rita Broecker, Courtney Ehrnsberger Hubert Horstman
THURSDAY, APRIL 16	
7:30 PM	Bill & Mary Lou Felkey, Dorothy Miller & Family
FRIDAY, APRIL 17	
8:00 AM	Bill Kuhlman Family
SATURDAY, APRIL 18	
1:00 PM	NM Kaufman & Siebeneck
4:30 PM	Confirmandi Tom Recker, L/D Mae & Carl Webken Family L/D Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family Bob, Marie & Deb Grote, Ted Sealts L/D William Leopold Family Bud & Marie Becker, Kenny Buss Luke & Janice Stechschulte
SUNDAY, APRIL 19	
8:00 AM	Gary & Doris Bockrath, Jim Gerding Ellen Niemeyer, Moxie & Cindy Wehri Norbert & Lorene Fuerst
11:00 AM	Paul, Makenzie & Kayley Recker & Family Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family Diane Verhoff, Diane Kahle Gary & Doris Bockrath L/D Don Holtkamp & Family, Special Intention

Easter Collection: \$ 45,233.00

Last Week’s Building Fund: \$ 1,620.00

Improvement Fund: 5,977.00

\$ 419,389.54 out of \$309,699.61 goal

Choir Assignments - April 18 & 19

4:30: YAHS **8:00:** HN **11:00:**

Bourbon, Beer & Belief



All men 21 & over are invited to Bourbon, Beer, and Belief from 8-9 pm, on April 23, in the Kalida, St. Michael Church Basement. Father Phil Smith will provide a bourbon tasting and an inspiring faith talk. BYOB.

Want to be on the Parish Council Ballot?

Email Leslie at stmichaelskalida@gmail.com
or call 419-532-3474.

The Next Euchre Tournament...

will be Sunday, April 26, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the church basement. \$1 entry to be distributed for prizes. Bring a snack to share if you want. This is the last Euchre tournament until fall 2026.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make our parish Holy Week and Easter celebrations so special! I am grateful for the dedication of our choirs and musicians, ushers, altar servers, communion distributors, decorators, lectors, sacristans, staff, OCIA team, candle team, and so many others. We can look forward to the spiritual graces of these celebrations having a continued impact on our community in the weeks ahead.

Fr. Phil

100th Anniversary Church History Talk

On Sunday, April 26, 2026, Kevin Fischer will share a presentation on the history of our church building as we prepare for the 100th anniversary of its dedication. Coffee and donuts will be available in the church basement from 8:45-9:15a.m. and then Kevin’s talk will begin in the church at 9:15 a.m., concluding by 10:15 a.m. All are welcome!

You Can Still Join Hallow

We hope you enjoyed our Hallow challenge Pray40 this Lent. Although the challenge is over, we hope this is only the beginning of building a habit of daily prayer. Our partnership will continue and you can access content through our church community within the app. Stay tuned for more exciting happenings with Hallow!



Final Cleanup at Cemetery

- All decorations should be on the footers so trimming can be done.
- No stones, wire ornaments or mulch are to be placed around monuments.
- Remember to place name on arrangements in case the wind blows them off.

Let’s keep St. Michael’s Cemetery a peaceful resting place for our loved ones. Thank you!

The Cemetery Committee

Adult Confirmation

There will be a celebration of Confirmation for adults at Rosary Cathedral in late May for adults who have already received Catholic Baptism and First Communion but have not yet received Confirmation. Please email Father Phil Smith by April 15, 2026 if you are interested: psmith@toledodicoese.org.

In 1996, former St. Michael’s custodian Stephen Schulte wrote down some of his memories from 1924-26 when the current church building was being built. In the coming weeks, we will share some of his recollections. Here is the first:

I was in the 7th and 8th grade when things were put into motion to build a new church. Due to the condition of the old church and the increase in members, talks were going on. The old church had a very obsolete heating system, causing the church to be filled with smoke in cold weather so one could hardly breathe.

Work was started during the middle of the summer that year (1924). The basement was dug with a steam shovel and the dirt was hauled on the lot now owned by Dorothy Vorst. This was later hauled back for fill around the church. The dirt was loaded on heavy, two-wheel carts that were self-dumping. This left the dirt piles about three feet high. We kids could play on them during recess. Parishioners furnished horses to pull the carts. The basement itself was 3.5 feet deep, but where the pillars were to be was much deeper and about 4.5 feet square. The section in the back room was much deeper to accommodate the larger boilers that were later used to also heat the old school.

Concrete was mixed on the yard with a large mixer that would make a large batch at a time and would unload it in wheelbarrows. These barrows had a gas engine on them to propel them and required a man to operate them.



CHURCH crawl AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Fr. Nathan Bockrath will lead our tour of the beautiful
OUR LADY OF THE MOST ROSARY CATHEDRAL
2535 Collingwood Blvd. Toledo

Cathedral Tour with Fr. Nathan 3:00-4:00pm

OPTIONAL: Confession at 4:00pm
OPTIONAL: Holy Mass at 5:00pm

Your \$10 cost will be given as a donation to Fr. Nathan and the Cathedral.
contact Jill Zeller 567-376-9115 TO SIGN-UP Families welcome Kids are FREE

\$10.00 per person PAY THAT DAY

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Pat Broecker's grade 3 class on Wednesday, April 15 and Roger Brickner's grade 6 class on Friday, April 17.

Join Us for Eucharistic Adoration...

Thursday, April 16, from 8:00— 9:30 a.m. Our students will be praying for lasting peace in the Middle East and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Servers Training...

for our current grade 6 students will be April 15 and April 22 from after school to 4:15 p.m. Students need to attend one of the sessions.

First Communion Practice

First Communion Practice/Dress Rehearsal is April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in church. This is for parents and their child. A formal First Communion group picture will be taken by Casey Kahle with individual pictures to follow.

First Communion

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

May Crowning - Sunday, May 10, 2026...

at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Second graders will participate.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Practice is April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation is Saturday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m.