

MONDAY, APRIL 14
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 pm in church
CLC MEETING: 6:30 pm at The Meadows
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 pm
THURSDAY, APRIL 17
EUCH. ADORATION: after 7:30 pm Mass until 11 pm

YES (Youth Elect Service) Job Sites

On Saturday, June 7, 2025, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery will be volunteering to help people throughout Putnam County with various jobs around their homes as they participate in the annual YES (Youth Elect Service) project. If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around your home, please contact Jill Zeller @ 567-376-9115. Work can include anything from mulching, weeding, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning around your yard! Please call soon, so we can make sure to have a team available to help at your house.

YES (Youth Elect Service) Youth Volunteers

Saturday, June 7, 2025: The 2025 YES service project will be hosted by Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul. Current 7th grade students through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this day of service. You will meet teens from throughout the St. George Deanery, have fun, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community. Registration forms are available on St. Michael website under the Youth Tab or from Jill Zeller @ 567-376-9115. Registrations are due by May 23, 2025.

YES (Youth Elect Service) Adult (Crew Leader) Help Needed

Do you like to spend time helping those in need? We'd love for you to join us as an ADULT CREW LEADER for the YES Service Project on Saturday, June 7, 2025 hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa and working throughout the county. Adult crew leaders must be at least 21. Parents, Grandparents and Confirmation Sponsors: it would be great to work on a team with your child or grandchild. Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the Young Church of Today! Registration forms are available on St. Michael website under the Youth Tab, or contact Jill Zeller @ 567-376-9115. Registrations are due by May 23, 2025.

YES (Youth Elect Service) Project Donations

Donations are always appreciated! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with others, but if you are unable to help on YES Project Work Day, maybe you would be willing to help support our Project? Monetary donations and work supplies are always appreciated. Maybe you could donate a case of water or a case of paper towels, etc. Please contact Tanya Ellerbrock for ideas of what supplies we need most. Monetary donations can be sent to Sts. Peter & Paul, 307 Locust St. Ottawa, OH 45875 or call your parish's Youth Minister Jill Zeller @ 567-376-9115 to arrange a pick-up or drop off for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

Kalida Garage Sales

April 24, 25 & 26. Maps will be available at area businesses the week of April 21.

KHS Presents Mary Poppins

General Admission - \$7 and Reserved Seats - \$9 (limited)
 Saturday, April 12 - 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 13 - 2:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Holy Thursday

7:30: **PB:** Greg Zeller, Mike Krouse
 Teresa Rampe, Mark Remlinger, Wendy Schimmoeller,
 Donna Schnipke **LECTOR:** Kayla Nartker

USHERS - Good Friday

1:00: Team 9 **6:00:** Team 8

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Good Friday

1:00: Jill Leis, Norma Unverferth, Madison Unverferth,
 Alice Adams

LECTORS: Dennis Turnwald, Wendy Schimmoeller

6:00: Karen Schroeder, Lisa Trentman, Don Wehri,
 Greg Bockrath **LECTORS:** Nancy Rampe, Don Wehri

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Easter

8:30: **PB:** Scott Unverferth, Jerry Ellerbrock
 Chellie Unverferth, Phil & Sue Fuerst, Bob Gerdeman

LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke, Sandy Westrick

8:00: **PB:** Brian & Bev Berheide
 Barb & Duane Steffan, Tony & Sandy Vorst, Dennis Bock-
 rath **LECTOR:** Donna Schnipke

Ministers to Homebound: Diane Schroeder

11:00: **PB:** Greg & Jill Zeller
 Lindsey Slusser, Jeff Bockrath, Matt Bockrath, Logan

Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath **LECTOR:** Tony Unverferth

Please note there is an extra Eucharistic Minister for each Mass on Easter Sunday, so there should be SEVEN ministers, in addition to Fr. Phil

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 4/15	8:00 AM	Macy Kahle Trent Kahle
Wed, 4/16	8:00 AM	Avery Kerner Logan Klaus
Thurs, 4/17	7:30 PM	Blake Remlinger Bryce Remlinger Lillian Schnipke Lucas Schroeder
Fri, 4/18	1:00 PM	Jack Schulte Josh Schulte
	6:00 PM	Luke Siefker Zach Siefker
Sat, 4/19	8:30 PM	Eli Selhorst Alex Shininger Emma Shininger Jacob Siebeneck Nicole Siebeneck
Sun, 4/20	8:00 AM	Lyla Siebeneck Owen Siebeneck Braylon Smith
	11:00 AM	Aubrey Simon Kennedy Simon Jack Stechschulte

Offertory Bearers - Easter

8:30: RCIA Candidates
8:00: Don & Maggie Wehri Family
11:00: Tony & Erica Unverferth Family

USHERS - EASTER

8:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

Ohio Polka Boosters Dance in Kalida

Sunday, April 13, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Kalida K of C Hall, with Fred Ziwich and ISM. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Call 419-966-3826 for more information. All are welcome to enjoy a variety of music!



St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, April 13, 2025

Pastor: Fr. Phil Smith (psmith@toledodiocese.org)

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-Thur, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mass Times for Continental St. John's: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



Holy Thursday (April 17)

6:00 p.m. (Continental)

7:30 p.m. (Kalida)



Good Friday (April 18)
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

1:00 p.m. (Kalida)

3:00 p.m. (Continental)

6:00 p.m. (Kalida)

Holy Saturday (April 19)

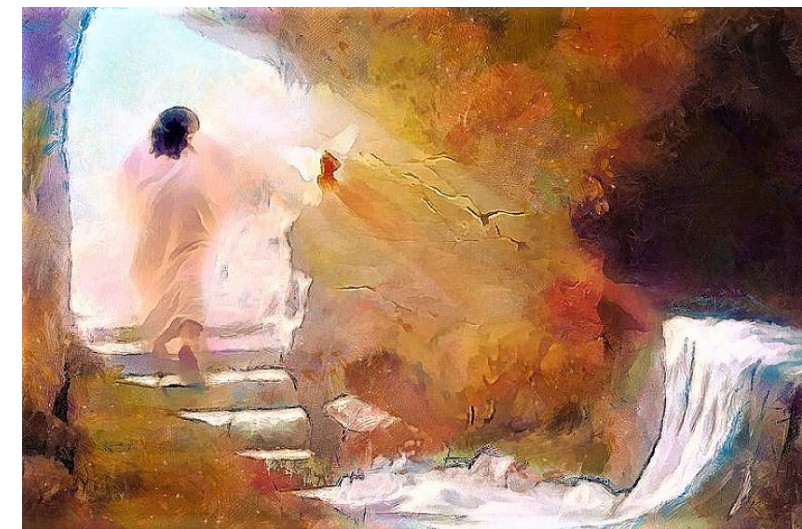
8:30 p.m. (Kalida)

Easter Sunday (April 20)

8:00 a.m. (Kalida)

9:30 a.m. (Continental)

11:00 a.m. (Kalida)



Keeping Kids Catholic...Part 4

In recent years, researchers have noted a marked increase in mental health challenges, especially depression and anxiety, among youth and young adults. Major depression has increased 135% among teenage girls and 161% among boys from 2010 to 2022. These alarming trends seem to be related to the increased use of smartphones and social media by youth during the same period. They are the first generation who had smartphones during their adolescent years.

Researchers like Jonathan Haidt and Jean Twenge warn that spending several hours per day on social media is problematic for youth, especially because adolescent years are extremely formative, impacting a child's long-term social, mental, physical, and spiritual development. When children are allowed to devote countless hours each day to social media, they are spending a significant portion of their childhood being formed and influenced by a culture that often lacks the Christian values their parents and our local community want to share with them.

Consider the "opportunity cost" of giving adolescents unlimited access to social media. Teens in the USA spend an average of 4.8 hours per day on social media platforms. What else could they be doing with the 30-40 hours per week they are spending on social media? Historically, they would have spent that time in unsupervised play with friends, socializing and doing chores with family members, sleeping, watching TV, doing homework, finding ways to create fun and build relationships, etc.

In other words, a phone-based childhood has replaced a play-based childhood. Text messages and social media posts have replaced in-person interactions. Posturing for attention and "likes" along with endless scrolling for entertaining images and videos, have replaced in-person play. Without in-person play, children miss out on many important life lessons. Consider, for example, the skills learned by kids in a pick-up basketball game. With no referee present, the kids must learn how to negotiate conflict and disagreements when there are fouls. These types of experiences prepare kids for important moments later in life, like when they disagree with their spouse or coworkers and want to resolve the dispute while maintaining the relationship.

In terms of mental health challenges, use of social media at a young age trains the brains of kids to seek out "likes" and to define their self-worth in relation to attention received in the virtual world. Comparing their bodies to filtered and photoshopped images on social media, many kids and teens take on an unhealthy and relentless perfectionism regarding their physical appearance. Bullying is usually more aggressive through electronic means. Unlike in-person interactions where a bully can see the pain inflicted on their victim and often recognize when they've gone too far, online bullying often continues until it has totally destroyed the self-worth and reputation of a classmate.

For both youth and adults, fear of missing out (FOMO) typically increases with smartphone use. We fear missing important posts, messages, or news stories. So, we check our phones hundreds of times per day, neglecting in-person interactions, rarely giving our undivided attention to anyone. Designers of social media have mastered ways of keeping us watching countless videos in a row and scrolling through post after post, to the detriment of our mental health but to the benefit of social media companies whose profits continue to rise. For example, Meta (Instagram and Facebook) made net profits of \$164 billion from our social media use in 2024!

What does all of this mean for handing on the Catholic

faith to kids today? Well, parents certainly have a challenging job and need the Church's prayers and support. Supervising and limiting social media use is not easy. Each family needs to find what works best for them. Being proactive in encouraging kids to learn essential relationship skills through in-person interactions, especially unstructured play, will build a foundation on which living the Catholic faith is possible. Jesus put much energy into building community among his early apostles. Parents have a similar task today as they mentor their children and help them learn the interpersonal skills they will one day need for their future vocation, such as, Christian marriage.

The recognition that children's minds and souls are being formed by their social media consumption can motivate parents to help kids think critically about media content. Parents can teach children how to see the world, including their own bodies, self-worth, and future, through a Christian lens. Otherwise, kids will simply adopt the attitudes promoted by social media "influencers." Families who spend time praying together, volunteering and serving others, and attempting, when possible, to have phone-free meals and in-person conversations, will help kids develop skills for Christian living.

In our final bulletin column on "Keeping Kids Catholic" on April 27, we will look at some positive ways for parents and grandparents to use technology and other Catholic resources to share the faith.

Fr. Phil

Last Week's Collection: \$ 13,793.00

Last Week's Improvement Fund: \$ 1,620.00

Choirs - Holy Thursday/Good Friday

HT at 7:30: YAHS GF at 1:00: YAHS GF at 6:00: HN

Choir Assignments - April Easter

8:30: YAHS 8:00: HN 11:00: Children

This Week's Donation Items for Food Pantry

For this week, the last one of Lent, we are asking for donations of cake mix & brownie mix. Please deposit at the designated area by the elevator entrance to church. Thanks for your generosity for this Lenten challenge.

Parish Council Election...

will be held the weekend of April 26 and 27. If you would like your name to be added to the ballot, please email Leslie (stmichaelskalida@gmail.com) or call 419-532-3474, ext. 100, by April 17.

Eucharistic Adoration on Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, after 7:30 p.m. Mass until 11:00 p.m.

Holy Week in the Holy Land - You're Invited!

Enter into the heart of Christ's Passion with Holy Week in the Holy Land - a video prayer journey that takes you through the final days of Jesus' life at the very places they occurred. Guided by renowned Bible scholar Jeff Cavins and Jonathan Roumie, the actor who portrays Jesus in The Chosen, we'll have the opportunity to: Gaze out over the Sea of Galilee, Experience the journey into Jerusalem, Walk the Via De La Rossa, Stand at the foot of the Cross, and Visit the tomb while praying with Scripture. The series is part of Hallow's Lenten prayer challenge, Pray40, and is available to all parishioners through the Community tab in the app. If you're brand new to Hallow, visit hallow.com/parish to get set up. We look forward to journeying with you! For any questions getting set up on the app, contact parishsupport@hallow.app.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 *Holy Thursday*

7:30 PM

**Ed Schroeder, Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth
L/D Amadeus & Marcele Schroeder Family
Gene & Gina Ellerbrock, Florence & Wilbert Otto**

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 *Good Friday*

1:00 PM

Passion of Our Lord

6:00 PM

Passion of Our Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 *Holy Saturday*

8:30 PM

**L/D Norman & Evelyn Utrup Family
L/D Ben & Liz Miller Family
Don & Ted Kahle, L/D Kahle, Ellerbrock,
Clement & Ardner Families, Tom Recker
Mike Verhoff, Janet & Amy Altman, Ron Kahle, Jr.
Lawrence & Loretta Unverferth Family
Cy & Frances Kahle Family
L/D Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family
L/D Carl & Mae Webken Family
Vince Erhart, Greg Erhart, Allen Schroeder
Lincoln Roebke, Bill & Ryan Cleemput**

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 *Easter*

8:00 AM

**Larry Haselman & Family, Ellen Niemeyer
Bill & Mary Lou Felkey, Jim Gerding, Roger Buss
Klara Frommherz, Richard, Sally & Tommy
Goedde, L/D Tony & Bernadine Hoersten
Family, L/D Alphonse & Frances Schulte Family
Norbert & Belva Berelsman, Paul Recker & Family
L/D Don Holtkamp Family, Brian Knott, Frank
Smith, Paul, Valita & Kevin Lammers, Tom
Warnecke, Connie Miller, Gary & Doris Bockrath
L/D Norman & Mathilda Doepker Family
L/D William & Dorothy Schmitz Family
L/D Urban & Mary Quinn Family
L/D William & Laura Stechschulte Family
Cleora, Bob & Stan Winkle, Karen Warnecke
Len, Anna Rose, Triena & Emily Kahle**

11:00 AM

Attention Eucharistic Ministers

Please note that there is an extra Eucharistic Minister scheduled for the Easter Sunday Masses, so that when you are doing a head count that day, there should be SEVEN Eucharistic Ministers in addition to Fr. Phil.

Final Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m. in church. Join us!

There Will be No Confession...

on Holy Thursday, April 17.

Easter Flower Intentions Deadline...

is This Monday, April 14. Thanks!

First Communion

First Communion practice is Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. First Communion is Sunday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. Please return picture orders to Casey Kahle.

Third Annual Taste of Kalida

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Pre-Sale Tickets only - on sale soon!!

Catechists Still Needed for Next School Year

Looking to bring fulfillment to your life by sharing the faith with our youth. Our grade 5 and grade 8 students are looking for someone to walk with them on their faith journey. Is God calling you? *Connie*

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Ruth Kuhlman's grade 5 on Wednesday, April 16. There is no school on Friday.

Attn: Parents of Current Grade 7 Students

The Damascus Confirmation Retreat for our current grade 7th students will be November 14-16, 2025. If you have questions contact Connie at 419-532-3474, Ext. 102.

Recent Baptism

ANNABELLE JOY SCHNIPKE

Daughter of Todd & Abigail (Schroeder) Schnipke

CLC Meeting

April 14, at 6:30 p.m. at The Meadows of Kalida. Please note change of time and place.

Soup Tuesdays Over for the Year

A big thank you to all those who helped in any way to make our Tuesday Soup Nights a success. Thanks to the 7th graders who helped—you did a fantastic job. May God bless you on your faith journey. Monetary donations will be used for the Improvement Fund.

St. Michael's Cemetery Cleanup

April 15 is the final cleanup date for the mowing season at the cemetery. All decorations must be placed on the footers so the grass can be trimmed properly. Mulch, shrubs, bushes and stones are not permitted on or around the footers, as they don't allow for proper mowing. We would like to keep the cemetery looking beautiful and remain a peaceful final resting place for our loved ones. Thanks for all your help and understanding.

The Cemetery Committee

Tip for Flower Arrangements on Top of Headstone: Please put duct tape under your arrangements and write the name of the person you are honoring, so if it is blown away, the arrangement can be returned to the headstone. Thanks!



Grill for Sale

The Holy Name is selling an old grill, used at the famous Pioneer Burger tent. If you are interested in making a bid on the grill, please contact Dan Wurth (419-890-6932) or Ryan Buss (419-615-2453).