

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**  
**ROSARY FOR PEACE:** 1:30 pm  
**HOLY NAME MEETING:** 8:00 pm  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**  
**ROSARY:** 7:00 pm in church  
**BOURBON, BEER & BELIEF:** 8:00 - 9:00 pm  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** 3:00 pm in church

**Lion's Chicken BBQ - Sunday, April 26**

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the High School (drive thru). Thank you from Kalida Lions for supporting our community projects.

**PC Right to Life would Like to Thank...**

everyone who supported us at our garage sale which was held in March at the Ottawa K of C. Our sale was a great success. Our sales were excellent and we were able to help several groups. Thank you to all who donated baked goods and gently used items. We greatly appreciate our shoppers, some who came multiple times. We are grateful to the Ottawa K of C who have let us use their hall for many years, and for their help setting up and taking down. We appreciate all their donations. We thank all our volunteers who helped us set up on Sunday and Monday, thanks to the helpers on Tuesday and Wednesday, thanks to those who delivered unsold items to places where they would be used, and thanks to the students who helped us throughout the sale. We could not do this sale without our helpers, without those who donate items, and without our loyal shoppers. God bless all of you for your generosity! Our sale days for our garage sale in 2027 will be March 16 and 17.

**Catholic Road Trip**

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: Mon, April 20.** For complete details, contact the leader Diane Utrup at 419-306-5588 or letsgotravelclub2@gmail.com

**The 14 Stations of the EUCHARIST  
 By Fr. Johnathan Meyer (on Video)**

Showing from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and again from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, at 620 E. Blake St., Ottawa. Sponsored by Christ the King Center. Fr. Johnathan will explain the Eucharist as never heard before OR just come for some quiet time and Prayer. Rosary Path will be open from 9:30 a.m. till dusk. Bring a friend. Stay as long as you want. Refreshments and snacks available. T-shirts & hats available to order. Questions? Contact us at contact@christthekingcenter.org.

**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 with?

**Kalida Garage Sales—April 23, 24 & 25**

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - April 25 & 26**

**4:30:** **PB:** Tom Roof, Lisa Unverferth  
 Chellie Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Kamryn Wurth, Greg Bockrath **LECTOR:** Kayla Nartker  
**8:00:** **PB:** Mary Siefker, Duane Steffan  
 Rose Recker, Mark Remlinger, Barb Steffan, Norma Unverferth **LECTOR:** Jill Laudick  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Wendy Schimmoeller  
**11:00:** **PB:** Deacon Greg, Craig Recker  
 Lindsey Slusser, Rosten Smith, Amanda Recker, Jill Zeller **LECTOR:** Amy Wannemacher

**USHERS - April 25 & 16**

**4:30:** Team 7 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 9

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Tues, 4/21	8:00 AM	Anna Kline Carson Knott
Wed, 4/22	8:00 AM	Owen Langhals Evan Leis
Thurs, 4/23	8:00 AM	Zach Lucke Anna McVey
Fri, 4/24	8:00 AM	Madden Miller Ava Niemeyer
Sat, 4/25	4:30 PM	Lyla Siebeneck Owen Siebeneck Quinn Unverferth
Sun, 4/26	8:00 AM	Luke Siefker Zach Siefker Rylee Unverferth
	11:00 AM	Aubrey Simon Kennedy Simon Parker Vorst

**Offertory Bearers - April 25 & 26**

**4:30:** Ryan & Erin Kerner Family  
**8:00:** Ron & Dorothy Kerner Family  
**11:00:** Josh & Mary Horstman Family

**Recent Baptisms**

**VIVIENNE JEAN HOFFMAN**  
 Daughter of Brandon & Alexis (Vorst) Hoffman  
**LEO JAMES SIEBENECK**  
 Son of Brad & Megan (Bergman) Siebeneck

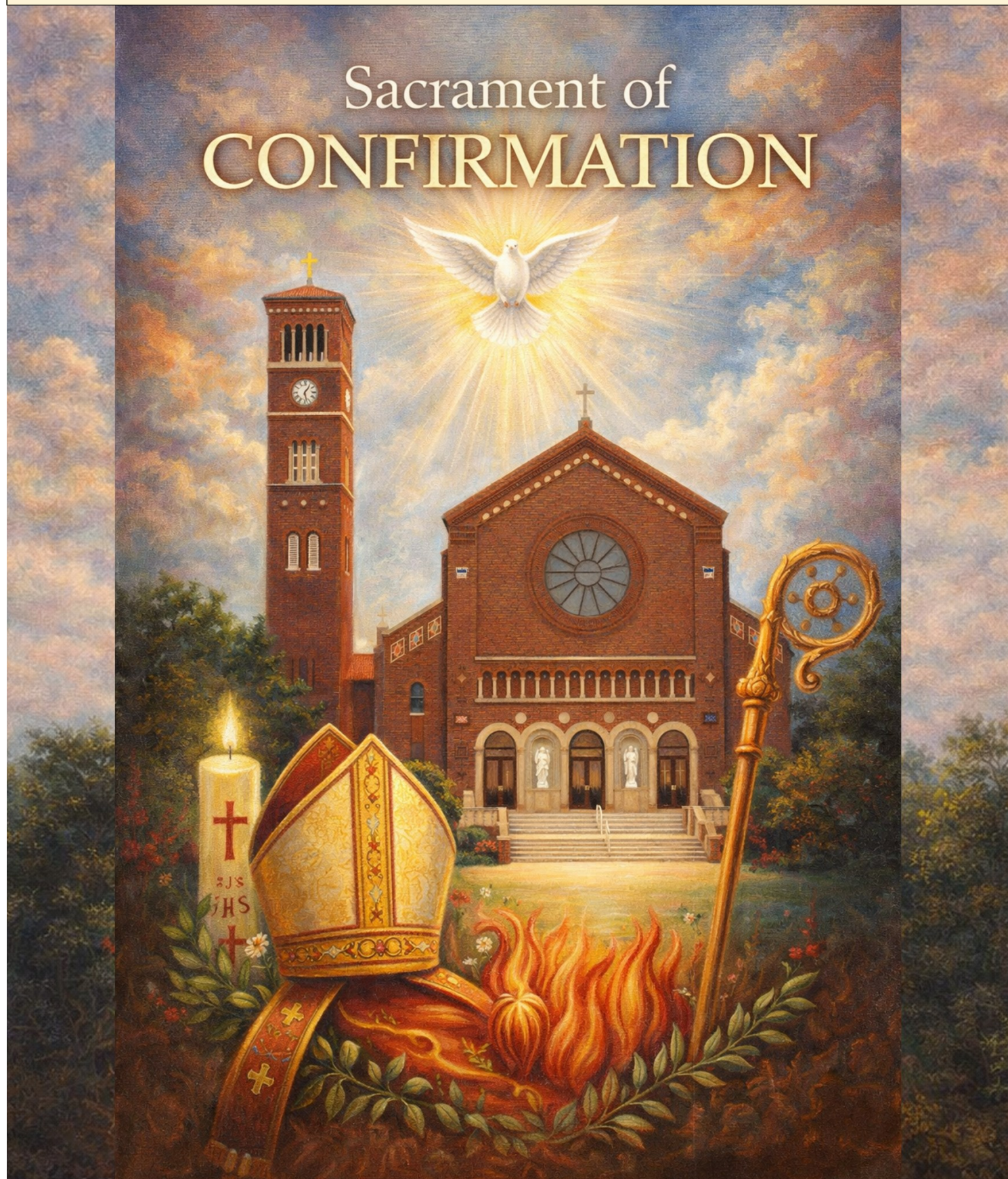


**Front Step Update**

The front steps are now open for weekend Masses! There are a few final details to be completed, beginning with drainage tiles and then landscaping. When the weather is right, the final caulk and sealant coatings will be installed. Thanks to all who have contributed to this project!

**St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - April 19, 2026**

**Pastor:** Fr. Philip Smith (psmith@toledodiocese.org)  
**Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Joseph Varghese (jvarghese@toledodiocese.org) **Deacon:** Greg Zeller  
**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-Thurs, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Mass Times for St. John the Baptist, Continental:** Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



## From the Desk of Fr. Phil

Dear Parishioners,

Nearing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish church dedication, we continue our reflections on church architecture.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1180 emphasizes that Catholic church buildings “are not simply gathering places but signify and make visible the Church living in this place, the dwelling of God with men reconciled and united in Christ.” In other words, a church building reminds us who we are as the Church, the Body of Christ. The lowercase “c” church (building) makes visible who we are as the uppercase “C” Church (community). The one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church is a community that is much more than its buildings! But our buildings help us remember who we are and our God-given mission.*

Have you ever noticed that our church in Kalida is cross-shaped (cruciform)? For centuries, most Catholic churches were built in the shape of a cross to point to the centrality of Jesus’ death on the Cross for our salvation. Additionally, a cruciform church reminds us of Jesus’ request that we take up our cross and follow his example through a lifestyle of sacrificial love.

Furthermore, our church is designed as a cross that includes Christ’s body. If you view our church from above, the sanctuary roof area is rounded as if to resemble a head. The smaller sections of the nave on the left and right signify the arms of Jesus on the cross, while the longer area of the nave represents his legs.

St. Paul told the early Christians: “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it” (1 Corinthians 12:27). The same is true for us today! As we fill up our church (the building) each week for Mass, we are visually reminded that we as the Church (community) are the Body of the risen Jesus working in the world today. When Jesus ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost, he commissioned his disciples (us) to continue his work in the world. Each week, we assemble at Mass and unite our lives with Jesus’ sacrifice in the Eucharistic Prayer, offering the work we have done for God at the altar. Then we receive from the altar the Body and Blood of Jesus to be renewed and strengthened to share his presence in the week ahead.

A French priest name Michael Quoist once described our mission as the Body of Christ this way:  
*Christ has no body but yours.*

*No hands, no feet on earth but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes with which he looks*

*Compassion on this world.*

*Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.*

*Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.*

*Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,*

*Yours are the eyes, you are his body...*

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Phil

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 AM Carolyn Unverferth

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 AM Connie Miller, Jeremy Warnimont

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

7:30 PM Mary Ann Recker, Joe Warnecke

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM Frank Schroeder, Gene Stechschulte  
Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25 St. Mark, evangelist

4:30 PM Ellie Schimmoeller Family, Herk Selhorst  
Tom Wannemacher, Clete, Freda, Robert,  
& Nadia Fortman, Angela Schroeder  
L/D George & Margaret Brickner Family  
Jeannie Buchholz, Don Selhorst  
Tom L. Siebeneck, Dan Siefker Family  
Hubert & Irma Pohlman, Wilbur & Mildred  
Remlinger, Vincent Verhoff, Jim Unverferth  
Jim & Angie Erhart, Jackson Lee Niemeyer  
Don Herman, 40th W.A. Dan & Ginny Wehri

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 AM L/D Norm & Dorothy Knott Family

L/D Carl & Cecilia Plescher Family

Jim Hamilton, Dorothy Miller & Family

Rita Bellmann, Allen Schroeder, Lois Geyer

11:00 AM Pam Hixon, Clo Wannemacher

**Last Weekend’s Collection:** \$ 7,913.00

**Last Week’s Building Fund:** \$ 4,480.00

**Improvement Fund:**

\$ 421,894.54 out of \$309,699.61 goal

## Choir Assignments - April 25 & 26

**4:30:** YAHS **8:00:** Ashleigh **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](mailto:stmichaelskalida@gmail.com)

or call 419-532-3474 **by Monday, April 20.**

Elections will be held April 25 & 26.

## 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.

## Praying the Rosary Before Weekend Masses...

in May and October has been a tradition at St. Michael’s. Please consider volunteering to lead the rosary to honor Mary and ask her intercession. A sign up sheet is in the front entrance of church on the bulletin board. Thanks!

## 100th Anniversary Church History Talk



**On Sunday, April 26,** 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!*

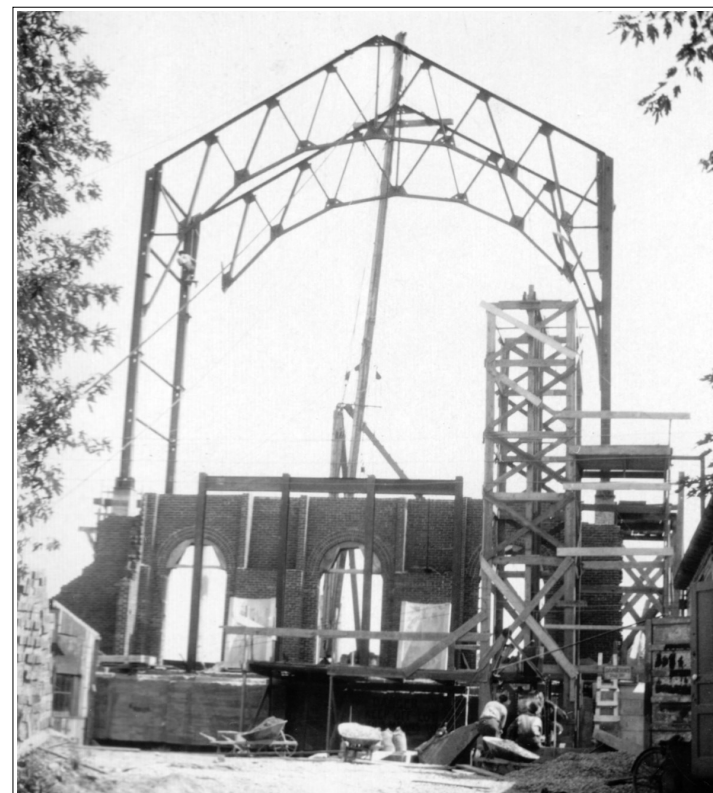
## Dear Parishioners...

On Tuesday, Father Joseph Varghese departed Kalida for his annual family visit to India. He will be in India for the next month. We pray for his safe return to our parishes in mid-May.

This summer, seminarian Joe Kochendoerfer will be residing at Kalida and assisting me and Fr. Joseph in our ministry at St. Michael Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish. Joe is a seminarian for the Diocese of Toledo with just a few more years of studies until priestly ordination. Joe’s background is math education. He has degrees from The University of Toledo (Bachelor of Education) and Georgetown University (Masters of Science in Mathematics and Statistics). He is also fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). Most importantly, Joe is an avid golfer. I’ve promised to give him time to golf with parishioners to make up for my lack of golfing abilities and the absence of “golf ministry” in our area since Fr. Nathan Bockrath moved to Toledo.

I have known Joe since he was a college student at The University of Toledo (where I was directing the Christian Leadership Program at the time), so I’m very excited the vocations office assigned him to serve our parishes this summer and for you to have an opportunity to get to know him.

Fr. Phil



## 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

Meet at the Cathedral a little before 3:00pm  
or if you want to carpool, let Jill know and we can try to connect you with others.

## Summer Lector Training for Grades 6-8...

There will be summer lector training for students in grades 6, 7 & 8 on Wednesday, April 29, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

## Server Training for Sixth Grade

New servers in grade 6 who didn’t attend the training on April 15 should attend the training on April 22, from 3:00—4:15 p.m.

## Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Jill Zeller's grade 2 on Wednesday, April 22 and Michele Doepker's grade 6 on Friday, April 24.

## Thank You

The family of Jager Burgei would like to thank you all for the prayers, cards, meals and all the love and support. We are grateful for our church family and community.

Joe & Amy Burgei Family

*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 second:*

“The biggest attraction to me was the erecting of the superstructure frame. The basic frame is made of all steel I-beams about 8 and 10 inches in size. The uprights were fashioned on top of the pillars with a steel plate connected to the re-rods that extended about a foot above the pillars. The I-beams for the roof were raised by the use of a gin pole extending high above the gable, to which was attached a block and tackle roping and pulled by as many men as were needed. Then they were riveted together. These rivets were heated to almost white-hot on the main floor with a forge. Then they were thrown with a long tong to a man at the top who caught them with a horn in the shape of a cone about 3 feet long and one foot wide at the end. Then they were put into the holes made to accept them, and another man with an air hammer would rivet them while they were red-hot. The air hammer made a terrific noise that could be heard throughout the town. These men were very accurate at throwing the rivets. We did not see one miss a throw while watching them. These riveted I-beams are the load-bearing support of the upper structure.”