

MONDAY, APRIL 28
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 pm in church
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE: 7:00 pm in church
THURSDAY, MAY 1
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 2
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 pm in church

YES (Youth Elect Service) Job Sites

On **Saturday, June 14, 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 14, 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.

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 14, 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. 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!

Kalida EMS Chicken BBQ This Sunday!

Sunday, April 27, 2025
 11:00 until gone— \$12/meal
 No presale—pickup behind fire station
 Thank you for your continued support!

Umpires Needed for Kalida Little League

If you are interested in umpiring, please contact Craig Recker (419-231-5401). Umpires do receive compensation.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - May 3 & 4

4:30: **PB: Dianna Kehres, Karen Schroeder**
 Jane Kleman, Lisa Niese, Carrie Patrick, Teresa Rampe
LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart
8:00: **PB: Bob Klausung, Millie McElwain**
 Annette Gerding, Beth Nienberg, Joan Niese, Rose Recker
LECTOR: Lynda Fortman
Ministers to Homebound: Annette Gerding
11:00: **PB: Mike Krouse, Tom Roof**
 Jim Hanneman, Jill Leis, Deb McIntyre, Michele Niese
LECTOR: Deb Kahle

1:00: **PB: Greg & Jill Zeller**
 Glen & Annette Schroeder, Cherie Kemper, Peter Morrissey
LECTOR: First Communicants

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 4/29	8:00 AM	Zach Simon Evie Slusser
Wed, 4/30	8:00 AM	Kensley Smith Adam Unverferth
Thurs, 5/1	7:30 PM	Ayden Unverferth Cody Unverferth
Fri, 5/2	8:00 AM	Jenna Unverferth Kyla Unverferth
Sat, 5/3	4:30 PM	Landon Warnecke Hannah Bendele Rebekah Bendele
Sun, 5/4	8:00 AM	Maya Wehri Adam Bockrath Meredith Bockrath
	11:00 AM	Brant Bockrath Kaylyn Bockrath Lauren Bockrath
	1:00 PM	Luke Siefker Logan Kerner Allie Kuhlman

Offertory Bearers - May 3 & 4

4:30: Ryan & Amy Schnipke Family
8:00: Marc & Renee Kerner Family
11:00: Andrew & Tessa Wehri Family

USHERS - May 3 & 4

4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6
1:00 (First Communion): - Team 7

Catholic Infertility Ministry

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. We offer a place of respite and solidarity- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility.

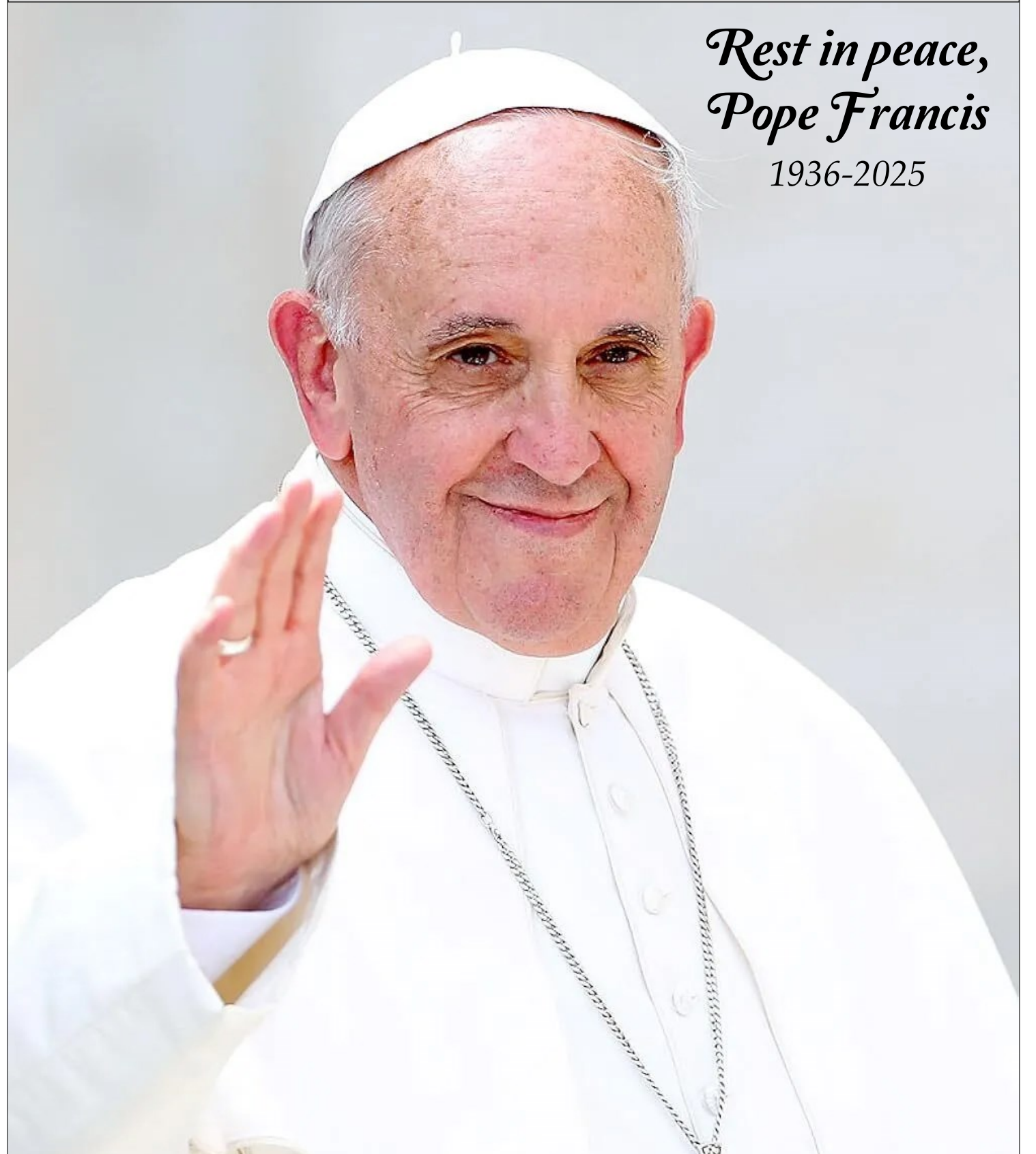
Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m.** in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us.

You do not need to have attended any previous meetings to join in- new faces are welcome at any time!
 For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419) 303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeiller at (419)236-0522. It is our honor to walk with you!



St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, OH - Sunday, April 27, 2025

Pastor: Fr. Phil Smith (psmith@toledodiocese.org)
Deacon: Bob Klausung **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.



*Rest in peace,
 Pope Francis*
 1936-2025

Keeping Kids Catholic...Part 5

Over the past several weeks, we have reflected on the unique challenges facing parents, grandparents, and godparents as they try to share the faith with children in the current culture. This week, we will focus on some of the resources available to support them.

Firstly, there are some situations where technology can be helpful. Grandparents and godparents can communicate regularly with kids who are growing up several states away. Facetime and text messaging can be used to have conversations about faith topics. Even a simple encouraging text message to a child, grandchild, or godchild to let them know they have been remembered in prayer can go a long way in keeping them aware of their relationship with God.

Secondly, there are many helpful Catholic apps and websites available. The Hallow app that our parish has been promoting during Lent has many resources parents can share with children. Perhaps more importantly, the app has educational content that parents can use to grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. This will give them greater confidence in discussing the faith with their children, especially when asked difficult questions. The app also has many prayer resources. The more parents grow in their relationship with God, the better they will be at helping children learn to pray and have a vibrant relationship with Jesus.

Thirdly, there are many good printed Catholic resources available to parents. In recent years, several quality children's books and toys have been published. Especially when introduced at young ages, these resources help children form a worldview that includes God and the Church. Parents from our parish tell me they appreciate products from companies like Ascension Press, Word on Fire, The Little Rose Shop, Shining Light Dolls, Blessed is She, Saint Sprouts, and the Catholic Company.

While the data clearly indicates that the younger generations in America today are on track to be the least religious in the history of our nation, we must never despair. Thankfully, Christian values and religion still have an important role in our Putnam County culture. If parents are intentional about sharing the faith with their children, God can use their words and example to make an impact. Further, parents are not alone in their mission. They have the support of our entire parish family. We are committed as a parish community to do whatever it takes to assist parents in their God-given mission of raising their kids in homes where friendship with God and eternal salvation are known, accepted, and cherished.

Father Phil

Process of Electing a New Pope

Dear Parishioners,

Some of you have asked questions about how a new pope is elected, so here is some basic information about the process.

-While the Church is without a pope, the Church is governed by a daily meeting of the cardinals gathered in Rome who are led by a chief administrator (*camerlengo*). *The camerlengo leading the Church through the current leadership transition is Irish American Cardinal Kevin Farrell who served for several years as the bishop of Dallas, Texas before moving to Rome to serve at the Vatican.*

Fighting Irish fans will be happy to know that Cardinal Farrell earned a master's degree from The University of Notre Dame.

-A new pope is elected by the cardinals under the age of 80, which means there are 135 cardinals eligible to vote. Ten voting cardinals are from the USA, which is the largest group from any country other than Italy (which has 17 electors). The electors are from 71 different countries.

-A new pope is elected at a conclave. The word "conclave" literally means closed with a key, referring to how the cardinals are required to stay secluded within Vatican City during the election of a new pope.

-During the conclave, all participants are sworn to secrecy. They are not allowed to watch any TV, read any news, speak with the media, or communicate with anyone outside the conclave in anyway (i.e. no phone, email, letter writing, etc.). Because of this, cardinals say the atmosphere resembles a quiet prayerful retreat.

-The conclave can begin no sooner than 15 days after the death of the pope, giving cardinals time to travel to Rome. However, the conclave must begin within 20 days after the death of the pope.

-A typical day of the conclave involves 2 voting sessions in the morning and 2 voting sessions in the afternoon. A two-thirds majority vote must be reached for a new pope to be elected. If no one is elected after 3 days, a pause in voting occurs for up to a full day for reflection, discussion and prayer before voting resumes.

-Voting takes place by secret ballot in the Sistine Chapel. After a rigorous counting of the ballots in front of the electors, the ballots are burned in a way that produces either



black smoke to indicate to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square that a two thirds majority was not reached or white smoke to indicate that a new pope was elected.

-Usually, a new pope is elected from among the cardinal electors, though theoretically the man elected does not even need to be a bishop. The rules guiding a conclave state that such a man would need to be ordained a bishop immediately following his election. In theory, any baptized Catholic male could be elected pope, but in recent centuries popes have always been elected from among the cardinals.

-Some non-electors are allowed to assist the cardinals during the conclave. They too are sworn to secrecy and include two medical doctors, nurses to assist infirm cardinals, masters of ceremonies to assist with Masses, and priests to hear Confessions of the cardinals in various languages.

-The Church documents guiding the conclave emphasize that all Catholics should unite in prayer, asking God to enlighten the electors for a "speedy, harmonious, and fruitful election."

As a parish, we pray that Pope Francis may rest in peace and that the Holy Spirit guides the cardinal electors to a wise decision as they choose the next successor of Saint Peter and Bishop of Rome.

Father Phil

Upcoming Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 St. Catherine of Siena	
8:00 AM	Jim Warnecke, Fr. Herman Scherger
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30	
8:00 AM	Joyce Klausing (A)
THURSDAY, MAY 1	
7:30 PM	Karen Giesige
FRIDAY, MAY 2 First Friday	
8:00 AM	Ray Schroeder Family
SATURDAY, MAY 3 First Saturday	
1:00 PM	Wedding—Klausing & Meyer
4:30 PM	Jim Unverferth, Jim & Angie Erhart Dick & Gladys Unverferth Family Joyce Klausing Alvin & Marcella Recker George, Nora & Dan Basinger L/D Gene & Doris Deters Family Sally & Luella Karhoff & Family
SUNDAY, MAY 4 Third Sunday of Easter	
8:00 AM	Vincent & Carol Verhoff Alvin Horstman Elmer & Helen Korte Ray & Helen Schroeder L/D Korte, Brickner & Schroeder Families
11:00 AM	Ed Schroeder, L/D Amadeus & Marcele Schroeder Family, Dick Langhals Harold Altenburger & Family 60th W.A. Mel & Pat Hanneman
1:00 PM	First Communicants

Easter Collection: \$ 44,093.00

Last Week's Improvement Fund: \$ 2,461.00

Choir Assignments - May 3 & 4

4:30: HN **8:00:** **11:00:** **1:00:** YAHS

Eucharistic Revival Nights

Keep the spark of the Eucharistic Revival going during these monthly meetings as we journey together as a community during the Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission. Previous attendance is not required to attend these revival nights. Eucharistic Revival Nights will be held the fourth Mondays of each month, with a 7:00 p.m. rosary in church, and a revival presentation and discussion from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the church basement. Join us at the next Eucharistic Revival Night on Monday, April 28, 2025.



Third Annual Taste of Kalida

Wednesday, June 4, 2025
Pre-Sale Tickets only -
on sale now!
Contact Jill Zeller
567-376-9115

Join Us for First Saturday Rosary

Every First Saturday of the month you are invited to join in praying the rosary from 7:00-10:00 a.m. in church. Simply show up anytime and join the group in prayer. The next one is May 3, 2025.

Catechists 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 Phil Fuerst's grade 5 on Wednesday, April 30 and Ruth Kuhlman's grade 7 on Friday, May 2.

First Communion Details

First Communion Practice and Dress Rehearsal is Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. Come dressed in your First Communion clothes. The group and individual pictures with Casey Kahle will taken. Meet in the church basement to line up and process in.

May Crowning...

is Sunday, May 11 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All our First Communicants are invited to participate in the May Crowning.

TDCCW Day of Renewal

The Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will have a "Live a Wonderful Life" **Day of Renewal** for **all women** on Wednesday, **May 14, 2025** at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, 315 Clay St., Carey, OH. This spiritual and inspirational retreat will begin with registration at 8:15 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. The cost of **\$35 includes a box lunch. Registration closes April 30, 2025.** To register, contact: Rita Borgelt: hborgelt@bright.net or 419-796-9168.

Senior Citizens Meal—May 12

The Kalida Lions Club would like to extend an invitation to all Senior Citizens (aged 65 and over on or before June 1, 2025) for a free meal in honor of Senior Citizens Month on Monday, May 12, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Dick's Steak House. The meal will be your choice of chicken or roast beef with all the trimmings. This dinner is open to the general public at a cost of \$10. If you are not able to dine in the restaurant, please contact Bruskotter Financial Services' office (419-532-2099) to arrange for your dinner to be delivered. Carryout dinners are also available. The Kalida Lions wish to thank all of our Senior Citizens for your generous support.

Upcoming

Wedding

Sarah Klausing

and

Logan Meyer

will be married on

May 3, 2025.

Please include them

in your prayers.

