

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 pm
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
SOUP NIGHT: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
FR. PHIL TALK: 9:00 - 10:00 am in basement
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 pm
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 am - 7:15 pm
FR. PHIL TALK: 5:30 - 6:30 pm in basement
ROSARY: 6:55 pm in church
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 pm in church

Save the Date! YES (Youth Elect Service)...
 will be June 4-6, 2026. Hosted by Ft. Jennings.

Small Bubble-Wrap Packing Needed...
 for Mission trip. Any size pieces will be used. Please place in a bag marked "Mission Trip" at any of the church entrances or on the basement bar. Thank you!

Post Prom Fundraisers
 The Post Prom committee is sponsoring two unique fundraisers this year. The first way to support the Post Prom is by entering to win your choice of an Athletic Sports Pass for the 2026/2027 season. The second fundraiser this year is the Junior Class CASH BASH. You have a chance to win \$1500, \$1000 or \$500. Drawing will be held on April 26. Tickets for both are \$20 each. Contact any junior class parent. Your participation in these fundraisers helps create a fun and safe post prom celebration for our students. Thank you for your support!
Note: The Junior class is selling Wildcat cards for the Kalida Post Prom. If anyone would like a Wildcat Card, please contact Erin Kerner at 419-615-9103. There are many local businesses from Kalida & surrounding communities included. Thank you for your support! The cards are valid through Nov. 1, 2026.

Students for Life Dinner...All are Welcome
 Join us for the Second Annual Ottawa-Glandorf Students for Life Dinner on Saturday, March 14. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner served at 6:00 p.m., at the Ottawa American Legion Post 63. Featuring Pastor Lorenzo Sewell, pastor at 180 Church in Detroit, Michigan, who also delivered the closing prayer at President Trump's inauguration. Ticket prices: Adult (individual): \$30, Couple: \$50, Student: \$15. Please dress formally. Tickets can be purchased at Ottawa Ordnance and Well Grounded Café. For questions, please contact Chase Maag at 567-376-5382.

Putnam County Right to Life Garage and Bake Sale...
 is coming in March! It will be held in the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall. Sale days are Tuesday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. & Wednesday, March 25, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Donations of gently used items and baked goods will be accepted on the following days: Sunday, March 22, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Monday, March 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fourth Annual Taste of Kalida
 Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Feb. 28 & March 1
4:30: PB: Karen Schroeder, Lisa Unverferth
 Wendy Schimmoeller, Chellie Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Jeff Bockrath **LECTOR: Nancy Rampe**
8:00: PB: Craig & Amanda Recker
 Beth Nienberg, Joan Niese, Rose Recker, Mary Siefker
LECTOR: Jill Laudick
Ministers to Homebound: Annette Gerding
11:00: PB: Deacon Greg, Kamryn Wurth
 Jill Leis, Deb McIntyre, Mark Remlinger, Nicole Siebeneck
LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke

USHERS - February 28 & March 1
4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 2/24	8:00 AM	Claire Bockrath Avery Bruskotter Cami Buss Loralei Goedde
Wed, 2/25	8:00 AM	Tyler Hanneman Ryan Houck
Thurs, 2/26	7:30 PM	Jagger Klaus Anna Kline
Fri, 2/27	8:00 AM	Madelyn Cattell Ethan Dickman Toby Goubeaux
Sat, 2/28	4:30 PM	Katelyn Foppe Matt Foppe Kyla Grime
Sun, 3/1	8:00 AM	Collin Horstman Jax Horstman Kalvin Hovest
	11:00 AM	

Offertory Bearers - February 28 & March 1
4:30: Ryan & Amy Schnipke Family
8:00: Herm & Rita Borgelt
11:00: Josh & Mary Horstman Family

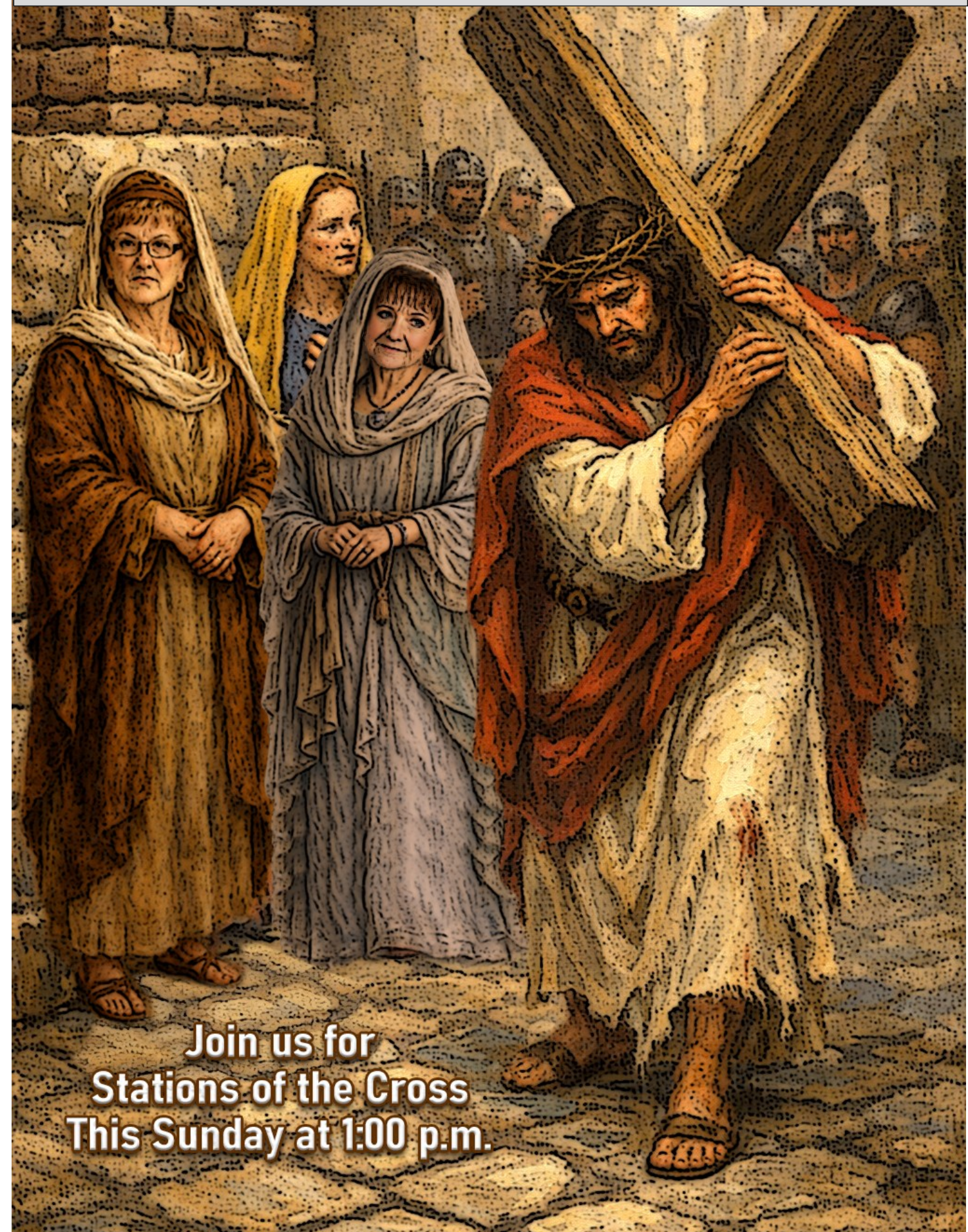
Men's Lenten Night of Reflection
 Thursday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Lima St. Gerard Parish Hall (1307 N. Main St.). **Guest speaker will be Fr. Mark Hoving.**

Women's Lenten Night of Reflection
 Monday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Lima St. Gerard Parish Hall (1307 N. Main St.). Guest speaker will be Sister Mary Deborah Giles, SND.



Thanks to Jared Stechschulte for capturing this view of the church. We love to see your photos. Feel free to email them to: stmichaelskalida@gmail.com.

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - February 22, 2026



**Join us for
 Stations of the Cross
 This Sunday at 1:00 p.m.**

From the Desk of Fr. Phil

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Lent! Some of our senior parishioners might remember that historically Lent and Advent were seasons when Catholic preaching typically focused on the “Last Things” (death, judgement, heaven, hell). Unfortunately, sometimes this preaching was “fire and brimstone” in the sense that it basically tried to scare people into following Jesus’ teaching. Missing from this approach was Jesus’ message of God’s unconditional love for us and the hope that Jesus’ death and resurrection provide. In the next period of Church history, the pendulum swung in the other direction and preaching promoted a “feel good” Christianity that omitted talk of death and judgment or other uncomfortable topics. While well intentioned, this avoidant approach actually left people facing death and suffering without the comfort of Jesus’ hopeful words about death, judgement and the afterlife.

During this Lenten season, my bulletin columns will focus on Catholic teaching on the “Last Things.” Many of us have experienced deaths of close family members and friends. Our own mortality is no secret. However, our culture wants us to be in denial about death. To distract ourselves from our fears and questions about death. To busy ourselves as if we are going to be here on earth forever.

Interestingly, Jesus’ apostles took a similar approach. When Jesus spoke openly about his impending death, they immediately told him to focus on something else. Jesus challenged them repeatedly to accept the inevitability of death. Jesus modelled for them how to approach death with honesty and courage.

The words of Ash Wednesday “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” invite us to acknowledge our mortality. The Church reminds us of our mortality not to stir up sad or gloomy feelings, but actually the opposite. To help us recognize how precious our time here is on earth. And that our destiny is eternal life with God and our deceased loved ones in heaven! In other words, facing our death with honesty and courage gives new meaning to each day of our life and fills us with hope for where God is ultimately leading us. Jesus wants to walk alongside each of us in our life journey. He wants us to turn to him as we deal with our own fear, anxiety, and other strong emotions about death.

Have a great week!
Fr. Phil

Students at Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's grade 1 class on Wednesday, Feb. 25 and Connie Cleemput's grade 6 class on Friday, Feb. 27.

High School Religious Ed Notes—February 25

All students have class at 7:00 p.m. If there is a girls tournament game that night, classes will be canceled.

Students in Grade 3 and Grade 6...

will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their release time on Thursday, February 26.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23	
7:15 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24	
8:00 AM	Karen Giesige
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25	
8:00 AM	Courtney Ehrnsberger, Jan VonderEmbse Rita Bellmann, Bill & Ryan Cleemput
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
7:30 PM	Richard & Doris Birkemeier, Amber Foppe
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
8:00 AM	Luke & Kyle Kaufman
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
4:30 PM	L/D Gene & Doris Deters Family L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family Alphonse & Frances Schulte Family Paul Recker & Family Makenzie & Kayley Recker Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family L/D Leon Kahle Family
SUNDAY, MARCH 1 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	
8:00 AM	Harold Kahle
11:00 AM	Stan Winkle

Last Week's Collection: \$ 9,108.00
Last Week's Building Fund: \$ 4,510.00
Improvement Fund:
\$ 408,150.54 out of \$309,699.61 goal

Choir Assignments - February 28 & March 1

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

Soup Nights During Lent

Soup will be available on **TUESDAYS** during Lent, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. This is open to EVERYONE in the parish! Enjoy the soup as a walk-in, drive through (on the elevator side of church) or eat in the church basement. If soup was delivered to you last year, your name will remain on the list for delivery this year. Donations for making soup (beans, potatoes, canned veggies, onions, celery, tomato juice, cream of celery soup, noodles, canned beef, canned chicken, broth, etc.) can be left in the basement. Donated cookies and brownies will also be appreciated! If you want to be added to our delivery list or if your family or organization would like to donate a roaster or pot of soup, please call Darlene Miller at **419-615-8819**. Beef Noodle and Beef Vegetable soup are being served on Tuesday, **February 24**.

NOTE: Free religious books will be available on the counter in the basement for the taking. Pick one up!

Recent Baptism

LYLA MAE RECKER

Daughter of Andrew & Kendra (Hoffman) Recker

Capri Suns for VBS

The VBS crew is requesting donations of Capri Sun (and only this drink due to it being dye-free). You can put the donations at the entrances of church. Thanks!

First Reconciliation...

for our second graders and their parents will be Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

Stations of the Cross

Every Sunday of Lent at 1:00 p.m. in church.

Use Hallow for Lent to Grow in Your Faith

We are excited to announce our continued partnership with Hallow. Join us this Lent for our next prayer challenges, Pray40 and/or Kids Lent: Miracle Hunters. These challenges can be accessed in our church community on the app. You can participate in the challenge through the paid or free version of the app. Scan the QR code and it will connect you directly to our parish church community on the app! We look forward to praying with you this Lent! Check the entrances of church for a flyer with directions to connect on Hallow if needed.



SHE Second Session

Women are invited to join us for SHE: She Shall Be Called Woman. Please know you do NOT need to attend every session, come when you can as you are! The theme is Ten Virtues of Mary. The next session is February 28 and the topic is “Lively Faith.” Sessions are held in St. Michael's Church basement from 7:15-7:30 a.m. for optional coffee and conversation with the program running from 7:30-8:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing YOU!

Catholic Jewelry and Rosary Fundraiser Sale...

for our Youth attending the Steubenville Youth Conference this Summer. Gift Ideas for: Easter, Confirmation, First Communion & Mother's Day. Jewelry and Rosaries will be available for purchase after all Masses in the Elevator Entrance on March 7/8, March 14/15 and March 21/22. Most items are between \$10-\$25 each.

February Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Elaine Gilgenbach	\$100	Gary Hermiller
\$100	Marge Verhoff	\$100	Lois Meyer
\$100	Sue Fuerst	\$ 50	Madden Miller
\$ 50	Paul N. Schroeder	\$ 50	Glen Stechschulte
\$ 50	Mark Remlinger	\$ 50	Janice Warnement
\$ 50	Connie Krouse	\$ 50	Cheryl Simon

Looking Ahead...

Schedule for Holy Week/Easter

Holy Thursday Mass (April 2):

6:00 p.m. at Continental

7:30 p.m. at Kalida

Good Friday (April 3):

3:00 p.m. at Continental

1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Kalida

Easter Vigil Mass (April 4):

8:30 p.m. at Kalida

Easter Sunday Mass (April 5):

9:30 a.m. at Continental;

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. at Kalida
(Note the additional 9:30 a.m. Mass at Kalida)

Father Phil's Lenten Talks

All our welcome to Father Phil Smith's Lenten talk: *Spirituality for Parents, Grandparents, and Godparents: Catholic insights to keep your sanity during stressful seasons of parenting on*

Wednesday, February 25 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, February 26 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
in the Kalida, St. Michael church basement.

The same content will be shared at both sessions. This talk will focus on practical ways parents, grandparents, and godparents can find peace, wisdom, and strength in their relationship with God while dealing with the demands and pressures of parenting. The talk will also reflect on common attitudes and approaches to parenting in the modern world, evaluating them according to Catholic teaching. Other Lenten talks will be:

March 4, at 9:00 a.m. and March 5, at 5:30 p.m.: *Catholic Teaching on Gender: An Exploration of the recent Pastoral Letter of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Gender Ideology.*

March 11, at 9:00 a.m. and March 12, at 5:30 p.m.: *Can't I Pray to God Anywhere? Why Catholic Church Architecture Matters.*

Penance Services

Sunday, February 22 2:00 p.m. at Ottoville

Wednesday, March 4 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Kalida

Wednesday, March 11 7:00 p.m. at Fort Jennings

Wednesday, March 11 7:00 p.m. at Miller City

Wednesday, March 25 4 & 7 p.m. at Glandorf

Monday, March 30 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Ottawa

Regular Confession times at Kalida, St. Michael:

Saturdays, February 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 21, 28 from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Thursdays, February 19, 26 and

March 5, 12, 19, 26 from 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Confessions at Continental, St. John the Baptist:

Wednesdays, February 25 and March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Father Daughter Night Out - February 27

Sisterhood of Saints Apostolic Girls club is hosting a Father Daughter Night Out on Friday, February 27. The night is open to girls in grades 4 through 8 and their Father or Special guest.

It's a Country Hoedown event! We will enjoy an evening of faith, fellowship and dancing with drinks and snacks provided in St. Michael's Church basement. Cost is \$5 per Father/Daughter Duo and payable at the door. As part of our Apostolic mission we encourage fathers and daughters to donate diapers, wet wipes or formula for the Heartbeat of Putnam County. Space is limited so register early by scanning the QR code and completing the registration form. (Once we reach our capacity, the QR Code will be turned off). Questions - Contact Mary Siefker at 419-969-5129.

2026-27 Holy Name Raffle Tickets Available

Contact Mark Warnecke (419-796-8429) or Nick Schulte (419-969-0496) for tickets.