

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
CLC MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY: 7:30 p.m. in basement (by restroom)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in the church basement

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
CONFIRMATION PRACTICE: 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m. in church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Practice is Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in church. This is for the candidate and their sponsor. If a sponsor can't be there, a parent is asked to attend. Confirmation is Saturday, February 15, at 4:30 p.m. with Bishop Daniel Thomas. The candidates are asked to be in the church basement by 3:45 p.m. to meet with Bishop Thomas prior to Mass.

Parish Bible Study

When: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m., now thru Monday, March 3, 2025

Location: St. Michael, Kalida Church Basement near the men's restroom

What to Bring: with You: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The Acts of the Apostles.

Acts Study Discussion Schedule: 2/3 Chapters 10-14; 2/10 Chapters 15-19; 2/17 Chapters 20-24; 3/3 Chapters 25-28

Stand Out: Embrace the Unusual

Jr. High Gathering for grades 6, 7 & 8

Sunday, February 16, at Glandorf St. John

Mass - Lunch - Games - Breakout Sessions

Learn about our faith, meet and have fun with others from the County. Visit stmichaelskalida.org (under the Youth Tab), Facebook or Instagram for a registration form. Contact Jill Zeller for more information.

Kalida Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ

The Athletic Boosters are sponsoring their annual chicken BBQ on Sunday, March 9, 2025. Student athletes have the tickets for sale. The cost of the dinner is \$12. Since this is a **presale event only**, we ask that you turn in the proceeds and any unsold tickets back to Carol Bockrath or the high school office by Thursday, February 13, 2025. If you need more tickets, please let us know.

PRO-LIFE Night at the Gala

All young adults, college and high schoolers are invited to join us for a memorable evening to Dance for Life with Students for Life OSU-Lima/Rhodes, on Sunday, March 2, at 6:00 p.m., at the Kalida K of C Hall. Music / Snacks / Pro-Life Trivia / Photo Booth. Formal Dress (please be modest). Tickets will be available at the door for \$12. 80% of funds will go to Heartbeat of Lima. For more information, contact Maria Webster (419-890-5687).

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - February 15 & 16

4:30 (Confirmation): **PB: Greg & Jill Zeller**
 Janice Foppe, Annette Schroeder, Greg Bockrath

LECTOR: Scott Unverferth

8:00: **PB: Duane Steffan, Bob Klausing**
 Barb Steffan, Beth Nienberg, Joan Niese, Rose Recker

LECTOR: Don Wehri

Ministers to Homebound: Wendy Schimmoeller

11:00: **PB: Mike Krouse, Jill Leis**
 Cherie Kemper, Allie Kuhlman, Deb McIntyre, Michele Niese

LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 2/11	8:00 AM	Claire Bockrath Hayden Bockrath
Wed, 2/12	8:00 AM	Avery Bruskotter Cami Buss
Thurs, 2/13	7:30 PM	Loralei Goedde Tyler Hanneman
Fri, 2/14	8:00 AM	Ryan Houck Jagger Klaus
Sat, 2/15	4:30 PM	Hannah Bendele Adam Bockrath Morgan Bockrath Katie Foppe Lucas Schroeder Owen Siebeneck Zach Unverferth
Sun, 2/16	8:00 AM	Taylor Nienberg Brady Rampe Logan Rampe
	11:00 AM	Blake Remlinger Bryce Remlinger Lillian Schnipke

Offertory Bearers - February 15 & 16

4:30: Confirmandi
8:00: Mike & Norma Unverferth Family
11:00: Adriene Swyers Family

USHERS - February 15 & 16

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

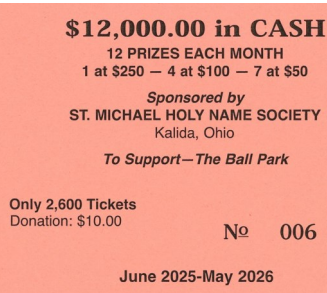
Kalida Varsity Softball Fundraiser

From February 3-18, 2025, we are selling: Liquid Laundry Pacs, Liquid Laundry Detergent/Softener, Dishwasher Pacs and Handcrafted Soap. For more details on purchasing, please visit the Kalida Softball Association Facebook page, reach out to any Varsity Softball Player, or contact Jill Ricker directly at 419-890-5131. They will be happy to assist you with any inquiries or provide further information on how to make a purchase.

Holy Name Notes

John Recker, from Kalida, was the winner of the baseball-themed table made from wood from Holy Name Ball-park.

200 more tickets are available this next raffle year. If we sell out, there will be two \$500 drawings at next year's Christmas party. Call Nick Schulte (419-969-0496).



St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - February 9, 2025

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

Deacon: Bob Klausing **DRE:** Connie Cleemput **Youth Minister:** Jill Zeller **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer
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Mass Times for Continental St. John's: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

“The Pursuit of the Common Good and Human Dignity: The Catholic Approach to Immigration”

As Bishop and Shepherd of the faithful in the Diocese of Toledo, I find it necessary to speak with clarity amidst the confusion and polarization that currently surrounds the issue of immigration, which has recently come to the forefront of our national discussion.

As recently reiterated by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “The Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party... No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church’s teachings remain unchanged.” Immigration issues are complex and we must be diligent in offering and advocating for the Church’s teaching, especially concerning the common good and each person’s right to human dignity.

Catholic Social Teaching has as its first principle the affirmation that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an inviolable dignity. Enforcement of just immigration laws is the right of every nation and is not in itself an affront to this dignity. Nations in their prudential judgment must discern how best to regulate their borders while maintaining the common good and respect for each person, both immigrant and native citizen. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lays out two balancing principles (welcoming the foreigner and the responsibility to regulate national borders) which must be held together in balance. The disregard or overemphasis of either principle will lead to a distortion of the Church’s full teaching on this vital issue.

First: “The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him” (CCC 2241).

Flowing from this, we cannot affirm any immigration or deportation policy which:

- dehumanizes immigrants, legal or illegal, through hostile rhetoric or implies that they are anything less than children of God, made in His image and likeness.
- detains immigrants indefinitely or deprives them of basic human necessities while in custody.
- permanently separates families, especially children from their parents, except where children are in danger of abuse.
- deploys excessive violence in enforcement of the law, except where needed to protect lives.

The second principle, which balances the first, states: “Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants’ duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens” (CCC 2241).

Because of this, we must reject any immigration policy (or lack thereof) which:

- encourages or normalizes illegal immigration.
- leads to de-facto “open borders,” which harm the common good of both immigrant and native citizen by facilitating the grave sins of violent crime, human trafficking and drug trafficking.
- exploits immigrants for cheap labor, which degrades their dignity and depresses the wages of native citizens.
- implies that immigrants, whether legal or illegal, have no responsibility to serve the needs of their host country or obey its laws.

As faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we are duty-bound to pray for unity and to advocate for just immigration laws that prioritize the common good and protect the human dignity of each person. You are encouraged to contact your elected officials and urge them to uphold our nation’s laws without compromising our Catholic principles.

Christ founded the Church, his Mystical Body, to be “the pillar and foundation of truth” (1 Timothy 3:15) amidst a chaotic and sinful world. We stand firmly upon this pillar, trusting our Lord to enlighten our minds, direct our hearts, and lead us to the fullness of truth. Only in this balanced pursuit of truth, enabled by God’s grace, can we hope to defend the common good and the human dignity of all peoples, both immigrant and native citizen.

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
 Bishop of Toledo
 February 3, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Phil

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome Father David Kidd to celebrate and preach our weekend Masses. As Director of the Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations, Father Kidd travels the diocese meeting with young men who are considering priesthood and visiting parishes to encourage them to pray for an increase of priestly vocations in northwest Ohio. Having served myself for seven years as Director of Priestly Vocations, I know the challenging nature of the ministry Father Kidd is doing. We are grateful for his presence with us this weekend!

While Fr. Kidd grew up in Lima, he has Putnam County and Kalida roots. His father grew up in Kalida and his grandfather was a physician for many years in our community.

It is no secret that we do not have enough priests to serve all our parishes. Many priests are covering more than one parish and doing the work that was previously done by several priests. Knowing that God wants to provide for his people, we pray that the men from our parish God is calling to priesthood will respond with generosity and manly courage. We also pray for the 11 seminarians who are currently studying to become priests for our diocese, that they will persevere in answering God's call and soon be able to serve as healthy and joy-filled priests.

Gratefully,
Fr. Phil

Andrew Dinner

February 23, 2025, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Ottawa K of C Hall. Named after St. Andrew, the patron saint of fishermen and often associated with calling others to follow Christ, these dinners provide an opportunity for attendees to meet with their pastors and engage in informal conversations about priestly life.



For more information, visit toledopriesthood.org.

Thank You

The family of Lynne Vorst would like to thank Fr. Phil, Fr. Steve Schroeder, the bereavement team, the organist, the choir, the Helping Hands volunteers for their delicious desserts and the staff at St. Michael's. We would also like to thank the St. Michael's community for their prayers and condolences we received during this difficult time.

Dan Vorst & Family

Recent Baptisms

PEYTON JOSEPH ERHART

Son of Zach & Taylor (Siefker) Erhart

ELIJAH JAMES MAAG

Son of Trevor & Jenna (Siefker) Maag

Euchre Tournament at St. Michael's

Euchre will be played Sunday, February 9, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the church basement. \$1 entry fee. Bring a snack to share if you wish. Babysitting will be available.

NCYC Informational Meeting...

for parents and students will be on Tuesday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. This is for the National Catholic Youth Conference, which will be held in Indianapolis in November 2025. This is open to all current 8th grade thru Juniors. For more information, contact Jill Zeller.

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11	
8:00 AM	People of the parish
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12	
8:00 AM	Edna Wurth
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13	
7:30 PM	Dorothy Miller, Janet (Kerner) Altman Ralph & Dolores Verhoff
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 <i>St. Cyril and Methodius</i>	
8:00 AM	Joan Giesige
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15	
4:30 PM	Don & Ted Kahle, L/D Kahle, Ellerbrock, Clement & Ardner Families, Walter & Marie Becker, L/D Mel & Angie Schroeder Family Tom Recker, people of the parish Larry Haselman & Family, Confirmandi Ellen Niemeyer
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16	
8:00 AM	Bob & Carolyn Warnecke, Jim Gerding Paul Recker & Family, Mel Lammers L/D Lammers & Gerding Family, Gary Bockrath
11:00 AM	L/D Norman & Mathilda Doepker Family L/D William & Dorothy Schmitz Family L/D Urban & Mary Quinn Family L/D William & Laura Stechschulte Family Paul, Valita & Kevin Lammers, Dee Wueller



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for
EDNA WURTH
was held on
Wednesday, February 5.
Please include Edna
and her family
in your prayers.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 12,483.00
Improvement Fund (Front Steps):
221,629.39 of 301,647 goal

Choir Assignments - February 15 & 16
4:30: YAHS 8:00: Ashleigh 11:00:

Donuts and Coffee

Donuts and coffee will be served Sunday, February 9, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church basement.

CLC Meeting

Monday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. Let's play Bingo! January and February birthdays will be honored.

Junior Retreat is Sunday, April 6
Registration forms will be mailed soon.

Challenge Club Sock Drive

In January, the 6th grade girls from Challenge were able to deliver all the socks from the Advent Sock drive to the Christian Corner Community Center in Lima. The girls were able to tour the center and hear about all the services offered. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to deliver an overwhelming amount of socks. Thank you for supporting our sock drive!



High School Mentors: Anna Schumacher, Isabelle Swyers & Alison Landwehr

Sixth Grade Members: Kierstan Heitmeyer, Kaley Dickman, Natalie Recker, Juliana Kallay, Kensley Smith & Avery Kerner

Other Challenge Members not pictured: Bryn Michel, Raelyn Fry, Allie Rampe, Lauren Knueve, Macy Kahle, Lyla Becker, and Jenna Unverferth

Parish Mission

*From Darkness to Light:
Having a Life Changing Lent*

Dr. John Wood, a highly sought after Catholic author and speaker will be giving a Parish Mission on Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly says, "John is one of the great emerging Catholic voices of our time...he has a passion that is contagious...make an effort to hear him speak!" John is going to be coming to our parish for our mission.

Grade 6 Server Training Will be Held...

February 18 and 19, from 3:00-4:15 p.m. A permission form was sent home.

High School CCD - February 12

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Becky Lucke and Stephanie Price's grade 4 class on Feb. 12. There will be no students at mass on Friday since there is no school.

First Reconciliation for Second Graders

Tuesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m.

SHARE YOUR FAITH THIS LENT!

St. Michael's Lent 2025

Purchase your items online in three easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://stmichaelslent2025.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and sizes and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online store Deadline: Sunday February 16, 2025 11:59 PM

Shirts will be available for pick up from church after weekend Masses.



AllMade Unisex Tri-Blend Tee

\$15.00

AllMade Unisex Organic French Terry Crewneck Sweatshirt

\$32.00 ~~\$41.98~~

AllMade Youth Tri-Blend Tee

\$14.00

BELLA+CANVAS Youth Sponge Fleece Sweatshirt

\$26.00