

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
MONDAY, MARCH 16	
ROSARY FOR PEACE:	1:30 pm
HOLY NAME MEETING:	8:00 pm in basement
TUESDAY, MARCH 17	
SOUP NIGHT:	5:00 - 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18	
HIGH SCHOOL CCD:	7:00 pm
THURSDAY, MARCH 19	
EUCH. ADORATION:	8 am - 7:15 pm
ROSARY:	6:55 pm in church
BOURBON, BEER & BELIEF:	8:00 pm
FRIDAY, MARCH 20	
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:	3:00 pm in church

HomeCare & Hospice Volunteers Needed
 Volunteering is one of the most meaningful ways to give back to your community. At Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice, volunteers provide comfort, companionship, and support to patients and families when they need it most. If you're interested in making a difference, contact Kaylee Wilhelm at 419-523-4449 or email kwilhelm@pchh.net to learn more about opportunities to get involved.

Kalida Garage Sales—April 23, 24 & 25
 Sign up at Kalida Telephone or Union Bank by April 10.

Little Slugger Baseball Sign-Up now open
 The Little Slugger League is open to all boys and girls from Kalida who are currently Pre-K (4-5yr olds) and Kindergarten. Games are T-Pitch rules with coaches pitching to each player. All players will be able to bat and play defense every inning. All games are played in Kalida at Froggy Park on Saturday mornings of May through June. Registration forms have been distributed at the elementary and are available at in the lobby of the post office. Or you can contact Randy Buss (419-532-2208 or bussrandy@yahoo.com) for more information. Deadline for registration is March 23.

Enjoy a Fun Night out AND Support the Kalida Wildcat Marching Band!
 The Kalida Wildcat Marching Band is hosting a Speakeasy Night at 1820 BrewWerks on March 28, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Your \$75 ticket includes delicious heavy appetizers, 2 specialty drink tickets, all you can drink Pepsi products, and a live Jazz quartet. Scan the QR code to fill out the ticket form. Tickets are limited. Your support of this event and the Kalida Wildcat Marching Band is greatly appreciated!

Right to Life Garage and Bake Sale...
 Tuesday, March 24 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 25 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Donations of gently used items and baked goods will be accepted on: Sunday, March 22, 2:00-6:00 p.m. & Monday, March 23, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Charity Tickets...
 Please return by Friday, March 27 to hit the first turn in and no later than April 20 to be in the drawings. So far we have 513 back. Last year our first turn-in was 970, so we're behind the pace. We get a higher % back in the first round for local work. Please find your tickets and get 'em in the mail!

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - March 21 & 22
4:30: PB: Dianna Kehres, Tom Roof
 Jane Kleman, Becky Lucke, Lisa Niese, Michele Niese
LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart
8:00: PB: Ryan & Erin Kerner
 Mallory Kerner, Beth Nienberg, Joan Niese, Rose Recker
LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart
Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst
11:00: PB: Jill Leis, Nathan Kahle
 Cherie Kemper, Deb McIntyre, Peter Morrissey, Carrie Patrick
LECTOR: Sandy Westrick

USHERS - March 21 & 22
4:30: Team 9 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 7

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 3/17	8:00 AM	Melanie Wannemacher Lillian Wehri
Wed, 3/18	8:00 AM	Jake Bockrath Owen Bockrath
Thurs, 3/19	7:30 PM	Lawson Brinkman Kaley Dickman
Fri, 3/20	8:00 AM	Mason Gerding Macy Kahle
Sat, 3/21	4:30 PM	Logan Rampe Chase Rampe Chad Recker
Sun, 3/22	8:00 AM	Cody Recker John Recker Lillian Schnipke
	11:00 AM	Blake Remlinger Bryce Remlinger Lucas Schroeder

Offertory Bearers - March 21 & 22
4:30: Scott & Angie Meyer Family
8:00: Karl & Darlene Miller Family
11:00: Dave & Shirley Buss Family

Catholic Road Trip....
 to Refresh & Renew... July 27 - 31 this summer. Step away from daily life and join me for an amazing faith-filled and fun Catholic Road Trip, combining Catholic traditions & prayer with nature, history, culture & community! 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. For complete details, contact the Organizer & Leader Diane Utrup at 419-306-5588 or letsgotravelclub2@gmail.com

Thank You...
 The family of Stephen Stechschulte would like to thank Fr Phil, Deacon Greg, the Bereavement Committee, choir, and organist for making his mass so special. A sincere thank you to Dick's Steak House and the Helping Hands Committee for the delicious luncheon. We are truly blessed to live in such a caring community and cherish all the support and prayers shown to our family during this difficult time.

Confirmation...
 will be **April 18 at 4:30 p.m.** Please continue your prayers for our 8th graders as they complete their Works of Mercy and complete the Chosen class work.

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - March 15, 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 Time for St. John the Baptist, Continental: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the church building, the parish is accepting orders for drinkware and an ornament engraved with the sketched image of the church. Turn in this completed form and payment to the parish office or place in the collection basket on or before **Wednesday, March 18, 2026.** Make checks payable to "St. Michael's Church."



Tumber Description:
 24 oz. Laser Etched Copper Vacuum Insulated Tumbler featuring a dual function lid with a retractable sipper straw and a flip open/close sip through lid. This tumbler keeps drinks hot for up to 8 hours and cold for up to 12 hours



100th Anniversary of St. Michael's Church Building: Commemorative Gifts Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Ornament	\$22	_____	\$ _____
Pub Glass	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Insulated Tumbler	\$27	_____	\$ _____
Order Total			\$ _____



From the Desk of Fr. Phil

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten series on “The Last Things” continues by reflecting on heaven, hell, and purgatory.

The Church teaches that heaven is fullness of life! The New Testament presents the image of heaven as a city - “the heavenly Jerusalem” - indicating a state of thriving in meaningful community, the opposite of boredom and isolation.

This weekend’s Responsorial Psalm is often prayed at funerals because it presents several images that allude to heaven. Psalm 23 presents heaven as restful and peaceful (“In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me”), free of stress and pressure to perform, with our deepest thirsts being quenched by God. The image of “resting in peace” signals the end of conflicts, anxieties, fear, sadness, and suffering. The image of heaven as a meal (“you spread a table before me”), proposes a state of fulfillment that satiates the deepest longings of our soul (“he refreshes by soul”). God’s goodness and love are so abundant that we are satisfied beyond anything experienced on earth (“my cup overflows”).

Jesus promised to prepare a place for us in his Father’s house (John 14:2-3). St. Paul used the metaphor of a building to describe the permanent nature of our heavenly dwelling, while comparing our earthly life to transitory and temporary tent-dwelling (2 Corinthians 5:1). In other words, we will truly be at home in heaven. We will be safe, secure, and know we are where we truly belong.

In the end, earthly images fail to describe heaven fully. “Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9). Earthly experiences of joy, love, peace, fulfillment, happiness, and true friendship give us just a small taste, foreshadowing, or glimpse into what will be in abundance in heaven.

On the other hand, hell is the absence of love. The state of being separated from God. Hate, bitterness, and division are a lifestyle there. Sadly, many of us have gotten a small taste of hell in certain situations where hate, bitterness, and division reigned. God allows hell to exist to respect human freedom. The real tragedy of hell is that people have chosen it! These persons have rejected God’s countless offers of life, mercy, and salvation during their earthly lives.

Purgatory purifies those who have not rejected friendship with God but have also not attained perfection in charity on earth. Purgatory prepares us to fully enjoy eternal life and share bonds of charity with others in heaven. God’s merciful love in purgatory cleanses us of disordered attachments. These might be exaggerated attachments to certain people, things, our reputation, or our judgements of others, that would hold us back from accepting the resolution of God’s plan in heaven, prevent us from truly being ourselves in heaven, or hinder us from seeing others through the lens of God’s truth in heaven. Since love is purifying the deceased in purgatory, God invites us to assist with this process by offering prayers for the dead. Our prayers are acts of love

that God uses to help perfect our loved ones, as the saving grace of Jesus’ death on the Cross cleanses them of sin and molds their hearts to love more excellently.

Recognizing that we will one day be judged and that earthly life is meant to be the pathway to eternal life, our daily life takes on deeper significance. Even mundane and routine moments are occasions to grow closer to Jesus and the salvation he offers to us! Each day, we have opportunities to grow closer to the life of heavenly love and authentic community or to spread the hate, bitterness, and division of hell. We have a chance to help others open their hearts to the love of Jesus that is victorious over sin or to lead them towards despair. Our Lenten and Easter liturgies motivate us to accept the call we have received to share in God’s goodness and life now, and forever in heaven!

Have a great week!

Fr. Phil

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
MONDAY, MARCH 16	
7:15 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael, successful surgery
TUESDAY, MARCH 17	
8:00 AM	Karen Giesige, Louis & Molly Osterhage
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18	
8:00 AM	L/D Robert & Donna McCollum Family Mary & Al Siefker & Family
THURSDAY, MARCH 19 St. Joseph	
7:30 PM	Barb Seihorst (A)
FRIDAY, MARCH 20	
8:00 AM	Wilma Vorst, Rose Siebeneck, Irma Kahle
SATURDAY, MARCH 21	
4:30 PM	Angela Schroeder, Dolores Schulte Irma Kahle, Ron Kahle, Jr., Joe Langhals Earl Kleman & Family, Bud & Marie Becker Gene Ellerbrock, Ellie Schimmoeller, Herk Selhorst, Tom, Wannemacher, Don & Kathy Sager Family
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent	
8:00 AM	Marie Grote
11:00 AM	Bob & Joan Schimmoeller, Lincoln Roebke L/D Don Holtkamp & Family, Frank Schroeder Romie & Betty Wannemacher Family Aloysius & Anna Warnecke Family Alvin & Rita Kleman, Andrew Orzechowski Courtney Ehrnsberger, Special Intention

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 11,442.00

Last Week’s Building Fund: \$ 2,090.00

Improvement Fund:

\$ 413,265.54 out of \$309,699.61 goal

Choir Assignments - March 21 & 22

4:30: Ashleigh **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Children’s

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Wendy Schimmoeller's grade 5 on Wednesday, March 18 and Jill Zeller's grade 8 on Friday, March 20.

High School Religious Ed Notes - March 18

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

Our last night of class will be March 25.

Want to be on the Parish Council Ballot?

Email Leslie at stmichaelskalida@gmail.com
or call 419-532-3474.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Students in grades 5 & 4 will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 19 during their CCD class time.

Stations of the Cross

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

Use Hallow for Lent to Grow in Your Faith

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.



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 and also on March 21/22. Most items are priced between \$10-\$25 each.

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 March 21 “Unceasing Prayer.” 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!

Soup Nights During Lent

Soup will be available this Tuesday, 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 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. Soups available on March 17 will be Beef Noodle & Vegetable Beef.

Attention Parents of Current 7th Graders

The Confirmation Retreat held at Damascus will be November 20-22, 2026. This is for next year's grade 8 students. Please make this a priority for your family and put it on your calendar now. It’s life-changing for our youth!

Harmony for Hope...

A benefit for the Putnam County Cancer Assistance Program. Sunday, April 12 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. @ Black Angus in Ottoville. Live Music, Raffle, Food and Drinks. Tickets available at Ottoville Parish Office, The Gentry or Ottoville Town & Country Flowers.

Penance Services

Wednesday, March 25 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Glandorf

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

Regular Confession times at Kalida, St. Michael:

Saturdays, March 21, 28 from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

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



Bourbon, Beer & Belief

All men 21 & over are invited to the next Bourbon, Beer, and Belief from 8:00-9:00 p.m., on March 19 in the church basement. Father Phil Smith will provide a bourbon tasting and an inspiring faith talk. BYOB.

Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

2026-27 Holy Name Raffle Tickets Available

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

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

Y.E.S. – Youth Elect Service Project

June 4-6, 2026 hosted by St. Joseph Ft. Jennings
YOUTH REGISTRATION

Students entering grade 7 through graduating seniors. Registration forms will be handed out in class or are available at the entrances to church.

ADULT TEAM LEADER REGISTRATION

We’d love for you to join us as an adult team leader for the **Y.E.S. weekend June 4-6**. Adult team leaders need to be current college freshmen up to retirees! Registration forms are at the entrances to church or at the Parish Office.

JOB SITES

The 2026 Y.E.S. project involves junior high, high school youth, and adults helping with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that might be too difficult to do. Most of our work consists of helping private homeowners without family members nearby or unable to maintain or improve their homes. **On June 5-6, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery would love to help you!** If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with a job, or two, inside or outside of your home, please submit a request by May 24.

Contact Jill Zeller 567-376-9115 or the parish office to get any YES forms or to sign up as a job site.

First Communion & May Crowning

First Communion is May 3 at 1:00 p.m. May Crowning will be May 10 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Our First Communicants are asked to be a part of the May Crowning.