

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 23**  
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 pm  
 HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00 pm  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**  
 SOUP NIGHT: 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**  
 FINAL HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 pm  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**  
 EUCH. ADORATION: 8 am - 7:15 pm  
 ROSARY: 6:55 pm in church  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**  
 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 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: 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 28 & 29**  
**4:30:** PB: Karen Schroeder, Lisa Unverferth  
 Nancy Rampe, Chellie Unverferth, Scott Unverferth, Kamryn Wurth  
**LECTORS:** Kayla Nartker, Nancy Rampe  
**8:00:** PB: Mary Siefker, Duane Steffan  
 Donna Schnipke, Mark Remlinger, Barb Steffan, Norma Unverferth  
**LECTOR:** Lynda Fortman  
**Ministers to Homebound:**  
**11:00:** PB: Craig & Amanda Recker  
 Rosten Smith, Wendy Schimmoeller, Nicole Siebeneck, Lindsey Slusser  
**LECTOR:** Erin Kerner

**USHERS - March 28 & 29**  
**4:30:** Team 9 **8:00:** Team 8 **11:00:** Team 7

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Tues, 3/24	8:00 AM	Trent Kahle Avery Kerner
Wed, 3/25	8:00 AM	Logan Klaus Lauren Knueve
Thurs, 3/26	7:30 PM	Lily Krouse Ethan Langhals
Fri, 3/27	8:00 AM	Bryn Michel Allie Rampe
Sat, 3/28	4:30 PM	Jack Schulte Josh Schulte Eli Patrick
Sun, 3/29	8:00 AM	Hannah Bendele Rebekah Bendele Adam Bockrath
	11:00 AM	Avery Bockrath Parker Vorst Isabelle Buss

**Offertory Bearers - March 28 & 29**  
**4:30:** Ryan & Amy Schnipke Family  
**8:00:** Kyle & Jess Recker Family  
**11:00:** Craig & Amanda Recker 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 [letsgettravelclub2@gmail.com](mailto:letsgettravelclub2@gmail.com)

**2026 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.

**Euchre Tournament—Cloverdale**  
 Sunday, March 22, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Barbara Parish Center, Cloverdale. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society. It is open to all men, women, and children who enjoy playing euchre. \$5 per player. All registration money returned as prizes. Refreshments will be available.

**St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - March 22, 2026**  
**Pastor:** Fr. Philip Smith ([psmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:psmith@toledodiocese.org))  
**Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Joseph Varghese ([jvarghese@toledodiocese.org](mailto:jvarghese@toledodiocese.org)) **Deacon:** Greg Zeller  
**DRE:** Connie Cleemput **Youth Minister:** Jill Zeller **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer  
**Website:** [stmichaelskalida.org](http://stmichaelskalida.org) **Address:** 312 N. Broad St.; Box 387; Kalida, OH 45853  
**Phone:** 419-532-3474 **Email:** [stmichaelskalida@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Sisterhood of Saints**

The previous "Challenge Club" closed their year with a Daddy/Daughter Night Out and a Heartbeat of Lima baby item drive on February 27. They also led the Stations of the Cross this past Sunday. This year's apostolic projects included: letter writing to Veterans, Christmas Caroling, a visit to The Meadows of Kalida to visit and hand out cards and treats.

With a new name came new focuses: mutual encouragement, bearing one another's burdens, serving one another, unity in Christ, wisdom, kindness and selfless love. Throughout our sessions this year we started each meeting taking a closer look at the many names we have for our Blessed Mother and how we honor her throughout our daily lives. A sisterhood rooted in faith can be a source of strength and a witness to Christ. The girl's signs of support, prayer and encouragement of one another and our parish has grown greatly this year and we hope to continue to build on our new mission in years to come.

Thank you to Fr. Phil and Fr. Joseph for their continued support of our program and to all the girls and their families that joined us this year. The program is open to girls in grades 4-8 as members and grades 9-12 as teen leaders/mentors. We will resume our sessions next Fall, but are always here to lend a helping hand. If there are any moms interested in being a mom mentor or any way we can assist the parish, please reach out to Mary Siefker (419-969-5129), Denise Schroeder (419-306-7781) or Jill Liebrecht (419-789-2447).



**Stations of the Cross (l-r):** Addelyn, Riley, Maria, Sawyer, Alison, Kaylan



- Daddy Daughter Committee:**  
 Briella  
 Aubree  
 Claire  
 Sophie  
 Kallie  
 Alexis  
 Cecilia  
 Clara  
 Kate  
 Carlie

Dear Parishioners,

We continue our Lenten reflections on “The Last Things” by focusing on the three goals of Catholic funeral rites outlined by *Catechism of the Catholic Church #1684*:

Firstly, Catholic funerals help loved ones embrace “efficacious communion with the deceased.” This is a fancy way of saying that our relationship with the deceased is changed, not ended, at their death. Each Sunday in the Creed we profess our belief in the Communion of Saints, that we continue to be united with our loved ones after their death. This is made “efficacious,” most real, during the Mass when heaven and earth are united in the Eucharistic Prayer. Our Catholic church buildings have statues and images of saints to remind us of our communion with the saints in heaven, especially as we receive the risen Jesus in Holy Communion. We offer prayers at the funeral that through God’s loving mercy any stain of sin or faults of the deceased might be forgiven, so we can all be reunited one day in God’s heavenly Kingdom. In the meantime, the bond of love we share with the deceased continues since the love of Christians participates in God’s love that lives on forever. In difficult days of grief, it can be helpful to recall that the love of deceased parents, siblings, spouses, friends, grandparents, etc. for us is still alive in the new life they share with God.

The second goal of a Catholic funeral is for the family of the deceased to experience “communion with community.” In other words, funerals demonstrate the solidarity of a parish with the family of the deceased, surrounding them with love, prayers, and practical acts of charity. Showing up for funeral visitations and/or funeral Masses is an important work of mercy, especially in a busy, fast-paced world. In the early days of Christianity, the fervent way Christians provided comfort and support to widows and orphans after their loved ones had died was a practice that distinguished Christianity from other pagan religions. This charity inspired many to convert to Christianity. I’m grateful for how our community supports grieving families and makes time to be present for funeral visitations and Masses. Special thanks to our parish bereavement team that assists with funerals and funeral planning, the helping hands and dessert makers for funeral luncheons, servers, funeral choir, and our parish cemetery volunteers.

Thirdly, Catholic funerals center on the “proclamation of eternal life.” In his preaching, Jesus was insistent that his primary mission was not a comfortable earthly life for his followers. His mission was to share the gift of eternal life in heaven! Jesus’ promise of eternal salvation is what makes it possible for us to face the pain of death and grief with courage and hope. At a practical level, the instructions that govern Catholic funeral rites for the universal Church and our diocese emphasize that homilies and other reflections at funeral Masses should not be a eulogy that canonizes the deceased. Rather, the focus is on God who is merciful and offers the gift of eternal life. Focusing only on the good deeds of the deceased could lead us to presumption or despair. Focusing on Jesus properly contextualizes the strengths and weaknesses of the deceased, allowing us to be honest about their goodness and sinfulness, while finding comfort in Jesus’ saving work that offers eternal life.

Have a great week!

*Fr. Phil*

### Upcoming Mass Schedule

<b>MONDAY, MARCH 23</b>	
7:15 AM	Oscar & Marie Kuhlman
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 24</b>	
8:00 AM	Ray & Rita Flaute
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25</b> <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
8:00 AM	Neil Schnipke, Imogene Kahle
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 26</b>	
7:30 PM	L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 27</b>	
8:00 AM	Bob & Carol Kuhlman
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 28</b>	
4:30 PM	L/D Mae & Carl Webken Family L/D Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family Don, Ted & JoAnn Kahle
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 29</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	
8:00 AM	Jim & Esther Siefker, Randy Siefker Joe Langhals, Dorothy Miller & Family LD Carl & Cecilia Plescher Family L/D Ray & Elene Schumaker Family Doris Bockrath, Tom & Donna Hoffman
11:00 AM	Sam & Eileen Decker, Doris Bockrath

**Last Week’s Collection:** \$ 6,672.00

**Last Week’s Building Fund:** \$ 580.00

**Improvement Fund:**

\$ 415,060.54 out of \$309,699.61 goal

### Choir Assignments - March 28 & 29

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

### Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Cindy Fitzgerald's grade 4 on Wednesday, March 25, and Annette Gerding and Marv Kromer's grade 7 on Friday, March 27.

### High School Religious Ed Notes - March 25

Our last night of high school CCD classes is March 25. Thank you to the students who attended this past school year and a special thanks to our catechists who gave of their time to share the Catholic faith with our young people. May they inspire others to do the same.

### First Communion Practice

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

### First Communion

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

### May Crowning

Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

### Attention Parents of Current 7th Graders

The Confirmation Retreat at Damascus for our current grade 7 students will be November 20-22, 2026. We are in the process of requesting a Confirmation date from the Diocese for the spring of 2027. We'll keep you posted once they confirm a date.

### Grade 7 Will Receive...

the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 26 during their religion class time.

### Recent Baptism

**HUDSON GRANT ROHRS**

Son of Nicholas & Samantha (Recker) Rohrs

### Adult Confirmation

There will be a celebration of Confirmation for adults at Rosary Cathedral in late May for adults who have already received Catholic Baptism and First Communion but have not yet received Confirmation. Please email Father Phil Smith by April 15, 2026 if you are interested: [psmith@toledodicoese.org](mailto:psmith@toledodicoese.org).

### Come Pray in the Garden!

Join in a self-guided Seven Church Pilgrimage on Holy Thursday (April 2, 2026) following the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. After the Last Supper, Jesus asked his disciples to keep watch and pray with him. They sang, prayed, and spent time together as Jesus’ Passion began. You can do the same while visiting special “garden” altars in seven churches in our area, including here in Kalida! Access the itinerary, meditations, and a Spotify travel playlist at [www.delphoscatholic.org/holythursday](http://www.delphoscatholic.org/holythursday)

### Want to be on the Parish Council Ballot?

Email Leslie at [stmichaelskalida@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Sunday of Lent at 1:00 p.m. in church. Students in Grade 7 will be reenacting the Stations this Sunday, March 22.

### Soup Available This Tuesday...

from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. This is open to EVERYONE in the parish! 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 24 will be vegetable beef, chicken noodle, chili and ham & bean.

### March Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Jodi Rellinger	\$100	Carl Fortman
\$100	Jaxsyn Unverferth	\$100	Gene Foppe
\$100	Collin Grote	\$ 50	Craig Siebeneck
\$ 50	Adam Schnipke	\$ 50	Isabella Erhart
\$ 50	Paul Talbott	\$ 50	Landon Warnecke
\$ 50	James Burgei	\$ 50	Kyla Unverferth

### Easter Flower Intentions

Deadline is Sunday, March 29. Thanks!

### Teachers Needed for Grades 5 & 6

Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul Schools is seeking 2 qualified and enthusiastic candidates for the positions of Middle School Science and Language Arts Teachers (Grades 5-6). All those who hold a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a valid Ohio teaching license, including recent graduates, are encouraged to apply. Required Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Education or Related Field, Valid Ohio teaching license/certification, Skilled in Technology, Ability to Collaborate as a Member of a Cohesive Team; Preferred Qualifications: Practicing Catholic and Classroom Experience. Please email cover letter, resume, and list of 3 professional references to Connie Niese at [cniese@sppsknights.org](mailto:cniese@sppsknights.org). Applications accepted until March 31, 2026

### Addition of 9:30 AM Mass for Two Sundays

There will be 9:30 a.m. Mass at **both** Kalida, St. Michael and Continental, St. John the Baptist on Easter Sunday (April 5, 2026) and Sunday, April 12, 2026 (First Communion in Continental).

### 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.

### 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

### CLC-Sponsored Right to Life Bake Sale

Friday, March 27, at the Kalida K of C Fish Fry. Please bring your items to the hall that day from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. You don't have to be a CLC member to donate items.

Please Join Us  
For A Lenten Presentation  
**They Were There When  
We Crucified Our Lord**  
With Deacon Greg Zeller

Come and learn  
about the Saints  
who stayed at  
the foot of the  
cross

St. John's Church,  
Continental

Wednesday  
March 25

6:30 PM

