

**MONDAY, MARCH 24**  
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church  
 NCYC INFORMATIONAL MEETING: 6:00 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 25**  
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**  
 FR. PHIL TALK ON PRAYER: 9:00 a.m. in basement  
 FINAL HIGH SCHOOL PRE: 7:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 27**  
 EUCH. ADORATION: 8:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
 FR. PHIL TALK ON PRAYER: 5:30 p.m. in basement  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 28**  
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

**Upcoming Area Penance Services**

Wednesday, March 26  
 7:00 p.m. at Miller City  
Wednesday, March 26  
 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Glandorf  
Monday, April 14  
 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Ottawa

**Recent Baptism**

**MACIE JEAN BYRNE**

Daughter of Jared & Megan (Meyer) Byrne

**PC Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale**

Putnam County Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale: Sale days are Tuesday, April 8, from 9 am to 7 pm and Wednesday, April 9 from 9 am to 3 pm., at the Ottawa K of C Hall, 10760 Rd H, Ottawa. Drop off days for gently-used items and baked goods are Sunday, April 6, from 2 to 6 pm and Monday, April 7 from 9 am to 6 pm.

**Kalida Garage Sales - April 24, 25 & 26**

Sign up at Kalida Telephone or Union Bank by April 11.

**Download the Hallow App**

Join our Parish Community on Hallow this Lent and beyond! Follow the simple steps below:

**If you are ALREADY on Hallow:**

1. Open the Hallow App
2. Navigate to the Community Tab on the bottom of the screen
3. Enter name (if applicable)
4. Search for our parish, Kalida St. Michael

**If you want to sign up for the FREE version of Hallow:**

1. Open the APP store on your phone
2. Search for the Hallow app and download
3. Navigate to the Community Tab on the bottom of the screen
4. Follow the prompts, Search for our parish, Kalida St. Michael

**If you want to sign up for the PREMIUM version (access to everything on the app) for \$1 for six months:**

1. Go to hallow.com/parish
- In order to receive the \$1 six month deal you MUST first go on the website before downloading the app!
2. Search for our parish, Kalida St. Michael
3. Create an account and sign up for \$1 (for six months)
4. THEN, open the app store on your phone
5. Search for the Hallow app and download
6. Open the Hallow app
7. Navigate to the Community Tab on the bottom of the screen
8. Follow the prompts, Search for our parish, Kalida St. Michael

**Holy Name Tickets**

As you sell your Holy Name raffle tickets, please turn them in to the collection or Nick Schulte or Mark Warnecke as soon as possible. Drawings begin in June. Thanks!

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - March 29 & 30**

**4:30:** PB: Lisa Unverferth, Scott Unverferth  
 Greg Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Jeff Bockrath, Ryan Buss  
**LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald**  
**8:00:** PB: Tony Vorst, Don Wehri  
 Sandy Vorst, Dennis Bockrath, Matt Bockrath, Logan Bockrath  
**LECTOR: Don Wehri**  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Dianna Kehres  
**11:00:** PB: Mike & Sandy Westrick  
 Brian & Bev Berheide, Bob Buss, Michelle Buss  
**LECTOR: Tony Unverferth**

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Tues, 3/25	8:00 AM	Carson Knott Kyla Unverferth Henry Wehri
Wed, 3/26	8:00 AM	Owen Langhals Evan Leis
Thurs, 3/27	7:30 PM	Zach Lucke Anna McVey
Fri, 3/28	8:00 AM	Madden Miller Ava Niemeyer
Sat, 3/29	4:30 PM	Nathan Kahle Logan Kerner Mallory Kerner
Sun, 3/30	8:00 AM	Griffin Klausing Hunter Klausing Katelin Knueve
	11:00 AM	Katherine Krouse Allie Kuhlman Grady Kuhlman

**Offertory Bearers - March 29 & 30**

**4:30:** Scott & Angie Meyer Family  
**8:00:** Karl & Darlene Miller Family  
**11:00:** Mike & Jessi Grime Family

**USHERS - March 29 & 30**

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

**Soup Nights During Lent at St. Michael's**

Soup will be available on TUESDAYS during Lent, from 5:00—6:00 p.m. for everyone in the parish. Enjoy the soup as a walk-in, drive through (on the elevator side of church) or eat in the basement. If you have any questions, please call Darlene Miller at 419-615-8819.

**March Holy Name Raffle Winners**

\$250	Chris Steffan	\$100	Luke Lammers
\$100	Lenyx Recker	\$100	Jared Fortman
\$100	Gene Foppe	\$ 50	Paul Niemeyer
\$ 50	Shelly Grote-Riley	\$ 50	Lois Meyer
\$ 50	Larry Ricker	\$ 50	Nick Schulte
\$ 50	Joe Siebeneck	\$ 50	Tatum Bockrath

**K of C 5669 Charity Campaign...**

is well underway. We have to ship the first turn in next week so if you have not sent your tickets in would love to have you fill the mailbox! We retain more \$ of tickets turned in first round. The LAST turn in is May 1st. Thanks in advance!!! Also, remember you can send any dues still owed with these tickets so we can close the books on those also.

**Little Slugger Baseball League Registration**

This league is open to all Kalida boys and girls in pre-school and Kindergarten. Contact Randy Buss at 419-234-5660 or bussrandy@yahoo.com. Deadline is March 24.



**St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, March 23, 2025**

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

**Deacon:** Bob Klausing **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.



*Fr. Phil Presents...*

**Improving at Prayer:  
Strategies for Busy People**

Wednesday, March 26, at 9:00 a.m.

and

Thursday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m.

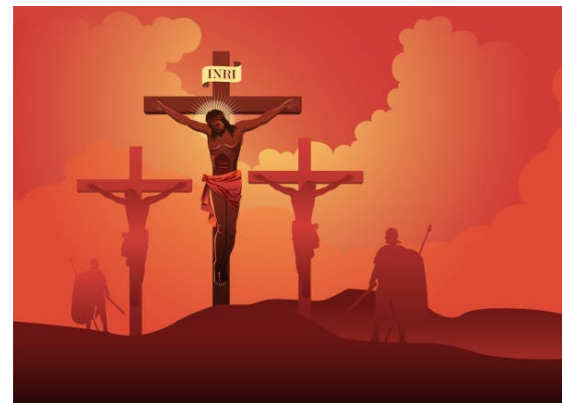
St. Michael's Church Basement

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursdays of Lent

8:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the back of church.



**Stations of the Cross**

Every Sunday of Lent

1:00 p.m. in church

## Keeping Kids Catholic Part 1

Some have asked for a recording of Father Phil's first Lenten talk on "Keeping Kids Catholic." While there was no recording of the talk, some themes will be shared in the bulletin in written format over the next few weeks. Here is part 1:

Why is handing on the faith so difficult these days? Why do many young adults stop identifying as Catholic even after attending CCD and Mass their entire childhood?

Handing on the faith in America used to be easier. Senior parishioners will remember a childhood when most Americans went to church every Sunday. In those days, parents were not expected to also juggle work, youth sports, shopping, and other activities on Sunday. The 10 Commandments were known and respected. When people did not follow the commandments, they usually understood they were doing something wrong. Making sacrifices for the sake of marriage, children, church, community and country defined mature American adulthood.

In that era, the culture echoed what Catholic parents wanted for their children. Christian beliefs were widely reinforced by teachers, coaches, classmates, neighbors, and even media programming. If parents practiced the faith themselves, made sure their kids attended CCD and Sunday Mass, their kids were likely to go to church after leaving home.

Today, American society is different. Of adults who identify as Catholics, only 20% attend Mass each week (compared to 80% of Catholics in the 1950s). About 30% of American adults consider themselves "nones" with no religion. This is especially true of young adults, with 44% of 18-29 year olds (in 2021) identifying as "nones." Further, Christian morals are no longer the inarguable foundation of American society. Materialism is the air we breathe. Parents feel torn in many directions. They feel pressured to provide their children with a comfortable upbringing, while also pursuing success in their own careers, while also setting their kids up for success in sports, extracurricular activities, and school, while also providing plenty of Instagram-worthy family vacations. And so on.

To put it simply, handing on the faith is more difficult today because culture has changed over the past several decades. In this new era, if parents want their children to continue practicing the faith after leaving home, they will need to be very intentional about how they share the faith. They can no longer just sign kids up for CCD and take them to Mass on Sunday, even though that can feel challenging enough most weeks. With the culture working against them, Catholic parents need to be strategic.

If we find our situation discouraging, the beginnings of Christianity remind us not to despair. The early Christian community found themselves surrounded by a culture very similar to our own. The culture promoted lifestyles centered on selfishness and pleasure. Sacrifices for marriage, family, and church were not held in high esteem. The 10 commandments were not widely practiced or known. Sunday was not a day of rest or worship. Christians were openly persecuted for their beliefs and practices. Yet, Christianity grew, and the faith was handed on successfully in that era. Despite cultural pressures working against them, Christian parents were intentional in how they hand-

ed on the faith and inspired not just their own children but many others in society to live the Catholic faith. To use the words of Saint Paul, "where sin abounded, grace abounded ever more." (Romans 5:20) It wasn't easy for parents, but their sacrifices and God's grace bore much fruit.

This historical example reminds us not to give up when passing on the faith becomes difficult, and the culture is working against us. God's grace can help us share our faith with young people if we are willing to make the sacrifices to engage them in an intentional way. Upcoming bulletin articles will share proven strategies for passing on the faith to young people as we strive as a parish to support parents in their God-given mission of sharing the Catholic faith with their children.

Fr. Phil

### Upcoming Mass Schedule

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25** *Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 AM **Angela Schroeder**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

8:00 AM **Tom Warnecke, The Richard Grote Family**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27**

7:30 PM **Dan Schroeder & Family, Alex Wehri  
L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family  
Jeff Schroeder, Donald "Mike" Schroeder  
Gene & Jo Ann Otto, Special Intention  
David, John & Helen Wehri**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28**

8:00 AM **Ryan Cleemput**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

4:30 PM **Charles & Judy Nussbaum, Gene Wurth  
Harold Horstman**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM **Vincent & Carol Verhoff**

11:00 AM **Parishioners of St. Michael's**

**Last Week's Collection:** \$ 9,930.00

### Choir Assignments - March 29 & 30

4:30: Ashleigh 8:00: Ashleigh 11:00:

### This Week's Donation Items for Food Pantry

Week of March 25: please donate bar soap & toilet paper for the food pantry. Please deposit in designated area by the elevator entrance to church. Thank you for your generosity.

Interested in going to NCYC in November?  
(National Catholic Youth Conference)

## NCYC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

for students (parents if you have questions, please join us too)

@ Religious Education Center

**MONDAY, MARCH 24 AT 6:00PM**

Please bring a \$250 down payment (checks made to St. Michael)

some of this will be re-imbursed. In the past, most only paid about \$100 for the trip.  
We will be discussing Fundraising opportunities and more information about NCYC.

**NCYC**  
National Catholic Youth Conference  
November 20-23, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

I am eager to share with you the good news that we have successfully raised the \$301,647 needed for the front step restoration project! As communicated in the bulletin in November, the total project cost is estimated at \$1,344,294. We will be using the parish portion of the Living Christ diocesan capital campaign donations as well as a significant amount of parish savings for the project. We expect work to begin on the front steps in May and will continue through the summer.

In recent weeks, we have been working on the next phase of our campus improvement plan, which focuses on the CCD building. Built in the 1950s as a convent, the building needs many repairs and renovations if it is going to serve the basic needs of our daily CCD program. We are exploring a wide range of options. For example, a "Band-Aid plan" that would make a few adjustments in hopes of just getting us through the next couple of years before a larger project is tackled. Or moving forward soon with a full-scale renovation of the building. Or building a completely new classroom building to replace the current building. Right now, we are still evaluating the long-term maintenance needs of the current structure, so we can make a decision that is financially prudent and uses your donations in a way that will lead to the long-term stability of our parish and CCD program. The parish finance council, pastoral council, and maintenance committee have all agreed that we should not put large amounts of money into the current building unless we are confident that it can serve our needs for many more years. Our daily CCD program is an important aspect of our community life. We want to do everything possible to make sure this Kalida tradition continues strong into the future.

Donations to the improvement fund will continue to be accepted at this time. These contributions will lessen the amount of parish savings used on the front step project. No matter what decision is reached regarding the future of the CCD building, additional fundraising will be required at that time since a significant amount of our parish savings will have been used on the front step project. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available regarding options for the CCD building and the costs associated with those possibilities.

Know of my gratitude for all you do to support our parish! We are blessed to have such a generous parish family. Gratefully,  
Fr. Phil

### Parish Council Election...

will be held the weekend of April 26 and 27. If you would like your name to be added to the ballot, please email Leslie (stmichaelskalida@gmail.com) or call 419-532-3474, ext. 100, by April 17.

### Catechists Still Needed for Next School Year

We are still in need of teachers for grades 5, 7 and 8. We have a leader's guide to assist you with all the answers you need to teach! Contact Connie Cleemput for more info.

### Attn: Parents of Current Grade 7 Students

The Damascus Confirmation Retreat for our current grade 7th students will be November 14-16, 2025. Mark your calendars now and make your future plans accordingly. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students. If you have questions contact Connie at 419-532-3474, Ext. 102.

### High School CCD - March 26

March 26 will be the last class for this school year. Thanks to our faith-filled teachers and to the students who made it a priority to come to our classes.

### Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Mary Grote's grade 1 class on March 26 and Ruth Kuhlman & Marv Kromer's grade 7 on Fri., March 28.

### Want to be a Eucharistic Minister?

There will be training on Saturday, March 29, from 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the church for anyone interested in serving as a Communion Distributor (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) at Mass and/or to the homebound. Volunteers need to have completed all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) and be living a lifestyle in accord with the teachings of the Church. Contact Fr. Phil (psmith@toledodiocese.org) with questions.



This group of Seniors enjoyed the afternoon last Sunday at SkyZone. Then a few more of their classmates joined us for dinner at 1820. During dinner, 4 KHS alumni and Fr. Phil shared some experiences of their life after High School. Sharing how they stayed active in their faith, in college and other life experiences. Thank you to all who came for the day and all those who shared with the Seniors.