

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MONDAY, MARCH 30
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 pm
HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 pm
THURSDAY, APRIL 2
ROSARY: 7:00 pm in church
FRIDAY, APRIL 3
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 pm in church

Church Crawl at Cathedral

Saturday, April 25, 2026. \$10.00 per person. Families welcome-Kids are FREE. Fr. Nathan Bockrath will lead our tour of the beautiful Our Lady of the Most Rosary Cathedral. Cathedral Tour with Fr. Nathan 3:00-4:00 p.m. We will have time for a "scavenger hunt" like exploration of the Cathedral after Fr. Nathan's tour. Confession available at 4:00 p.m. (you will have time until Mass to explore the Cathedral). Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. Your \$10 cost will be given as a donation to Fr. Nathan and the Cathedral. Contact Jill Zeller 567-376-9115 to register I will contact all participating, if you want to carpool. After Mass, you may choose to stay in Toledo for dinner, shopping, etc. If you want some options, please let me know.

Kalida Garage Sales—April 23, 24 & 25

Sign up at Kalida Telephone or Union Bank by April 10.

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 JOSH-UA 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



Last Sunday, these 7th graders reenacted the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to all who participated, along with their CCD teachers, Mrs. Annette Gerding and Miss Kayla Nartker.

Back Row: Case, Trent, Will & Grayson

Front Row: Macy, Brynleigh, Juliana, Avery, Natallie & Owen

Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Euch. Min: PB: Sandy Westrick, Mike Westrick
 Lisa Trentman, Sandy Vorst, Tony Vorst, Nancy Rampe
LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart

Good Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Euch. Min: Lisa Unverferth, Lindsey Slusser, Peter Morrissey, Sandy Westrick
LECTORS: Tony Unverferth, Donna Schnipke
USHERS: Team 1

Good Friday at 6:00 p.m.
Euch. Min.: Deacon Greg, Wendy Schimmoeller, Karen Schroeder, Don Wehri
LECTORS: Don Wehri, Deacon Greg
USHERS: Team 2

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Easter
8:30: PB: Jill Zeller, Greg Zeller
 Phil Fuerst, Lindsey Slusser, Scott Unverferth
LECTOR: Deb Kahle, Joyce Schnipke
8:00: PB: Mary Siefker, Deacon Greg
 Janice Foppe, Donna Schnipke, Duane & Barb Steffan
LECTOR: Shelly Burkhart
9:30: PB: Ryan Buss, Rosten Smith
 Brian & Bev Berheide, Mark Remlinger, Cherie Ehrnsberger
LECTOR: Kayla Nartker
Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst
11:00: PB: Lisa Unverferth, Sandy Westrick
 Chellie Unverferth, Lisa Trentman, Jill Leis, Nicole Siebenneck
LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher

USHERS - Easter
8:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **9:30:** Team 3 **11:00:** Team 4

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 3/31	8:00 AM	Will Recker Miley Schulte
Wed, 4/1	8:00 AM	Colt Schumaker Zach Simon
Thurs, 4/2	7:30 PM	Alex Shininger Emma Shininger Lyla Siebeneck Owen Siebeneck
Fri, 4/3	1:00 PM	Luke Siefker Zach Siefker
	6:00 PM	Aubrey Simon Kennedy Simon
Sat, 4/4	8:30 PM	Brant Bockrath Lauren Bockrath Morgan Bockrath Addelyn Brinkman Corinne Brinkman
Sun, 4/5	8:00 AM	Landon Unverferth Quinn Unverferth Rylee Unverferth
	9:30 AM	Mallory Unverferth Zachary Unverferth Carson Buss
	11:00 AM	Maya Wehri Emerson Burgei Madelyn Cattell

Offertory Bearers - Easter
8:30: New Members of Church
8:00: Mike & Norma Unverferth Family
9:30: Volunteers
11:00: Sean & Adriene Swyers Family



St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - March 29, 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.



**Holy Week/
Easter
Schedule**

Holy Thursday

6:00 p.m.
at Continental

7:30 p.m.
at Kalida

Good Friday

3:00 p.m.
at Continental

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

Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m.
at Kalida

Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m.
at Continental;

8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m. &
11:00 a.m.
at Kalida

From the Desk of Fr. Phil

Dear Parishioners,

Concluding our Lenten bulletin columns on the “The Last Things,” we focus on some practical aspects of facing death with courage and hope.

Many of the ugliest family divisions I have witnessed in my ministry followed the death of a family member. Tragically, these conflicts between siblings or other relatives might have been avoided if the deceased had communicated their preferences more clearly regarding funeral plans, estate planning, end-of-life care, or destination of assets. Doing the necessary planning and legal work to have one’s affairs in good order before death is a way to promote unity and harmony in our families. Having the sometimes awkward, but necessary, conversations about the division of assets, especially of family businesses or farms or heirlooms, can lessen the likelihood of misunderstandings or jealousy between family members after our death.

When putting financial and practical affairs in order, parishioners with the means can consider including the parish as a beneficiary of their will along with other family members. This will help the Church share the Catholic faith with future generations, including one’s descendants.

In the final hours of his life, Jesus prayed for unity among his followers (see John 17:21). Jesus knew that death can be an occasion for heroic acts of love, forgiveness, and solidarity. But death also can bring out the worst in some relationships, especially those that are already tense.

Jesus’ example of praying for unity among his loved ones teaches us to start praying now for the future unity of our families. St. Paul often wrote to Christian communities struggling to get along, so we are not the first Christians to have difficulty staying united. Most prayers of the Communion Rite at Mass focus on unity and peace among Christians. We can lean into these prayers when facing divisions in our own families.

Jesus embraced death on the Cross to be near us in situations of disappointment, frustration, and betrayal. Death can be an unwanted, but helpful, catalyst to examine our priorities in family life and make concrete efforts towards reconciliation when there is discord.

As we enter Holy Week, be assured of my special prayers for you during our most solemn rituals of the year!

Fr. Phil Smith

Final Cleanup at Cemetery

- All decorations should be on the footers so trimming can be done.
- No stones, wire ornaments or mulch are to be placed around monuments.
- Remember to place name on arrangements in case the wind blows them off.

Let’s keep St. Michael’s Cemetery a peaceful resting place for our loved ones. Thank you!

The Cemetery Committee

Upcoming Mass Schedule

MONDAY, MARCH 30

7:15 AM John Brown
10:30 AM Funeral Mass—Jager Burgei

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 AM Joan Prenger, Steve Stechschulte

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 AM Steve Flaute

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 *Holy Thursday*

7:30 PM Paul Hermiller, Ed Schroeder, Klara Frommherz
Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth
L/D Amadeus & Marcelle Schroeder Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 *Good Friday*

1:00 PM The Passion of Our Lord

6:00 PM The Passion of Our Lord

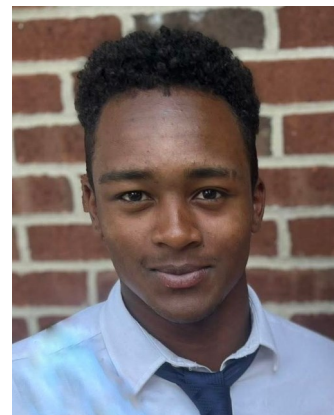
SATURDAY, APRIL 4 *Holy Saturday*

8:30 PM New Members of the Church
Allen Schroeder, Vince Erhart, Greg Erhart
Lincoln Roebke, Margaret Erhart, Della Borgelt
Martha Wallace, Bryce Dettrow
Earl & Dan Kleman, Irma Kahle, Ron Kahle, Jr.
George, Nora & Dan Basinger

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 *Resurrection of Our Lord*

8:00 AM L/D Alvin & Mary Hoffman Family
Tom & Ruth Ann Wurth, Jim Hamilton
Parishioners of St. Michael

9:30 AM Tom Warnecke, Karen Giesige, Paul Belmann
11:00 AM Connie, Amos & Wilma Miller Family
Cleora & Bob Winkle, Stan Winkle
L/D Tony & Marie Langhals Family



Our Condolences

The Funeral Mass for **Jager Burgei** will be held on Monday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. Please include Jager and his family in your prayers.

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 10,884.51

Last Week’s Building Fund: \$ 4,305.00

Improvement Fund:

\$ 416,894.54 out of \$309,699.61 goal

Choir Assignments - Holy Thursday

7:30: YAHS

Choir Assignments - Good Friday

1:00: YAHS 6:00: HN

Choir Assignments - Easter

8:30: YAHS 8:00: HN 9:30: Ashleigh 11:00: Children’s

Volunteers Needed for Feet Washing...

at the Holy Thursday Mass. Contact Leslie at 419-532-3474 or stmichaelskalida@gmail.com by this Monday if you can be one of the 12 who get their feet washed.

Offertory Bearers Needed for...

Holy Thursday and the 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass. Contact Leslie if you can help. Thanks!

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.

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

Recent Baptisms

BOWEN THOMAS ALT

Son of Nathan & Makenna (Vorst) Alt

HARLAND SYLVESTER ALT

Son of Derek & Portia (Simchick) Alt

VEDA JANE FORTMAN

Daughter of Jared & Kimberly (Schnipke) Fortman

THEODORE JOSEPH KLEMAN

Son of Troy & Tracy (Tumblin) Kleman

MILEY LOUISE RECKER

Daughter of Logan & Marissa (Smith) Recker

Thank You from India

Dear Father Philip and Beloved Parish Family,

With a heart filled with gratitude and joy, I write to thank you sincerely for your generous gift of \$11,300 toward the purchase of our mobile palliative ambulance. Because of your kindness, we now have a well-equipped ambulance reaching out to the poor, the sick and the suffering, bringing them hope, comfort and compassionate care in their most difficult moments. Your generosity has become a living sign of Christ’s mercy, touching countless lives and restoring dignity and peace to those near the end of life’s journey. The Diocese of Pathanamthitta in India is a small diocese, embracing about six thousand families. Though many of the faithful live with financial hardship and face social challenges, such as limited opportunities for education and employment, they remain steadfast in faith and hope. Strengthened by their love for Christ, they continue to witness joyfully to the Gospel. One of the greatest pastoral priorities is to provide quality education and employment opportunities for our young people, helping them build a brighter future rooted in faith.

May the Lord bless all of you abundantly for your faith-filled generosity and witness to the Gospel. May St. Michael, your heavenly patron, guard and protect your parish family and intercede so that you may always remain strong in faith and fervent in charity.

With my prayers and apostolic blessing,

Most Rev. Samuel Mar Irenios

Diocese of Pathanamthitta

Want to be on the Parish Council Ballot?

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

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).

Stations of the Cross

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

Easter Flower Intentions

Deadline is THIS Sunday, March 29. Thanks!

Students Planning Mass This Week...

Students planning Mass on Wednesday, April 1, are Becky Lucke and Michele Doepker's grade 4 class. There is no school on Good Friday, April 3.

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 for Second Grade

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

High School Religious Education

Our Wednesday night high school religious education classes have ended for this school year. A special thanks to the adults who have shared the faith with our youth. They included Deb Remlinger, Wendy Schimmoller, Phil Fuerst, Marv Kromer, Kara Beining, Roger Brickner and Lisa Rampe. Is God calling you to join our team for next year?

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Practice is April 15 at 7 p.m. Confirmation is Saturday, April 18 at 4:30. Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers.

Recent Baptism

JACK MICHAEL LANDIN

Son of Jacob & Kasie (Bellmann) Landin

Penance Service

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

2026-27 Holy Name Raffle Tickets

Please turn your tickets into the collection.

Recent Baptisms

HADLEY KATE GOOD

Daughter of Tyler & Megan (Miller) Good

CHLOE JO RIEKE

Daughter of Alex & Ashley (Miller) Rieke

Help Needed at Cemetery

We are looking for one or two youth (16 or older) who would be interested in trimming at St. Michael’s Cemetery. Contact Ron Schulte (419-235-3169) for more information.

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.