

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MONDAY, MARCH 9
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 pm
CLC MEETING: 7:00 pm in church basement
TUESDAY, MARCH 10
SOUP NIGHT: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
FR. PHIL TALK: 9:00 - 10:00 am in church
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 pm
THURSDAY, MARCH 12
EUCH. ADORATION: 8 am - 5:30 pm; 6:30-7:15 pm
FR. PHIL TALK: 5:30 - 6:30 pm in church
ROSARY: 6:55 pm in church
FRIDAY, MARCH 13
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@pchs.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.

Students for Life Dinner...All are Welcome
 Saturday, March 14. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner served at 6:00 p.m., at the Ottawa American Legion Post 63. Ticket prices: Adult (individual): \$30, Couple: \$50, Student: \$15. Please dress formally. Tickets can be purchased at Ottawa Ordnance and Well Grounded Café. For questions, please contact Chase Maag at 567-376-5382.

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 26th 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...
 Sale days are 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 the following days: Sunday, March 22, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Monday, March 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - March 14 & 15
4:30: PB: Jerry Ellerbrock, Bob Gerdeman
 Brandon Erhart, Annette Gerding, Lori Erhart, Erica Kahle
LECTOR: Brenda Averagesch
8:00: PB: Deacon Greg, Dennis Bockrath
 Janice Foppe, Lynda Fortman, Phil Fuerst, Dave Kahle
LECTOR: Don Wehri
Ministers to Homebound: Herm & Rita Borgelt
11:00: PB: Matt Bockrath, Mark Kahle
 Logan Bockrath, Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich, Jim Hanneman
LECTOR: Amy Wannemacher

USHERS - March 14 & 15
4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 3/10	8:00 AM	Drew Potts Cooper Rampe Riley Ricker
Wed, 3/11	8:00 AM	Owen Schnipke Ivan Schroeder Lawson Strauer
Thurs, 3/12	7:30 PM	Kobyn Unverferth Jackson Vorst
Fri, 3/13	8:00 AM	Kara Lammers Max Langhals Evan Langhals
Sat, 3/14	4:30 PM	Gavin Leis Annaleice Maag Sophia Meyer
Sun, 3/15	8:00 AM	Jagger Miller Taylor Nienberg Eli Patrick
	11:00 AM	

Offertory Bearers - March 14 & 15
4:30: Ryan & Erin Kerner Family
8:00: Dale & Jill Liebrecht Family
11:00: Andrew & Tessa Wehri Family

KHS Blood Drive - Thursday, March 12
 at the Kalida High School gymnasium from 10am-3pm. Appointments are highly recommended. Every unit we collect helps us earn scholarship money for our graduating seniors. Also, during the month of March, all successful blood donations will receive free A1C testing, which is commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes. A1C testing measures your average blood sugar over the past 3 months and no fasting is needed. Plus, you'll get a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email for donating. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Beth Grime at 419-532-3529.

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

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - March 8, 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."



Jade Oval
 Crystal Ornament. Size 3.75 " x 2.75"
 20 oz. pub glass
 Insulated Tumbler

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,

This week we continue our Lenten series on “The Last Things.”

As we consider our own destiny and that of our loved ones, there are two extremes to avoid. The first is presumption: presuming we will all just automatically go to heaven. Jesus never promised every person would go to heaven. He made it clear that God will judge us at the end of our life and that hell is a real possibility. He said not to procrastinate changing from sinful ways because the day or the hour when our earthly life will end could be unexpected. We have free choice to either accept friendship with God or to reject it. To share God’s love with others through practical acts of charity or to live selfishly. At the end of our life, if we have chosen to accept a friendship with Jesus, the salvation he offers, and have lived out his grace by serving those in need, we can be confident that we will live with him forever in heaven. This confidence in God’s mercy is quite different than arrogant presumption.

The second extreme is despair: to give up on the possibility that we, or other particular people, will share life with God in heaven. No matter how frequent our struggles might be with sin or how far our loved ones have wandered from God or how sinful their lifestyle seems at the end of their life, we always pray that God’s grace and power can be victorious in the end. God can work in unseen and mysterious ways. God knows the deepest places in hearts. God’s mercy can intervene in the final seconds of someone’s life in ways that are unknown to bystanders. So, we always pray for the dead, as well as the living, who seem far from God. Our God is almighty and his love is infinite, so we always hang onto hope of salvation. Jesus died on the Cross close to sinners, literally. Being crucified next to two publicly known criminals, Jesus offered them a final chance of repentance. One accepted in the final moments of his life in a conversation with Jesus that was probably inaudible to most. Jesus assured him: “Today, you will be with me in paradise.”

With both extremes of presumption and despair, the problem is we take the place of God in being the judge. Only God knows hearts fully, so we are really wasting our time by judging others. When disappointed by the choices of loved ones, the best thing we can do is to redouble our efforts to pray for them and be charitable towards them. When frustrated by our own sins or haunted by our sins of the past, we can make a good Confession and spend some time pondering a crucifix and Jesus’ suffering. Jesus endured his Passion so we could be forgiven of even the most regrettable sins! Praying the Stations of the Cross in church or even on the Hallow app can help renew our trust in Jesus’ mercy.

Have a great week!

Fr. Phil

Upcoming Mass Schedule

MONDAY, MARCH 9	
7:15 AM	Bill Kuhlman Family
TUESDAY, MARCH 10	
8:00 AM	Larry Peck, Tom Recker
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11	
8:00 AM	Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth, Special Intention
THURSDAY, MARCH 12	
7:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Michael
FRIDAY, MARCH 13	
8:00 AM	JoAnn Kahle
SATURDAY, MARCH 14	
4:30 PM	Jim Warnecke, Theresa Foppe, Sandi Kidd John & Mary Phillips, Jim Sindledecker Kevin Schnipke, Richard Nartker, Ted Sealts Paul, Makenzie & Kayley Recker & Family Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family
SUNDAY, MARCH 15 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	
8:00 AM	Junior Liebrecht, Jim Gerding, Frank Schroeder
11:00 AM	Diane Kahle, Joe & Rita Hanneman & Family Denny Heitmeyer & Family Anna Mae & Clete Verhoff & Family L/D Doepker, Schmitz, Stechschulte & Quinn Families

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 9,056.00

Last Week’s Building Fund: \$ 4,338.00

Improvement Fund:

\$ 411,175.54 out of \$309,699.61 goal

Choir Assignments - March 14 & 15

4:30: Ashleigh **8:00:** Ashleigh **11:00:** Renee

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Ruth Kuhlman's grade 5 on Wednesday, March 11 and Phil Fuerst's grade 8 on Friday, March 13.

High School Religious Ed Notes—March 11

Everyone has class at 7:00 p.m.

Our last night of class will be March 25.

Our Grade 8 Students...

will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 12 during their class time.

Our Grade 2 Students...

received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 4. Congratulations to all of them and their families. First Communion will be Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Attention Parents of Current 7th Graders

The Confirmation Retreat held at Damascus will be November 20-22, 2026. This is for our 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!

Soup Nights During Lent

Potato soup and chicken noodle 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**.

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.

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.



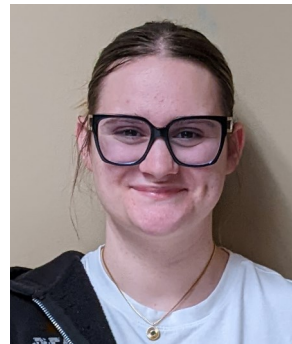
Catholic Jewelry and Rosary Fundraiser Sale...

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 on March 7/8, March 14/15 and 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 14 “Heroic Patience.” 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!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Catechumens and Candidates



Laura Bourrel

I would like to join the Church in order to feel closer to God, to learn from His word, and to become the child of God I have always wanted to be, and to grow better hand in hand with God.



Jordan Kaskel

I want to join the Catholic Church so I can better understand my faith and grow closer to God. Through prayer and reflection, I feel this is the right step for me. I am excited to continue my faith journey within the Catholic community.



Chris Hedean

Watching my wife and kids go through their journey of faith is what motivated me to want to join the Catholic faith.



Betty Wenzinger

I am so happy to be a part of this OCIA class. I have learned a lot and I am so excited to become a Catholic and wanted to thank everyone that took time out of their life to teach me.

Father Phil’s Lenten Talk

All are welcome to Father Phil’s final Lenten talk on March 11, at 9:00 a.m. and March 12, at 5:30 p.m.:

Can’t I Pray to God Anywhere?
Why Catholic Church Architecture Matters
This session will be in church.

Penance Services

Wednesday, March 11 7:00 p.m. at Fort Jennings

Wednesday, March 11 7:00 p.m. at Miller City

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

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

Regular Confession times at Kalida, St. Michael:

Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28 from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 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.

CLC Meeting

Monday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. March birthdays will be honored. Reminder that our Right to Life Bake Sale will be March 27, at the Kalida K of C, during the Fish Fry.

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