

MONDAY, MARCH 10
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
SOUP: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in basement
PARISH MISSION: 7:00 p.m. in church
TUESDAY, MARCH 11
RCIA: 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 13
EUCH. ADORATION: 8:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 14
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

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.

KHS Blood Drive - Thursday, March 13...
 at the Kalida High School gymnasium, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 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 three months and no fasting is needed. Plus, you'll get a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email for donating. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Mrs. Beth Grime at 419-532-3529.

Kalida Garage Sales - April 24, 25 & 26
 Sign up at Kalida Telephone or Union Bank by April 11.

Athletic Boosters Chicken BBQ Dinner
 Sunday, March 9, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (must be picked up by 12:30 p.m.). Dinner includes two sides. Donation is \$12/meal. Carryout only at the old Vo-Ag shop by the KHS Soccer Field. Funds help support student athletes. Contact Austin Horstman (419-233-2886) or Devin Kortokrax (419-296-9401) to purchase the pre-sale ticket.

Recycling in Kalida
 Did you know it can take well over 200 years for an aluminum can to fully degrade in a landfill; however, when it's recycled, it can be back on the shelf as a new can in as little as six weeks? In addition, recycling aluminum takes 95% less energy than making aluminum from raw materials. Plus, there is no limit to the number of times an aluminum can be recycled! And, did you know you can support your local Kalida Parks by recycling those cans? It's not that hard! Just save your aluminum cans and, at your convenience, drop them off 24/7/365 at the Village of Kalida Recycling Center, located on SR114 West. **THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING and SUPPORTING KALIDA PARKS!** *The Kalida Park Board*

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - March 15 & 16
4:30: **PB: Dianna Kehres, Bob Gerdeman**
 Jane Kleman, Lisa Niese, Michelle Niese, Carie Patrick
LECTOR: Kayla Nartker
8:00: **PB: Erin & Ryan Kerner**
 Bob Klausung, Joan Niese, Becky Lucke, Beth Nienberg
LECTOR: Jill Laudick
Ministers to Homebound: Tony & Sandy Vorst
11:00: **PB: Erica Kahle, Mike Krouse**
 Jim Hanneman, Allie Kuhlman, Jill Leis, Deb McIntyre
LECTOR: Erin Kerner

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 3/11	8:00 AM	Hayden Bockrath Logan Klaus Lauren Kneuve
Wed, 3/12	8:00 AM	Avery Bruskotter Lily Krouse Ethan Langhals
Thurs, 3/13	7:30 PM	Cami Buss Bryn Michel Allie Rampe
Fri, 3/14	8:00 AM	Loralei Goedde Will Recker Miley Schulte
Sat, 3/15	4:30 PM	Carson Buss Isabelle Buss Ethan Dickman
Sun, 3/16	8:00 AM	Evy Cattell Madelyn Cattell Alex Gardner
	11:00 AM	Evan Fischnich Corinne Brinkman Gabi Brinkman

Offertory Bearers - March 15 & 16
4:30: Josh & Mary Horstman Family
8:00: Ron & Dorothy Kerner Family
11:00: Andrew & Tessa Wehri

USHERS - March 15 & 16
4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

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.

SAVE THE DATE
 Ribbon Cutting Presentation and Senior Night

FRIDAY MAY 9th, 2025
 Ceremony starts at 6:00 pm

7:00 pm - National Anthem by Brylie Krouse
 First Pitches by Mr. Jim McBride & the Stechsulte Family in memory of Gene Stechsulte Sr.
 Game between Kalida and Liberty Benton

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - March 9, 2025
Pastor: Fr. Phil Smith (psmith@toledodiocese.org)
Deacon: Bob Klausung **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. - 4:00 p.m.
 Mass Times for Continental St. John's: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

PARISH MISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 10 2025
DINNER 6PM | ST. MICHAEL BASEMENT Donations accepted
SPEAKER 7PM | ST. MICHAEL CHURCH A Freewill Offering will be collected

From Darkness to Light: Having a Life Changing Lent
 Dr. John Wood, a highly sought after Catholic author and speaker, will be giving a Parish Mission on:
Monday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. in church
Everyone is welcome.
 New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly says, "John is one of the great emerging Catholic voices of our time...he has a passion that is contagious...make an effort to hear him!"

DINNER
 A variety of soups & breads will be served in the church basement.
FEED YOUR BODY

SPEAKER
FEED YOUR SOUL
"FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT"
"Having a Life Changing Lent"
 Dr. John Wood

EXTRAORDINARY MISSION
 INSPIRE · DESIRE · FIRE

If you can't make his presentation here on Monday, he is also speaking on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Ottawa.

From the Desk of Fr. Phil

Dear Parishioners,

During Lent, our parish is offering Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays. Since everyone is not familiar with this practice, I will share some reflections on the meaning of this Catholic practice.

Eucharistic Adoration focuses our attention on the real presence of Jesus offered to us in the Mass. The consecrated host is displayed on the altar in a large vessel called a monstrance that makes it easier for us to see the consecrated host. Just as during Mass when the priest briefly holds up the consecrated host for our adoration during the prayers of consecration, we ponder Jesus' sacrificial love for us, his commitment to an eternal friendship with us, and our opportunity to reciprocate this loving gift by offering our life to God.

Eucharistic Adoration is typically a time of silent prayer. Some people stop in for just a few minutes, while others stay for 30 or 60 minutes. To make sure there is always someone present, we have volunteers sign up to cover 30-minute periods throughout the day. We are grateful for those willing to volunteer so the rest of us can stop in at our convenience.

As to what to do during Eucharistic Adoration, that is really up to your preference and choice. Some people simply sit in silence and reflect on Jesus' love for them. Others read the Bible, a good devotional book, or recite formulaic prayers. Others talk to Jesus in their own words. Others write and journal about their life.

Early in my priesthood, I served at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Toledo. At that time, the parish had *perpetual* Eucharistic Adoration. Volunteers signed up for an hour of prayer, so there would always be someone in the church in Eucharistic Adoration. I remember a working mom once telling me: "The most painful moment of my week is when my alarm goes off at 2:45am on Thursday morning to go to Adoration. But the best hour of my week begins at 3am when I arrive at church and experience in Adoration a peace that gets me through the rest of my week." Many people find much peace through Eucharistic Adoration.

Mother Teresa taught: The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. It helps bring everlasting peace to your soul and in your family. It brings us personal peace and strength. It brings us a greater love for Jesus, for each other, and for the poor. It deepens our union with Him and bears much fruit. Nowhere on earth are we more welcomed or loved than by Jesus in the Eucharist.

Know of my prayers for a fruitful Lent!
Fr. Phil

Upcoming Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 AM

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 PM

Sylvester Liebrecht, Barb Sehlhorst (A)
Janet (Kerner) Altman

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 AM Ryan Cleemput

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

4:30 PM

Herbert & Agnes Horstman
Andrew Lause
Larry Haselman & Family, Ted Sealts
Walter Warnecke Family
Walter & Marie Becker

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM

Walter & Mary Vennekotter, Jim Gerding
Paul Recker & Family, Kayley Recker
Makenzie Recker, Jim Gerding
11:00 AM Joe & Rita Hanneman Family
Denny Heitmeyer & Family
Clete & Anna Mae Verhoff & Family
Don & Ted Kahle, L/D Kahle, Ellerbrock,
Clement & Ardner Families

Last Week's Collection: \$12,111.00

Improvement Fund: 247,900.39 of 301,647 goal

Choir Assignments - March 15 & 16

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

Soup Nights During Lent at St. Michael's

The first Soup Night for Lent will be on Monday, March 10, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. After that, soup will be available on TUESDAYS during Lent, 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 basement. If soup was delivered to you last year, your name will remain on the list for delivery this year. Donations for making soup (beans, potatoes, canned veggies, onions, celery, tomato juice, cream of celery soup, noodles, canned beef, canned chicken, broth, etc.) can be left in the basement by March 5. Donated cookies and brownies would also be appreciated. If you want 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. Beef and Beef Vegetable soup are being served on Monday, March 10.

Donations for the Ottawa Food Pantry

This week, the week of March 9, we would like donations of canned potatoes and packaged egg noodles. Please place in the designated area at the elevator entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Want to be a Eucharistic Minister?

There will be training on Saturday, March 29 from 9:15am-10am 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. Please contact Fr. Phil (psmith@toledodiocese.org) with questions.

High School CCD - March 12

All students will have class at 7:00 p.m.

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Annette Schroeder's grade 2 class on Wednesday, March 12 and Jill Zeller's grade 8 class on Friday, March 14.

Eucharistic Adoration Sign-Up

Adoration will be held on the Thursdays of Lent. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the back of church.

Three Catechists Still Needed for 2025-26 School Year

Is God calling you to join our team of catechists? Diane (Charlie) Vorst and Karen (Jeff) Schroeder will be joining our team in August to walk with our second graders as they prepare for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Roger Brickner will be joining us to share the faith with our grade 6 students. Thanks to each of you for answering God's call. We are still in need of a someone for grade 6, 7 and 8. Could it be you?

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Charles



Borromeo, patron saint of catechists. Help us to imitate the devotion to You he showed through his life of priestly service to You.

St. Charles Borromeo, you began a life of service to the Church when your uncle the Pope called you to Rome. You soon realized that God was calling you to the priesthood.

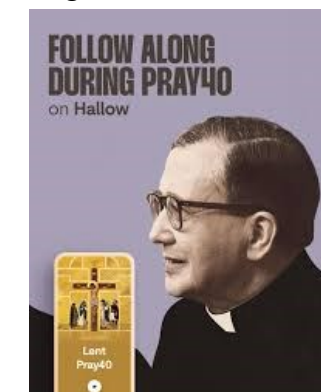
When your brother died, your family members tried to convince you to abandon your priestly vocation. But you persevered in answering God's call and continued to live a life devoted to God's service. Pray for me, that I may always be eager to serve God in my life. Pray that I may never allow worldly distractions to deter me from serving God. Please also pray for more catechists for our parish who God is calling to serve Him. St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us. Amen.

Hallow

PRAY40 Prayer Challenge this LENT!

Join us on Hallow this Lent for Pray40 as we meditate on the writings of St. Josemaría Escrivá, author of the spiritual classic *The Way*.

Together, we'll hear Escrivá's powerful advice and



spiritual direction brought to life through the story of Servant of God Takashi Nagai, a Japanese Catholic convert who miraculously survived the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in 1945. In a moment, he lost everything, but through it he surrendered himself and his city to the Lord.

To join the prayer challenge, visit our parish page on the Community tab of the Hallow app. If you're brand new to Hallow, visit hallow.com/parish to get set up.

Stay tuned for more announcements!

Recent Baptism

JACK RYAN HOFFMAN

Son of Ryan & Amy (Hamburg) Hoffman

Upcoming Area Penance Services

Wednesday, March 12

7:00 p.m. at Ft. Jennings

Sunday, March 16

2:00 p.m. at Ottoville

Wednesday, March 19

4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Kalida

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

Students for Life Dinner for Life...

at the American Legion, Ottawa, on Saturday, March 29. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner and program at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$15/meal. Josh Williams, a state representative from the Toledo area, will be one of the speakers. All ages are invited. Come support Students for Life. Call Chase Maag for tickets at 567-376-5382. Deadline is March 22.