

**MONDAY, MAY 4**  
**ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 pm**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**  
**LIVING FAITH: 7:30 pm in basement**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 7**  
**ROSARY: 7:00 pm in church**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 8**  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 pm in church**

**“Living Faith” Series for Young Adults**

Living Faith is designed for young adults (ages 18-35) who want to go deeper in knowing, loving and serving God. There will be five sessions. Each session involves watching some video content, engaging in discussion and setting goals to grow in the spiritual life. All sessions are on Wednesdays in St. Michael Kalida church basement. Each session begins at 7:30 p.m. Optional socialization opportunities will be 1/2 hour before and after each session.

- May 6:** Interior Life
- May 13: Mass & Confession
- May 20: Ongoing Formation
- May 27: Catholic Community
- June 3: No session...enjoy the Taste of Kalida
- June 10: Personal Apostolate



Trailer video for the series:  
<https://tinyurl.com/stmichael-livingfaith>

Contact Wendy Schimmoeller with questions.

**Praying the Rosary Before Weekend Masses...**

in May and October has been a tradition at St. Michael’s. Please consider volunteering to lead the rosary to honor Mary and ask her intercession. A sign up sheet is in the front entrance of church on the bulletin board. Thanks!

**Holy Name Raffle Tickets**

Please return any sold or unsold Holy Name raffle tickets to a Holy Name officer (Ryan Buss, Jamie Grime, Keith Brinkman or Jake Landin) or place in the collection by May 17. Thank you for your support!

**Job Sites Needed for YES Weekend**

The 2026 Y.E.S. project involves junior high, high school youth, and adults helping with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that might be too difficult to do. Most of our work consists of helping private homeowners without family members nearby or unable to maintain or improve their homes. On June 5-6, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery would love to help you! If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with a job, or two, inside or outside of your home, please submit a request by May 24. Contact Jill Zeller at 567-376-9115.

**Requested Items for VBS**

The VBS crew is requesting donations of Capri Sun (and only this drink due to it being dye-free). They also need colorful pipe cleaners and empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes. Please put donations at church entrances. Thanks.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - May 9 & 10**

**4:30:** PB: Ryan Buss, Dianna Kehres  
 Mark Kahle, Nathan Kahle, Cherie Kemper, Jane Kleman  
**LECTOR: Lynda Fortman**  
**8:00:** PB: Annette Gerding, Ryan Kerner  
 Phil Fuerst, Erica Kahle, Erin Kerner, Mallory Kerner  
**LECTOR: Erin Kerner**  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Mary Siefker  
**11:00:** PB: Sandy & Mike Westrick  
 Regina Fischnich, Ryan Fischnich, Jim Hanneman, Jill Leis  
**LECTOR: Deb Kahle**

**USHERS - May 9 & 10**

**4:30:** Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

|            |          |  |
|------------|----------|--|
| Tues, 5/5  | 8:00 AM  | Natalie Barnhart<br>Ali Buss<br>Mason Gerding          |
| Wed, 5/6   | 8:00 AM  | Gabby Buss<br>Josie Leis<br>Macy Kahle                 |
| Thurs, 5/7 | 7:30 PM  | Kamree Miller<br>Adria Schnipke<br>Trent Kahle         |
| Fri, 5/8   | 8:00 AM  | Connor Schnipke<br>Ella Schroeder<br>Avery Kerner      |
| Sat, 5/9   | 4:30 PM  | Maya Wehri<br>Adam Bockrath<br>Brant Bockrath          |
| Sun, 5/10  | 8:00 AM  | Addelyn Brinkman<br>Corinne Brinkman<br>Emerson Burgei |
|            | 11:00 PM | Cami Buss<br>Isabelle Buss<br>Carson Buss              |

**Offertory Bearers - May 9 & 10**

**4:30:** Ryan & Amy Schnipke Family  
**8:00:** Karl & Darlene Miller Family  
**11:00:** Craig & Amanda Recker Family

**Lions Club Annual Meal for Older Adults**

The Kalida Lions Club would like to extend an invitation to all Older Adults (aged 65 and over on or before June 1, 2026) for a free meal in honor of Older Americans Month on Monday, May 11, 2026 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Dick’s Steak House. The meal will be your choice of chicken or roast beef with all the trimmings. This dinner is open to the general public at a cost of \$10. If you are not able to dine in the restaurant, please contact Bruskotter Financial Services’ office (419-532-2099) to arrange for your dinner to be delivered. Carryout dinners are also available. The Kalida Lions wish to thank all of our older adults for your generous support.

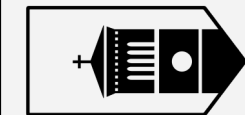
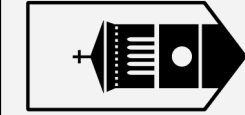
**Putnam County Right to Life Meeting**

Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Kalida St. Michael's Church basement. All are welcome.

**Baccalaureate Mass**

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

**St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - May 3, 2026**



**Pastor:** Fr. Philip Smith (psmith@toledodiocese.org) **Deacon:** Greg Zeller  
**Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Joseph Varghese (jvarghese@toledodiocese.org) **Deacon:** Kevin Fischer  
**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 Times for St. John the Baptist, Continental:** Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our current church building!

Residents of Kalida first received permission from diocesan leadership to build a church in 1861. But when the county seat moved to Ottawa in the mid-1860s, Kalida residents put their plans for building a church on hold. Finally in 1878, they constructed a simple church. This mission outpost had bare floors, no heat, and no organ.

Despite the discomforts of this building, the Catholic community and Mass attendance grew. In 1896, Bishop Ignatius Horstman presided at the dedication liturgy after a significant expansion and reconstruction of the original church. A belltower was also added. In the early 1920s, when the space of the expanded building was not sufficient for the growing number of Catholics, planning for our current church began. After much fundraising and almost two full years of construction work, Bishop Stritch dedicated our current building on Sunday, May 2, 1926.

The historical records of our parish buildings demonstrate the deep roots of our community. The family names of the parish council members who helped plan and fundraise past building projects are family names still active in our Kalida community today. We are grateful for our ancestors' enthusiasm for the Catholic faith and their willingness to make sacrifices for the glory of God, giving us one of the most beautiful church buildings in Ohio.

From the days of dirt floors and no heat to our beautiful, more comfortable building, the reason our church buildings exist has always been the same. To provide a place for people to encounter Jesus in the sacraments of the Church as a community of faith.

The statues of saints and beautiful stain glass windows in church remind us that our own personal story is part of a bigger story (salvation history) and a bigger family (the Communion of Saints). Each time we prayerfully participate in Mass, our connection to the Risen Jesus and the saints in heaven is deepened. "By the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life when God will be all in all." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1326)

The *Letter to the Hebrews* puts it this way: "...you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant." (12:22-24)

As we pray in our historic church and recall the heroic virtues of the saints, they inspire us to persevere in faith. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Surrounded by the prayers of so many people who have gathered in this church over the past 100 years, we commit ourselves to do our part to keep the Catholic faith strong in this community for many years to come!

Fr. Phil Smith

| <b>Upcoming Mass Schedule</b>             |  |
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| <b>TUESDAY, MAY 5</b>                     |  |
| 8:00 AM                                   | Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 6</b>                   |  |
| 8:00 AM                                   | Mike, Marge & Jeff Schroeder, Neil Schnipke  |
| <b>THURSDAY, MAY 7</b>                    |  |
| 7:30 PM                                   | Dorothy Miller & Family, Sam Decker<br>L/D Gene & Doris Deters Family, Amber Foppe<br>Joe & Kay Unverferth Family  |
| <b>FRIDAY, MAY 8</b>                      |  |
| 8:00 AM                                   | Ray & Rita Flaute  |
| <b>SATURDAY, MAY 9</b>                    |  |
| 4:30 PM                                   | John & Mary Phillips, Sandi Kidd<br>Jim Sindledecker, Kevin Schnipke   |
| <b>SUNDAY, MAY 10</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> |  |
| 8:00 AM                                   | Ruth Gerdeman, John Smith, Ellen Niemeyer<br>Bob & Joan Schimmoeller, Lincoln Roebke<br>Sally Goedde, Mary & Al Siefker & Family<br>Cleora Winkle, Luke Kaufman, Kyle Kaufman<br>Don & Martha Turnwald, Eileen Decker<br>Connie Miller, Karen Giesige, Angela Schroeder<br>Arnold & Rose Siebeneck, Klara Frommherz<br>Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth, L/D Doepker,<br>Schmitz, Stechschulte & Quinn Families<br>Jim Unverferth, Dick & Gladys Unverferth Fam.<br>L/D Mae & Carl Webken Family<br>L/D Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family<br>Neil Warnecke, Lori VonLehmden<br>Don, Ted & JoAnn Kahle |
| 11:00 AM                                  |  |

**Last Weekend's Collection:** \$ 8,363.62

**Last Week's Building Fund:** \$ 1,385.00

**Improvement Fund:**

\$ 425,664.54 out of \$309,699.61 goal

**Choir Assignments - May 9 & 10**

**4:30:** Ashleigh **8:00:** **11:00:** Children's

**Changes in Deacon Formation**

The newly revised Permanent Deacon formation process requires five years of study. In light of the changes, Bishop Thomas has approved a new model that overlaps two groups of men in formation so that an ordination will occur every three years. Currently, there is a class in formation with a scheduled ordination date in September of 2030. The next class will begin their Inquiry Sessions and the application process in September of 2027 (fall of next year) and will begin their five years of formation in the Fall of 2028, with ordination planned for 2033. Any men who are currently between the ages of 27 and 57 and feel that the Holy Spirit may be calling them to the Permanent Diaconate are urged to speak with their pastors and to contact Deacon Daniel Brahier, Delegate for Permanent Deacons, through email at [dbrahier@toledodiocese.org](mailto:dbrahier@toledodiocese.org).

**Two Positions Available at St. Michael's**

Dear Parishioners,

We are blessed in Kalida with a long tradition of daily CCD instruction and many dedicated individuals who serve our students. I am convinced that youth formation is the most crucial ministry our parish provides for the future of Catholicism in our community!

For many years, our parish has been blessed by the ministry of Connie Cleemput in various roles of youth formation. Her leadership has brought much reliability and stability to our CCD program over the years. Her dedication and passion for sharing the faith have been a tremendous blessing to our community. This summer, Connie will conclude her service as leader of our CCD program. We are grateful for her faithful service!

We are now actively searching for a successor to fill the role of Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) whose primary responsibility will be leading our daily CCD program for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Knowing the challenges facing adolescents today, we will also be putting additional resources into our high school youth formation program. We will be partnering with Live Jesus Ministries to enhance our Wednesday evening high school CCD program and develop additional opportunities for young adults to grow in their faith. A new staff member will lead these young adult formation efforts and also coordinate adult faith formation at our parish. We are actively searching for a full-time staff member to lead these high school and adult faith formation ministries at our parish.

Please email me ([psmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:psmith@toledodiocese.org)) if you would like more information or would like to apply for one of these positions.

We look forward to the future with trust in God's continued guidance of our youth formation efforts!

Sincerely,

Fr. Phil

**Interested in Joining the Catholic Church?**

This summer, we will be offering an accelerated OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for persons wanting to join the Catholic Church. This program is designed for persons who already have some familiarity with Catholic customs and practices. For example, someone who completed several years of CCD as a child or has been married to a Catholic and attended Mass regularly for a few years would be an ideal candidate for this accelerated program. The classes will take place during the summer months and the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion) will be celebrated at a Mass in late summer or early fall. Please reach out to Fr. Phil by May 19 to see if this program will be a good fit for you.

Our regular OCIA program will begin in the fall and will meet regularly through the spring. This program is an excellent way to learn more about Catholic teachings and customs, build Christian friendships, and eventually choose to become Catholic or not.

Please reach out to Father Phil Smith if you are interested in either program: [psmith@toledodiocese.org](mailto:psmith@toledodiocese.org)

**Students Planning Mass This Week...**

are Diane Vorst's grade 2 on Wednesday, May 6 and Annette Gerding and Marv Kromer's grade 7 on Friday, May 8. Our last All School Mass will be Wednesday, May 13 with grade 8 students doing the various ministries.

**First Communion...**

is this Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. Please keep our children in your prayers as they receive Jesus for the first time.

**May Crowning...**

with our second graders will be Sunday, May 10, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. They should come dressed in their First Communion clothes.

**Parish Council Election Results**

Becky Lucke, Jamie Roehrig, Jeff Schmersal and Amy Wannemacher were elected to Parish Council. Thanks to the following members who have ended their three year term: Wendy Schimmoeller, Scott Unverferth and Allison Wurth.

**Recent Baptism**

**ALAYNA JEAN SELHORST**

Daughter of Bryce & Addison (Bonnell) Selhorst

**Blood Drive**

Tuesday, May 12, from Noon—6:00 p.m. at the Kalida K of C. Walk ins are welcome.

**TDCCW's Annual Day of Renewal...**

retreat for all women will be on May 13, 2026 at Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, 315 Clay Street, Carey, OH. The topic will be "Praise God with Music. Program begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person includes lunch. Email registration to: [sueh1757@gmail.com](mailto:sueh1757@gmail.com). Pay at the door. Any questions, contact Rita Borgelt at [hborgelt@bright.net](mailto:hborgelt@bright.net) or Phone 419-796-9168.

**Fourth Annual Taste of Kalida**

Wednesday, June 3, 2026. Presale tickets only. Contact Jill Zeller at 567-376-9115 or come to the parish offices. Deadline is May 27.

**Raffle for Suite at Mud Hens Game**

St. John the Baptist of Continental is raffling off a suite to the Toledo Mud Hens vs Louisville Bats game at 5th/3rd Field on July 25, that was generously donated to us. The suite is for up to 22 people and includes a \$1,500 food and beverage credit. The drawing will be held on May 8 and tickets are only \$10 per entry. Anyone interested in purchasing or helping sell tickets can contact Matt Miller at (419)439-3597. All proceeds from this raffle will go towards the building addition for CCD classrooms and gathering space.