

MONDAY, MAY 20
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
HOLY NAME MEETING: 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 23
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 24
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

A Fun Sunday-Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 pm...
 at Four Seasons Park for an afternoon of fun playing an all sports golf game on the disc golf course and other fun activities. Some prizes will be awarded. Get a team of family and friends together and have some fun competition while knowing you are helping with cancer research, families affected by cancer and scholarships to graduating seniors. To register a team, visit "The Neil R. Schnipke Foundation" on Facebook and fill out the form online or contact Ryan Schnipke or Jason Kahle. Hope to see you there. Thank you and God bless!



FOOD TOUR

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
4:00pm - 8:00pm *

Do you want a chance to try something different from a local restaurant... maybe you've always wanted to try a flatbread from 1820 BrewWerks, or some wings or a pizza from Smoke-es, maybe a new treat from the Dairy Whip and the Pizzeria? On June 11, 2024 from 4:00-8:00 p.m., you can travel at your own pace and time from Wibby's to the Kalida Market and on to Dicks, trying a sample size menu item or maybe something new at each stop. If you joined us last year, we're betting you will want to do the Tour again this year! Unfortunately, Hoyts and Fore 1 at Moose Landing will not be able to participate this year. With your \$20 ticket, you will be able to try a tasty treat from 7 different locations around Kalida and find out that we have some pretty great eateries available right here in our little town. Present your ticket at each location and enjoy your Taste of Kalida, then when you have completed your Food Tour, stop at the Church basement and drop your ticket in the bucket for a chance to win a door prize. **Purchase tickets from Jill Zeller or at the Parish Center by June 4.** Proceeds from the ticket sales will help with the expenses for conferences and other events to help our High School youth learn more about our faith.



Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - May 25 & 26
4:30: PB: **Greg Bockrath, Jeff Bockrath**
 Chellie Unverferth, Madison Unverferth, Alice Adams, Meredith Bockrath **LECTOR: Kayla Nartker**
8:00: PB: **Tony Vorst, Don Wehri**
 Wendy Schimmoeller, Sandy Vorst, Dennis Bockrath, Dave Buss **LECTOR: Jill Laudick**
Ministers to Homebound: Wendy Schimmoeller
11:00: PB: **Sandy & Mike Westrick**
 Lisa Trentman, Greg & Jill Zeller, Bob Buss
LECTOR: Erin Kerner

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 5/21	8:00 AM	Claire Bockrath Hayden Bockrath
Wed, 5/22	8:00 AM	ADULT SERVERS
Thurs, 5/23	7:30 PM	Avery Bruskotter Cami Buss
Fri, 5/24	8:00 AM	Loralei Goedde Tyler Hanneman
Sat, 5/25	4:30 PM	Avrie Unverferth Hanna Bendele Parker Vorst
Sun, 5/26	8:00 AM	Nathan Wannemacher Maya Wehri Morgan Bockrath
	11:00 AM	Brant Bockrath Kaylyn Bockrath Lauren Bockrath

Offertory Bearers - May 25 & 26
4:30: Scott & Angie Meyer Family
8:00: Marc & Renee Kerner Family
11:00: Doug & Amy Wannemacher Family

USHERS - May 25 & 26
4:30: Team 1 **8:00:** Team 2 **11:00:** Team 3

Friends of PC Library Book Sale
 Tuesday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 5, from 9:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Elementary Gym. Plus...DVDs, audio books, electronics, puzzles, games, attic treasures & more!

Rectory/Office Space FUNDRAISING GOAL



Thank You!
 We have raised \$162,178 for the rectory/office space. Thank you to those who have already donated!



Parish Improvement Fund Envelopes
 If you would like to donate toward the improvements of the rectory/parish center and front steps, please use the special envelopes at the exits of church. Thanks!

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - May 19, 2024
 Pastor: Fr. Nathan Bockrath (nbockrath@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, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CONGRATS TO OUR 2024 KALIDA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic Article 34 of 40

"If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled"
(Mt 5:23-24)

With the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, we now enter into the Rite of Peace. Here the priest addresses the congregation, "the peace of the Lord be with you always," and then invites them, "let us offer each other the sign of peace." While it's a kind gesture, the Rite reminds us more fundamentally of the kind of person we ought to be ... the person we should be transformed into through Holy Communion, that is a peacemaker. Our Lord's fundamental mission was to reconcile this broken world (first to Himself, which in turn leads to reconciliation amongst us) (cf. art. 6). St. Paul said "God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor 5:18). Since our Lord is all about reconciliation, and we are striving to be in communion with our Lord, this too entails being a part of His ministry of reconciliation. St. Paul in fact had to address the Christian community in Corinth about this topic because they failed to see this connection between Communion with our Lord and peace with others (cf. 1 Cor 11:17-34). In contrast to Christ, the devil is all about division: division first with our Lord, which in turn lead to division with others (cf. art. 3). Holy Communion is designed to reverse the effects of the evil one: union with our Lord, which in turn will lead to true peace with others ... true peace with others will never happen if we are not first fully in communion with our Lord, simply because we are not designed that way (cf. art. 2). Any attempts of reconciliation which are independent of union with our Lord, will only create a temporary façade of peace. If you look closely at Jesus' teaching on peace, you will see this connection. For example, in the Beatitudes, He associates peacemakers with those in communion with the Father: "blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Mt 5:9). Jesus Himself at the Last Supper even connects this true sense of peace with Himself and contrasts it with the secular understanding: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you" (Jn14:27). Because of this fundamental and necessary connection between communion with our Lord and peace with others, Pope Innocent I (401-417 A.D.) made this Rite an obligatory prelude to Communion.

As the Rite of Peace comes to a conclusion, the priest moves into the Fraction Rite (i.e. Breaking of the Bread). The priest takes the host and breaks it over the chalice. He places a small piece into the chalice while saying "May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." The act of "breaking" is the action of our Lord Himself. In the feeding of the 5000 (an event that served as a precursor to the Eucharist), it says Jesus took the loaves "and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them" (Lk 9:16). Similarly at the Last Supper, it says "then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them" (Lk 22:19). Also, after the Resurrection when Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they did not recognize Him until "he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that

their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (Lk 24:30-31) ... they themselves retold this encounter to others how Jesus "was made known to them in the breaking of the bread" (Lk 24:35). In fact, the early Church spoke of Mass in reference to this action: they devoted themselves "to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42). In a deeper sense, the act of breaking reminds us again of Jesus' body on the Cross: His body was "broken" for us so that we can be reconciled with the Father. The action of *Communing* the piece of host with the Precious Blood is meant to point to the Resurrection of Jesus. Just as the separation of the blood from Jesus body symbolizes His Death, so too the uniting of them represents His resurrected life. In turn, it also points to the new life that He wants to share with us through this Holy Communion (cf. art. 1).

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, MAY 21	
8:00 AM	Carolyn Unverferth, Mildred Rampe
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22	
8:00 AM	L/D Pete & Alice Gerding Family
THURSDAY, MAY 23	
7:30 PM	Gerry Vorst, Jeff Schroeder L/D Bernard & Mary Jane Aversch Family Gene Ellerbrock
FRIDAY, MAY 24	
8:00 AM	Bill Cleemput
SATURDAY, MAY 25	
4:30 PM	Charles Nussbaum, Ellen Niemeyer Laura & Greg Foppe, Melissa Hoffman Clete & Bertha Hoffman L/D Hoffman & Foppe Families Don & Ted Kahle, L/D Kahle, Ellerbrock, Clement & Ardnr Families
SUNDAY, MAY 26 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael's
11:00 AM	Tom & Carol Zeller

Last Week's Collection: \$ 15,470.42

Choir Assignments—May 25 & 26

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

Recent Baptism

LOUIS EUGENE VERHOFF

Son of Jeremy & Sarah (Prine) Verhoff

Holy Name Tickets

Please return any sold or unsold Holy Name raffle tickets in the collection as soon as possible. Thanks!

Greetings everyone,

As May is coming to a close, that sadly means I'm entering my last month with you as your priest. The time is certainly going by too quickly. As we look ahead, I wanted to let you know that my last weekend Mass at St. John's will be June 16, and my last weekend Masses at St. Michaels will be June 22-23. Kindly note, there won't be any "going away" parties (in part it was proven to be logistically difficult to do, and these events are always awkward). I'm sure between now and then, I will be able to chit-chat with many of you... regardless, I hope you know that it has been a blessing to me to be your priest!

Fr. Nathan

Parish Council Election Results

Jessica Recker, Kathy Verhoff and Roger von der Embse are the newest members of the Parish Council. Thank you to everyone who was willing to be on the ballot and thank you to outgoing members Dale Liebrecht, Lisa Roebke & Marc Kerner for your three years of service to the parish!

VBS "Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God"

Summer means no homework, sleeping in, ice cream, park days, swim days, and VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! We would like to invite every child (Children ENTERING Pre-K through 5th grade) to participate in SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God! We also would love junior high (Grades 6, 7, 8) crew helpers as well. Vacation Bible School is July 15-18 this year. Calling adult volunteers: we would love (and NEED) your help to make VBS happen. High School volunteers should contact Jill. Click on the QR code for more information, to register your child, and to sign up to be a volunteer.



Eucharistic Procession at St. Michael's

On Sunday, June 2, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, everyone is invited to join in a Eucharistic Procession on the church grounds. First Communicants and recently Confirmed 8th graders are asked to join. First Communicants are asked to wear their dresses and shirts and ties. The day will include singing, scripture and benediction and will last about a half hour. Any choir member is invited to help lead the singing during the procession, as well.

Dance at Kalida K of C

Sunday, May 19, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. A variety of music will be provided by Justus III. Everyone is welcome. Dance put on by Polka Boosters. Call Mark 419-966-3826 with questions.

No Students at Mass This Week

There will be no students at Mass this week. Our last day for religion classes will be Tuesday, May 21.

Job Sites Needed - YES Project - June 7 & 8

Are there some jobs you need help with around your home? If you would like a team of youth and adults to come and help with a small job (like mulching, cleaning gutters, weeding, painting, etc.) either inside or outside your home, please contact Jill Zeller 419-532-3494 X103 or 567-376-9115 by May 24.

7th & 8th Grade thru graduating Seniors...

The 2024 Y.E.S. Project will be hosted by Ottawa Sts. Peter and Paul this year, June 6 -8, 2024. Students entering grade 8 through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this weekend service project. Registration forms will be available from Jill Zeller... contact her at stmichaelyouth.kalida@gmail.com or 567-376-9115.

Adult Leaders Needed for YES Project

Do you like to spend time helping those in need? We'd love for you to join our adult team leaders for the Y.E.S. weekend June 6-8, 2024, hosted by Ottawa St. Peter & Paul. We will be working throughout the St George Deanery (Putnam County). We would love to have Adult team leaders and assistant leaders (current college freshmen and older)! Please contact Jill Zeller 419-532-3494 X103 or 567-376-9115.



Ground Breaking Anniversary

This Sunday, May 19, 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the ground breaking ceremony of the current St. Michael's Church building.



St. Michael's Children's Memorial Garden Dedication: Thanks to everyone who attended last Sunday's dedication...it was a beautiful day all around! Please feel free to take a rock from the planter near the benches to decorate in memory of your child, grandchild, sibling, etc. Make sure to use a protective coating once you are finished.