

MONDAY, APRIL 15
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
CONFIRMATION PRACTICE: 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 18
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
ROSARY: 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 19
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

Small Sacramentals for Tanzania

The annual Tanzanian mission trip will be May 26, focusing this year on the educational needs of the physically and mentally disabled poor children of rural, west Tanzania. Donations of small sacramentals would be appreciated as well as donations to help fund extra suitcase costs to bring needed essentials. Sacramentals may be placed at church exits marked "missions." Please call Ellen about monetary donations 419-796-0851. Please leave a message if I don't pick up. I will provide a receipt for tax deductions if requested. Thank you in advance!

Heartbeat In Dire Need of Diapers

Diapers are in extremely low supply, especially sizes 5 & 6, at the Heartbeat Offices. Please drop off donations in the box in elevator entrance of St. Michael's Church. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

Kalida Garage Sales—April 25, 26 & 27

Maps will be available at area business April 22.

Everyone Welcome—Dance at Kalida K of C

A dance at the Kalida K of C, put on by the Ohio Polka Boosters, will be Sunday, April 28. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. and the dance is from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. with the Frank Moravcik Band. Call Mark at 419-966-3826 with questions.

Sold & Unsold Holy Name Raffle Tickets

Please turn them in to Nick Schulte. Thanks.

Rectory/Office Space
FUNDRAISING GOAL

\$300,000



Thank You!

We have raised \$128,076 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!

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - April 20 & 21

4:30: PB: Tom Roof, Dianna Kehres
 Nancy Rampe, Teresa Rampe, Wendy Schimmoeller, Ella Schumacher **LECTOR: Wendy Schimmoeller**
8:00: PB: Duane Steffan, Jeff Bockrath
 Barb Steffan, Rose Recker, Mark Remlinger, Donna Schnipke **LECTOR: Jill Laudick**
Ministers to Homebound: Rita Borgelt
11:00: PB: Lisa Unverferth, Scott Unverferth
 Deb McIntyre, Jill Leis, Michele Niese, Carrie Patrick
LECTOR: Erin Kerner
1:00 (Confirmation): PB: Greg & Jill Zeller
 Glen & Annette Schroeder, Mary Siefker
LECTOR: Kayla Nartker

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 4/16	8:00 AM	Katelin Knueve Annaleice Maag
Wed, 4/17	8:00 AM	John Recker John Schulte Eli Selhorst
Thurs, 4/18	7:30 PM	Lyla Siebeneck Zach Siefker
Fri, 4/19	8:00 AM	Riley Unverferth Mallory Unverferth Quinn Unverferth
Sat, 4/20	4:30 PM	Alex Gardner Maria Gerding Griffin Klausing
Sun, 4/21	8:00 AM	Jax Horstman Erica Kahle Nathan Kahle Logan Kerner Mallory Kerner Katherine Krouse
Confirmation	1:00 PM	Alex Shiningier Brady Rampe Lauren Bockrath Kaylyn Bockrath

Offertory Bearers - April 20 & 21

4:30: Scott & Angie Meyer Family
8:00: Karl & Darlene Miller Family
11:00: Ryan & Erin Kerner Family

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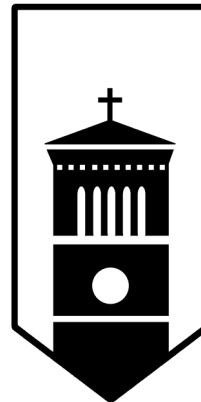
4:30: Team 4 **8:00:** Team 5 **11:00:** Team 6

TDCCW Day of Renewal

The Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring Day of Renewal on Wednesday, May 8, at Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay St., Carey, Ohio 43316. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The morning speaker, Jeff Wilbarger, will present 'The Daughter Project' about human trafficking. Fr. Rick Friebel, C.P.P.S. will speak about addiction to pornography in the afternoon session. The day also includes Mass, lunch, the Rosary, and time to view the Shrine grounds and shop. The cost for the day is \$35 per person which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Checks may be made payable to Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and mailed to St. Ignatius Parish, Attn: Sue Hopkins, 212 North Stadium Road, Oregon, Ohio 43616. Please include your phone number and email address along with your name and parish. For more information and/or questions, please contact Rita Borgelt at 419-796-9168 or hborgelt@bright.net. Registration closes April 21.

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - April 14, 2024

Pastor: Fr. Nathan Bockrath (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)
Deacon: Bob Klausing **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.



To Schedule a Baptism

Email Fr. Nathan
 nbockrath@toledodiocese.org
 (Classes are needed for your first child only)

To Schedule a Wedding:

Email Fr. Nathan
 nbockrath@toledodiocese.org

To Choose a Cemetery Plot:

Call Ron Schulte
 419-532-3078

Parish Council

Marc Kerner
 Dale Liebrecht
 Lisa Roebke
 Mary Gerding
 Deb McIntyre
 Don Rall
 Wendy Schimmoeller
 Scott Unverferth
 Allison Wurth

Finance Committee

Paul Bonifas
 Jim Burgei
 Joan Niese
 Norm Schnipke
 Cindy Webken
 Greg Zeller

Upcoming Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, APRIL 16	
8:00 AM	Carolyn Unverferth
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17	
8:00 AM	
THURSDAY, APRIL 18	
7:30 PM	Successful Test Results for Adam Meyer Gerry Vorst, Jeff Schroeder Bernard & Mary Jane Aversch Family
FRIDAY, APRIL 19	
8:00 AM	Bill Cleemput
SATURDAY, APRIL 20	
4:30 PM	L/D Carl & Mae Webken Family Walter & Marie Becker, Ron Kahle, Jr. Ellen Niemeyer, Tom L. Siebeneck L/D William & Marilyn Leopold Family Ron, Dorothea & Ray Aversch Harold Hoehn
SUNDAY, APRIL 21	
8:00 AM	Lawrence Peck, Al & Mary Siefker & Fam Jim Gerding, Dorothy Miller John & Catherine Kahle
11:00 AM	Don Selhorst, Jeannie Buchholz People of the Parish, Brian Knott Allen Schroeder, L/D Don Holtkamp Fam Confirmandi
1:00 PM	

Last Week's Collection: \$ 12,031.30

Choir Assignments—April 20 & 21

4:30: Ashleigh **8:00:** Ashleigh **11:00:** Children
1:00 (Confirmation): YAHS

Recent Baptism

GABRIEL LINCOLN ROEBKE
 Son of Logan & Mariah (Doepker) Roebke

The Eucharist - with Bishop Robert Barron

This will be a three-session theological study with discussion questions following each video segment. Each session will not exceed one hour. Please join the study in the church basement. There will be evening study sessions and morning study sessions offered.

Evenings at 6:30 p.m.: Tuesday, April 16, Tuesday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 14
Mornings at 10:30 a.m.: Friday, April 19, Friday, May 3, and Friday, May 17

The Next Euchre Tournament...

will be THIS Sunday, April 14, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the church basement. \$1 entry to be distributed for prizes. Bring a snack to share if you want. Babysitting will be available. This is the last tournament until fall 2024.

Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic Article 28 of 40

"After he had ten the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried" (Lk 23:53)

Last week we discussed the items used on the altar, this week we will explore the altar itself. Next to the tabernacle, the altar is the central point of focus in a church because it is the place for which the entire purpose of a church exist: the representation of our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross. It's an altar, not a table, thus indicating it's a place of sacrifice. Throughout the Bible, if a person a "biblical hero," notice their attention and reverence towards an altar ... they see it as a physical place through which spiritually they draw closer to our Lord. In fact, every Covenant after the Fall had some reference to an altar. Noah gets off the ark, then builds an altar, then God established a covenant with him (Gen 8:20). After God called Abraham and articulated His promises, Abraham "built an altar" (Gen 12:7). After God established His covenant with Moses, He told him "an altar of the earth you shall make for me" (Ex 20:24). And before God established His covenant with King David, David had an altar to worship Him (1 Chr 16:40). Even St. John envisioned an altar in Heaven (Rev 8:3). With Jesus, through which we have the definitive and everlasting Covenant, the altar on which He was sacrificed was the cross. In a deeper sense, we can also say that He Himself is the altar because His body is the very "place" of His sacrificial offering. Jesus body thus fulfills and replaces every previous altar erected to worship God (cf. Heb 13:10). So, while we have an altar in our churches, it actual is a symbol of Jesus Himself; thus, when an altar is consecrated it is marked with five crosses (four to indicated the four corners of the world and the fifth to indicated that Jesus is at the center of all of it) and anointed with Chrism oil (because Jesus is the true "Messiah," which means "Anointed one").

Because the altar is a symbol of Jesus, it is prescribed for it to be covered with three linen clothes: the first two covers the entire surface of the altar, while the upper and finer cloth should reach almost to the ground on the left and right. The reason for pure linen is rooted in the above Scripture reference: it is the material in which our Lord was wrapped when taken down from the Cross. Thus, it draws our attention even more to the sacrifice of Jesus. Furthermore, the use of three pieces of linen reminds us how Jesus sacrifice is aimed to effect the three-folds of the church: the Church suffering (i.e. souls in purgatory), the Church militant (i.e. us in this life), and the Church triumphant (i.e. those who embraced the grace of the Cross and are now in heaven). St. John described those in Heaven as the bride of Christ, "allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment" (Rev. 19:8). So too within the altar is placed a relic of saint, showing a person who responded to the graces of the altar and is praying for us (cf. Rev. 6:9). In addition, an "altar Cross" is placed on the altar since the altar too represents Mount Calvary ... the physical location of Jesus' sacrifice.

Around or on the altar are placed candles. There can be two, four, or six and they represent Jesus' identity as being the "Light of the World" (Jn 8:12). It is from the

altar of His sacrifice that His light truly spreads; thus, the altar is in a sense the "7th" candle ("7" being the number of perfection). The wick of candle symbolizes Jesus' divinity which is hidden by the wax, which in turn symbolizes His humanity. As the candle burns, it also symbolizes Jesus' sacrifice of Himself. Finally, the candles that we use are 100% beeswax, which is also significant because the wax is made by female worker bees who never mate (virgins). This further symbolizes Christ's perfect purity, but also draws our attention to our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic Article 29 of 40

"O God, in your goodness, in your great tenderness wipe away my faults; wash me clean of my guilt, purify me from my sin" (Ps 51:1-2)

The first prayers are the Prayers over the Offerings. These prayers intend to properly orientate ourselves to our Lord by acknowledging Him as the Creator and His intention for the bread and wine:

"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. For through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life"

"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink"

In response to each of these prayers, the congregation is invited to say "Blessed be God forever." This is reminiscent of the prophet Daniel's prayer: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever" (Dan 2:20). It is a way of saying: "may God be praised forever" ... which is the antidote to this fallen world (art. 3)

In between these two prayers, a small amount of water is mixed with the wine, and the cleric says "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." The spiritual reason for the mixing of the water and wine points to Jesus Himself: "one soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out" (Jn 19:34). Another symbolism presented here, as is reflected in the prayer itself, is our union with our Lord's divinity. The wine is seen as symbolizing Christ and the water symbolizes the faithful. Based on this symbolism the water is blessed with the sign of Cross, as to indicate our need for blessing; whereas, the wine is not blessed since Jesus is in no need of blessing.

After the chalice is placed again upon the corporal, the priest says a prayer quietly while profoundly bowing towards the altar: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you Lord God." As the beginning prayers put our proper focus on our Lord, this prayer aims to assure we have the right inner disposition. The prayer is rooted in Psalm 51 that addresses the desired sacrifice, which is a properly disposed heart: "a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn" (vs. 19). It also reflects the prayer of the prophet Daniel: "with contrite heart and humble spirit let us be received" (Dan 3:39).

Next, the priest washes his hands (in particular his fingertips) while praying: "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." While this ancient custom does have a practical purpose to help assure that the fingers that will touch the host and chalice are clean, there is a more spiritual purpose as the prayer indicates. So much of the activity that we do is conducted through our hands, and so by washing them it symbolizes an interior purification of the whole person.

Finally, the priest pleads with the congregation to now be unified in their purpose: "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." Notice the language of "sacrifice" being stressed. In turn, the congregation responds: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church." This little prayer reverses the mistake of Adam and Eve (art. 3) by putting the attention back on the right worship of the Lord, whom we are made for (art. 2), and this orientation in turn puts us in the proper position to reach our full potential (art. 1).
Fr. Nathan

Lenten Soup Thank You

A big thank you to all those who supported the Tuesday Lenten Soup. We had a long list of supports: a fantastic team who prepared, served, delivered and cleaned up and those who donated in some way (cookies, soup ingredients, monetary gifts, etc.). A special thank you to our youth who helped. They helped deliver, took care of the drive-up service, provided cookies and helped in any way they could. We can be very proud of our youth.

Jesus and the Eucharist Study

During this time of Eucharistic Revival, Jesus is inviting us to encounter him in our life stories. In this study, explore the story of salvation as told through Scripture, fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and lived out in the Church and the Sacraments—especially the Eucharist. At the conclusion of this series, participants will be empowered to live out the Gospel in their own lives and share its message of hope with others. Enjoy on your own or start a small group study in the comfort of your home.

Access the study videos and discussion sheets at:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/formation-resources>

Kalida EMS Chicken BBQ

Sunday, April 14, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until gone.

\$10/meal No presale. Pickup behind fire station.

Thank you for your continued support!!

Upcoming High School Youth Events

(More details will be coming soon.)

Junior Retreat - Sunday April 28

YES: June 6-8 (service weekend—working at homes around the county with lots of fun time, too)

Taste of Kalida - Tuesday, June 11 (High School helpers needed at each eating establishment). This is a fund raiser for the Youth to help with funds to attend conferences, March for Life, and other youth events, etc.)

VBS: July 15-18 (High School help needed for games)

March for Life (OHIO) - October 4

March for Life (Washington DC) - January 24, 2025
Contact Jill (567-376-9115 or jgigjwz@gmail.com)

Students Planning Mass This Week...

are Ruth Kuhlman's grade 5 on Wednesday, April 17 and Annette Schroeder's grade 8 on Friday, April 19.

Sacrament of Confirmation

will be Sunday, April 21, at 1:00 p.m. It will be with Reverend Msgr. William Kubacki. Confirmation practice is Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. This is for the student and their sponsor. Please keep our students in your prayers.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration...

on Thursday, April 18, with grades 3-8 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. We will be praying for our 8th graders, for world peace and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

First Communion 2024

New this year: First Communion practice is Wednesday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. The children should come dressed in their First Communion clothes since the group and individual pictures with Casey Kahle will be taken after practice.

Cemetery Cleanup 2024

April 15 is the final cleanup date for the mowing season at St. Michael's Cemetery. All decorations must be placed on the footers so the grass can be trimmed properly. Mulch, shrubs, bushes and stones are not permitted on or around the footers, as they don't allow for proper mowing. We would like to keep the cemetery looking beautiful and remain a peaceful final resting place for our loved ones. Thanks for all your help and understanding with this. *The Cemetery Committee*
Tip for Flower Arrangements on Top of Headstone: Please put duct tape under your arrangements and write the name of the person you are honoring, so if it is blown away, the arrangement can be returned to the headstone. Thanks!

PTO Spring Flower Fundraiser

The PTO is sponsoring their annual Spring Flower Fundraiser. Tickets are available from any elementary student or in the elementary office. The \$20 ticket is redeemable for ONE 10 inch basket at The Greenhouse on Main in Columbus Grove from May 1 - 31.

K of C Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday, April 20, from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Kalida Market. Call John Schulte (419-890-8851) or Duane Steffan (419-604-1801). Deadline is Wednesday, April 17.

Bereavement Ministry for Putnam County

A Bereavement Group meets the second Thursday of each month, from 7:15-8:15 p.m. at Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Meeting Room (enter through the gym doors). This is for all members of St George Deanery (Putnam County). All are welcome! It is a small group setting and the Catholic resource used is Scripture-based. Our focus is to walk with the family of the deceased and offer care and support during their time of loss. Call 419-523-5216 with questions.