

**Upcoming  
Wedding**

*Anna Berheide*  
Daughter of Brian &  
& Bev Berheide  
and  
*Nathan Rump*  
Son of Brad &  
Kari Rump,  
will be married on  
June 8, 2024.  
Please include them  
in your prayers.



**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - June 8 & 9**  
**4:30:** PB: *Dianna Kehres, Tom Roof*  
 Becky Lucke, Peter Morrissey, Lisa Niese, Michele Niese  
**LECTOR: Dennis Turnwald**  
**8:00:** PB: *Dave Kahle, Erica Kahle*  
 Ryan & Erin Kerner, Bob Klausing, Jane Kleman  
**LECTOR: Donna Schnipke**  
**Ministers to Homebound:** Ryan & Erin Kerner  
**11:00:** PB: *Mark Kahle, Mike Krouse*  
 Jim Hanneman, Cherie Kemper, Allie Kuhlman, Jill Leis  
**LECTOR: Joyce Schnipke**

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Tues, 6/4	8:00 AM	Madden Miller Ava Niemeyer
Wed, 6/5	8:00 AM	Ivy Patrick Drew Potts
Thurs, 6/6	7:30 PM	Cooper Rampe Riley Ricker
Fri, 6/7	8:00 AM	Owen Schnipke Ivan Schroeder
Sat, 6/8	4:30 PM	Isabelle Buss Faith Feldman Alex Gardner
Sun, 6/9	8:00 AM	Katelyn Foppe Kyla Grime Jax Horstman
	11:00 AM	Evan Fischnich Nathan Kahle Griffin Klausing

**Offertory Bearers - June 8 & 9**

**4:30:** Roger & Lisa Unverferth Family  
**8:00:** Dale & Jill Liebrecht Family  
**11:00:** Mike & Jessi Grime Family

**USHERS - June 8 & 9**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 3**  
**ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**  
**ROSARY: 7:00 p.m.**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church**



2024 Little Lambs Christian Preschool Graduates



**St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - June 2, 2024**

**Pastor:** Fr. Nathan Bockrath (nbockrath@toledodiocese.org)  
**Deacon:** Bob Klausing **DRE:** Connie Cleemput **Youth Minister:** Jill Zeller **Maintenance:** Kevin Fischer  
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**St. Michael's  
Eucharistic  
Procession  
This 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.

The YAHS choir and any other choir members are invited to help lead the singing during the procession, as well.

*This event is being held in conjunction with the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*



**Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic Article 36 of 40**

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51)*

In Matthew's gospel, we see Jesus encounter a Centurion who has a problem: his servant is paralyzed and suffering dreadfully. Obviously terrible for the servant, but also for the Centurion ... on the one hand this means he is one worker less; however, more importantly, it's clear that the servant is also a friend. He is in pain to see this suffering and he feels utterly hopeless. Realizing his powerlessness, that he needs help, that he is nothing without our Lord, he then approaches Jesus and says "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed" (Mt 8:8). Jesus, amazed at what he said, immediately replies "Amen, I say to you, no one in Israel have I found such faith ... let it be done for you" (Mt 8:10, 13). The servant was then healed ... not because the Centurion "wooed" Jesus; but rather, because Centurion allowed his pride and ego to fade away, and in turn his humility allowed God's grace to operate in his life. This spiritual dynamic (i.e. humility as the "doorway" to grace) is consistent throughout the Bible for people who experience God's working in their lives. For example, the Blessed Mother's response to the Archangel Gabriel: "behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Of course we are not born without sin like Mary, so for centuries the Church has invited us to respond to the Lamb of God (cf. art. 35) with the words of the next "greatest" figure (look again at Jesus' own words) of humility, the Centurion. We repeat his words, changing the intention for our own soul. While the words are powerful, the important part is to allow the words to reign true in our hearts, so with our humility our Lord's grace can take effect through the Blessed Sacrament.

After we recite the Centurion humble proclamation, the priest receives his communion. Often you will see the priest say a private prayer beforehand. For centuries, although now optional after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council of the 1960s, was for the priest to make the sign of the cross with each species (i.e. the Body and Blood) to bless himself before receiving it, and to recite the following prayer in Latin: "My the Body [or Blood] of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto eternal life. Amen." In fact, this was how communion was offered to the faithful before Vatican II (although the "my" was changed to "your," instead of the current practice "the Body of Christ." Personally I have retain the classical practice for myself throughout my entire priesthood, as the prayer most appropriately and succinctly sums up goal of this moment and the whole spiritual life (cf. arts. 1, 2, 7, 8). You will also notice that the priest receives both species, which is a required action. This is so because it completes the sacrificial act begun with the Eucharistic prayer. During this act, the priest too makes his communion with our Lord. The faithful on the other hand, are not required to receive both species. In fact, while the faithful are asked to attend Mass weekly, they are only asked to make communion once a year. The idea being that we don't treat the moment of Holy Communion too hastily, but properly prepare ourselves the best we can. The reason why the faithful are not required to receive both species is because (1) they are not completing the sacrificial act, rather the priest is; and (2) they can make a full communion with our Lord under either species. Our Lord is fully present under the smallest particle of host or drop of Precious Blood (cf. arts. 9, 11).

While much can be said on the posture and manner of receiving communion, I prefer not to get into the "weeds" of that debate since the Church allows several options. Rather, I would like to offer two biblical points of focus that will enrich our experience: that of "what" is happening and "why" it is happening. The "what" is that through communion we are allowing ourselves most fully to connect with the sacrifice of the Cross. While in the desert, Moses wanted to ratify the new Covenant between God and the people. He read the Covenant to the people and asked if they would accept. Then he offered a *sacrifice* to God, and "then took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, 'This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words of his'" (Ex 24:8). This set the tone for the rest of the biblical sacrifices (including Jesus') and our need to unite with the sacrifice (cf. art. 7). Through communion, we are "sprinkled" anew with the blood of our Lord ... the new and everlasting covenant (Heb 8:8, 13). The "why" is union with our Lord to reach our full potential (arts. 1, 2). The last book of the Bible describes this final union in terms of a "wedding": "Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory. For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready ... Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rev. 19: 7, 9). In other words, when we come to receive Holy Communion, not only are we being united most perfectly with the sacrifice of Jesus, but we also renew this most intimate relationship with our Lord by actually sharing our lives together. If our hearts are in it, we are bound to have the same experience as the Centurion who welcomed Jesus "under his roof."

*Fr. Nathan*

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 4</b>	
8:00 AM	Carolyn Unverferth Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5</b> <i>St. Boniface</i>	
8:00 AM	Bill Cleemput
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 6</b>	
7:30 PM	Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 7</b> <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	
8:00 AM	L/D Vic & Mary Lou Merschman Family
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 8</b> <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	
1:00 PM	NM Berheide & Rump
4:30 PM	Len, Anna Rose, Triena & Emily Kahle Connie Miller, Deacon Frank Knueve (A)
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 9</b>	
8:00 AM	Mildred & Wilbur Remlinger
11:00 AM	David Fersch, Pam Hixon, Lois Geyer Tom & Janet Schroeder Leroy & Mary Ann Warnement Jiggs, Helen & Bob Unverferth Gene & Rosalia Osterhage

**Choir Assignments—June 8 & 9**  
4:30: Ashleigh 8:00: Ashleigh 11:00: Renee

**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.



**High School Helpers Needed...**

with Outside Games during VBS from July 15-18 (6:00-9:00 p.m.) Sign up to help 1,2,3 or all 4 nights. It's a lot of fun, the little kids love you, and YOU WILL GET WET. Contact Jill Zeller at [stmichaelyouth.kalida@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelyouth.kalida@gmail.com) or 567.376.9115 to sign up or with any questions.

**Bible Study for Girls Discovering My Purpose**

(Girls entering 7th grade thru entering Seniors). I will be ordering the books on June 4, so please contact Jill to place your order. The book cost is \$20. There are 6 sessions, but an option for 2 extra sessions. There is no commitment to come to every session. Once I get all who are interested, we will discuss what day/time might work best. Please text/call Jill @ 567-376-9115 with any questions!



**Toledo Diocese Day at Cedar Point**

Sunday, June 28, 2024. More details on St. Michael Facebook page. Only \$37.12/person.

**Holy Name Tickets**

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

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 7,341.00**

**Dance at Kalida K of C for Everyone!**

On June 30, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Kalida K of C, "The Casuals" will provide a variety of music and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Ohio Polka Boosters, but there is much more than polka! Call 419-966-3826 with questions.

**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!



**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

**4:00pm - 8:00pm \***

**Deadline to purchase tickets is this Tuesday, June 4!**

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.



**St. Michael's CHILDREN'S Memorial GARDEN**

**St. Michael's Children's Garden Memorial Rocks**

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.

**Thank You!**

We have raised \$168,288 for the rectory/office space. Thank you to those who have already donated!

