

MONDAY, JULY 1
ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church

TUESDAY, JULY 2
GATHERING FOR FR. PHIL: after 8:00 a.m. Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 5
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church



Lion's Chicken BBQ
Sunday, June 30

Drive Thru Carryout at High School 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thank You from Kalida Lions for supporting our community projects!

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.

Wildcat Soccer Camp: July 8-11

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Four Seasons Park. For boys ages 6-15 (approximately). Cost is \$50. Make checks payable to "Mark Czubik." Send check/registration by **July 1** to: Mark Czubik; Box 510; Kalida, OH; 45853. Forms are available at the Kalida Post Office.

Lady Cat Soccer Camp: July 8-11

1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Four Seasons Park. For girls ages 6-15 (approximately). Cost is \$50. Make checks payable to "Kalida Girls Soccer." Send check/registration by **July 3** to: David Kehres; Box 521; Kalida, OH; 45853. Forms are available at the Kalida Post Office.

KHS Summer Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 17, at Kalida High School, from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Beth Grime at 419-532-2750.

Bus Trip to Shipshewana

Wednesday, October 9, 2024. We will leave Ft. Jennings Legion at 7:30 a.m. Please park on the west side of the building on the outer edge of the blacktop. Cost is \$100 per person. The trip includes: shopping, buffet dinner and a show at the Bluegate Theater ("Salute to the Stars: Classic Rewind") transportation and driver gratuity. Reserve your spot by calling or texting Sharon Calvelage (419-306-0367). Checks payable to "CLC Council 88." Deadline for payment is September 15, 2024. Proceeds from the trip will benefit our community and those in need.

Cloverdale St. Barbara Parish Festival

Sunday, July 14. BBQ Chicken/Pork Dinners (served 10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). Carry-outs available. Big Ticket Grand Prize-\$1,000 (drawing-6:00 p.m.). Lunch Stand, Beer Tent, Kid's Games, Raffle Booth, Bingo, Cash Drawings, Bicycle Drawings & more.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - July 6 & 7

4:30: PB: Erica Kahle, Tom Roof
Jane Kleman, Allie Kuhlman, Peter Morrissey, Lisa Niese
LECTOR: Deb Kahle
8:00: PB: Dave Kahle, Bob Klausing
Lynda Fortman, Dianna Kehres, Becky Lucke, Mike Krouse
LECTOR: Jill Laudick
Ministers to Homebound: Carrie Patrick
11:00: PB: Ryan & Erin Kerner
Jim Hanneman, Cherie Kemper, Jill Leis, Deb McIntyre
LECTOR: Erin Kerner

SERVER SCHEDULE

Tues, 7/2	8:00 AM	Jack Schulte Eli Selhorst
Wed, 7/3	8:00 AM	Lyla Siebeneck Zach Siefker
Thurs, 7/4	8:00 AM	Riley Unverferth Mallory Unverferth
Fri, 7/5	8:00 AM	NO MASS
Sat, 7/6	4:30 PM	Alex Shininger Emma Shininger Braylon Smith
Sun, 7/7	8:00 AM	Luke Siefker Aubrey Simon Kennedy Simon Jacob Siebeneck Nicole Siebeneck Jack Stechschulte
	11:00 AM	

Offertory Bearers - July 6 & 7

4:30: Scott & Angie Meyer Family
8:00: Don & Maggie Wehri Family
11:00: Andrew & Tessa Wehri Family

USHERS - July 6 & 7

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

Putt-Around Kalida is Back!

On Sunday, August 18, 2024, we will be holding our second event, and we are ready for another year of raising awareness for congenital heart disease. The event this year will be very similar to last year, except for having first place winners from multiple age groups. Registration will start at 11:00 a.m. at Kalida Four Seasons Park. Putt-Around will begin at noon and end at 4:00 p.m. From 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., you can enjoy the remainder of the day out at the park for a family fun day. We will again have food trucks, a hot dog stand, bounce houses, a DJ, Kona Ice and so much more! We hope to see you there! Email: kalidaheartwarriors@gmail.com with ???

Full Time Teaching Position in Col. Grove

St. Anthony School is seeking a Social Studies Teacher for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Please email a cover letter and resume to Nancy Dukes, dukesn@stanthonyschool.info or call 419-303-9240 for more information.

Vacation Bible School is July 15-18...

for children entering Pre-K through 5th grade. We also would love grades 6, 7 & 8 as crew helpers. We also need adult volunteers! Click on the QR code for info., to register your child or volunteer.



St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - June 30, 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, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



CHANGING OF THE GUARD

This week, we say goodbye to
Fr. Nathan Bockrath and welcome Fr. Phil Smith.
Our parish is very blessed and grateful for you both!
Fr. Nathan's new address will be:
2535 Collingwood Boulevard; Toledo, OH 43610

Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic Article 40 of 40

"Mass"...Why That Name?

"You are worth more" ... we began our journey through Mass by contemplating this statement of our Lord in article 1. We saw that our Lord sees a potential in us that we may not see, but we certainly feel it ... we know when something is off. We further saw in article 2 that it is only when our Lord is in picture that our potential can be actualized. Our Lord's grace (i.e. His own Divine Life), fills the void of our soul. It's *only* when we are *united* with this Divine Life and *cooperate* with it, that we feel fully alive, reach our full potential, and become the person we have always been meant to be. As we have seen, the Mass precisely provides this grace through representing our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross. The thing about this Divine Life is that it operates completely opposite of demonic life, which is characterized by pride (cf. art. 3) that leads one to be self-enclosed. Divine Life is characterized rather by *love* ... "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). This is not the emotional kind of love, but rather it's the Greek agape love that conveys a choice or orientation to desire the best in others. This is how God operates: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16). This love that characterizes our Lord's Divine Life, is always looking outwards (not inwards ... that's pride) and looking to spread goodness. It is precisely this Divine Life that we are called to unite and cooperate within our lives if we want to reach our full potential: "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him" (1 Jn 4:16). No wonder then when our Lord calls people in the Scriptures, He is also sending them out ... putting this love into action, not only because the world needs it, but also because we need it since that is how we cooperate with His grace! Jesus called the 12 apostles and then sent them out (Mt 10:1-5); He called the 72 disciples and then sent them out (Lk 10:1); before he Ascended to heaven Jesus told the eleven to go preach and baptize (Mk 16:15-16); at Pentecost they were to go forth after receiving the Spirit (Acts 2:1-47); and another example of this is St. Paul, he was converted and his first action was that of proclaiming the gospel (Acts 9:20).

The Mass obtained this name "Mass" because it was the final words said in Latin at the Liturgy: "*ita missa est.*" This is roughly translated as "go, you are dismissed." There is proof that early Christians referred to this liturgy as the "Mass" already in the 4th century in the writings of St. Ambrose (397 A.D.). "Mass" comes from the Latin verb *mittere* meaning "to send." While it served a practical purpose in letting the faithful know of the ending, it also took on this deeper spiritual meaning of the need now to cooperate with this grace. It points to our own mission, our calling, our need to live this out if we want to experience our fullness. At the end of Mass, we are encouraged not to exit the doors the same way we entered ... we certainly can, but remember the classical definition of insanity: "doing the same thing over and expecting different results." Rather, the goal is to be changed through the lessons and encounter with our Lord, and so engage the world differently, in a way that reflects a cooperation with our Lord's grace. It's only then that we will feel fully alive.

The Mass is not akin to a theater where we expect en-

tertainment (if that is our expectation, we will surely be disappointed ... it has never been designed for this purpose); rather, it's more of a doctor's office: we acknowledge that something might be off, that the doctor knows something we don't, it might not be immediately pleasing, but it's best for the long haul, and when we leave we should expect some changes in our lifestyle. Through these articles I hope you have seen how every aspect of the Mass is carefully designed to address all aspects of our spiritual life. It pushes and pulls us, so that we are spiritually healthier and so be fully alive. The challenge for us is to maintain this health and avoid the spiritual poisons of this world. Are we up to this task ... for the good of others, our loved ones, our own personal good? *Ita missa est ... the Mass has ended!*

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, JULY 2	
8:00 AM	Carol Erhart, Carolyn Unverferth Tom, Alice & Stella Brinkman
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 <i>St. Thomas, apostle</i>	
8:00 AM	Bill Cleemput
THURSDAY, JULY 4	
8:00 AM	L/D Norbert J. Siebeneck Family World Peace (CLC)
FRIDAY, JULY 5 <i>First Friday</i>	
8:00 AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY, JULY 6	
4:30 PM	George, Nora & Dan Basinger Allen Schroeder, Ron Kahle, Jr.
SUNDAY, JULY 7	
8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael's
11:00 AM	Connie Miller, Denny Maag & Family Stan Winkle, Jim & Angie Erhart Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family Norman & Dorothy von der Embse

Last Week's Collection: \$ 11,674.01

Improvement Fund: \$189,027 of \$300,00 goal

Choir Assignments - July 6 & 7

4:30: 8:00: HN 11:00: YAHS



Adjusted Mass Schedule This Week

Please note the Mass on Thursday, July 4 will be at 8:00 a.m. and there is no Mass on Friday, July 5.

Recent Baptisms

CARTER JOSEPH EICKHOLT

Son of Anthony & Kristi (Honigfort) Eickholt

HARVEY JAMES ERHART

Son of Brandon & Laine (Laudick) Erhart

News for Parents of our Grade 8 Students

The mandatory Confirmation Retreat at Damascus will be November 15-17, 2024. There will be a parent meeting September 24 to register your child. If that retreat date doesn't work for your child, they will need to attend the retreat with another parish. Sts. Peter and Paul, Ottawa, is going in September. Let me know a.s.a.p. Confirmation for our 8th grade will be February 15, 2025. *Connie*

Thank You

Thank you, St. Michael's parishioners, for your prayers, support and kindness shown at the passing of our brother, Br. Jerome Schulte. He was always proud to call Kalida/Putnam County his home. *The Schulte Family*

Children's Garden Memorial Rocks

With the addition of every rock in memory/honor of your child/grandchild/nephew/niece/sibling, etc., the garden becomes that much more beautiful. Please feel free to take a rock from the planter near the benches to decorate. Make sure to use a protective coating once you are finished.

Toledo Diocese Day at Cedar Point

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

Welcome Gatherings for Fr. Phil

Fr. Phil's first Mass will be Tuesday, July 2, at 8:00 a.m. After Mass, coffee and donuts will be served in the church basement. His first weekend Mass will be Saturday, July 6. Cookies and lemonade will be served after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend!

One More Catechist Needed for 2024-25

Due to the Jr. High school schedule changes, one grade 5 catechist is needed for the 2024-25 school year. Teaching times are 8-8:40 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or just Thursday and Friday. Contact Connie at 419-532-3474, ext. 102, or ccleemput@bright.net for more information. *Thanks to Wendy Schimmoeller for volunteering to fill one of the spots!*

Items Needed for VBS...Can You Help?

Egg cartons, curling balloon ribbon, clear scotch tape (gift wrap tape), small tea lights, baby wipes, paper towels, Kool Aid Jammers or Capri Suns. You can put the items at the entrances of church. Thank you in advance!!!

Holy Name Raffle Tickets Still Out There

Please check your winter coat pockets, etc., as 26 tickets are still out there. You can return the sold or unsold tickets in the collection before the next drawing in July.

Church Memories

The following was submitted by Dave Hanneman. Dave is a native of Kalida and is a sports writer for The Courier, in Findlay. Dave is the son of the late Joe & Rita Hanneman.



I think we found the stone pieces in an upstairs closet, tucked back against a wall among some blankets and pillows. We were doing the one thing mom hated us doing most—snooping—and we just happened to come across them.

There were three small pieces of marble lying around the rural countryside of Putnam County; so, we asked the smartest man we knew—dad—for an explanation.

As I recall, he seemed very pleased the pieces had shown up. He'd obviously lost, misplaced or just back-burnered them years before. When you're working a small farm and raising a big family, keeping track of do-dads, trinkets and interesting masonry isn't high on the list.

Dad was curious as to where the stones were found. We were more interested in the how and why they got there in the first place. Dad said the marble pieces were from the church, the same one we visited—religiously—every Sunday morning and holy day. There was a time, he said, when they asked for volunteers to help do some work at St. Michael's. Obviously, it wasn't the original build. That was in 1926, and mom and dad didn't set up house in the Kalida District until 1947.

It was some remodeling or reconstruction project, though. And the pieces of marble were remnants of that.

Dad seemed to take a great liking to those little pieces of marble. Who knows, perhaps they reminded him of a time when he was new to the community, but when volunteers were needed for some project at the church, he was more than willing to step up. I do know that dad became good friends with some of the other people working the job and for years, he and mom would get together with other couples and make the trip to, I think, "The Back 40" in Indiana for a night out.

To me, this exemplifies the spirit of small town America. When there's a call for help or assistance, there's usually a ready and willing group of volunteers stepping up to lend a hand.

It's amazing to see the photos of when they broke ground for St. Michael's and to see the hundreds of volunteers on hand ready to get the project underway.

It was evident then, and it's evident now. We still see that kind of small town commitment every day from Pioneer Days to the development of the park on the northwest side of town to the Holy Name Ballpark and other worthy projects.

It's all about having pride in your community and being willing to put some foresight, some sweat equity and some determination to back it up.