

MONDAY, MARCH 25
 ROSARY FOR PEACE: 1:30 p.m. in church
 HOLY NAME CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 26
 RCIA: 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
 HIGH SCHOOL CCD: 7:00 p.m.
 YAHS CHOIR PRACTICE: 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 28
 ROSARY: 6:55 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 29
 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3:00 p.m. in church

K of C Pork Chop Dinner—Save the Date
 Saturday, April 20. Tickets go on sale after Easter and it's presale only.
 Also, we are looking to hire a janitor at the Kalida K of C Hall. If interested, please contact Denny at 419-969-0046 or Duane at 419-604-1801 for more information.

PC Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale
 You can now drop off gently used items and baked goods on Sunday, April 7, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Monday, April 8, from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sale days are Tuesday, April 9, from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please help us support all life!

Baseball for Preschool & Kindergarten
 Registration is now open for the Kalida Little Slugger Baseball League. This league is open to all Kalida boys and girls in pre-school and Kindergarten. Forms for preschoolers can be found at the Kalida Post Office, or by contacting Randy Buss (419-234-5660 or bussrandy@yahoo.com). Deadline is March 25.

Kalida Garage Sales
 April 25, 26 & 27. Sign up at Kalida Telephone or Union Bank by April 12.

Rectory/Office Space
 FUNDRAISING GOAL



Thank You!
 We have raised \$93,200 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!

Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Euch Min: PB: Bob Gerdeman, Tom Roof
 Jill Leis, Deb McIntyre, Peter Morrissey, Beth Nienberg
LECTOR: Wendy Schimmoeller

Good Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Euch Min: Joan Niese, Lisa Niese, Michele Niese, Nancy Rampe
USHERS: Team 8
LECTORS: Dennis Turnwald, Tony Unverferth

Good Friday at 6:00 p.m.
Euch Min: Carrie Patrick, Teresa Rampe, Rose Recker, Mark Remlinger
USHERS: Team 9
LECTORS: Don Wehri, Amy Wannemacher

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors - Easter
8:30: PB: Phil & Sue Fuerst
 Wendy Schimmoeller, Chellie Unverferth, Lisa Unverferth, Alice Adams
LECTORS: Greg Zeller, Joyce Schnipke
8:00: PB: Mary Siefker, Duane Steffan
 Barb Steffan, Norma Unverferth, Tony & Sandy Vorst
LECTOR: Jennifer Erhart
Ministers to Homebound: Wendy Schimmoeller
11:00: PB: Scott Unverferth, Greg Bockrath
 Ella Schumacher, Lindsey Slusser, Lisa Trentman, Jeff Bockrath
LECTOR: Brenda Aversch

SERVER SCHEDULE		
Tues, 3/26	8:00 AM	Jack Schulte Eli Selhorst
Wed, 3/27	8:00 AM	Lyla Siebeneck Zach Siefker Riley Unverferth
Thurs, 3/28	7:30 PM	Owen Siebeneck Aubrey Simon Kennedy Simon
Fri, 3/29	1:00 PM	Luke Siefker Braylon Smith
	6:00 PM	Jack Stechschulte Reese Strauer
Sat, 3/30	8:30 PM	Whitney Unverferth Zachary Unverferth Avrie Unverferth Madison Unverferth
Sun, 3/31	8:00 AM	Parker Vorst Nathan Wannemacher Landon Warnecke
	11:00 AM	Maya Wehri Hannah Bendele Katie Bendele

Offertory Bearers - Easter
8:30: Catechumens
8:00: Marc & Renee Kerner Family
11:00: Doug & Amy Wannemacher Family

USHERS - Easter
8:30: Team 8 **8:00:** Team 9 **11:00:** Team 7

A Day of Eucharistic Encounter for Families
 Glandorf St. John's presents "Come & See," a day of Eucharistic Encounter for Families on Sunday, April 14, from Noon - 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. The afternoon will include Eucharistic Miracles on display, Adoration, Veneration, Appetizers, door prizes and activities for kids including a scavenger hunt and faith-inspired art. Pat Oedy-Murray will be speaking from 1:00-1:45 p.m. and from 3:00-3:45 p.m.

St. Michael Catholic Church - Kalida, Ohio - Sunday, March 24, 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-Thus, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Holy Thursday
7:30 p.m. at Kalida
7:30 p.m. at Continental

Good Friday
1:00 p.m. at Kalida
3:00 p.m. at Continental
6:00 p.m. at Kalida

Holy Saturday
8:30 p.m. at Kalida

Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m. at Kalida
9:30 a.m. at Continental
11:00 a.m. at Kalida





Fr. Nathan's Eucharistic Article 26 of 40

“On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, ‘Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?’” (Mk 14:22)

As Jesus prepared for the Last Supper, where He will turn the reality of His sacrifice on the Cross into a sacrament, He had His disciples participate in this act. On the one hand it was for a practical purpose: help is needed to make the supper possible. But, on the other hand, there is a spiritual purpose where Jesus is inviting them to unite themselves to His sacrifice. This need to be united to our Lord's sacrifice is expressed in so many ways in the New Testament: “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant” (Mt 26:28); “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mt 16:24); etc. (cf. art. 7). By having a part in supplying the materials and setting up for the Passover meal, which Jesus will work through and turn into a sacrament, they are already allowing themselves to be united to Jesus sacrifice ... which is the essential key for us to reach our ultimate purpose (cf. art. 6 and 2).

This twofold understanding is preserved in our Mass with the collection and offertory. St. Justin in the year 150 A.D. said “bread, water, and wine are brought forward” in the Mass. Historically, other items for charitable use were also brought forward, and the deacon(s) would sort out and put aside those that would be used in the Mass. Understandably, this practice of anything being brought forward became disorderly and impractical, and so it was scaled back gradually in the Middle Ages. Nonetheless, this sense of being united with our Lord's sacrifice as well as being stewards of our Lord's gifts was maintained: “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace” (1 Pet 4:10). Today, the wine, bread, and the collection (this depends on the practice of each church) is presented. It shows both our physical participation in our Lord's sacrifice that will be represented to us on the altar, as well as our spiritual participation. Beyond the gifts that are physically presented, it also serves as a prayerful time for us to recall what “sacrifices” we made for our Lord this past week, that we want to join to Jesus.’

A note of caution on the collection. As stated, there is a spiritual and practical dimension to this practice. However, there always lurks the danger of this becoming a spiritual distraction that in turn becomes a personal deterrent. Now, part of the church's role is always to discern and prioritize needs, and present those to the faithful as options (e.g. maintenance of the church's patrimony, opportunities to promote the faith, etc...). The difficulty, as Jesus expressed, is that there will always be needs to address: “the poor you will always have with you” (Mk 14:7). The reason why this is a difficulty is because it lends to the to the dangerous yet understandable interpretation that the “church is only about money.” This is of course objectively false because monetary funds are in secondary service to our primary concern, which is spiritual. Nonetheless, if anyone ever begins to feel this way, in my honest opinion the best thing to do is to stop giving immediately. Once that mindset begins to take place for whatever reason, it only leads us down a path of further

suspicion and resentment. This in turn makes us skeptical of our Lord's Church, whose fundamental structure was designed by God so that we can more fully encounter Him. Thus, it actually jeopardizes our ability to encounter our Lord. Therefore, even though the collection has a practical and spiritual purpose, if it is actually running contrary to our ultimate purpose, I suggest to stop immediately in order to allow ourself to have a reset.

Fr. Nathan

Upcoming Mass Schedule	
TUESDAY, MARCH 26	
8:00 AM	Tom Warnecke
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27	
8:00 AM	Richard Grote Family
THURSDAY, MARCH 28 Holy Thursday	
7:30 PM	Jerry & Dorothy Unverferth, Ed Schroeder Laura & Greg Foppe, Clete & Bertha Hoffman Melissa Hoffman, L/D Hoffman & Foppe Fam. JoAnn Otto
FRIDAY, MARCH 29 Passion of Our Lord	
1:00 PM	Passion of Our Lord
6:00 PM	Passion of Our Lord
SATURDAY, MARCH 30 Holy Saturday	
8:30 PM	New Members of the Catholic Church L/D Walter & Mary Vennekotter Family L/D Carl & Mae Webken Family L/D Norman Utrup and Ben Miller Families Ron Kahle, Jr., Lawrence & Loretta Unverferth Fam., Cy & Frances Kahle Family Irma & Nolan Krouse, Shawn Bailey
SUNDAY, MARCH 31 Resurrection of Our Lord	
8:00 AM	Mike & Phil Kahle, Donald & Joyce Jerwers Lawrence Peck, Al & Mary Siefker Family Ellen Niemeyer, Klara Frommherz Larry Haselman & Family, Cy, Cecelia, Nick, Arnie & Loretta Vorst, Marilyn Ricker Ruth Kruse
11:00 AM	L/D Richard & Gladys Unverferth Family Brian Knott, Joe & Rita Hanneman Family Anna Mae & Clete Verhoff Family Denny Heitmeyer & Family, Ron Kahle, Jr. Cleora & Bob Winkle, Stan Winkle Tom Warnecke

Last Week's Collection: 9,443.57

Choir Assignments—Holy Thursday: YAHS

Choir Assignments—Good Friday

1:00: YAHS **6:00:** HN

Choir Assignments—March 30 & 31

8:30: YAHS **8:00:** HN **11:00:** Children's Choir

Recent Baptism

CASE MEYER LAUF

Son of Quentin & Amanda (Meyer) Lauf

Attention Eucharistic Ministers

St. Rita's Spiritual Health is seeking Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion Please call 419-226-9481 for more information. You can also contact St. Michael parishioner Jerry Ellerbrock for more information, as he currently does this ministry at St. Rita's. His number is 419-303-9425. Thanks for considering!

Our Condolences

Our sincere condolences to
Evan & Katelyn Recker,
upon the stillbirth of their daughter
KAYLEY MAKENZIE RECKER
and to Derrick & Leah Schimmoeller,
upon the stillbirth of their daughter
ELLIE REBECCA SCHIMMOELLER.
Please remember both of these little girls
and their families in your prayers.



Eucharistic Adoration on Holy Thursday

Eucharistic Adoration will be after the 7:30 p.m. Mass until 10:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday.

Easter Flower Intention Deadline...

is this Monday, March 25.

Penance Service This Week

Monday, March 25, at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. at Ottawa

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!

Spring Renewal - Young Adult Retreat “Encountering God's Love”

April 13-14, 2024 *Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Ottawa*

Join us for a rejuvenating weekend of spiritual renewal, growth, and the boundless love of God. The retreat will be led by young adults. Open to males and females. Activities include: reflective workshops, joyful fellowship, inspiring speakers, prayer and reflection. Mass & Adoration. Cost is \$25. Contact Emma at 567-376-5103.

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!**

High School Retreat & Pilgrimage to Eucharistic Revival Procession

For Outgoing Seniors thru Incoming Freshman, area-wide event (each parish will have their own breakout sessions at the Retreat Center). July 1 - 2, 2024. Estimated cost is \$150, based on how many people participate. Overnight stay at Bergamo Retreat Center in Beavercreek, about 20 miles from Xenia, where we will participate in the Eucharistic Revival Processions and activities. Contact Diane Utrup for any questions at 419-306-5588, or Jill Zeller 567-376-9115. Please respond before Monday, April 1 (see form under Youth Tab on St. Michael website).

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

As you all know, the Diocese is in the midst of their Annual Catholic Appeal. While I am a supporter of their efforts and one who has benefitted from it (i.e. during my seminarian days), I don't always agree with the approach. In particular, some mailings will be sent out in the next couple of weeks that are a boiler-plate form that includes the pastor's signature at the bottom. In other words, this is not directly from me and should not be interpreted as such. So, do with it as you will.

Fr. Nathan

High School CCD Notes

On March 27 everyone has class. Our last class will be April 10.

Students Planning Mass This Week

Mary Grote's 1st grade class on Wednesday, March 27.

First Communion Practice...

will be Wednesday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. New this year: all individual and group pictures will be taken after the practice instead of on Sunday, May 5. The children are to wear their First Communion clothes to practice.

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 p.m. This is for the student and their sponsor.

Book Study: Beautiful Eucharist

There are Two Options (Yes, you can do both!)

1. In Person:

6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month in St. Michael Church Basement (classroom near men's restroom).

2. Online Facebook Group:

Search Beautiful Eucharist Book Study

March Holy Name Raffle Winners

\$250	Phil Mason	\$100	Brian Laudick
\$100	Carol Bockrath	\$100	Brian Edwards
\$100	Ace Unverferth	\$ 50	Dan Wurth
\$ 50	Ron Rampe	\$ 50	Carl Fortman
\$ 50	Brandon Selhorst	\$ 50	Brandt Utrup
\$ 50	Angie Niemeyer	\$ 50	David Iliff

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 - June 12 (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)

SFL (Students for Life) - a Pro-Life organization for H.S. students run by H.S. students

March for Life (OHIO) - October 4

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