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#### **NOVEMBER 5, 2023 – THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



# ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

We are a Catholic community of faith in Jesus Christ. We Worship. We Learn. We Share.

# WELCOME – WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We are a caring community united in our love of God and in service to others. Regardless of who you are, or where you are in your spiritual journey, we are so glad you joined us. If you're interested in learning more about our parishes and what we have to offer, we warmly invite you to contact us! We would love to share our Catholic faith with you and tell you more about what makes the Kettering Catholic Community a wonderful place to worship, learn and share.

#### **BECOMING CATHOLIC**

Anyone wishing to inquire about the Catholic faith, or seeking to complete their Sacraments – including children age seven and up – should contact Kristi Gaston at St. Albert, Joe Ollier at Ascension, or Chris Kreger at St. Charles.

#### **INFANT BAPTISM**

Parents are required to attend a Baptism preparation class, preferably before the birth of their child, to have a child under the age of seven baptized. Classes are held at various times throughout the year at each parish. For more information, please contact Kristi Gaston at St. Albert, Joe Ollier at Ascension, or Erin Fanning at St. Charles.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the marriage date, or sooner.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office in case of serious illness or upcoming surgery. Communal anointing services are celebrated in the spring and fall.

# PARISH CONTACTS

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Weekday Mass Monday thru Friday: Noon Weekend Mass

Saturday: <u>4:30pm</u> Sunday: <u>8:30am & 11am</u>

#### Church Open

Monday: <u>10am - 6pm</u> Tuesday thu Friday: <u>8am - 6pm</u> Saturday: <u>2pm - 6pm</u>

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: <u>9am - 3pm</u> Closed Friday





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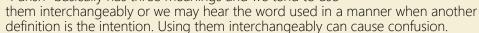
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#### ON THE JOURNEY

#### **Father Ed Pratt, Pastor**

Parish?...Parish??...Parish???

As we move quickly into our second year as the Kettering Catholic Community since the Archdiocese's Beacons of Light initiative, it has become apparent to me that the word parish is used and understood differently by many of us. "Parish" basically has three meanings and we tend to use



#### Parish. (n.)

- **1.** The people of God within a particular boundary. God's people coming together in union with a common faith.
- 2. A physical structure or buildings where people come to worship and gather.
- 3. A legal entity for canon/church law or civil law that defines purpose and rights.

As you can see, these definitions vary and most of us have one particular meaning that we think of first when we hear the word. As we look to our future, I think it might be worth looking at our situation and our possible future in light of all three definitions.

<u>First, (Definition 1)</u> We are the people of God in this particular Kettering region. We are faith-filled people of God.

<u>Second, (Definition 2)</u> We have three locations that are large facilities where we gather for worship, formation, sacraments, recreation and many other things that happen in our buildings.

<u>Third, (Definition 3)</u> We are an organization identified by the Archdiocese, local government agencies and other church organizations that provides services, employment, and could share fiscal responsibilities.

While the Archdiocese has challenged us to be one parish in the coming years, the best way to look at this is through the lens of **Definitions 1 and 3**. We are working at sharing ministries, serving one another and praying together as God's people—**Definition 1**. When the time comes, the Archbishop will decree that there is one parish "doing business" in Kettering and it will be named accordingly through a canonical process—**Definition 3**.

Both of these do not affect Definition 2 as it deals with physical structures and locations. A parish can have multiple locations and facilities. Our most likely scenario, knowing I cannot completely predict the future, we will be one parish of God's people, officially recognized in a legal manner, serving God and His people in more than one physical setting.

Be sure to ask for a clarification of parish, if you need to!

Let's continue on our journey with God and one another.

Peace,

Father Ed



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#### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING RALLY**

**Closing Rally:** Nov. 5 at 2pm with Deacon Dusty Baldwin

Location: Clinic on Stroop Road

Contact: Judy Weckesser, 937-296-1628.

**SUNDAY, 11/4** 





MASS INTENTIONS may be scheduled now through April 2024; a total of three per calendar year. Additional intentions will be sent now to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office. Please note: If there is a Funeral Mass, the Intention will need to be rescheduled.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 Daylight Savings

8:30am Mass, Pat McCarthy A Cleary

9am Coffee & Donuts In Between, Cafeteria

11am Mass, <u>Deceased Members of the</u>

Legion of Mary Legion of Mary

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:30am School Mass, Katherine Bradley Family

Please see P. 7 with more information

Noon Patrick Doherty Friends

1pm Pro-Life Meeting, Spirit Center, Rm C 6:45pm Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Rm C

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 Election Day

10am Catholicism 101, Spirit Center, Rm D

Noon Mass, **Bob Ulrich** Family

7pm PTO Meeting, Spirit Center, Rm D 7:30pm Knights of Columbus Officers, SC, Rm C

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Noon Mass, <u>Sonny & Sonia Morris</u> Sue 6:30pm Fall Session Bible Study, SC, Rm D

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Noon Mass, <u>Peter Condopolis</u> *L Macy* 6pm Knights of Columbus, Spirit Center

6:30pm Girl Scouts, Cafeteria 2

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Noon <u>Kathy & John Zamonski</u> M Sullivan

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

3pm Artisan Arts Fest, Parish Center

3:15pm Confessions 4:30pm Brian Spirk K Fatz

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

8:30am Mass, <u>Tom Peterson</u> Judy 9am Artisan Arts Fest, Parish Center 9:40am Religious Education Classes, School 11am Mass, **Ginny Wade** J/J Weckesser

#### THIS WEEKND

<u>Presider for all weekend Masses:</u> Father Tom Nevels <u>Mass of Remembrance:</u> Saturday, Nov. 4 <u>Daylight Saving Time</u>: Make sure to change your clocks <u>Coffee & Donuts In Between:</u> In Cafeteria, hosted by Knights of Columbus

Subject to change







	St. Albert	Ascension	St. Charles
Mon 11/6	<u>8:30am:</u> Fr. Tom Nevels <u>Noon:</u> Fr. Tom Nevels	<u>9am</u> : Father Ed Pratt	<u>8:30am</u> : Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem
Tue 11/7	<u>Noon:</u> Fr. Tom Nevels		<u>8:30am</u> : Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem
Wed 11/8	<u>Noon:</u> Fr. Dan Meyer	<u>9am</u> : Father Ed Pratt	<u>8:30am:</u> Fr. Tom Nevels
Thu 11/9	<u>Noon:</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem	<u>9am:</u> Fr. Tom Nevels	
Fri 11/10	<u>Noon:</u> Father Ed Pratt	<u>9am</u> : Fr. Tom Shearer	<u>8:30am</u> : Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem
Sat 11/11	<u>4:30pm:</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem	<u>5pm:</u> Fr. Tom Nevels	<u>5pm:</u> Father Ed Pratt
Sun 11/12	<u>8:30am</u> : Fr. Chibueze <u>11am</u> Fr. Chibueze	<u>8:30am:</u> Fr. Tom Nevels <u>11am</u> : Fr. Tom Nevels	<u>8:30am</u> : Father Ed Pratt <u>10:30am</u> Father Ed Pratt

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#### TREES OF THANKSGIVING

Trees are up in the Church and Chapel. The tags indicate the needs of these organizations: St. Vincent, FLOC, or Seniors Resources.

Once again, we are primarily asking for gift cards or monetary donations on tags. The amounts on tags are suggestions.



#### **RETURN DATES**

Saturday, November 11, 18, and 25 DRIVE UP to the Gathering Space from 9am-Noon

Sunday, November 26 IN PERSON in the Gathering Space from 8am-Noon

Or drop off at the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY (St Albert)**

When: November 8th & 15th

**Time:** In the Spirit Center, <u>6:30-8pm</u>

#### **ARTISAN ARTS FEST** (St. Albert)

There is still time to be a vendor! Contact Kate! 937-293-1999



#### **CATHOLICISM 101** (St Albert and Ascension)

When: October 9/10 thru November 13/14

**Time:** Mondays at Ascension: <u>7-8:30pm</u>, Witzman Center;

Tuesdays at St. Albert: 10-11:30am, Spirit Center Contact: Joe Ollier, 937-253-5171 or click here





#### MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY (Ascension)

When: November 11

**Time:** 8-9am

**Details:** All men of the KCC: Join us for this month's episode of our study of the Gospel of Mark. Location is Room 119 in the Witzman Center. To receive email updates, sign up for Ascension's Flocknote, and join

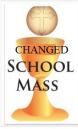
the Men's Fellowship group.

Contact: Mike Wager, 937-361-1369, or click here

#### SCHOOL MASS CHANGE STARTING NOV. 6

If you want to attend the School Mass, you must first submit your name to the School Office.

Please see more about this on Page 8.



The School Mass will be on Wednesday, November 15 at 8:30am (instead of Monday) as part of the Feast Day celebration.



#### PTO TRIVIA NIGHT (St Albert)

**Register here!** www.stalbertthegreat.net/ptotrivianight.



# **UPCOMING**

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#### SALSA CHAIR FITNESS CLASSES (Ascension)

**When:** November 14 **Time:** <u>6-6:30pm</u>

**Details:** All members of the KCC: Join us for free, chairbased fitness classes. Room 118 in the Witzman Center

**Contact:** Meg Draeger, 937-299-0259.

#### **SPAGHETTI LUNCH** (St Albert Knights of Columbus)



When: Sunday, November 19 Time: After the 11am Mass until 2pm; In Cafeteria

Reserve your Spot www.stalbertthegreat.net/ knights

**Details:** Full spaghetti & meatballs with salad, breadsticks, and dessert. \$10 per person; \$25 for a full family. Tickets also being sold at the Coffee & Donuts today.



#### **ANOINTING MASS** (St Albert)

When: Monday, November 20

**Time:** Mass at <u>5:30pm</u> **Details:** More to come.

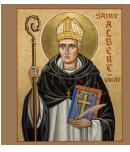
#### FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER & WORSHIP (Ascension)

When: First Fridays: December 1

**Time:** Mass at <u>9am</u>, then meet in the Eucharistic Chapel

**Details:** All are invited for prayer and worship

Contact: Fran Franchina, 937-901-4475.



St. Albert the Great's Saint Day is November 15th. RE is having a coloring page contest to celebrate!

Reminder: NO RE today, November 5th

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### Substitute Catechists Needed

We continue to look for substitute RE Catechists and individuals to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Contact the RE Office if you have any interest in either of these ministries.

#### A special note to parents

- 1st graders must be Baptized and attend Religious Education dass in order to make First Communion in 2nd grade.
- 7th graders must be enrolled and attend Religious Formation in both 7th and 8th grade to make Confirmation toward the end of their 8th grade year.

If you need help with a Baptism or enrolling your child in Religious Education as part of Sacramental Preparation, please contact Tara Schumaker.

TARA SCHUMAKER, Coordinator 937-281-0032 tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net

**BRIANNA BOSWELL, Program Assistant** 

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#### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Website:

www.stalbertthegreat.net/ youth-ministry

#### Registration form:

https://www.cognitoforms.com/ KCCYouthMinistrv/RSVPForm



Click on the graphics for schedules, or see our website (link above).

# KCC JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Go to our website for information on the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November.

JOB OPPORTUNITY for a Junior High Youth Ministry Coordinator.



under About / Employment.

KELLY SUMMERS, Youth Ministry Minister 937-570-1665 ksummers@stcharles-kettering.org

**DCYA** Dayton Catholic Young Adult Board. See more Daytoncatholicya.com.

Kettering Young Adult Ministry Wednesday nights, 7:30pm, for young adults 18 and older in the Ascension basement. Contact Anna, 937-789-8234.

#### **OTHER MINISTRIES**

#### Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley

Volunteering is made easy at CSSMV, providing monthly updates with the "Most Urgent Need" for volunteers, and who to contact, if you can help. Go to cssmv.org/you-can-help/volunteer/

**Knights of Columbus Meetings & News** 

Officers: Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7:30pm Spirit Center, Rm C General: Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6pm Spirit Center, Rm D We would like to thank everyone who attended the Sunday Social. Despite the rainy weather, it was still a good crowd! We look to see everyone again in March/April.

#### Legion of Mary (St. Albert)

You are invited to join the Legion of Mary for their weekly meetings. They meet every Monday evening at 6:45pm in the Spirit Center. For more information, contact Gloria Dodd, 937-229-1431, Or click here

#### Leisure Club (Ascension)

All seniors of the KCC are invited. For more info, Email Sue, smgraham1024@gmail.com

#### Meals for the Homeless (St. Albert)

Meals for the Homeless for the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter. Once a month, we provide a meal of a casserole and either vegetables

Pans / Recipes will be out in the Gathering Space from 12/1 thru 12/8. Drop off on Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 to 10am in the Breezeway Recipes, guidelines and other information can be found at www.stalbertthegreat.net/meals

#### Men's Fellowship (Ascension)

All men of the KCC are invited. Contact Mike Wager, 937-361-1369.

#### Monthly Food Collection (St. Albert)

Monthly Food Collection for Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley Food Pantry: Next Collection: Nov. 11/12

**Items Requested:** Diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6), baby formula (Similac with iron, most-used), toilet paper, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes and paste, and shampoo.

More info can be found at www.stalbertthegreat.net/

#### Pro-Life (St. Albert)

Always looking for new members! Contact Judy Weckesser at 937-296-1628

#### Schoenstatt (St. Albert)

Once a month devotions in the church. Contact Gine, ginehoying@gmail.com

#### Schoenstatt (St. Charles)

Schoenstatt is a Catholic movement that strives to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the example of Mary. Contact Karen for more details at Kswaitzman@twc.com

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. Albert the Great Conference)

SVdP provides emergency assistance in a confidential manner to the needy in our area. Click here for more on our website

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society Evening Meal

Volunteers help serve an evening meal the 2nd Friday of each month. To learn more, contact Ann Burns, 937-219-4140.

# ST ALBERT SCHOOL



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# School Mass changes, starting November 6

For those wanting to attend the Monday morning School Mass, you must call the School Office (937-293-9452) to submit your name.

On the day of the School Mass, you will enter through the Gathering Space door. Doors will open at 8:15am and lock at 8:35am.

Homebound

Sharon Borgert

Marilyn Dehner

Harold Lammert

Wally Mederios

John Zamonski

**Bethany** Jim Gantt,

<u>Charles</u> Brazauskas

Marilyn Hull Margaret Krapf

Owen Toale

BJ Wack

Joe Wade



# School Mass changes effective starting November 6

With recommendations made by our School Resource Officer, we will be making a few changes to our School (8:30am) Mass, usually on Mondays.

For those wanting to attend the School Mass, you must call the School Office (937-293-9452) to submit your name. On the day of the School Mass, you will enter through the Gathering Space door. Those doors will open at 8:15am and lock at 8:45am. The Church will be open to the public for prayer at 10am that day.



#### St. Vincent de Paul Q3 2023 Newsletter

Services are provided by our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, and all activities are handled with complete confidentiality. If someone you know needs assistance, please call the Parish Office at 937-293-1191.

Need is the only qualifying criterion. Please get your copy of our 2023 Third Quarter Newsletter in the church Gathering Space.



Vigil prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is the most powerful force on earth — and we have so much to pray for!!! Please join us at Emmanuel Catholic Church for an hour during the 24-hour Vigil adoring and worshipping Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The Vigil will begin with Solemn Exposition on Monday, Nov. 6th at 8pm and end at the conclusion of the Miraculous Medal Novena at 8pm on Tuesday, Nov. 7th. Sign up is NOT required, but is helpful so that we

know all time slots are covered. Sign up at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/EmmanuelAdoration">https://tinyurl.com/EmmanuelAdoration</a>.



# Amendment (Issue 1) Resources Do your own Research!

www.catholicaoc.org/voteno www.protectwomenohio.com

#### Ohioans are voting on an extreme Constitutional amendment, Issue 1, that would strongly support:

- 1. Removal of Parental rights, as the amendment prohibits burdening or interfering with an individual's reproductive choices at any age.
- 2. Abortions through all nine months, with no true restrictions.
- 3. Removal of outside (government) safety regulations on abortion facilities.

# Al Fratini Oakcreek Terrace Candice Gibbons

**St. Leonard**Bob Alig, Kathleen Brown,
Jean Rohmiller

**St. Leonard Rehab**Mary Broderick, Joan Hall **Walnut Creek** Kay Lunne

#### **Election Day:**

Tuesday, November 7

## **STEWARDSHIP**



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- 1. Text the word STAG to 833-694-0460
- On our website homepage, look for the Give Online WeShare Logo
- 3. Use the QR code.

#### **SCAN TO GIVE**



Financials for October 29				
WeShare Online Contributions		2,732.00		
Weekly Envelopes		16,392.00		
Loose Cash		977.00		
		\$20,101.00		
Building and Grounds	\$	210.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	30.00		
Sr. John Maureen Fund	\$	25.00		
Liturgical Needs	\$	180.00		
Mission Sunday	\$	220.00		
All Saints Day	\$	100.00		
		\$765.00		
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION		\$20,866.00		

# WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



#### THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

#### THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

#### **PUTS WOMEN AT RISK**

Current Ohio laws\* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

#### ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,\*\* "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

#### IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

#### **ARTICLE I, SECTION 22**

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

- Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
- 2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
- However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
- 4. As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis"; and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
- This Section is self-executing.
- \* Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303
- \*\* Based on Doe v. Bolton



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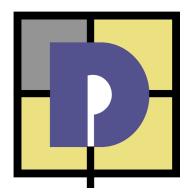
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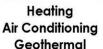


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