



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive
Kettering, Ohio 45420
ascensionkettering.org

PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.



ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue
Kettering, Ohio 45429
stalbertthegreat.net

PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

RECONCILIATION:

Friday: after Noon Mass

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 p.m.



ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

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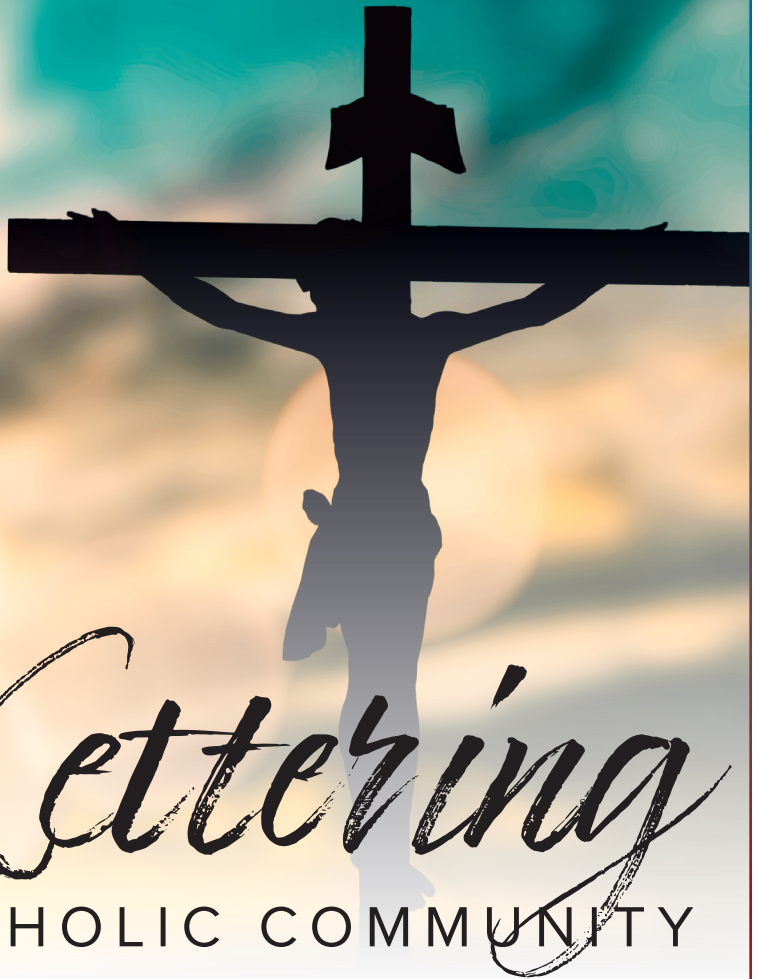
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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 17, 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Kettering

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11am

Church Open

Monday: 10am - 6pm

Tuesday thru Friday: 8am - 6pm

Saturday: 2pm - 6pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday:

9am - 3pm Closed Friday



-Hearing Aid Loop
-Low Gluten Hosts
See back page

PASTORAL AND PARISH STAFF CHURCH OFFICE

937-293-1191

Pastor, Father Ed Pratt

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Sr. Parochial Vicar, Fr. Tom Nevels

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Parochial Vicar, Fr. C. Asiegbulem

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Assistant Brianna Boswell

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Kelly Summers, 937-570-1665

SCHOOL OFFICE,

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Office Staff, Dawn Walters

and Diane Banke

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Communications, Janelle Brand

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STAFF REFLECTIONS

Susan DiGiorgio, School Principal Ascension



One of the simplest joys of being an elementary school principal is being around children during the Christmas season. Their eyes seem to be a little brighter, smiles a little wider, and their positive energy is contagious and bounces off the walls of our building. There are daily stories of where their Elf on the Shelf has been hiding, what cookies Grandma baked with them and who got to lick the spoon, and of course, what is on their list for Santa to bring them.

Our classrooms are bustling with Advent activities, preparation for our Christmas music program *When Hope Was Born* is underway, and our final Christmas activity, "Come to the Stable" is around the corner.

Come to the Stable is a day when the staff and students will dress up as if they were at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We encourage families to use what they have around the house to create their costumes, so that no one needs to spend money. There will be Wisemen with foil crowns, Josephs and Marys with bathroom towels covering their heads, a smattering of sheep, many angels with tree garland halos, and lots and lots of shepherds in robes with anything from Spiderman to unicorn fabrics! There is a beauty to this mismatch of costumes that tugs at your heart. We will gather in the gym and recount the story of Jesus' birth, while singing Christmas Carol together.

And for this principal, there is nothing more beautiful than this gathering of our school community sharing this moment.

Ascension School's Faculty and Staff joins me in wishing you the most joyous Christmas season!

Merry Christmas,

Susan DiGiorgio

St. Albert the Great Holiday Office Hours

Friday, December 22: Office open 9am-1pm

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26: Office Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 27 thru Friday, Dec. 29:

Office open 9am-1pm

Monday, January 1, 2024: Office Closed

Family



St. Albert + St. Charles + Ascension

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THE Promise of Advent

PREPARING FOR A SEASON OF HOPE



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, DECEMBER 17

8:30am Mass, Anne Leubrecht *Daughter*
 9:30am Adore Advent Video Series, SC, Rm D
 9:40am Religious Education Classes, School
 11am Mass, Robert Bonner *L/P Thimons*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Noon Funeral Mass
 6:45pm Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Rm C

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Noon Mass, Tim McCrate *M Walter*
 7pm Band Concert, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Noon Mass, Sylvester Osterfeld *Eileen*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 No School

Noon Mass, May Family *Family*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 No School

Noon Mass, Phyllis Donovan
M/T Donovan & Family
 After Mass Confessions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

3:15pm Confessions
 4:30pm Mass, John Sorgen *D Sorgen*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30am Mass, Meafelia Pascual *S/D Juan*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

3pm Mass, Lucas Phander *Fr. Dan Meyer*
 5pm Mass, Schwieterman Family *Family*

Subject to
change

	St. Albert	Ascension	St. Charles
Mon 12/18	Noon Fr. Tom Nevels	9am Father Ed Pratt	8:30am Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem
Tue 12/19	Noon Fr. Tom Nevels		8:30am Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem
Wed 12/20	Noon Fr. Dan Meyer	9am Father Ed Pratt	8:30am Fr. Tom Nevels
Thu 12/21	Noon Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem	9am Fr. Tom Nevels	
Fri 12/22	Noon Fr. Joe Massucci	9am Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem	8:30am Fr. Tom Shearer
Sat 12/23	4:30pm Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem	5pm Fr. Tom Nevels	5pm Father Ed Pratt
Sun 12/24	8:30am Fr. Dan Meyer 3pm Father Ed Pratt 5pm Fr. Tom Nevels	8:30am Fr. Tom Nevels 3pm Fr. Chibueze 5:30pm Fr. Ed Pratt 10pm Fr. Chibueze	8:30am Fr. Gene Contadino 3pm Fr. Dan Meyer 6pm Fr. Chibueze
Mon 12/25	9:30am Father Ed Pratt	10am Fr. Dan Meyer	9am Father Tom Nevels



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

St. Albert: 3pm (Father Ed Pratt) & 5pm* (Fr. Tom Nevels)

St. Charles: 3pm (Fr. Dan Meyer) & 6pm (Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem)

Ascension: 3pm (Fr. Chibueze), 5:30pm (Father Ed Pratt) & 10pm** (Fr. Chibueze)

* The 5pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Albert will begin with prelude music at 4:30pm.

** The 10pm Christmas Eve Mass at Ascension will begin with prelude music at 9:20pm. Christmas carols begin at 9:30pm with a combined choir of singers and musicians from all three KCC parishes!

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

St. Albert: 9:30am* (Father Ed Pratt)

St. Charles: 9am (Fr. Tom Nevels)

Ascension: 10am (Fr. Dan Meyer)

* The 9:30am Christmas Day Mass at St. Albert will begin with prelude music at 9:10am.

The week AFTER Christmas, the KCC will have one Mass each day:

Tuesday, Dec. 26: St. Charles at 8:30am

Wednesday, Dec. 27: Ascension at 9am

Thursday, Dec. 28: St. Albert Noon

Friday, Dec. 29: St. Charles at 8:30am



Mass Obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 24

Obligation may be fulfilled at either:

- A Vigil Mass on Saturday evening (12/23)
- Any Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent (12/24) before Noon

NATIVITY OF THE LORD December 25

Obligation may be fulfilled at either:

- A Vigil Mass for Christmas (12/24)
- Any Mass on Sunday, the day of Christmas (12/25)



Regular Weekend Masses



Solemnity of Mary
One Mass for the KCC:
January 1, 10am St. Albert



Regular Weekend Masses

Our Confirmandi had a wonderful retreat filled with games, small group discussion, learning, and praying. Continue to keep them in your prayers!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We would like to begin the Children's Liturgy of the Word program at the start of the new year, but we need more volunteers. Please contact the RE Office if you are interested in helping once or twice a month.

A special note to parents

- 1st graders must be Baptized and attend Religious Education class 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.

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937-281-0032 tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net

BRIANNA BOSWELL, Sunday Assistant
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YOUTH MINISTRY

Website:

www.stalbertthegreat.net/youth-ministry

Registration form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/KCCYouthMinistry/RSVPForm>



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

KCC JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

KCC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

First Friday Sessions for Junior High Students (6th grade—8th grade) 5:30-7:30pm at St. Albert: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1, May 3.

DOCK for a High School Students (9th grade—12th grade) on Sunday nights 6:30-8:30pm at St. Charles in the Youth Room.

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

JOB OPPORTUNITY for a Junior High Youth Ministry Coordinator. [Click here](#) or go to our website under About / Employment.

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YOUNG ADULT EVENT FOR AGES 19+

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NOVEMBER 17TH!

Epiphany Ball
JANUARY 6TH
7PM - 11PM



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.

Highlighted event: Epiphany Ball January 6, 7pm,
Tickets on sale now. Go to Daytoncatholicya.com/epiphany-ball

Knights of Columbus Meetings

Officers: Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 7:30pm Spirit Center, Rm C
General: Thursday, Jan. 4 at 6pm Spirit Center, Rm D

Thank you from the Knights

Thank you to everyone who attended our Breakfast with Santa event this past Sunday. Santa (and all the kids) had a great time!



Legion of Mary (St. Albert)

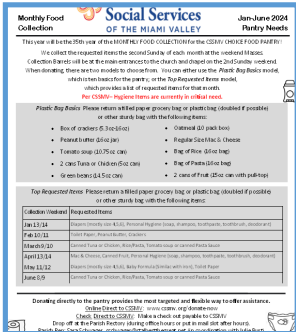
You are invited to join the Legion of Mary for their weekly meetings. They meet every Monday evening at 6:45pm in the Spirit Center. For more information, contact Gloria Dodd, 937-229-1431, [Or click here](#)

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 or cookies. **2024 Schedule Coming**

Monthly Food Collection (St. Albert)

Monthly Food Collection for Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley Food Pantry. **Next Collection: Jan. 13/14**



The 2024 Schedule is Now Here ... and available in the Gathering Space. They also can be found by clicking the graphic to the left, or going to our website at www.stalbertthegreat.net.

We are continuing our **Plastic Bag Basics** model. This is a bag filled with the needed essentials. We also are still collecting **Hygiene Items**, as CSS has informed us these are still in critical need.

Plastic Bag Basics list: *Box of crackers, peanut butter, cans of soup, cans of tuna or chicken, can of green beans, packs of oatmeal, bag of rice, mac-n-cheese, bag of pasta, 2 cans fruit.*

Top Hygiene Items: *Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, TP, deodorant, laundry detergent.*

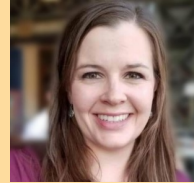
St. Vincent de Paul Society (St. Albert the Great Conference)

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

Thank you to the Garden Guild

In November, the St. Albert's Garden Guild presented a check for \$5,000 dollars to St. Albert's St. Vincent de Paul Conference to be applied to assistance to neighbors in need in the St. Albert the Great Parish area. One hundred percent of this donation will go toward utility, rent, clothing, food, and furniture assistance. This represents this season's proceeds from the Garden Guild market sales after Mass. The entire St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to express our sincere thanks to the Garden Guild for this significant donation. This donation to SVDP represents a unique and special relationship between two important ministries at St. Albert's Parish.

THANK YOU GARDEN GUILD!



Mrs. Gabrielle Ambrosius



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Dawn Walters & Diane Banke, School Office



School Sports

Scan the QR code, or see the School website at www.stag-school.com



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boxtops4education.com

School Mass changes: For those wanting to attend the School Mass (usually on Mondays at 8:30am) please contact the School Office for detailed instructions, [or click here](#).



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CHRISTMAS PRELUDE MUSIC

SEE SCHEDULE BELOW

5PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST ALBERT
PRELUDE MUSIC TO BEGIN AT 4:30PM

10PM KCC CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ASCENSION
PRELUDE MUSIC TO BEGIN AT 9:20PM,
FEATURING A COMBINED CHOIR FROM
ALL THREE KCC PARISHES

9:30AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS AT ST ALBERT
PRELUDE MUSIC TO BEGIN AT 9:10AM

Rest in Christ's Love.

Janet Stein

Joyce Ryan

LET US PRAY

Bethany Jim Gantt,
Charles Brazauskas
Carlyle House 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

Homebound
Sharon Borgert, Marilyn
Dehner, Marilyn Hull,
Margaret Krapf, Harold
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Joe Wade, John Zamonski

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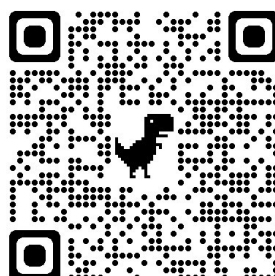


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SCAN TO GIVE



Financials for December 10

WeShare Online Contributions	\$	2,814.00
Weekly Envelopes	\$	16,210.00
Loose Cash	\$	1,501.95
		\$20,525.95
Building and Grounds	\$	255.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	315.00
Sr. John Maureen Fund	\$	25.00
Liturgical Needs	\$	135.00
Christmas	\$	935.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	1,599.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$	1,465.00
		\$4,729.00
Total	\$	25,254.95

SACRAMENTS (see front cover)

COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND COUNCILS

Parish Council: Pat Higgins, 937-281-1313

Worship Commission: Joe Riley, Joe.riley.worship@gmail.com

Education Commission: TBA

PTO: Sara Anderson, stagpto@gmail.com

Finance Council: Denny Wolters, 937-293-2926

Athletic Association: Renee Cope, stalbertathletics@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Adoration Chapel: Parish Office

Bereavement Ministry: Parish Office

Choir / Music: Joe Whatley, 937-281-1085

Eucharistic Distributors: Forst Elliott, 937-510-8585

Lectors: Therese Frick, 904-868-8839

Purificators: Marilyn Lehman, 937-439-2039

Sacristans: Diane DePascale, 937-293-7334

Servers: Religious Ed Department, 937-298-2402

Ushers: Mike Oswald, 937-643-3305

Low-gluten Hosts: The priest and one distributor on the Chapel side will both have low gluten hosts available

GROUPS & SERVICES

Bible Study: Julie Burt, 937-409-6035

Book Club Ladies: Kathy Zamonski, wonderlywoman@gmail.com

Coffee & Donuts: Knights of Columbus / Sara Schwager

Communion to Homebound: TBA

Garden Guild: Kate Dungan, dungankate19@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus: Gary Lammers, glammers74@gmail.com

Legion of Mary: Ennis Dodd, 937-229-1431
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Meals for Homeless: Kim White, 937-522-1297

Men's Group: 1. Jim Schoen, 937-294-1195
2. Martyn Burt, 937-239-6621

Monthly Food Collection: Sara Schwager, 937-281-0048

Prayer Chain: pattylammert@gmail.com

Pro-Life: Judy Weckesser, 937-296-1628

SALSA: Meg Draeger, 937-299-0259

St. Albert Singers: Lou Lunne, 937-298-7485

St. Vincent de Paul: Parish Office

Seniors Day Out: Linda Bruns, 937-299-5200

OTHER

Bulletin: Submissions due by Monday at 3pm
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Facilities Scheduler, Sara Schwager

SafeParish, Sara Schwager

Flocknote Communication Tool, Sara Schwager



Hearing Aid Loop: T-Coil on Church Side

HURTING COUPLES IN THE HOLIDAYS

The next Retrouvaille Marriage weekend will be January 5-7, 2024. For more info, contact Jean Egan, mimiegan45305@gmail.com

NAIM is a social & religious-based organization for widowed Catholics. For more information, contact Sunny Hickey at 937-433-1437.

ST GEORGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You are invited to St. George's Christmas Concert. Free event—TODAY, Sunday, December 17 at 5pm, featuring live Nativity, luminaria walk and hot cocoa. The address is 5520 Far Hills Avenue.

ST MARY DAYTON CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Follow the Star in the East to the Twin Towers of East Dayton to see the historic church dressed in holiday decorations. St. Mary Church is located at the corner of Xenia Avenue and Allen Street. Our display includes the large Nativity covering a section of pews and containing over 100 statues. December 26 and 27 from 2:30-5:30pm.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY FOR LIFE

Hosted by the Combs and Hummel families, join us for this Party For Life. The proceeds to benefit Dayton Right to Life. The party is December 31; doors open at 7pm. The location is Romer's Banquet Hall in Greenville, Ohio. Tickets are \$40/person (kids under 3 are Free). Teresa Combs: 937-478-6270 or Yeva Hummel, yevahummel@gmail.com.

CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY

Mondays at 7pm at St. Mary of the Assumption. Support for any type of addiction. Learn more at cirdayton@gmail.com

OASIS SENIOR ADVISORS

Free Services for seniors. Contact Ann Wittoesch, 937-602-7852, or email AWittoesch@youroasisadvisor.com

SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Sharing & Caring. Established newsletter is published by the Sisters of the Precious Blood, Dayton, Ohio [Click here](#)

UPCOMING AT THE SHRINE

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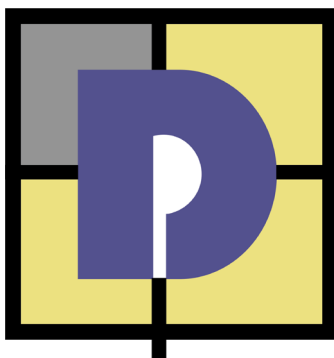
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