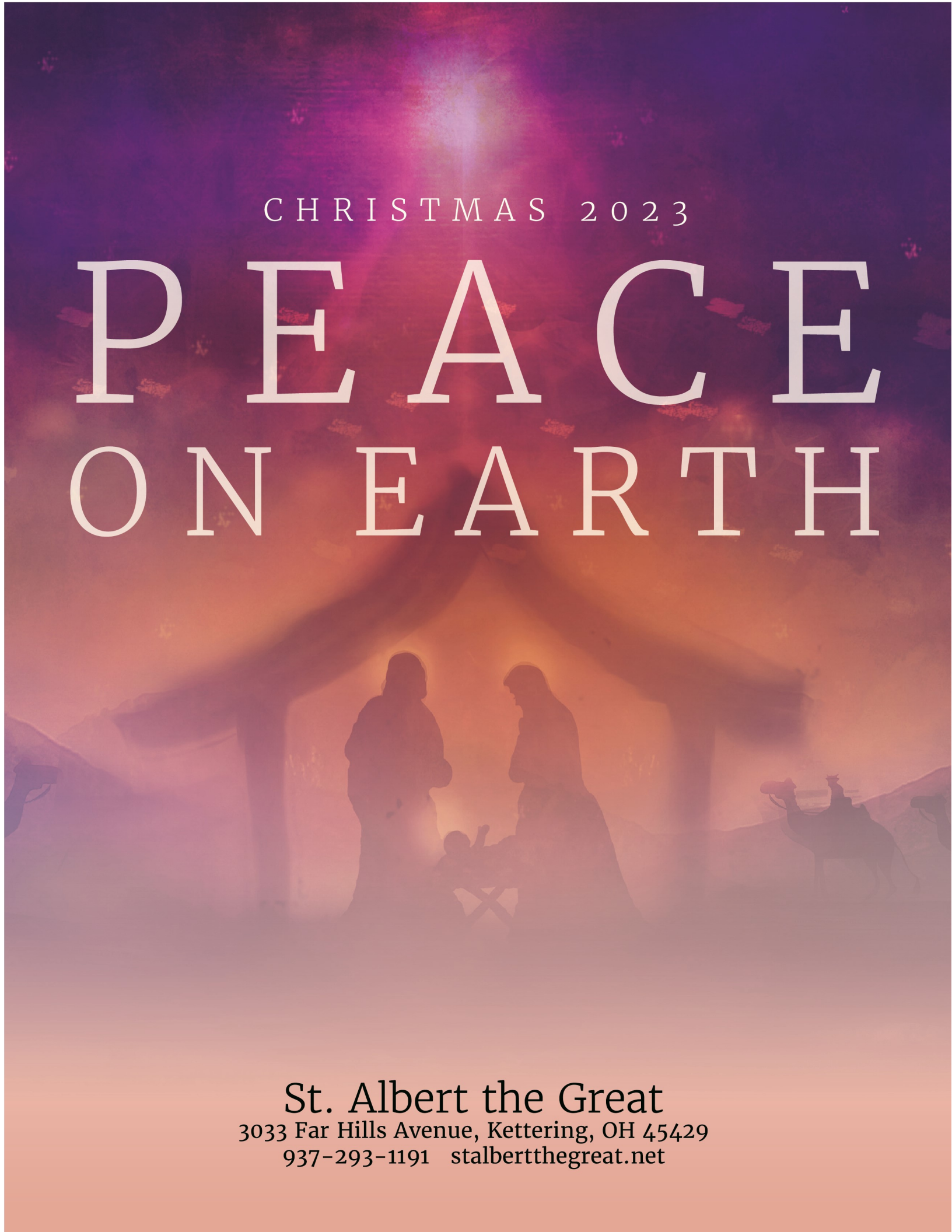


CHRISTMAS 2023

# PEACE ON EARTH

A silhouette of a nativity scene is centered in the lower half of the image. It depicts Mary and Joseph standing over the infant Jesus in a manger. To the right, a camel is visible, and the entire scene is set within a stable structure. The background is a soft, glowing orange and yellow light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset, with a bright star visible in the upper center of the frame.

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**December 24,  
2023**



## Staff Reflection

**Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem, Parochial Vicar**



In the Christmas Gospel, we heard about some people who were watching. We heard about some folks who had to stay in the darkness, keeping their eyes open and hoping. We heard about Mary who was ready to give birth to her miraculous child. We heard about Joseph, her husband. Like Mary, Joseph had come to believe that God was about to do things that human beings cannot explain. We heard about the angel who announced the good news to men. We heard about the multitude of the heavenly hosts who sang, *'Glory to God' who saves humanity by becoming one of us.*

The group that was often overlooked in the time of Gospel is the **shepherds**. In many people's minds, the shepherds don't count as much. The shepherds are usually smelly people who spend a smelly time with their smelly sheep. The shepherds are not often the brightest folks in the neighborhood. They are not rich or tenacious. However, I want you to focus on the shepherds because the Gospel of Luke tells us *"the shepherds... living in the field, taking turns, keeping watch in the dark."* *The shepherds have a great deal to teach us on this Christmas Day.*

First of all, the shepherds were busy doing what they were expected to do. There are things they had to take care of, such as the flock that needed to be tended. The shepherds are a lot like us. They have jobs to do and work to be done. There are folks who depend on them. These shepherds, smelly and overlooked, were faithful in doing what needed to be done. The shepherds kept watch even in the middle of the night, even if it was dark. They kept their eyes open and paid attention.

*They were looking for something or someone.*

Imagine what would have happened if the shepherds stopped watching in the dark. Their eyes would have been closed. They never would have seen the angelic messenger. They never would have seen the Glory of the Lord shining around them that evening. They never would have known to get up and go to Bethlehem where the King of the World was wrapped in a swaddling cloth. They would have missed all of that if they had stopped watching in the dark. That is why I want to suggest to you that the shepherds, all smelly and humble, should be our Patron Saints this Christmas Day. They can teach a lesson about Christmas, about Christian life and about God!

### **Two things we have to draw from the shepherds:**

**1:** Keep doing the work the Lord has entrusted you to do. Keep caring for the flock that God has entrusted to your care. Keep tending to the daily details of life that must be done. Like the child Jesus, each of us has been put into this world for a reason. There are tasks that only you can do. There is some mission that only you can accomplish—stay faithful to it.

**2:** Keep watching, even at night. Christmas provides a core of Christian faith. God became man in the person of Jesus Christ. God took on our flesh and became one with us so that we could know God's love and be loved. God became human so that we could become Divine. God takes flesh in the world. Jesus is the light of the world and He is here with us now. The only way we can see His light, the only way we can see His presence is if we keep watching, even in the dark, like the shepherds.

There is so much darkness in our world today. Like the shepherds, we are called to keep watch in our darkening world and bring the light of Christ to those living in darkness.

Fr. Chibueze



UNTO US

*a child  
is born.*

ISAIAH 9:6



On behalf of the entire staff of the  
Kettering Catholic Community,  
we would like to wish you a Blessed  
Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

**Father Ed Pratt**, Pastor

**Fr. Tom Nevels**, Sr. Parochial Vicar

**Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem**, Parochial Vicar

**Fr. Dan Meyer**, Retired in Residence

WE WISH YOU A  
*Merry Christmas*

## Holiday Office Hours

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



### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:30am Mass, Meafelia Pascual S/D Juan  
3pm Mass, Lucas Phander Fr. Dan Meyer  
5pm Mass, Schwieterman Family Family

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:30am Mass, Intention of the Celebrant

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Noon Mass, Hank Zobrist Zobrist Family

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30




3:15pm Confessions  
4:30pm Mass Robert & Laura Zeitler K Moore

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30am Mass, Alfred & Rose Gehret M Hoying  
11am Mass, Forgotten Souls J/P Nagle

## Reminder

The KCC will have  
one (1) united Mass  
Tuesday through Friday!

Subject to change			
	St. Albert	Ascension	St. Charles
Sun 12/24	<u>3pm</u> Father Ed Pratt  <u>5pm</u> Father Tom Nevels	<u>3pm</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbum  <u>5:30pm</u> Father Ed Pratt  <u>10pm</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbum	<u>3pm</u> Fr. Dan Meyer  <u>6pm</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbum
Mon 12/25	<u>9:30am</u> Father Ed Pratt	<u>9am</u> Fr. Tom Nevels	<u>10am</u> Fr. Dan Meyer
Tue 12/26			<u>8:30am</u> Fr. Dan Meyer
Wed 12/27		<u>9am</u> Father Ed Pratt	
Thu 12/28	<u>Noon</u> Fr. Tom Nevels		
Fri 12/29			<u>8:30am</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbum
Sat 12/30	<u>4:30pm</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbum	<u>5pm</u> Fr. Tom Nevels	<u>5pm</u> Father Ed Pratt
Sun 12/31	<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





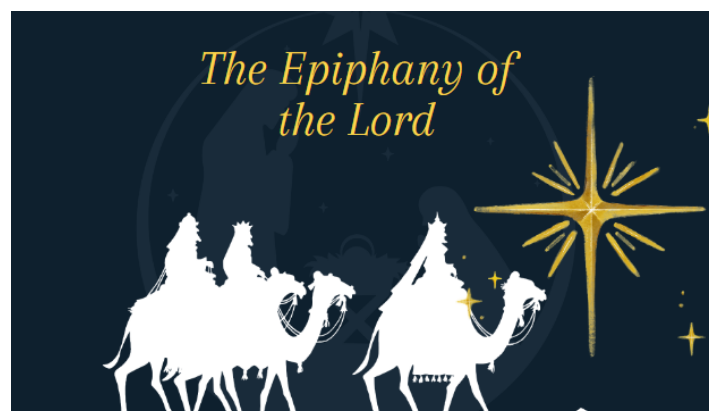
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
Regular weekend Mass Schedule



**MONDAY, JANUARY 1**  
One Mass for the KCC:  
10am at St. Albert



**MONDAY, JANUARY 1**  
Happy New Year  
2024



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**  
Regular weekend Mass Schedule



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**  
See more on page 7



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**  
More coming soon



Our 1st Grade RE students and families shared breakfast together compliments of the Knights of Columbus! Have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Website:

[www.stalbertthegreat.net/  
youth-ministry](http://www.stalbertthegreat.net/youth-ministry)

Registration form:

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/  
KCCYouthMinistry/RSVPForm](https://www.cognitoforms.com/KCCYouthMinistry/RSVPForm)



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](mailto:ksummers@stcharles-kettering.org)

DCYA Dayton Catholic Young Adult Board.  
See more [Daytoncatholicya.com](http://Daytoncatholicya.com).

Epiphany Ball January 6, 7pm, Tickets on sale now.  
Go to [Daytoncatholicya.com/epiphany-ball](http://Daytoncatholicya.com/epiphany-ball)

*Kettering Catholic Community*  
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- ✓ HELPERS GRADES 7-12
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- ✓ PRE-K WITH ADULT VOLUNTEER
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**\$30 ONLINE AND \$40 AT THE DOOR WHILE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.**  
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**TICKETS GO ON SALE NOVEMBER 17TH!**

*Epiphany Ball*  
**JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
7PM - 11PM

**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/](https://cssmv.org/you-can-help/volunteer/)

**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

**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 email [legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com](mailto:legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com).

**Leisure Club (Ascension)**

All seniors of the KCC are invited. For more info, Email Sue, [smgraham1024@gmail.com](mailto: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 or cookies.  
2024 Schedule TBA

**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: Jan. 13/14**

**Items Requested:** Box of crackers, jar of peanut butter, 1 can of tomato soup, 2 cans of tuna or chicken, 1 can of green beans, 10 packs of oatmeal, 1 box of mac & cheese, 1 bag of rice, 1 bag of pasta, 2 cans of fruit. More info can be found at [www.stalbertthegreat.net/](http://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](mailto:ginehoying@gmail.com)

**Schoenstatt (St. Charles)**

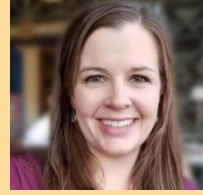
Schoenstatt is a Catholic movement that strives to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the example of Mary. Contact Karen for more details at [kswaitzman@twc.com](mailto:kswaitzman@twc.com)

**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.



Mrs. Gabrielle Ambrosius



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**Janelle Brand**, Communications; [jbrand@stag-school.org](mailto:jbrand@stag-school.org)

**Dawn Walters & Diane Banke**, School Office

**School Sports**

Scan the QR code, or see the School website at [www.stag-school.com](http://www.stag-school.com)

CYO Volleyball (Grades 3-8)  
Registration closes Dec. 5



**President: Sara Anderson**  
[stagpto@gmail.com](mailto:stagpto@gmail.com)

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[www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) ID 80107  
**BOX TOPS:**  
[boxtops4education.com](http://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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**FISH FRY**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024



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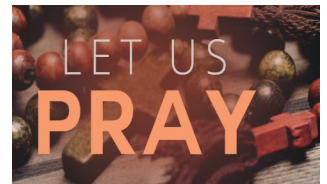






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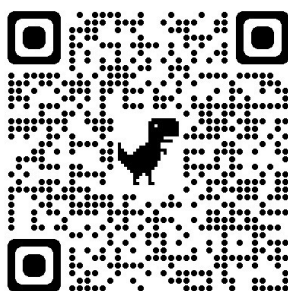


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1. Text the word STAG to 833-694-0460
2. On our website homepage, look for the Give Online WeShare Logo
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### SCAN TO GIVE



## CHRISTMAS GIVING

### Support the Parish with an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Donors age 70½ or older may qualify to make a charitable gift directly from an IRA to St. Albert. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity, such as our parish. As long as certain requirements are met, QCDs can fulfill your required minimum distribution (RMD), avoid paying income tax on the distribution, and provide a significant gift to support the work and mission of our parish.



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**Education Commission:** TBA

**PTO:** Sara Anderson, stagpto@gmail.com

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**Servers:** Religious Ed Department, 937-298-2402

**Ushers:** Mike Oswald, 937-643-3305

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

## OTHER

**Bulletin:** Submissions due by Monday at 3pm  
bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net

**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](mailto:mimiegan45305@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](mailto:cirdayton@gmail.com)

## OASIS SENIOR ADVISORS

Free Services for finding long-term senior housing options, Advocacy, Dementia & Alzheimer's Care, Hospice Care, Transition of Care, Benefits & Resources, and Mobility Issues. Contact Ann Wittoesch, 937-602-7852, or email [AWittoesch@youroasisadvisor.com](mailto: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

Contact Susie at 419-925-4532, or go to [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org)

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