



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive

Kettering OH 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.-4:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

RECONCILIATION:

Friday: after Noon Mass

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



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

4500 Ackerman Boulevard

Kettering, Ohio 45429

stcharles-kettering.org

PARISH OFFICE: 937-434-6081

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

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

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.

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.

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.

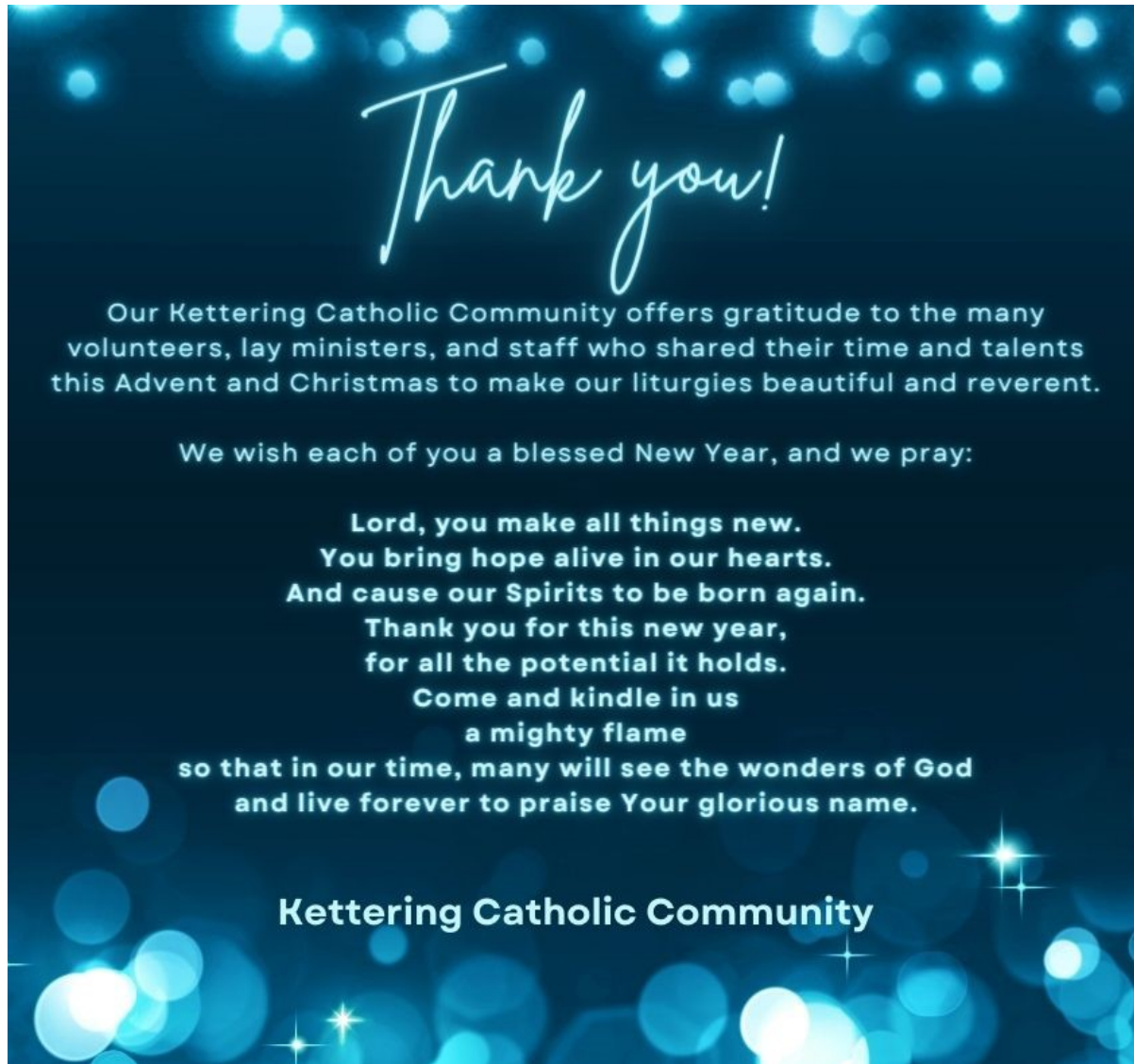
ANointing OF THE SICK

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

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PARISH CONTACTS

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PASTORAL AND PARISH STAFF CHURCH OFFICE

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Pastor, Father Ed Pratt

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Parochial Vicar, Fr. C. Asiegbulem

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Religious Education Office,

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Assistant Brianna Boswell

Youth Ministry,

Kelly Summers, 937-570-1665

SCHOOL OFFICE,

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Principal, Gabrielle Ambrosius

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Office Staff, Dawn Walters

and Diane Banke

Dean of Students, Nancy Hankey

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Communications, Janelle Brand

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Church Open

Monday: 10am - 6pm

Tuesday thru Friday: 8am - 6pm

Saturday: 2pm - 6pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday:

9am - 3pm Closed Friday

Weekday Mass

Monday thru Friday: Noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11am



-Hearing Aid Loop
-Low Gluten Hosts
See back page

The feast of the HOLY FAMILY



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 31

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

10am Mass, Earl, Tom & Jeannie Whaley
G/J Whaley

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Noon Mass, Virginia Wade *K/T O'Neil*
7:30pm Knights of Columbus Officers, SC, Rm C

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Noon Mass, Larry Austing *P Duffy*
6:45pm Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Rm C

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Noon Mass, Steven Macy *L Macy*
6pm Knights of Columbus, Spirit Center, D
7pm PTO, Spirit Center, Rm C

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Noon Mass, Ray & Viola Bruns *Daughter*
After Mass Confessions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6




3:15pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass, Janet Ellis & Charlie *G/J Whaley*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30am Mass, Jane Lieberth *A Lieberth*
9:40am Religious Education Classes, School
11am Mass, Anne Gorman *Motto Family*

THIS WEEKEND

Presider for all weekend Masses: Fr. Chibueze
Office Closed Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1 and 2

Subject to change	 St. Albert	 Ascension	 St. Charles
	Mon 1/1		
	10am Fr. Tom Nevels		
	Tue 1/2		8:30am Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem
	Noon Fr. Tom Nevels		
	Wed 1/3	9am Father Ed Pratt	8:30am Fr. Tom Nevels
	Noon Fr. Dan Meyer		
	Thu 1/4	9am Fr. Tom Nevels	
	Noon Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem		
	Fri 1/5	9am Fr. Dan Meyer	8:30am Father Ed Pratt
	Noon Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem		
	Sat 1/6	5pm Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem	5pm Fr. Tom Nevels
	4:30pm Father Ed Pratt		
	Sun 1/7	8:30am Fr. Chibueze	8:30am Fr. Tom Nevels
	8:30am Father Ed Pratt		
	11am Father Ed Pratt	11am Fr. Chibueze	10:30am Fr. Tom Nevels

UPCOMING IN OUR FAMILY

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HAPPY New Year



Prayer for the New Year

Our Father, we thank You for the New Year, and we look forward to it with our faith and with Your love.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
GOD BLESS US IN 2024**



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

One Unified Mass for the Kettering Catholic Community:

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024
10AM MASS at St. Albert
PRESIDER: Fr. Tom Nevels**



Faith Formation Opportunity: GIFT

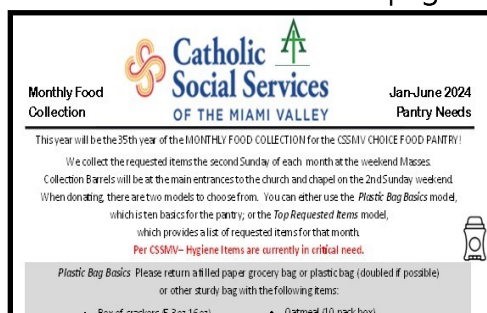
The KCC invites you to this small faith study at St. Charles.



Two Sessions:
WINTER begins Jan. 14
SPRING begins April 7
MORE COMING NEXT WEEK

Monthly Food Collection and Meals for the Homeless 2024 schedules

The Monthly Food Collection and Meals for the Homeless 2024 schedules are now available. Get your hard copy in the Gathering Space, or electronically online. The first food collection of 2024 is the weekend of January 13/14! See page 7 for more details.



Provides food & hygiene items to the CSSMV Food Pantry
Click the graphic above for the full schedule OR go to our parish website



Provides a meal once a month to St. Vincent de Paul Shelter
Click the graphic above for full schedule OR go to our parish website

ST ALBERT THE GREAT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FISH FRY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024
Delicious Food * Cold Beverages *
Fun Games * Silent Auction

7pm-11pm

Age 21 and up
\$25 per person
\$20 PREPAID

Carry Out

\$15 per dinner
\$5 extra sandwich

RESERVATIONS (tickets)

Use QR code or go directly
to WeShare on our website



Kettering Catholic Community BIBLE CAMP

- ✓ CAMPERS GRADES K-6
- ✓ HELPERS GRADES 7-12
- ✓ ADULT VOLUNTEERS TOO!
- ✓ PRE-K WITH ADULT VOLUNTEER
- ✓ GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHILE HAVING FUN!!

JUNE 17-21, 2024
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

HELD AT ST. CHARLES, 4500 ACKERMAN BLVD
DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO SPONSOR A CAMPER. YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED!

REGISTRATION
COMING SOON!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCAN THE QR CODE, CONTACT ERIN AT EFANNING@STCHARLES-KETTERING.ORG, OR STOP INTO YOUR PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE.

Mom to Mom

12-week Winter Session Beginning Jan 17
Wednesdays 9-10:45 in the Borromeo Room
St. Charles Parish: 4500 Ackerman BLVD
Childcare and Breakfast Provided!

To learn more, scan the QR code,
or contact Sarah Archuletta,
937-401-0021
[or click here](#)



The CHOSEN SEASON THREE

9:30 AM SUNDAYS
ASCENSION
WITZMAN CENTER RM119
STARTING JAN 21

Our 6th grade RE students read Christmas stories to our kindergarten students. The younger students enjoyed this and the older ones felt the pride of contributing to our community!

Pictures to the right and below



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



TARA SCHUMAKER, Coordinator
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BRIANNA BOSWELL, Sunday Assistant
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religiouseducation@stalbertthegreat.net

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)

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:
January 5, February 2, March 1, May 3.

DOCK for 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.

JOIN US FOR THE FORMAL EVENT
OF THE YEAR AT ST. PETER PARISH
DANCING, MUSIC, BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS,
LIGHT FOOD AND FESTIVE DRINKS!

\$30 ONLINE AND \$40 AT THE DOOR
WHILE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.
YOUNG ADULT EVENT FOR AGES 19+

TICKETS GO ON SALE
NOVEMBER 17TH!

Epiphany Ball
JANUARY 6TH
7PM - 11PM



DCYA Dayton Catholic Young Adult Board. 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.

Epiphany Ball DCYA, January 6, 7pm. Tickets on sale at
Daytoncatholicya.com/epiphany-ball

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

Officers: Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7:30pm Spirit Center, Rm C
General: Thursday, Feb. 1 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

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 other items.

Pans/Recipes in Gathering Space on Friday, January 5

Casserole Pick-up date: Saturday, Jan. 13, 9am-10am Breezeway

The 2024 schedule is now available. Hard copies are in the Gathering Space, or go to www.stalbertthegreat.net

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: hygiene items are still needed as well.

Next Collection: January 13/14

Items Requested: Plastic bag basics and hygiene items

The 2024 schedule is now available. Hard copies are in the Gathering Space, or go to www.stalbertthegreat.net

Plastic Bag Basics:

1 box of crackers, 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.

Pro-Life (St. Albert)

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

Schoenstatt (St. Albert) (St. Charles)

Schoenstatt is a Catholic movement that strives to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the example of Mary. For info about devotions at St. Albert, contact Gine, ginehoying@gmail.com. For info about devotions at St. Charles, contact Karen, Kswaitzman@twc.com

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

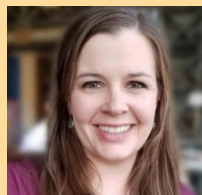
SVdP provides emergency assistance in a confidential manner to the needy in our area. [Click here for more on our website](#)

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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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



President: Sara Anderson
stagpto@gmail.com

KROGER REWARDS:
www.kroger.com ID 80107
BOX TOPS:
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.](#)



More coming next week



Glenmary Sisters

Father Ed Pratt received a *Thank You* from the Mother Superior of the Glenmary Sisters:

"We received checks from the Diocesan office representing the amount collected at your parishes during the appeal on August 26/27. Without your help, our Sisters would not be able to continue the ministry to the people in Appalachia and the rural South. We thank you for your generosity. May God bless you today and always. Sincerely, Sister Darlene Presley, Mother Superior"

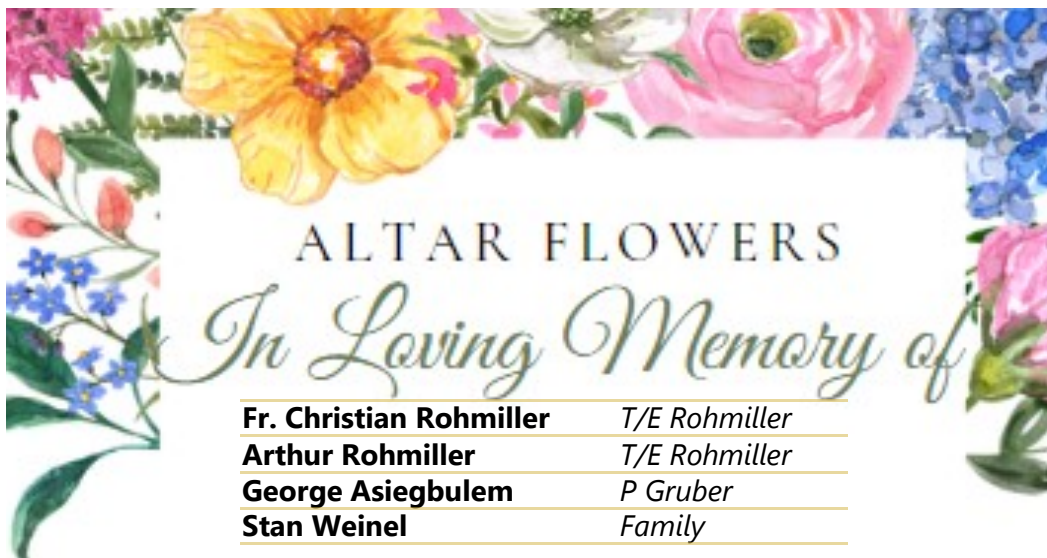


Baptized in Christ
Theodore T. Gilles,
 son of Alexander &
 Minjeog Park Gilles



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 Lammert
 Wally Mederios
 Owen Toale
 BJ Wack
 Joe Wade
 John Zamonski



Ministry Scheduler Pro

Attention: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

The volunteer schedule for January and February is now available through Ministry Scheduler Pro. If you find you are not being scheduled, please contact Joe Whatley ASAP.

STEWARDSHIP

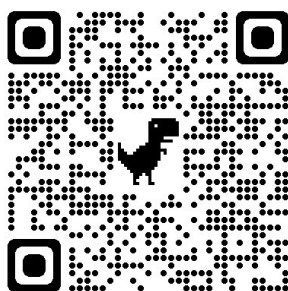


GIVE ONLINE TODAY.

WeShare online electronic giving. Donations are made easy with electronic giving with WeShare. 3 Easy Ways:

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

SCAN TO GIVE



Financials for December 17

WeShare Online Contributions	\$	7,912.00
Weekly Envelopes	\$	19,545.00
Loose Cash	\$	961.36
		\$28,418.36
Building and Grounds	\$	380.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	125.00
Sr. John Maureen Fund	\$	25.00
Liturgical Needs	\$	400.00
Christmas / Immaculate Conception	\$	830.00
CRS	\$	125.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$	199.00
		\$2,084.00
Total	\$	30,502.36

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: Gloria & Ennis Dodd, 937-229-1431
legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com

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

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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
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

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 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

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

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From the Archdiocese

BEACONS OF LIGHT PATHWAY PLATFORM

Access the Pastoral Planning Pathway via the digital platform. Go to pathway.catholicaoc.org