



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.





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RECONCILIATION:

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

JANUARY 14, 2024 – SECOND 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: 4:30pm

Sunday: <u>8:30am & 11am</u>

Church Open

Monday: 10am - 6pm Tuesday thru Friday: 8am - 6pm Saturday: 2pm - 6pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9am - 3pm Closed Friday





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PASTORAL AND PARISH STAFF CHURCH OFFICE 937-293-1191

Pastor, Father Ed Pratt epratt@ascensionkettering.org Sr. Parochial Vicar, Fr. Tom Nevels tnevels@stcharles-kettering.org Parochial Vicar, Fr. C. Asiegbulem casiegbulem@stalbertthegreat.net Retired Clergy, Father Dan Meyer dmeyer@stalbertthegreat.net Deacons: Dave Zink, Jeff Hall Business Manager,

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Kelly Summers, 937-570-1665

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STAFF REFLECTIONS

Chris Kreger, Director of Worship

Come and See

I just got back from a quick trip over the holidays and was reminded once again about one of the things I truly enjoy about travel - the experience of seeing a landscape, a person, or a place first hand. It is one thing to learn about someone from others but something entirely different to spend time with that person, see how they live, what they do.

In the Gospel from John this week, there are some challenging questions and interesting responses for our reflection. As John points out Jesus to his disciples, they immediately begin to follow Him. When someone you trust says you need to meet a person, you are more willing to do so.

I have often found that reflecting on the questions of Jesus in scripture can be a helpful way to pray. His first question, "What are you looking for?" gets right to the heart of things. He does not ask "Who are you looking for?" or "How can I help you?" This simple question seems like a good place for me to start in my conversations with Jesus as I move into the new year.

The disciples' response is the great traveler's question, "Where are you staying?" I imagine Jesus hearing their unspoken wish, I want to be where you are, see who you are, get to know who you are.

What a wonderful, simple invitation Jesus offers, "Come and see." He does not turn anyone away who would wish to know Him better. As travelers know, however, it may involve moving out of our comfort zone or leaving some things behind.

My prayer for all of us is that we take up the invitation this year. Let us take the time to come and see where Jesus stays with us.



St.Albert + St.Charles + Ascension

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR Page | 3



COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY after both Sunday Masses!

Join the Athletic Association in the Cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts fellowship. Get your Fish Fry Reservations!





MASS INTENTIONS may be scheduled now through June 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.

THIS WEEKEND

Presider for Saturday: Fr. Dan Meyer
Presider for Sunday Masses: Fr. Tom Nevel
Coffee & Donuts Sunday: After both Masses in Cafeteria
Monthly Food Collection: This Weekend

Subject to

change	St. Albert	Ascension	St. Charles
Mon 1/15	<u>Noon</u> Fr. Tom Nevels	<u>9am</u> Fr. Tom Shearer	<u>8:30am</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem
Tue 1/16	<u>Noon</u> Fr. Tom Nevels		<u>8:30am</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem
Wed 1/17	<u>Noon</u> Fr. Joe Massucci	<u>9am</u> Fr. Ken Fortney	<u>8:30am</u> Fr. Tom Nevels
Thu 1/18	<u>Noon</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem	<u>9am</u> Fr. Tom Nevels	
Fri 1/19	<u>Noon</u> Father Ed Pratt	<u>9am</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem	<u>8:30am</u> Fr. Gene Contadino
Sat 1/20	<u>4:30pm</u> Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem	<u>5pm</u> Fr. Tom Nevels	<u>5pm</u> Father Ed Pratt
Sun 1/21	<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> Fr. Ed Pratt <u>10:30am</u> Fr. Ed Pratt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 Monthly Food Collection 8:30am Mass, <u>Timothy H. Dunn</u> *R/D Robie* Coffee & Donuts after both Masses in Cafeteria

11am Mass, <u>Sheila Wager</u> K Moore

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 All bldgs / offices closed

Noon Mass, <u>Betty Kendig</u> *T Plunkett* 6:45pm Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Rm C

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Noon Mass, **Wendi Miller** *J Weckesser*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Noon Mass, Katie Rawers Guzman K Buschmiller

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Noon Mass, <u>Fr. Chris Worland</u> Parishioner 2pm Schoenstatt Leadership, SC, Rm C

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Noon Mass, Mary Doherty Family

After Mass Confessions
7pm Fish Fry, Campus

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

3:15pm Confessions

4:30pm Mass, <u>Anne Luebrecht</u> Daughter

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30am Mass, <u>Shane Miller</u> *R Miller* 9:40am Religious Education Classes

9:40am Religious Education Classes, School 11am Mass, **Russell Kinsella** *H/A Delaney*

2:30pm Schoenstatt, Church

UPCOMING IN OUR FAMILY 4 | Page

FISH FRY

Delicious Food * Cold Beverages Fun Games * Silent Auction

7pm-11pm Age 21 and up \$25 per person / \$20 PREPAID



Carry Out \$15 per dinner RESERVATIONS Use QR code or go directly to WeShare on our website

Friday JANUARY 19

All Proceeds go to the Athletic Association



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

All KCC are invited to join us for this 6-week Lenten study!



Begins FEBRUARY 14

Paulist Evangelization Ministries





SOUPER SUPPER (Ascension) Saturday, January 20 after the 5

Saturday, January 20 after the 5pm Mass The Kettering Catholic Community is invited to the Ascension Souper Supper. For more details, see

Ascension's website, www.ascensionkettering.org.





CMA 2024

Pre-Announcement weekend: This weekend! Page 8 Announcement weekend: January 20/21 Commitment weekend: February 3/4



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 register or learn more scan here or visit us at stcharleskettering.org/faithformation/adults



Questions? Contact Sarah at 937-401-0021 or Sarchuleta@stcharles-kettering.org

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES (St. Albert)

Weekends of Feb. 17/18 & 24/25

The Girl Scouts, Troop 3151 will be selling cookies after all weekend Masses in the Gathering Space. Cookies are \$6 per box.



UPCOMING



- · All ages 9, 10,11 shoot from 12 ft. line.
- · Girls & Boys, ages 12, 13, 14 shoot from regulation 15 ft. line
- 3 warm-up shots, followed by 15 consecutive Free Throw attempts.
- · Tie breakers shoot a second round of 5
- · Participation certificates provided

Questions? Contact

GARY LAMMERS, 937-751-7811 GLAMMERS74@GMAIL.COM

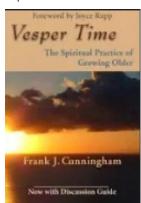


SENIORS DAY OUT (St. Albert) Thursday, February 8

Noon Mass followed by wonderful entertainment. More information coming.

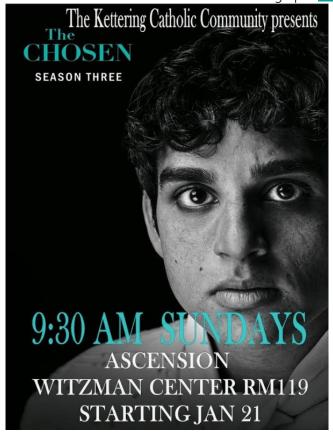
SALSA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB (St. Albert) Thursdays, Feb. 15, 22 & 29

Spirit Center Rm D, 2-3:30pm.



All women of the KCC are invited to this study of the book, "Vesper Time - The Spiritual Practice of Growing Older."

If you wish to sign up or need help getting the book, contact Kathy, Zamonski, 937-304-1511, wonderlywoman@gmail.com





One of our 6th grade catechists, Alison Nelson,

coordinated with her students to donate and collect wool socks for the **Blue Star Moms organization**. Each year, this organization puts together Christmas boxes to send to our troops and includes these socks.

Pictured right: Parishioner Erin Baldetti & her mother, Linda Mauro, help prepare these boxes and are so grateful for the socks and the support.



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 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.



Kettering Catholic Community Bible Camp!
June 17-21, 2024
Campers Grades K-6
Helpers Grades 7-12
Click here or
go to our website!

TARA SCHUMAKER, Coordinator 937-281-0032 <u>tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net</u>

BRIANNA BOSWELL, Sunday Assistant Office: 937-298-2402

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: 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 <u>ksummers@stcharles-kettering.org</u>

THANK YOU from Greenmont-Oak Park Church



A letter of Thanks came from the food pantry of Greenmont-Oak Park Church for the hats, gloves & scarves that were collected and donated from St. Albert the Great.

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 <u>7:30pm</u> Spirit Center, Rm C General: Thursday, Feb. 1 at <u>6pm</u> 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 <u>6:45pm</u> in the Spirit Center. For more information, contact Gloria Dodd, 937-229-1431, or email <u>legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com</u>

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. *Pick-up* Pans/Recipes in Gathering Space starting Friday, Jan. 26 *Drop-off* casseroles in Breezeway on Saturday, Feb. 3, <u>9am-10am</u> 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: Feb. 10/11 Toilet Paper Needed

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. <u>Click here for more on our website</u>

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



Mrs. Gabrielle Ambrosius



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Kettering Catholic Community

Enrollment for the 24-25 School Year is Now Open!

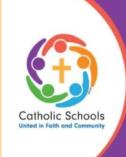
We are accepting applications for PreSchool- Kindergarten Limited space in Grades 7-8

Scholarships

- Preschool Promise www.preschoolpromise.org
- EdChoice www.education.ohio.gov

School Open House

Join us Sunday, January 28, 2024 Noon to 1:30pm



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

January 28 - February 3 #CSW2024





CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

It is time to kick off the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the archdiocese!

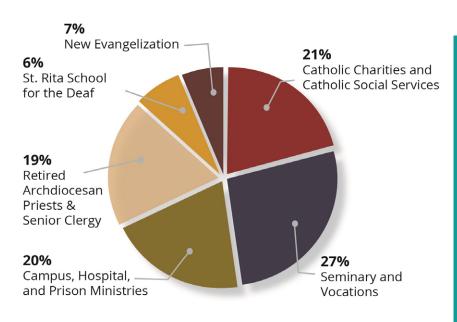
More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

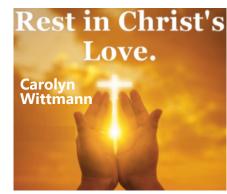
Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA.

For more information or to donate online, please visit <u>CatholicAOC.org/CMA</u>. Thank you!

The CMA Supports Six Local Ministries

Funds are distributed based on the percentages shown below.







Financials for December 31, 2023					
WeShare Online Contribution	ons \$	4,313.00			
Weekly Envelopes	\$	10,575.00			
Loose Cash		1,237.00			
		\$16,125.00			
Building and Grounds	\$	315.00			
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	175.00			
Sr. John Maureen Fund	\$	25.00			
Liturgical Needs	\$	280.00			
Christmas	\$	6,710.00			
Solemnity of Mary	\$	252.00			
		\$7,757.00			
Tot	tal \$	23,882.00			



Our 2024 Parish Goal Amount: \$66,083

Goal percentage

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SCAN TO GIVE



Financials for Janu	uary 7, 2	2024
WeShare Online Contrib	utions \$	7,756.00
Weekly Envelopes		8,437.00
Loose Cash	\$	1,003.00
		\$17,196.00
Building and Grounds	4	546.00
St. Vincent de Paul	9	240.00
Sr. John Maureen Fund	9	25.00
Liturgical Needs	\$	156.00
Christmas	9	775.00
Human Development	\$	15.00
Retired Religious	4	115.00
Holy Days	9	660.00
		\$2,532.00
	Total \$	19,728.00

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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

bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net

Facilities Scheduler, Sara Schwager

SafeParish, Sara Schwager

Flocknote Communication Tool, Sara Schwager

Hearing Aid Loop: T-Coil on Church Side

PRESENTATION MINISTRIES: FR. DAVID ENDRES

Save the Date: February 10!

"Being Authentically Catholic in a Difficult Culture~ Maybe you were born for such a time as this." Fr. Dave Endres will present this at St. Stephen Church in

Cincinnati. More can be found by calling 513-373-2397 or go to www.presentationministries.com

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Contact Ann Wittoesch, 937-602-7852, or email

AWittoesch@youroasisadvisor.com

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UPCOMING AT THE SHRINE

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Homebound

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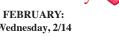


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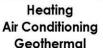


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