

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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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.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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 thu Friday: 8am - 6pm Saturday: 2pm - 6pm

Parish Office Hours

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





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, Tom Hutchinson thutchinson@stalbertthegreat.net Parish Office, Kristi Gaston kgaston@stalbertthegreat.net Bookkeeper, Ann McManus amcmanus@stalbertthegreat.net **Communication**, Anna Godby bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net Music Director, Joe Whatley, 937-281-1085 jwhatley@stalbertthegreat.net

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE Religious Education Office, 937-298-2402

Religious Education Coordinator, Tara Schumaker, 937-281-0032 tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net Assistant Brianna Boswell Youth Ministry,

Kelly Summers, 937-570-1665

SCHOOL OFFICE, 937-293-9452

Principal, Gabrielle Ambrosius gambrosius@stag-school.org Office Staff, Dawn Walters and Diane Banke

Dean of Students, Nancy Hankey nhankey@stag-school.org Communication, Janelle Brand

jbrand@stag-school.org

LENTEN ALMSGIVING REFLECTION



CRS in Nigeria

Since Catholic Relief Services was able to reenter Nigeria in 2000, it has supported several programs for improving children's health. Our contributions will help many children, especially through the CRS program that focuses on malnourished children under five who live in households in the northeast that are affected by the insurgency of Bokoharam. The children are screened house-tohouse to evaluate their health. CRS then enrolls the children identified with moderate acute

malnutrition into the CRS-run supplementary feeding program "Tom Brown." In addition, children with severe acute malnutrition are referred to outpatient therapeutic feeding programs and health facilities.

"Tom Brown" has been a popular dish for generations in West Africa. It is available in a mix form and is particularly nutritious. The mix can be bought in stores, but high levels of poverty make this a luxury many cannot afford. So, CRS teaches families how to make it themselves, trying to help them before their malnutrition symptoms become worse. It is a simple recipe made with local staples like soybeans, millet, sorghum and peanuts. Another problem is a general lack of awareness of children's specific nutritional needs. Through a program supported by CRS, women learn about the nutritional value of breastfeeding and hygienic practices, especially with infant food preparation.



Secret Smiles

All children should have a bed. A bed is essential ... for a child's well-being, providing a dedicated and comfortable space for rest. Quality sleep is crucial for physical and cognitive development. Beyond the physical benefits, having a bed offers emotional security, fostering a sense of stability and personal space for a child. Overall, having a bed is integral to a child's overall health, comfort, and emotional development. Since 2001, Secret Smiles has provided over 9,700 beds to children in the Miami Valley.

Secret Smiles Wish List

- Night Light
- Crib Sheet
- Crib Blanket
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Pillow

- Twin Sheets
- Twin Comforter
- Twin Mattress Pad
- Twin Bed-in-a-Bag Sets (Includes sheet and comforter)

Your Lenten Almsgiving donation can be made to one or both charities by using the special envelopes found in the Gathering Space, or purchasing needed Secret Smiles items from the wish list and placing them in the provided bin, or online at stalbertthegreat.net by clicking on the "Give" button. Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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THIS WEEK...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30am Mass, <u>Frances Irene Blair</u> J/J Shock
9:40am Religious Education Classes, School
11 am Mass, <u>Jim & Esther Greenwell</u> Family
Girl Scout Cookies being sold after both Masses

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Noon Mass, <u>Katie Rawers Guzman</u> Karen Buschmiller 6:45pm Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Rm C

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Noon Mass, <u>Dan & Barbette Whelan</u> M. Walter 7 pm Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Rm D

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Noon	Mass, <u>Mary Thaman</u> J/MB O'Dell
12:45pm	Stations of the Cross, Church
6:30pm	Wednesday Eve Lenten Study, Spirit Center
7 pm	Choir, Music Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Noon	Mass, <u>Ann McDonald</u> Family
2 pm	Ladies Book Club, Spirit Center, Rm D
7 pm	Reconciliation Service, Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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Noon Mass, <u>Anne Gorman</u> K. Moore
After Mass Confessions
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SATURDAY, MARCH 2

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3:15pmConfessions4:30pmMass, Joe Willhelm K. Moore
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SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:30am	Mass, <u>Anonymous Benefactor</u>
9:40am	Religious Education Classes, School
11am	Mass, <u>Bill Gilmore</u> K. Moore
1 pm	Nigerian Mass, Church

NIGERIAN MASS

Father Chibueze will be celebrating a Nigerian Mass on Sunday, March 3 at 1 pm at St. Albert. A luncheon will follow. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS may be scheduled now through September 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.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

	Mon 2/26	Tue 2/27	Wed 2/28	Thu 2/29	Fri 3/1	Sat 3/2
Father Ed	Ascension 9 AM	-	Ascension 9 AM	-	-	St. Charles 5 PM
Father Tom	St. Albert Noon	St. Albert Noon	St. Charles 8:30 AM	Ascension 9 AM	-	Ascension 5 PM
Father Chibueze	St. Charles 8:30 AM	St. Charles 8:30 AM	-	St. Albert Noon	-	St. Albert 4:30 PM
Father Dan Meyer		-	St. Albert Noon	-	– Ascension	-
Father Tom Shearer	-	-	-	-	9 AM	-
Father Contadino	-	-	-	-	St. Charles 8:30 AM	-
Father Massucci	-	-	-	-	St. Albert Noon	-
Sun 3/3						
Ascension		St. Charles Borromeo S		St.	t. Albert the Great	
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UPCOMING IN OUR FAMILY

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LEND FREFLECTION, RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (St. Albert) Every other Wednesday

Join us for Stations of the Cross, every other Wednesday after the Noon Mass. Upcoming dates include: February 28, March 13, and 27. Also on Good Friday at 1 pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (St. Albert) Wednesdays, Noon, 40 Days for Life began on Wednesday, February 14 and ends on Palm Sunday, March 24. St. Albert the Great's prayer time is on Wednesdays from Noon to 3 pm. Please call Judy to sign up at 937-296-1628.



THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES A 6-week Lenten series

Sundays, 12:30–2 PM FEB 18–MAR 24 Thursdays, 6:30-8 PM FEB 22–MAR 28

St. Charles Borromeo 4500 Ackerman Blvd Borromeo Room

Scan Here to Learn More:



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neRosarySeries.com

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

The Kettering Catholic Community is hosting two Reconciliation Services during Lent:

- Thursday, February 29, 7 pm at St. Albert
- Monday, March 18, 7 pm at Ascension

Each service will have multiple priests available to hear confessions.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A six-week session open to all the Kettering Catholic Community

This small group study will prepare us for the upcoming Sunday Lenten Scriptures through various means.

All Sessions will be in the <u>St. Albert</u> Spirit Center from 6:30pm-8pm

PAULIST EVANGELIZATION MINISTRIES Reaching the unreached in faith!

the Eucharist.

February 14 thru March 20 *See website for class schedule

Parish Contact: Julie Burt, 937-409-6035





Fr. Hugh Gillespie

MARIAN CONSECRATION STUDY GROUP Sponsored by Legion of Mary at St. Albert Tuesdays, Feb. 20 thru April 9, <u>7-8:30pm</u>, Spirit Center WHO: All are invited!

Fr. Edward Looney

WHAT: Discussion on St. Louis Marie de Montfort's True Devotion to Mary with Behold the Handmaid of the Lord, and Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary.

To reserve the books, or if you need assistance, please contact Gloria Dodd, 937-229-1431.

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St.Albert the Great PTO invites you to...



- \$100 per table teams of 6-8 people
- BYOB and snacks
- ▶ 50/50 Raffle
- > 21 and up
- Cash Prize for winning team!

Register online: https://go.rallyup.com/stagtrivia

Questions? Email StagPTO@gmail.com

St. Albert the Great Parish Center

Hosted by Rob D'Agostino



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

If you have a child under the age of seven whom you would like to have baptized, you are welcome to attend an upcoming Baptism Preparation Class. Upcoming classes in our Kettering Catholic Community include:

• Monday, March 11 at 7 pm at St. Charles, in the Borromeo Room. To register, please contact Erin Fanning at 937-434-9272 or efanning@stcharles-kettering.org.

• Sunday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. at Ascension Church, in the parish office building. To register, contact Joe Ollier at 937-253-5171 or jollier@ascensionkettering.org

CHAIR ONE FITNESS (Ascension)

Tuesday evenings Now-March 12, 6:30 pm in Witzman Center Questions? Contact Meg, St. Albert SALSA, megdraeger@aol.com, 937-299-0259.



HelpOurMarriage.org



513-486-6222

FAITH FORMATION

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Lenten Items for Children

Purple Lenten children's books are available at our entrances. Children's Lenten calendars are also available. Please contact the RE Office if you would like any of these Lenten supplies for your

A special note to parents...

 First graders must be baptized and attend Religious Education dass in order to make First Communion in second grade.

• Seventh graders must be enrolled and attend Religious Formation in both seventh and eighth grade to make Confirmation toward the end of their eighth-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.



Embark On a Pilgrimage to Southern Italy with Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem

Join Us

WHEN: FEB. 28, AT 6:30 P.M. WHERE: BORROMEO ROOM AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

Blood Drive

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024 8:30 AM TO NOON

Students will be allowed a day out of uniform for any family member who registers to donate blood at the St. Albert the Great Church blood drive.



TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, GO TO WWW.DONORTIME.COM ENTER CODE: 275 OR USE QR CODE

Register to donate blood Jan. 2–Mar. 2 and get the "Donor Love" long–sleeve, hoodie shirt, while supplies last.

Donor Time App 937-461-3220 donortime.com

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, March 6 at 7:30pm Spirit Center, Rm C General: Thursday, March 7 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 <u>6:45pm</u> 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. Pickup Pans/Recipes in Gathering Space starting Friday, Feb. 23 Dropoff Casseroles in Breezeway on Saturday, March 2, 9am-10am 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: March 9/10 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.

Schoenstatt

Schoenstatt is a Catholic movement that strives to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the example of Mary. For information, contact Karen, Kswaitzman@twc.com

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

SVdP provides emergency assistance to the needy in our area in a confidential manner. 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.

Women's Guild (Ascension)

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



SCHOOL OFFICE 937-293-9452

WEBSITE www.stag-school.com School Sports Scan the QR code below,

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Gabrielle Ambrosius, School Principal

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ST. ALBERT THE GREAT RAFFLE



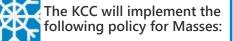


President: Sara Anderson stagpto@gmail.com

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

Parent Teacher Organization



Weekend Masses will continue as scheduled unless there is a terrible blizzard. Cancellations will appear on WHIO. Funerals will continue, with advice from funeral homes / families.

Daily Mass will be canceled at any location where that location's school is on delay or closed. Decisions on Daily Masses on days when school is not in session will be handled by Father Ed in consultation with the other priests. Check WHIO for cancellations.

Read the full policy on our website, stalbertthegreat.net



ST ALBERT SCHOOL

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Local Charity: Secret Smiles of Dayton

Donations will help continue the work of our children in the Dayton area.

Global Charity: CRS in Nigeria





Donations will help Nigeria face many critical challenges they face, such as poverty, unemployment and conflict.

Donation envelopes will be around campus during Lent. Please return the envelope by Palm Sunday. Thank you!

KCC LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECTS

Our Family of Parishes Social Action Committee is offering a special opportunity for Almsgiving this Lent. Thank you for your generosity!

JOB OPPORTUNITY for a Junior High Youth Ministry Coordinator in our Kettering Catholic Community. Please visit catholicaoc.org/jobs to learn more, or send a cover letter and resume to Joe Ollier at jollier@ascensionkettering.org.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Albert the Great who

has pledged to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

To make a donation online, please visit <u>CatholicAOC.org/CMA</u>. Thank you!



Homebound

Sharon Borgert, Marilyn Dehner, Marilyn Hull, Vincent Klosterman Jr, Margaret Krapf, Wally Mederios, Owen Toale, BJ Wack, Joe Wade, John Zamonski

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

To add a name to the prayer list, please contact bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net or call the Parish Office.

Our 2024 Parish Goal Amount: **\$66,083** Our Current Amount: **\$39,320**



Financials for February 18, 2024

WeShare Online Contributions			7,883.00
Weekly Envelopes		\$	11,069.00
Loose Cash			1,329.50
			\$20,281.50
Ash Wednesday		\$	255.00
Building and Grounds		\$	75.00
St. Vincent de Paul		\$	245.00
Sr. John Maureen Fund		\$	25.00
Liturgical Fund		\$	235.00
Catholic Relief Services		\$	25.00
			\$860.00
-	Total	\$	21,141.50





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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



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: TBA 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 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 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 10am bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net
Facilities Scheduler, TBA
SafeParish, TBA
Flocknote Communication Tool, Anna Godby Hearing Aid Loop: T-Coil on Church Side



CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY

Mondays at <u>7pm</u> at St. Mary of the Assumption. Support for any type of addiction. Learn more at <u>circlayton@gmail.com</u>

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 <u>AWittoesch@youroasisadvisor.com</u>

SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Sharing & Caring. Established newsletter is published by the Sisters of the Precious Blood, Dayton, Ohio <u>Click here</u>

SACRED HEART RADIO SacredHeartRadio.com

UPCOMING AT THE SHRINE

Contact Susie at 419-925-4532, or go to mariasteinshrine.org.

UNPLUG WITH YOUR FAMILY

Marianist Family Vacation Retreat: Indian Lake Governor's Island in Hunstville, Ohio. June 18-22 or July 2-6 <u>Contact Joe Kamis</u>, 314-753-3219

KETTERING ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Alzheimer's Association peer support group meets Tuesday evenings, 7 pm at St. Charles in the Borromeo Room. To learn more, call the Alzheimer's Association at 937-610-7016.

MAH JONGG 5-WEEK SESSION

Want to learn to play Mah Jongg? There will be a 5-week session, beginning February 28 from 1-3:30 pm in the Ascension Witzman Center, basement of the church (no class on March 20). Please email Sue Graham at sgraham@ascensionkettering.org if you are interested.

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