

### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive

Kettering OH 45420

[ascensionkettering.org](http://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](http://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](http://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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## DEADLINES

Send all items for publishing consideration to [bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net](mailto:bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net)

**Bulletin** – Monday at 10 am

**Flocknote** – Thursday at noon

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## JESUS, MITIGATE THE DAMAGE

Jesus has been many things to me throughout the course of my life: Savior, refuge, healer, guide. Most recently, I have come to experience Him as not only my personal redeemer, but also as the redeemer of the whole human story. The older I get, the more I feel the effects of my sins on others, the trauma done to those I love and my own helplessness in fixing what I've broken. In short, I feel the limits of my humanness, finitude and ultimate mortality. My constant prayer: Jesus, mitigate the damage.

What a sobering reality to come to terms with—we can't undo the collateral damage we've done in our own lives or, more seriously, in the lives of others. The story of the past and the role we've played is written, the metaphorical ink dry.

In today's Gospel, Jesus draws a parallel between the image of the brazen serpent that Moses raised up to heal the serpent-bitten Israelites lost in the wilderness, with His own sacrifice on the cross ("so must the Son of Man be lifted up.") So many of us can deeply relate to those Israelites! We, too, are poisoned by the venom of original and generational sins—damage done by those who came before us—and our self-inflicted wounds, desperately in need of some sort of redemption. If simply looking with the eyes of faith at an image of a serpent on a cross raised high could heal the wayward Israelites of their physical afflictions, how much more for us who know, love and believe in the living embodiment of redemption itself? In our second reading, Paul takes it a step further. He reminds the fledgling Church in Ephesus that even in our sinfulness, God's grace has saved us and raises us up with Christ. Despite our humanness, we, too, can participate in the redemption of not only ourselves and our loved ones, but of the entire human story: past, present and future.

Back to my original point. Despite our best intentions, we simply can't make things right. We have no way to turn the clock back to give us a second chance. Our personal story and the story of all mankind is already written. Life allows for no edits. But God, in His infinite wisdom, has more glorious plans for us than an opportunity for a rewrite. In the lifting up of the Son of Man on the cross, He draws all things to Himself, even our human failures.

May we go forward today with the reassurance of the Great Doxology spoken by the presider at the end of our Eucharistic prayer: that through Him all things are assumed, and with Him we join our story to His overarching narrative and in Him all things united are redeemed, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*Sarah Archuleta*

*Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation*

*St. Charles Borromeo*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years—Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting the Archdiocese of Cincinnati webpage at [bit.ly/3lgyXfv](http://bit.ly/3lgyXfv) Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage and Family Evangelization Office at [cne@catholicaoc.org](mailto:cne@catholicaoc.org)

## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

You're invited to attend a Golden Anniversary Mass:

- Saturday, September 7, 4 pm at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City
- Sunday, September 8, 11 am at St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati

Registration is required to attend one of the Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Masses. Please register online by completing the anniversary certificate request form above. Questions? Contact [cne@catholicaoc.org](mailto:cne@catholicaoc.org)



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Monday, March 11**

Noon Mass, Anne Gorman K. Moore  
 6:45 pm Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Rm C  
 7 pm Baptism Prep Class, St. Charles, Borromeo Room

**Tuesday, March 12**

Noon Mass, Frank & Cherie Messer Mary Francis Walter  
 7 pm Legion of Mary Study, Spirit Center, Rm D

**Wednesday, March 13**

Noon Mass, TBD  
 12:45 pm Stations of the Cross, Church  
 6:30 pm Bible Study, Spirit Center, Rm D  
 7 pm Choir, Music Rm

**Thursday, March 14**

Noon Mass, Janet Ellis G/J Whaley

**Friday, March 15**

Noon Mass, Jean Dickens Friends

**Saturday, March 16**

3:15 pm Confessions  
 4:30 pm Mass, Tony Fromholt Peggy Fromholt

**Sunday, March 17**

8:30 am Mass, For St. Albert the Great Parish  
 9:40 am Religious Education Classes, School  
 11 am Mass, TBD  
 2:30 pm Schoenstatt Covenant Day Ceremonies, Church

## MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING

Mass intentions may be scheduled now through September 2024; a total of three per calendar year. Additional intentions will be sent to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office. Please note: If there is a Funeral Mass, the Intention will need to be rescheduled.

## CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES

Please notify the Parish Office of a change of address or phone number, or if you're moving out of the parish. 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](mailto:bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net)  
 or call the Parish Office.

## EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

Envelopes for Easter Flower donations are now available in the Gathering Space and throughout the church. You may also give online through WeShare or by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



## SCAN TO GIVE



## STEWARDSHIP

GIVE ONLINE TODAY  
 with WeShare online electronic giving!

3 Easy Ways to Give:

1. Text the word STAG to 833-694-0460
2. Look for the Give or Online Giving by WeShare buttons on our website
3. Use the QR code

## FINANCIALS FOR MAR 3, 2024

WeShare Online	\$ 11,202
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 7,242
Loose Cash	\$ 918
	\$ 19,362
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$ 10
Ash Wednesday	\$ 125
Building and Grounds	\$ 248
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 115
Sr. John Maureen Fund	\$ 25
Liturgical Fund	\$ 171
Easter	\$ 10
	\$ 704
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 20,066</b>



Our 2024 Parish Goal Amount: \$66,083  
 Our Current Amount: \$46,070

Goal percentage

70%

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every other Wednesday (St. Albert)

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

Fridays, 7pm (Ascension & St. Charles)

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

The Kettering Catholic Community has one remaining Reconciliation Service during Lent:

- Monday, March 18, 7 pm at Ascension
- Multiple priests will be available to hear Confessions.

**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](mailto:efanning@stcharles-kettering.org)

- Sunday, April 7 at 9:30 am at Ascension, in the Parish Office building. To register, please contact Joe Ollier at 937-253-5171 or [jollier@ascensionkettering.org](mailto:jollier@ascensionkettering.org).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

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 at 937-296-1628 to sign up.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ELECT AND CANDIDATES IN OCIA!**

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

	Mon 3/11	Tue 3/12	Wed 3/13	Thu 3/14	Fri 3/15	Sat 3/16
Father Ed	St. Albert Noon	—	Ascension 9 AM	—	—	Ascension 5 PM
Father Tom	St. Charles 8:30 AM	St. Albert Noon	St. Charles 8:30 AM	Ascension 9 AM	—	St. Albert 4:30 PM
Father Chibueze	Ascension 9 AM	St. Charles 8:30 AM	—	St. Albert Noon	—	St. Charles 5 PM
Father Dan Meyer	—	—	St. Albert Noon	—	—	—
Father Massucci	—	—	—	—	St. Charles 8:30 AM	—
Father Ken Fortney	—	—	—	—	St. Albert Noon	—
Father Gene	—	—	—	—	Ascension 9 AM	—
Sun 3/17						
Ascension	St. Charles Borromeo		St. Albert the Great			
8:30 AM — Father Ed Pratt	8:30 AM — Father Chibueze		8:30 AM — Father Tom Nevels			
11:00 AM — Father Ed Pratt	10:30 AM — Father Chibueze		11:00 AM — Father Tom Nevels			

*\*Please note St. Albert and Ascension adjust their schedules accordingly to accommodate funerals. Please check their websites or call their parish offices to confirm Mass times before attending.*

*Ascension: [ascensionkettering.org](http://ascensionkettering.org), 937-253-5171, or St. Albert: [stalbertthegreat.net](http://stalbertthegreat.net), 937-293-1191*



## 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 children.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

We will be beginning the Children's Liturgy of the Word program and could still use a few more adult volunteers. Please contact the RE office if you are interested in helping once a month.

### A special note to parents...

- First graders must be baptized and attend Religious Education class in order to make First Communion in second grade.
- Seventh graders must be enrolled and attend Religious Education 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.

## BIBLE CAMP NEEDS YOU!

Many hands make light work, and many teen and adult volunteers will be needed for this year's KCC Bible Camp! Available positions include: teachers, guides, runners, and more. You'll also get to participate in an hour of faith formation with inspirational speakers! We'll need all hands on deck for a successful week of camp—it's a great opportunity for service hours for teens, too. Please contact Erin at [efanning@stcharles-kettering.org](mailto:efanning@stcharles-kettering.org) to learn more or volunteer.

## MOVE, STRETCH, BREATHE— BEGINS MARCH 21

Chair movement is an accessible form of exercise for individuals with limited range of motion. This movement, along with breathwork, helps to release stress and encourage increased lung capacity. These movements can help you explore new ways to stretch and strengthen your body. These six-week classes, taught by certified instructor Julie Fasick-Johnson, can help you improve your flexibility and enhance vitality, while also focusing on improving flexibility and awareness of how to perform everyday activities to keep you safe. Cost is \$30 for the six-week session. Classes will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays at St. Charles Borromeo. Dates will be: March 21, April 4, 11, 25, May 2, 9. To register, or for any questions about the class, please call Julie at 937-207-8408.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**RSVP  
Here for events**

### Junior High Students (6th-8th grade)

Easter Bingo at 10 Wilmington Place Retirement Community, 6-8 pm, March 18.

### High School Students

Life Night on depression and anxiety disorders, 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Charles, March 17.

### CYO Track & PeeWee Track Registration

Registration is now open! CYO Track is available for any parish child in grades 3-8, and PeeWee Track is available for any parish child in young fives to grade 2. There are a large number of volunteers needed to help with events and practices. No prior experience is needed! Please consider volunteering to help, so that our children can have a positive experience. Fees will be \$70 for CYO and \$20 for PeeWee Track. Practices will start the week of March 18 for CYO and finish up in mid-May. The CYO team will combine with St. Charles Borromeo. Please contact Pat McDowell with any questions at [pmcdowell912@gmail.com](mailto:pmcdowell912@gmail.com) Register at: [sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=414241](https://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=414241)



# Bible Camp

COMING JUNE 17-21, 2024



## LENTEN ALMSGIVING: SECRET SMILES & CRS IN NIGERIA



Since 2001, **Secret Smiles** of Dayton, Inc. has provided more than 9,700 beds to children in our community who are without. They are a 100% volunteer charity, and every dollar they raise goes back into our community.

They work with local social service organizations, schools, churches, and physicians to locate families in need and ask that they complete the referral form and provide a personal letter. Secret Smiles Board Members review all applications to ensure stability and need. No decisions are made based on race, color, nationality, ethnicity, or creed. Families do not receive cash donations.

Their long-running partnership with Morris Furniture Company allows Secret Smiles to purchase beds at cost with free shipping and delivery. Secret Smiles relies on the local community to raise funds to purchase beds, cribs, and bedding.

**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)



The World Bank says the poverty rate in Nigeria increased to 46 percent in 2023. That equates to 104 million poor Nigerians. Poverty is seen in the overcrowded slums, the dilapidated infrastructure, high illiteracy rates, widespread malnutrition and the limited availability to quality healthcare. Each of these aspects of poverty presents its own complex web of problems. The complexity requires many charitable organizations to work together with **CRS in Nigeria** for the greatest possible positive impact.

CRS and its partners have worked in 32 of the country's 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory with an extensive grassroots network and tremendous capacity to reach the rural poor.

Households, communities and farmer groups receive assistance to increase their agricultural production, acquire new skills, diversify their incomes and manage their responses to disturbances

caused by nature and insurgency.

CRS supported the livelihoods of poor and vulnerable smallholder farming households in Borno, Kobo and Adamawa states. That support included improved nutrition; water and sanitation projects that provided access to a reliable supply of clean, piped water; construction and rehabilitation of the infrastructure; strengthening local governance systems; improving access to water for livestock and food production; and delivering extension services to farmers.

Donations to one or both charities can be made through the parish website by clicking on the give button or using the special envelopes available around campus during Lent. Please return the envelope(s) by Palm Sunday. Thank you!

### SENIORS, MAKE ST. PAT'S DAY LUNCH RESERVATIONS NOW

All seniors of the Kettering Catholic Community are invited to the Chuck Wagon annual Irish luncheon at Kohler Place on Thursday, March 14. Your reservation is needed by March 11. Don't miss coming this year, as we'll have youth dancers (ages 6-19) in Irish costumes from the Celtic Academy of Irish Dance in Kettering for entertainment. A delicious buffet lunch will include a choice of corned beef and cabbage, or bourbon street pork loin, and there will be a 50-50 raffle. Stop in or call the St. Charles Parish Office (937-434-6081) to make your reservation, with meal choice. \$21 per person. You may pay in advance, or at the door. You may arrive at 11:30 at Kohler; lunch will be served at Noon. So, don your green garb and sit back for good food and Irish-style entertainment.

### MARCH LEISURE CLUB

The Dayton Veterans Administration dates back to the Civil War. Learn about the history and stories behind the Dayton Veterans Administration grounds and structures. These include the National Cemetery, Medical Center, Soliders Home Chapel, and Bandstand just to name a few. At one point in history, the Veterans Administration Grounds were as popular as Las Vegas is today! You will not want to miss this educational stroll through the history of the Dayton VA. We meet on Thursday, March 14, from 1:30-3:30 pm in the Witzman Center (basement of the church) at Ascension Parish. Bring a snack to share. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Questions? Please contact Sue Graham at [sgraham@ascensionkettering.org](mailto:sgraham@ascensionkettering.org)

### SAVE THE DATE!

St. Albert's next senior luncheon is Thursday, April 11.



ST. ALBERT THE **GREAT** RAFFLE

# 100 DAYS

## 100 chances to win!

\$250 winner on Easter Sunday  
\$100 winner every Sunday  
\$25 winner every Monday-Saturday



Proceeds support the  
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\*If the minimum # of entries is not reached,  
the raffle will become a 50/50 with ten winners

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MARCH 15  
2024



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Family Dining in Cafeteria 6-8pm  
Adult 21+ ONLY in Gym 6-11:30pm

\$20 ticket includes - 2 Hecht family fish sandwiches,  
fries & slaw or a kids meal: pizza and a drink



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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INFORMATIONAL WEEKEND

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all practicing Catholic men ages 18+. The Knights will be in the Gathering Space and Chapel Entrance before and after the weekend Masses at St. Albert on March 16-17. If you are interested in learning more about us, please stop by and talk with some of our members. You will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card. Some of our past projects include Right to Life initiatives, Sunday Socials, Spaghetti Luncheon and more. To join online, visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) and enter 4022 for the council #.

### MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

St. Charles Men's Monday evening golf league has room available for a few additional golfers. It's a recreational league with tee times between 3:52 and 4:45. For more information, please contact Bob Zimmerman at [zimmerman.r.a@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zimmerman.r.a@sbcglobal.net).



### PIETRA FITNESS

Ladies, enhance your Lenten journey with Pietra Fitness! Classes are Gentle level, modifications encouraged. NEW 30-minute Virtual Class available on Tuesdays, 4-4:30 pm. In-person class held at St. Charles on Thursdays, 8:15-9:15 am. Cost is by donation, and helps cover instructor costs and church donation. For questions, or to register, please contact Erin Kreger at [eehk104@gmail.com](mailto:eehk104@gmail.com)

### CJ FISH FRY • SAT. MARCH 16, 6-11 PM

Patrons 21+ are invited for traditional food fare of fish, sausage, sides and desserts at Chaminade Julienne, 505 S. Ludlow St. Enjoy games, a silent auction, and sports games on the big screens. Tickets are \$22 presale or \$27 at the door. More information and tickets available at [cjeagles.org](http://cjeagles.org)



## MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

In March, the Church celebrates St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus and the patron saint of families.

## CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

Catholic Sisters Week is celebrated every March 8-14 during Women's History Month. Since March 2014, it has been a part of Women's History Month to honor religious Catholic women. Please recognize a Catholic sister you know with a letter, card or flowers! It would also be a fitting time to remember Catholic sisters who have passed away in your prayers.

## MEN, INTERESTED IN THE DIACONATE?

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or [deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org)

## MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING)

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513-263-6623 or 1-800-686-2724 ext 6623.



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## FIESTA LATINA!

ANNUAL EVENT SPONSORED BY THE TWINNING COMMITTEE AND SUPPORTED BY THE ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILIARY TO SUPPORT OUR TWINNING PARISH, NUESTRA SENORA DE LA LUZ IN LIMA, PERU

Food from Los Reyes Restaurant, Orgullo Mexican Dancers, Basket Raffles, Piñatas and much more!

**Sunday, April 14**

**4-6:30 pm in the Ascension PAC**

**Presale ticket prices:**

**Families \$35; Adults \$10; Children 5-11 \$5;  
4 and under are FREE**

Tickets can be purchased in the Asc. Parish Office prior to the event and in the Narthex the weekend of April 6/7

## **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. Visit [cssmv.org/you-can-help/volunteer](http://cssmv.org/you-can-help/volunteer).

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS**

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

## **LEGION OF MARY**

You are invited to join the Legion of Mary for their weekly meetings. They meet every Monday at 6:45 pm in the Spirit Center. For more information, contact Gloria Dodd at 937-229-1431 or [legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com](mailto:legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com)

## **LEISURE CLUB**

All seniors of the Kettering Catholic Community are invited. Meetings at Ascension. For more information, contact Sue at [smgraham1024@gmail.com](mailto:smgraham1024@gmail.com)

## **MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS**

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. The 2024 schedule is now available in the Gathering Space or at [stalbertthegreat.net](http://stalbertthegreat.net)

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

All men of the Kettering Catholic Community are invited. For meetings at Ascension, contact Mike Wager at 937-361-1369. For meetings at St. Charles, contact David Schoeff at

## **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

Monthly Food Collection for Catholic Social Services Food Pantry. Hygiene items are also needed. Next collection is March 9-10. Toilet paper needed. Items requested: Plastic bag basics and hygiene items. The 2024 schedule is now available in the Gathering Space or at [stalbertthegreat.net](http://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 at [Kswaitzman@twc.com](mailto:Kswaitzman@twc.com)

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

SVdP provides emergency assistance to the needy in our area in a confidential manner. Learn more at [stalbertthegreat.net/parish-ministries/st](http://stalbertthegreat.net/parish-ministries/st)

## **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 at 937-219-4140.

## **WOMEN'S GUILD**

All women of the Kettering Catholic Community are invited. For more information, email Sue at [smgraham1024@gmail.com](mailto:smgraham1024@gmail.com)

## **KETTERING YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Wednesday nights, 7:30 pm for young adults 18+, in the Witzman Center at Ascension. To learn more, contact Anna at 937-789-8234.

## **KETTERING ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

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

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## **GROUPS & SERVICES**

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