



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive
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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.



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stalbertthegreat.net

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Friday: Closed

RECONCILIATION:

Friday: after Noon Mass

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



ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

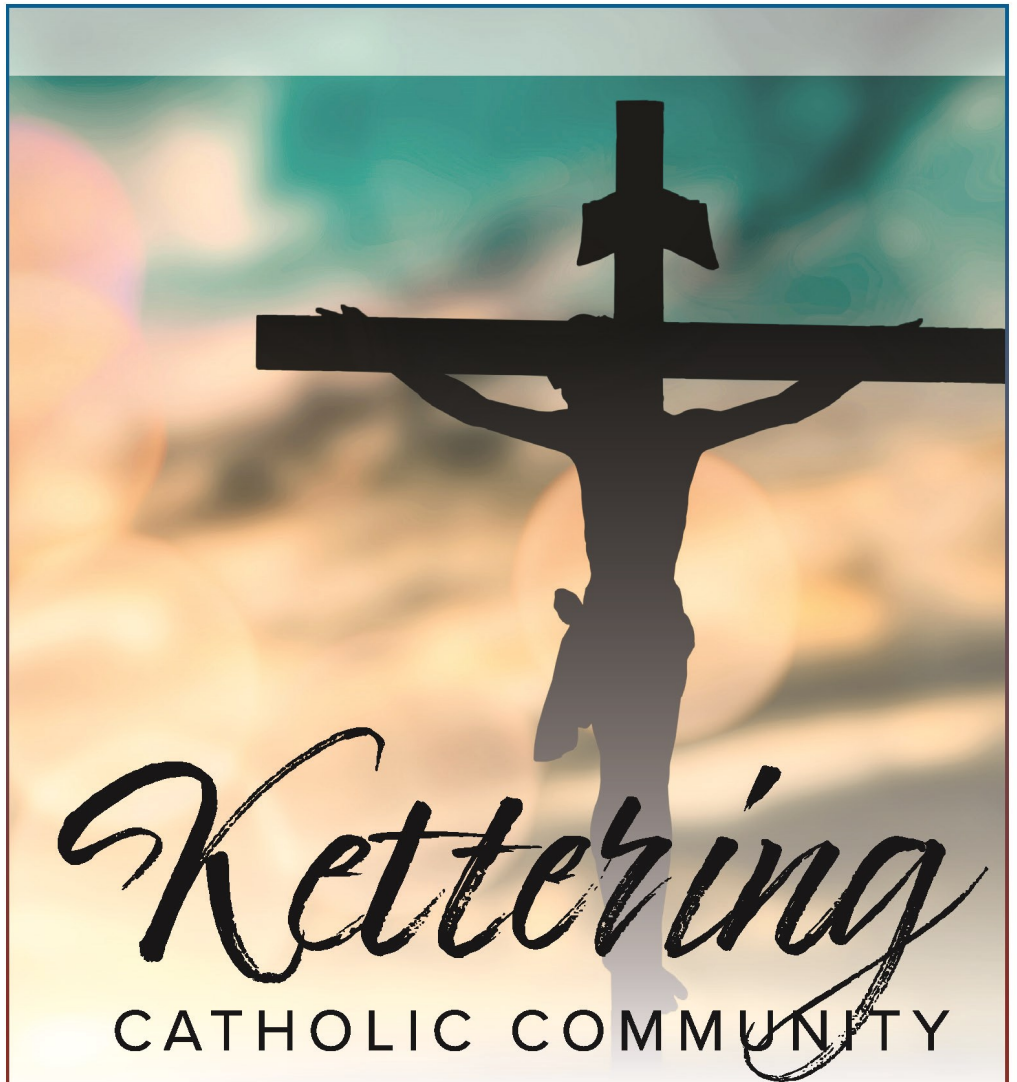
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stcharles-kettering.org

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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.

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.

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DEADLINES

Send all items for publishing consideration to bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net

Bulletin – 10 days prior to publication date
Flocknote – Thursday at noon

Councils & Commissions

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ON THE JOURNEY

Nine Years ... What a Journey ... Change Is Part of Life

As I enter my last few days with you, I realized that the last nine years have really gone by quickly. Seven years as pastor of Ascension and an additional two years as pastor of our Kettering Catholic Community of St. Albert, St. Charles and

Ascension have been quite a journey! The journey has certainly had its ups and downs, but that is how life is for all. When the Archbishop assigned me to Ascension nine years ago, it was a surprise and a bit of a homecoming since I had completed my seminary internship there. When the Archbishop assigned me as pastor of the Kettering Catholic Community, it was a surprise as well, considering the size (we are the largest family of parishes of the 57 created) and activities at all three of our locations. I trust that you recognize that I loved being in ministry with you—through the good times and the not-so-good times. It has been an honor to be with so many of you during special moments in your lives. It has been a joy to celebrate liturgies with you.

Change is a part of life. The last two years have seen many changes through the Archdiocesan Beacons of Light initiative. It's not been easy all the time, but we have made great progress and I believe the future is bright. The plan is a good one and is needed in order to let our priests be true sacramental leaders who delegate operations to qualified lay persons. We have extremely qualified lay people and I have delegated many things to them. I ask for your support of their work as these people are here to serve all. Father cannot do everything for the parish as he once did. Father cannot be present at more than one place at a time and be at every meeting. It's just not possible. Recognize that we want our priests to be able to prepare homilies, anoint the sick, hear confessions, provide spiritual direction, lead funerals, complete related ministerial responsibilities, but most of all, preside at our Masses so we have the Eucharist. We all have to work together as we change and adapt to let Father be the sacramental minister and let our talented staff do the rest. We also want Father to have time for rest and relaxation.

As I move on, there are so many people to thank that I could not possibly name them all. I am truly thankful to all of you for your support and to those of you whom I may have occasionally disappointed, I apologize and ask your forgiveness. Continue to be supportive of your priests and staff members, recognize times are different and know that the Holy Spirit is guiding us.

Let's continue on our journey with God and one another!

Peace,
 Father Ed

Address after June: St. Andrew Rectory, 552 Main St., Milford, OH 45150

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION JUNE 2

Join us for our Eucharistic procession on The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Sunday, June 2. "The procession with the Blessed Sacrament ... reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others." —Pope Francis, June 6, 2021. This 20-minute procession will occur immediately at the end of the 11 am Mass at St. Albert Church. Weather-permitting, we will process outside, stopping three times for brief prayers before returning to church. At the conclusion, all are invited for refreshments in the Gathering Space.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, June 3

Noon Mass, Alexei Navalny Jean Trebnik
 1:00 pm Pro Life, Spirit Center, Rm C
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Spirit Center, Rm D
 6:45 pm Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Rm C

Tuesday, June 4

Noon Funeral Mass, Patrick Duffy
 7:30 pm K of C Officers, Spirit Center, Rm C

Wednesday, June 5

Noon Mass, Peter Helldoerfer E. McKinney

Thursday, June 6

Noon Mass, Sandy Mefford Libby McKinney
 6:00 pm K of C, Spirit Center, Rm D

Friday, June 7

Noon Mass, Ronald Glowacki Family

Saturday, June 8 (Monthly Food Collection)

9-10 am Meals for the Homeless Dropoff Items, Breezeway
 4:30 pm Mass, Nancy Nagle J & P Nagle

Sunday, June 9 (Monthly Food Collection)

8:30 am Mass, John Vanden Bosch H/A Delaney
 11 am Mass, For St. Albert the Great Parish

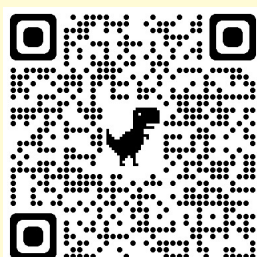
IS YOUR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP RECORD CORRECT?

Here is your chance to update your record for our Annual Parish & Ministry Directory. It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number, moved, preparing to move? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you prefer NOT to have your record published? Please call the Parish Office at 937-293-1191 with any changes.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PRAYER CHAIN

After 24 years of leading the Prayer Chain Ministry at St. Albert, previous parishioner Patty Lammert is passing the baton to Kathleen Gelm. Kathy is already maintaining the Prayer Chain for Ascension Parish. It seems reasonable now to merge the ministries, so Kathy has offered to take over St. Albert's Prayer Chain as well. Requests can be sent to kathleen4765og@gmail.com

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Al Fratini

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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.

NORTHEAST PARKING LOT CLOSED

The small northeast parking lot between the AT&T building and the school will be closed from Monday, May 27 to Friday, June 28. Contractors will be doing masonry repairs to the school and this parking lot will be closed.

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE

To aid consistent communication within our Family of Parishes, please note our new bulletin deadline for the Kettering Catholic Community: 10 days prior to publication date. Ex: Thursday, May 30 is the deadline for the Sunday, June 9 bulletin.

FINANCIALS FOR MAY 26

Offertory Income Received for the Weekend of 5/26/24 will be available next week.



WORD ON FIRE: PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Session 1: What is the Eucharistic Revival and Why Now?

Please join our WOF small group for a new 5-week series to learn more about the National Eucharistic Revival. We will focus on the great gift we have in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Sometimes we get complacent with the beautiful gift we have in the Eucharist and just let it become an ordinary part of our lives. The Church wants to set us on fire – the meaning of the word “Revival” – and see a fire lit across our country concerning the wonderful gift of redemption the Lord left us at the Last Supper. There is a struggle of hearts and souls for families and especially young people with today’s many cultural struggles. We need the grace of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist to keep us strong.

We know we are living in an era of faith crises. The latest PEW study revealed that 70% of active Catholics believe the Eucharist is only symbolic. We have seen for many years decreases in Mass attendance and disaffiliation from the Catholic Church. The Church is calling us to stand up to these challenges!

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE?

The “Emmaus Walk” from all four corners of our country began on Pentecost. Pilgrims will walk for 2 months with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, making a cross over our country – North, South, East and West – ending in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress.

Each of the routes has a saint’s name. Our group is named after Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. The East Route begins in New Haven, CT, goes through New York and DC, Steubenville, OH and enters our Archdiocese on Monday, July 1. It will proceed from the Green County Expo Center (Fairgrounds) and arrive at St Brigid’s Church around 5 p.m. Following the arrival of the procession at St. Bridgid’s Church, a Holy Hour will include a speaker and praise and worship music. Priests will be available to hear confessions. Following the Holy Hour, a community meal will be available for all. For further events on July 2nd, please see the website catholicaoc.org/jesus-is-here/stbrigid.

THINK ABOUT HOW YOU MIGHT LIVE THIS EUCHARISTIC ADVENTURE IN THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS!!

When: Friday morning, June 7, 9:15-11 am

Where: St. Charles Borromeo, Borromeo Room

WEEKLY PRESIDER SCHEDULE

	Mon 6/3	Tue 6/4	Wed 6/5	Thu 6/6	Fri 6/7	Sat 6/8
Father Ed	St. Charles 8:30 AM	–	Ascension 9 AM	–	–	–
Father Tom	Ascension 9 AM	St. Albert Noon	St. Charles 8:30 AM	Ascension 9 AM	–	St. Charles 5 PM
Father Chibueze	–	–	–	–	–	–
Father Dan Meyer	St. Albert 9 AM	St. Charles 8:30 AM	St. Albert Noon	–	St. Albert Noon	Ascension 5 PM
Father Ken Fortney	–	–	–	–	St. Charles 8:30 AM	St. Albert 4:30 PM
Father Gene Contadino	–	–	–	St. Albert Noon	Ascension 9 AM	–
Sun 6/9						
Ascension 8:30 AM – Father Dan Meyer 11:00 AM – Father Dan Meyer	St. Charles Borromeo 8:30 AM – Father Tom Nevels 10:30 AM – Father Tom Nevels		St. Albert the Great 8:30 AM – Father Gene C. 11:00 AM – Father Gene C.			

*Please note Ascension adjusts its schedule accordingly to accommodate funerals. Please check the Ascension website or call the parish office to confirm Mass times before attending. Ascension: ascensionkettering.org, 937-253-5171

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Please use this QR Code to register for RE at St. Albert the Great for the 2024-25 school year.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

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. The next class in our Kettering Catholic Community is:

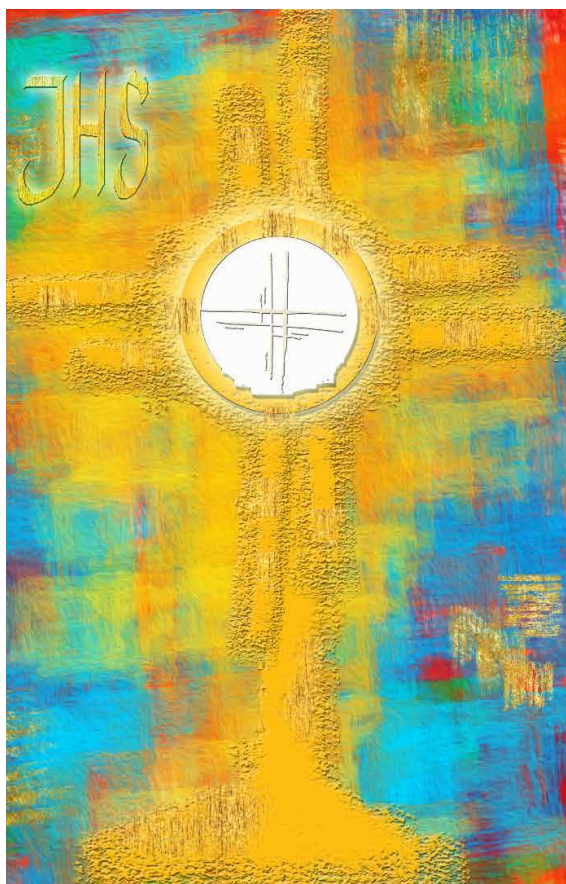
- Sunday, June 2 at 9:30 am at Ascension, in the Parish Office building. To register, please contact Joe Ollier at 937-253-5171 or jollier@ascensionkettering.org.

CYO SOCCER AND GOLF SIGNUPS NOW OPEN

Registration for fall 2024 Soccer and Golf are now online. CYO Soccer signups close on June 15th. If you have not signed up your child by then, we may not be able to place your child on a team. Any student who attends St. Albert the Great School or Religious Education is eligible to participate. Visit the link to learn more about the available opportunities for this fall: sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=414241

NAIM INDOOR PICNIC

Monday, June 10, Naim will enjoy an "Indoor Picnic" in the St. Francis Friendship Hall, 6245 Wilmington Pike, beginning at NOON. This event for Widowed Catholics also features the Christmas Giving Tree for the benefit of St. Vincent residents. The regular meeting and cards will follow. To explore more information about this social and religious organization, contact Sunny Hickey at 937-433-1437.



KETTERING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Eucharistic Procession

Sunday, June 2 | Noon
St. Albert the Great

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MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND, JUNE 8-9

Each year, the Mission Office of our Archdiocese invites a missionary group to every parish to share about their mission work. This appeal will be next weekend, June 8-9. We will welcome the Foundation for Children in Need (FCN), a lay Catholic organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. FCN serves the poor in the interior villages of India. Tom Chitta, the founder of FCN, will join us to talk about their work. FCN sponsors the education and daily needs of 2000 children and college students. They provide free medical checkups and medicine to thousands of needy adults and children. Over the past ten years, FCN has provided free corrective surgeries to more than 2000 children born with cleft lip and cleft palate. We welcome Tom and encourage you to generously support their missionary endeavors. There will be a second collection taken up next weekend to support them. To learn more about FCN, please visit: www.fcn-usa.org.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have summarized Catholic Social Teaching into seven key themes. The seventh theme is *Care for God's Creation*. "Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation." (USCCB)

The following are some suggestions on how to be good stewards of our planet:

The three guides to our stewardship are: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

- We can Reduce the use of plastic by taking our own bags with us when we shop and using refillable water bottles.
- We can save energy by using LED lights and turning off lights and the television when we leave a room.
- Plastic bags can be used again as trash liners or to contain wet closed umbrellas.
- We can Reuse collected rain water for cleaning and watering gardens.
- We can Recycle plastic bags and bubble wrap by returning them to participating store drop-off sites.
- Kitchen scraps can be composted to be used in gardens.
- An excellent opportunity is to fill our pill bottle barrel (in the church atrium) with clean, empty pill bottles to be reused in medical clinics in underdeveloped areas.



Please join us on one of the dates/times below as we wish Father Ed Pratt well on his next assignment:

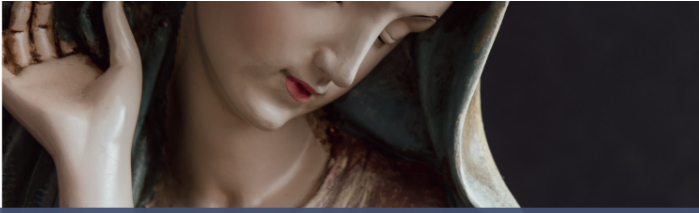
Saturday, June 15:

5 PM Mass at Ascension,
followed by reception in the Witzman Center

Sunday, June 16:

8:30 AM Mass at St. Albert
followed by reception in the Cafeteria

Sunday, June 16: Reception only
following the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Charles
in the Borromeo Room



KETTERING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Mary and the Holy Spirit, Relationships and Role in the Church

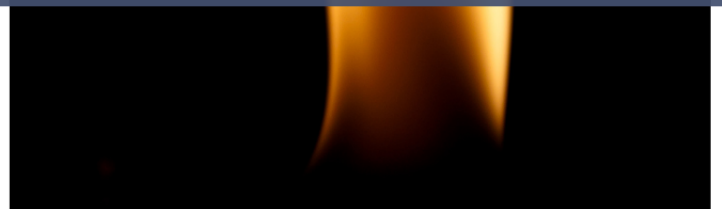
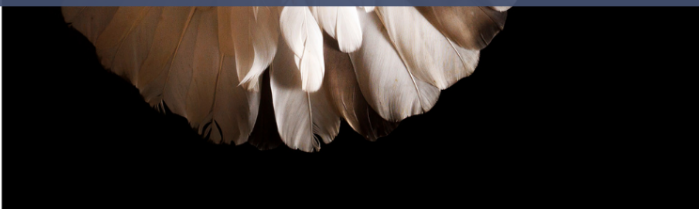
A retreat experience—walk with Father Javier Alson *smc* to deepen your understanding of the Person of the Holy Spirit, His relation with the Father, and the Son, with Mary and the Church.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER NOW



JUNE 8, 2024
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
9AM - NOON

Father Javier Alson, smc, studied at The University of Dayton, The Marian Library-IMRI institute to obtain licentiate and doctorate in Mariology. He practices a more pastoral Mariology, doing the work of New Evangelization in various ways. Here in the U.S., he is a cofounder of the first branch of the Association of the Faithful for the Service of Mary Coredeptrix, Queen of Peace



The Kettering Catholic Community invites you to

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JUNE 17-21, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

AT ST. CHARLES, 4500 ACKERMAN BLVD

- CAMPERS GRADES K-6
- ADULT VOLUNTEERS, TOO!
- HELPERS GRADES 7-12
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To learn more, scan the QR code, contact Erin at efanning@stcharles-kettering.org or visit your parish's Religious Education Office.



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS

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

LEISURE CLUB

All seniors of the Kettering Catholic Community are invited. Meetings at Ascension. For more information, contact Sue at 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

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 937-367-3600

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

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

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

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.

UPCOMING AT THE SHRINE

Contact Susie at 419-925-4532 or visit mariasteinshrine.org

SACRED HEART RADIO

Sacred Heart Radio is your local Catholic media connection helping you to learn, live and share the Truth of your faith 24-7! Listen on 740 and 910 AM, or download the app at sacredheartradio.com

SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Sharing and caring. Established newsletter is published by the Sisters of the Precious Blood, Dayton, Ohio.

OASIS SENIOR ADVISORS

Free services for finding long-term senior housing options, advocacy, dementia and Alzheimer's care, Hospice care, transition of care, benefits and resources, and mobility issues. Contact Ann Wittoesch, 937-602-7852 or AWittoesch@youroasisadvisor.com

MARIANIST FAMILY VACATION RETREAT

Registration is now open! Enjoy this opportunity to "unplug" as a family and have fun, while growing in your faith. To learn more, visit: marianistsfamilyvactionretreat.com

GROUPS & SERVICES

Bible Study: Julie Burt, 937-409-6035

Book Club Ladies: Kathy Zamonski,
wonderlywoman@gmail.com

Coffee & Donuts: Knights of Columbus

Communion to the Homebound: TBA

Facilities Scheduling: Parish Office

Garden Guild: Kate Dungan, dungankate19@gmail.com

Hearing Aid Loop: T-Coil on Church Side

Knights of Columbus: Gary Lammers,
glammers74@gmail.com

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

Low-gluten Hosts: The priest and one distributor on the chapel side will have low-gluten Hosts available.

Meals for the 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: Patty Lammert, pattylammert@gmail.com

Pro-Life: Judy Weckesser, 937-296-1628

SafeParish: TBA

SALSA: Meg Draeger, 937-299-0259

St. Albert Singers: Lou Lunne, 937-298-7485

St. Vincent de Paul: Parish Office, 937-293-1191

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

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