



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.



ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

4500 Ackerman Boulevard
Kettering, Ohio 45429
stcharles-kettering.org

PARISH OFFICE: 937-434-6081

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

RECONCILIATION:

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



Kettering

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

We are a Catholic community of faith in Jesus Christ.

We Worship. We Learn. We Share.

WELCOME –

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We are a caring community united in our love of God and in service to others. Regardless of who you are, or where you are in your spiritual journey, we are so glad you joined us. If you're interested in learning more about our parishes and what we have to offer, we warmly invite you to contact us! We would love to share our Catholic faith with you and tell you more about what makes the Kettering Catholic Community a wonderful place to worship, learn and share.

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

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stalbertathletics@gmail.com

PTO: Sara Anderson, stagpto@gmail.com

STAFF REFLECTION

I, along with my wife Joanne, have been a member of St. Albert the Great parish for over 35 years. I have found Saint Albert to be a very spiritual-filling parish. I thank Saint Albert parishioners as they stood by me and my family. They assisted me with their prayers as I went through the seminary and was ordained permanent Deacon in 2007. When I was transferred in 2014 to go up north to help a parish in Russells Point who didn't have any clergy assigned to it, it was a very difficult move to make. When I was finally able to transfer back to the Kettering area, we were very excited to be coming home, because this is truly our home where we feel welcomed.

Back before Covid, the Catholic Churches were strong and well-attended. Since Covid, the number of parishioners attending Mass has diminished. We as Christians should feel free to come back to the church and make our faith known to not just ourselves, but to our children and grandchildren as well.

One way that I can think to make this happen is to go back to our dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our dedication to her through our prayers can help the Kettering Catholic Community to grow strong again, and to be the enlightenment to the community in which we live.

As we remember our education in the role that Mary played in Jesus' life from the time the angel Gabriel came to Mary and announced that she was going to give birth to the Son of God, to her raising Jesus as a child and her standing by her son at the time of His public ministry at the wedding of Cana to His sacrificing of Himself on the cross, she was always a support to Him. "His will be done" was her response to the angel Gabriel and I think that was her thought throughout her life. Jesus gave us His mother to be our Christian mother in guidance of our life.

No one who has ever prayed to Mary has been left with their prayer unanswered. We need to pray for her intervention in helping us grow stronger in faith, love and dedication to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The stronger we grow in our faith, the stronger we grow in our love for God, and the more we stand out as the Christians that we are called to be. Jesus sent out His disciples to teach the world about God and His love for us. I'm asking everyone in the Kettering Catholic community to dedicate time each day to prayer.

Our prayers for our community, prayers for our leadership in the church, and prayers for the leadership of the nations of the world can bring forth miracles. Have faith and pray.

– Deacon Jeff Hall

OUR VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

Vision: A joyful Catholic community who welcomes, inspires and challenges all to be Christ-like.

Mission: Rooted in sacramental life, we strive to be a vibrant, active and welcoming Catholic community. We encourage all to give glory and praise to God through knowing and sharing God's love in our homes, in our communities and throughout the world.



ADORATION WITH FATHER TONY

Each Friday, Father Tony will expose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration following the Noon Mass. This will occur each week in conjunction with Confessions.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, September 23

- Noon Mass, Patricia Van Emmerik, Dr. & Mrs. Dan Robie
- 6:45 p.m. Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Room C
- 7:00 p.m. STAG St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting, Spirit Center, Room D

Tuesday, September 24

- Noon Mass, Charles & Eileen Risko, J & A Risko

Wednesday, September 25

- Noon Mass, Patty D'Amico, Mary Schweickart
- 7:00 p.m. Church Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, September 26

- Noon Mass, Helen Schultz, K. Gaston
- 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Room C

Friday, September 27

- Noon Mass, Patrick Duffy, Barth & Laura Snyder

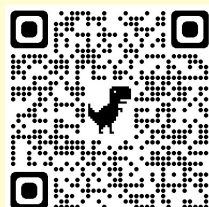
Saturday, September 28

- 4:30 p.m. Mass, Sue Stein, Katie and Ted O'Neil

Sunday, September 29

- 8:30 a.m. Mass, Rosemarie Gelm-Jones, Family
- 11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Albert the Great Parish

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

PLEASE JOIN THE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION WITH PRAYERS FOR LIFE, AND OTHER LIFE OPPORTUNITIES....

September 22 – Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – Opening Day of Prayer for “40 Days for Life” at Mama DiSalvo’s, 1375 Stroop Road.

September 24 – Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. – Dayton Right to Life Gala Banquet (fundraiser). Doors open 5:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m. Pro-Life speaker from 2023. RSVP to Dayton Right to Life at 937-461-3625.

September 25 – Wednesday – First Day “40 Days for Life” prayer vigils outside Stroop Road clinic.

*40 Days for Life is a National Interdenominational effort to affirm the sacredness of Life through peaceful prayer at Abortion clinics. We pray for 40 days from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Fall Prayer time runs Wednesday, September 25 through November 3, at 1401 E. Stroop Road clinic. Many workers and clients at the clinic confirm that the presence and sacrifice of people praying has changed hearts and minds. Please consider giving any time available to join us with your prayer efforts. For more information or to sign up for prayer time, visit: 40daysforlife.com/Dayton.

HOMEBOUND

Sharon Borgert, Marilyn Dehner, Marilyn Hull, Margaret Krapf, Wally Mederios, BJ Wack, John Zamonski

BETHANY

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.

FINANCIALS FOR SEP. 15, 2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 18,320
WeShare Online	\$ 6,794
Loose Cash	\$ 931
	<u>\$ 26,045</u>
Building and Grounds	\$ 5,215
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 115
Sr. John Maureen Fund	\$ 25
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25
Holy Day	\$ 60
Liturgical Needs	\$ 285
	<u>\$ 5,725</u>
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 31,770

ROSARY WALK AT ASCENSION

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to experience the power of a community praying together. Meet in the Ascension parking lot near the large cross. The Rosary is prayed aloud as everyone walks the beads together. ALL are welcome!

CHANGING THE NAME OF KETTERING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

At the recent Town Halls, several parishioners expressed a desire for a more sacred name of our Family of Parishes. With that in mind, we have developed an online survey for parishioners and school students to suggest names (within the parameters noted below) and the reason for that suggestion. The survey is currently active and will close on September 30.

At that time, the results will be tabulated, and will be shared with the Family Leadership Team. Five names will then be selected for ballot box voting from October 26 to November 1. The winning name will be submitted to the Chancery at the Archdiocese for acceptance of our new Family name. A public announcement will be made following the acceptance by the end of November. Our new Family name may or may not become the name of our one canonical parish, which likely will not happen for several years. That will need to be approved by whomever Pope Francis names as Archbishop Schnurr's successor once his retirement becomes official. While considering name ideas, keep in mind:

PRAY: We ask that you prayerfully discern a name that will represent all three of our parishes.

MAY be

- a name of the Blessed Virgin Mary (under some title already approved for use in the liturgy, such as Our Lady of ***)
- the name of a saint, or the name of an angel. The name must be a heavenly patron who will intercede for us and whom we can invoke in prayer.

MAY NOT be the name of a "Blessed"; without special permission of the Vatican (i.e. Blessed Carlo Acutis)

MAY NOT be:

- one of the three Divine Persons since they are not intercessors.

A listing of the names of families of parishes in the Archdiocese can be found on each parish's website.

Submit your name ideas using one of the following methods:

1. Use the online nomination form via QR code or typing <http://bit.ly/3ZjaHTF> into your browser
2. Visit the parish gathering space to obtain a paper nomination form
3. Call the Parish Office at 937-434-6081 with your name idea



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

	Mon 9/23	Tues 9/24	Wed 9/25	Thu 9/26	Fri 9/27	Sat 9/28
Ascension	9 AM Father Kip S.		9 AM Father Tony	9 AM Father Tom	9 AM Father Dan	5 PM TBD
St. Albert	Noon Father Tom	Noon Father Tom	Noon Father Tony	Noon Father Joe M.	Noon Father Tony	4:30 PM Father Tony
St. Charles	8:30 AM Communion Service	8:30 AM Father Gene C.	8:30 AM Father Tom	8:30 AM Father Tony		5 PM Father Tom

Sun 9/29

Ascension	St. Albert the Great	St. Charles Borromeo
8:30 AM – Father Chibueze	8:30 AM – Father Tony	8:30 AM – Father Tom
11 AM – Father Chibueze	11 AM – Father Tony	10:30 AM – Father Tom

**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.

ALL ARE INVITED

The Annual celebration of the Queenship of Mary in union with Ascension's Twinning Parish, Nuestra Senora de la Luz in Lima, Peru.

When: Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Ascension Parish's parking lot Rosary Path. In the event of rain it will move into the church.

The celebration will include a short procession with Mary Flowers followed by praying the Rosary. Everyone is welcome to a brief fellowship social after the Rosary.

WOMEN'S GUILD OCTOBER MEETING

will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, in the Witzman Center (basement of church) at Ascension at 7:00 p.m. We are happy to have Ann Anzalone come speak with us on Brain Health! Learn the ins and outs of maintaining a thriving brain. Discover the uncompromising needs of the aging brain along with the skills to meet those needs. Experience ways to think outside of the box to thrive as you age. Learn peace in being, joy in moving and happiness in serving. Ann Anzalone is a dynamic teacher specializing in teaching current brain-based research, brain growth and development, movement for learning and effective learning. Her mission is to teach so that others may learn. She has taught graduate classes, collaborated with school districts throughout the country and trained foster parents. She currently teaches senior groups and maintains a private practice.

BIBLE STUDY

All men and women are invited to the Autumn session of the Wednesday Evening Bible Study at St. Albert the Great, Spirit Center, Room D. We will meet at 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. from Wednesday, October 2 through Wednesday, November 20. On October 2, we will discuss and explore the scriptural roots of the Rosary, with an emphasis on the Luminous Mysteries and their addition for the Millennium Jubilee. Starting on October 9, we will study and discuss John 11-21- "My Peace I Give You" from the Six Weeks with the Bible Series by Loyola Press. Please feel free to join us for any or all of the sessions. *When two or three are gathered...* Contact Julie Burt at 937-409-6035 for more information.

KCC Fall
Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, October 5
St. Charles

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available after the 5:00pm Mass.



KCC FALL ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"Is anyone sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church and the priests will pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord and the prayer of faith will save the sick person and if they are in sin, they will be forgiven."

— James 5:14-15

St. Charles will celebrate the KCC Fall Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, October 5th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We invite all to join us who can benefit from this sacrament. If you have questions or need the sacrament at another time, please call the St. Charles office at 937-434-6081.

Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing. The emphasis has changed significantly since the Second Vatican Council from an anointing for the dying person to help prepare them for heaven, to an anointing of grace so that the sick person may follow the example of Christ and so persevere as Christ persevered. Now, as soon as one begins to be in danger of death due to old age or illness, or are struggling, spiritually and physically with their illness, they are candidates for anointing. "If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1515).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Husbands and wives spend lots of time on their jobs, careers, children, and leisure. How much time do you spend just for the two of you as a couple? You deserve to learn how to make the most of your time and relationship. Do you want to rediscover the joy you and your spouse had when you were first married or ordained? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will help do just that! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are October 11-13 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio and November 3-5 at the Spiritual Center at Maria Stein. Weekends can fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. For questions or more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org.

BOOK CLUB

The women's BOOK CLUB will meet Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 at 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the St. Albert Spirit Center. The book is "Something More: In Search of a Deeper Faith" by Catherine Marshall. To register, call Kathy Zamonski at 937-304-1511 or email to wonderlywoman@gmail.com. Kathy will provide a book for \$5.00.

KCC DOCK HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

FALL SEMESTER
SUNDAYS 6:30-8PM @ST. CHARLES

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - No DOCK Labor Day
- 8 - DOCK Kickoff (Social) KCC Teen Olympics 2.0
- 15 - Service: Make blankets for foster children & cancer kids
- 22 - Life night (Spiritual/Faith Topic) Stump the priest?
- 29 - Adoration: Praise and Worship

OCTOBER

- 6 - Social: Tom's Corn Maze 4-7pm (Meet @ St. Charles)
- 13 - Service: Toiletries or lunches for SVDP Homeless Shelters
- 20 - Life Night (Spiritual/Faith Topic)
- 27 - Social: Pumpkin Decorating & Games

NOVEMBER

- 3 - Service: Making Ornaments for the Giving Tree
- 10 - Life Night (Spiritual/Faith Topic)
- 17 - Social (Friendsgiving?)
- 24 - No DOCK: Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 1 - Service: Diaper Wrapping?
- 8 - Life Night (Spiritual/Faith Topic)
- 15 - Social: White Elephant Christmas Party
- 22 - No DOCK: Merry Christmas!
- 29 - No DOCK: Happy New Year!



USE QR
Code to
register

KCC Coordinator of Youth Ministry Kelly Summers
ksummers@stcharles-kettering.org 937-570-1665

Family XLT Night

Sun., Sept. 29

6:30-7:30 Adoration

7:30-8:00 Social:

Cookies & Icebreakers

*Confession available w/Fr. Tony & Fr. Chibueze
Praise & worship led by Andrew LaRoche*

St. Charles Borromeo Church

This event is being put on by DOCK High School Teens



YOUTH GROUP

I am working with Fr. Tony and have planned an XLT: This is a night of Adoration, praise and worship music, and Confession will be available. This will be run by our high school DOCK youth group. All are welcome to join us; we are stressing that this is an event for the whole family. Mother Teresa said, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." We are blessed to be able to come to Jesus to adore Him present, wholly and substantially, in the Most Holy Eucharist. This time spent before Him changes our very lives. He meets us amidst all that we carry in life, desirous for us to surrender everything to Him. Jesus makes firm His intention to meet us with all that we carry by stating, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Mt 11:28-30). May we be generous with spending time with Jesus in Adoration to begin receiving all that Jesus desires to give us as He deepens His union with us. We have a special opportunity for Adoration on Sunday, September 29th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Charles as part of our Kettering Catholic Community XLT Night. Jesus desires to spend time with you there!

OVER THE EDGE OCTOBER EVENTS

CONTACT ANNIE OUTMAN FOR MORE INFO
AOUTMAN@ASCENSIONKETTERING.ORG

Pumpkin Painting and
Game Night 10/4 6PM-7:30PM
ST. ALBERT'S SPIRIT CENTER

Scavenger Hunt for Mary
10/18 6PM-8PM
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO YOUTH ROOM

USE THE
QR CODE
TO RSVP!



SEPTEMBER 24 – INTO THE BREACH: DEFENDING FAMILY LIFE

Young men of the Kettering Catholic Community! Come join us, a new Catholic men's group, dedicated to building fraternity, diving deep into the riches of the Catholic faith, living out Jesus' call to serve and encountering Christ's Sacraments anew. Join us Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Center, Room 203 for the discussion on the importance of family life and our indispensable role in it as men.



ANNUAL KCC PET BLESSING

Attention, all pets! It's time for all of us to say "thank you" for your companionship and dedication to each of us. It's time for your pet blessing! Fr. Tom will be blessing our pet friends on Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. on the St. Charles Church plaza. Pets with no legs, two legs or four legs are most welcome. Fur, feathers or scales, you are welcome! Blessed medals will be given to any pet that has not previously received one. Join our parish family to celebrate our much-loved family members. Note that the event will take place rain or shine!

BLUE MASS

WHAT: 20th Annual Blue Mass Celebration

WHEN: Sunday, September 29, 2024 – Blessing 10:45 a.m. followed by Mass at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains: 325 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Reverend Steve Angi, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Police Chaplain, will celebrate a Mass to honor those who protect our community each day. An outdoor blessing of first response vehicles will take place outside the Cathedral Basilica along 8th and Plum Streets beginning at 10:45 a.m. This will be followed by Mass at 11:00 a.m. Both Greater Cincinnati Police and Public Safety Personnel are expected to be in attendance. People of all faiths are invited to join in prayer for the men and women who work tirelessly to ensure safe communities. Refreshments and fellowship will follow Mass. Media are invited to attend.

CHAIR ONE FITNESS PROGRAM

A new 4-week session of the Chair One Fitness program will begin on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, with certified instructor Alice Ernst at Ascension. The class is a combination of light exercise and dance – all done while seated. Chair One Fitness is fun for all ages. <https://chaironefitness.com/>. Plan to join us on Tuesday evenings October 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 118 of the Witzman Center in the basement of Ascension Church. No special equipment is required; just wear some comfy clothes and shoes and come with a mind and body open to having fun and being energized. For any questions, contact Alice Ernst at alice4chaironefitness@gmail.com.

DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Please join the Dayton Catholic Women's Club for the Day of Recollection on October 12, 2024, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Ascension Catholic Church. The program is on Sacramentals and the Miraculous Medal with distinguished speaker, Jeanne Hunt. Reservation deadline: October 7, 2024. \$25.00 for members/\$30.00 for nonmembers. Cost of the day includes morning refreshments and buffet lunch. For more information, call Sandy Reed at 937-890-1375 or email dcwc1923@gmail.com.

ATTENTION MEIJER SHOPPERS!

Now you can shop for your groceries and donate to a food pantry all at one time! The Meijer store at Stroop Road and Wilmington Pike has once again designated the food pantry Ascension operates with Greenmont Oak Park Community Church (Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry) as the recipient of their community fundraising program from now through September 28. During that time, purchase a "Simply Give Card" for \$10.00 (available at all registers, or in the Narthex at Ascension). Your generous donations go directly to the food pantry. Meijer "pays" Ascension with gift cards, which are used to purchase needed food items to keep the shelves stocked. On behalf of the volunteers and clients of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry, thank you.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

For those who receive low-gluten hosts, a designated distributor is now assigned at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Our hope is to grow this ministry to offer this at each of our weekend Masses. Having said that, we need your help. Please contact Kristi Gaston for details on becoming a Eucharistic Minister.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Don't miss Cincinnati Right to Life's Annual Evening for Life, Thursday, October 24th, at the Sharonville Convention Center; VIP Social 5:00 p.m., doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner and program 6:30 p.m.; featuring emcee Anna Mitchell, Sacred Heart Radio; speaker Seth Dillon, founder and CEO of The Babylon Bee; Cate Gartner, inspiring Singer/Songwriter and American Idol Season 22 Contestant; musician Sam Dearie. Reservations required. More info at CincinnatiRightToLife.org, 513-728-7870.

WALK-A-THON

On September 25th, St. Albert the Great students will be participating in their sixth annual Walk-a-Thon! The Walk-a-Thon is the school's largest annual fundraiser, providing students with the opportunity to participate in field trips and more paid for by the PTO. If you're willing to support the Stags, donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/supportthestags>.

MASS AND PARTISAN POLITICS

Presidential election years cause much polarization even within the worshiping community. As we gather for Mass each week, it is important to remember that our primary purpose is to worship God and deepen our faith. Therefore, we kindly ask that all political discussions and expressions be set aside while on church premises. Please refrain from bringing partisan literature to the church for distribution or placing them without permission on church bulletin boards. Additionally, please refrain from wearing caps, buttons, ties, and other items that display partisanship within the church. While we recognize that the Church encourages us to live out our faith in all areas of life, including civic engagement, and that each person is called to form their own conscience (<https://ivotecatholic.org>), our focus during Mass should be on our relationship with God and with one another as a faith community where all feel welcomed and loved.

Meanwhile, you might be interested in the Archdiocesan series about the Eucharist as a way to overcome polarization called "Our Eucharistic Mission in a Polarized World." One of these sessions will be in our family of parishes on September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Let us continue to pray for wisdom, compassion, and guidance in all aspects of our lives.

OUR EUCHARISTIC MISSION IN A POLARIZED WORLD: WORKSHOP

The Archdiocese will host a free workshop about polarization:

Skills for Disagreeing Better

Monday, September 23 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Kettering. This free workshop helps participants understand the values and concerns of those who differ from them politically, and it teaches essential skills for communicating across differences and finding common ground. RSVP for the workshop at <https://tinyurl.com/bddshnSv> or use the QR code.



CJ OPEN HOUSE

Chaminade Julienne is "Yours to Explore" during Open House held on Sunday, September 22 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Families are invited to try their hand at interactive activities in classrooms and around campus while enjoying refreshments and visiting with teachers, coaches and administrators. All are welcome! More details at cjeagles.org.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 167

Boy Scout Troop 167 is serving all three parishes of the Kettering Catholic Community. We are looking for boys in grades 5-8 who would like to build character, learn new skills, experience the outdoors, and have FUN! For more information, please email Ray Dezur at Troop167.Kettering@gmail.com.

MEET AND GREET WITH FATHER TONY

after Sunday Masses on October 13th during Coffee and Donuts downstairs in the Witzman Center (basement of church) at Ascension. Come introduce yourself.



St Albert Nutrition Service is now hiring for the 2024/2025 school year!

St. Charles Mon-Thurs 7:30 AM-11:00 AM

Ascension Mon-Thurs 7:30 AM-11:00 AM

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

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LEGION OF MARY

You are invited to join the Legion of Mary for their weekly meetings. They meet every Monday at 6:45 p.m. in the Spirit Center. For more information, contact Mr. Ennis Dodd at 937-999-1263 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 p.m. 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, 7:00 p.m. at St. Charles in the Borromeo Room. To learn more, call the Alzheimer's Association at 937-610-7016.

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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

You are invited to join Respect Life Ministry for our monthly meeting on the first Monday of every month, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Spirit Center. For more information, please contact Doris Sills at drsills3@yahoo.com.

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GROUPS & SERVICES

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

Facilities Scheduling Request: Submit via Parish
Calendar on website

Garden Guild: Kate Dungan, dungankate19@gmail.com

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