



**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.

## PASTORAL AND PARISH STAFF CHURCH OFFICE 937-293-1191

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## DEADLINES

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

**Bulletin** – 10 days prior to publication date

**Flocknote** – Thursday at noon

## Councils & Commissions

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## NOW THAT THE 10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS HAS ENDED, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

The answer to this question is found repeatedly in Scripture. Here are some examples:

From Jesus' Resurrection: The Commissioning of the Disciples after Jesus' Resurrection (Matt. 28:19-20) – "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

As Jesus said to Peter: (Matt. 16:18) "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church ..."

To the Ascension: (in Acts 1:8-11) – "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

To Pentecost: (Acts 1:13-14) when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, Mary, and other women, who were given the gift of language.

To the final words from Bishop Cozzens at the last Mass of the National Eucharistic Congress on July 21st : "Go, don't stay. Go and tell others about the gift that you have received." (EWTN.com/Eucharist, watch on demand)

With the above having been said, we may already know what we are supposed to do. Now is the time to take the time to find a quiet place to reflect on what God is calling each of us to do in order to carry out our own specific "mission" that has been given to each of us. We can do this, but it won't be easy. We already have what we need: we were baptized with the Holy Spirit and sealed at Confirmation.

Therefore, let us push forward and not fall back into complacency, for the world needs us now to stand up and do what we need to do: GO THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS AND TEACH THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE.

So, what are we waiting for?

Minette Myers, Administrative Assistant  
St. Albert the Great

## 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

Each Friday the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration following the Noon Mass. This will occur each week in conjunction with Confessions.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, September 30

Noon Mass, Sandy Mefford  
 6:45 p.m. Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Room C

### Tuesday, October 1

Noon Mass, Bill & Alyce Anderson, J & A Risko  
 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting, Cafe 1  
 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting Babysitting, Cafe 2  
 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers, Spirit Center, Room C

### Wednesday, October 2

Noon Mass, Most Forgotten Souls, Family  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Spirit Center, Room D  
 7:00 p.m. Church Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

### Thursday, October 3

Noon Funeral Mass, Joseph Wade  
 2:00 p.m. Book Club, Spirit Center, Room D  
 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Spirit Center, Room D

### Friday, October 4

Noon Mass, Denis Wintersteen, Wife  
 6:00 p.m. Pumpkin Painting & Game Night, Spirit Center, Basement

### Saturday, October 5

9:00 a.m. Meals for the Homeless; Drop off items  
 4:30 p.m. Mass, Jack Gaines, Family  
 6:00 p.m. PTO Family Movie Night, Parish Center

### Sunday, October 6

8:30 a.m. Mass, Fr. Jim Manning  
 9:30 a.m. Baptism Prep Class at Ascension  
 11:00 a.m. Mass, Susan Goecke, J & J Weckesser

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025:

Mass intentions for January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 may be scheduled beginning on Tuesday, October 1st in the Parish Office.

## CONTACTING OUR PRIESTS

To contact our priests for pastoral needs, please send them an email:

- Father Tom Nevels [tnevels@stcharles-kettering.org](mailto:tnevels@stcharles-kettering.org)
- Father Chibueze Asiegbulem [casiegbulem@stalbertthegreat.net](mailto:casiegbulem@stalbertthegreat.net)
- Father Tony Sanitato [asanitato@ascensionkettering.org](mailto:asanitato@ascensionkettering.org)

Please avoid leaving voicemails, as they are not the most reliable method of communication.

## 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

## 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](mailto:bulletin@stalbertthegreat.net) or call the Parish Office.

## FINANCIALS FOR SEP. 22, 2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 16,805
WeShare Online	\$ 3,642
Loose Cash	\$ 836
	\$ 21,283
Building and Grounds	\$ 286
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 90
Sr. John Maureen Fund	\$ 25
Holy Day	\$ 40
Liturgical Needs	\$ 120
	\$ 561
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 21,844</b>



Our deepest sympathies to the families of:

Rev. James Manning  
 Marie Burke-Smith  
 Joseph Wade

May they rest in eternal peace and joy.



### CHANGING THE NAME OF KETTERING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

At the recent Town Halls, several parishioners expressed a desire for a more sacred name for our Family of Parishes. With that in mind, we have developed an online survey for all adults, children, and teens who are connected to our churches and schools to suggest names (within the parameters noted below) and the reason for that suggestion. The survey is currently active and will close on October 7. We value your input and hope you will submit a name nomination.

The results from the survey will be tabulated, and shared with the Family Leadership Team. Five names will then be selected for ballot box voting in mid-November. The final name chosen will be submitted to our pastor and the Chancery at the Archdiocese for acceptance. A public announcement will be made following the acceptance by the end of December. 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 3 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 is a heavenly patron who will intercede for us and whom we can invoke in prayer.
- MAY be the name of an essential mystery of the faith (e.g., Ascension, Assumption, Nativity)
- 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.
- See <https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/pathway-tools/family-of-parish-names/> for the list of names of families of parishes already being used in the Archdiocese.

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 one of our churches to obtain a paper nomination form
3. Call one of our church offices with your name idea



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

	Mon 9/30	Tues 10/1	Wed 10/2	Thu 10/3	Fri 10/4	Sat 10/5
Ascension	9 AM Father Chibueze		9 AM Father Tony	9 AM Father Tom	9 AM Father Chibueze	5 PM Father Tom
St. Albert	Noon Father Tony	Noon Father Tom	Noon Father Dan	Noon Father Dan	Noon Father Tony	4:30 PM Father Chibueze
St. Charles	8:30 AM Father Tom	8:30 AM Father Chibueze	8:30 AM Father Tom	8:30 AM Father Tony	8:30 AM Father Dan	5 PM Father Tony

Sun 10/6		
Ascension	St. Albert the Great	St. Charles Borromeo
8:30 AM – Father Tom	8:30 AM – Father Chibueze	8:30 AM – Father Tony
11 AM – Father Tom	11 AM – Father Chibueze	10:30 AM – Father Tony

*\*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](http://ascensionkettering.org), 937-253-5171*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### 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.

## 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.

## SENIOR DAY LUNCHEON

Senior Day Luncheon, open to all members of the Kettering Catholic Community age 65 and older, will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at St. Albert following the noon Mass. Join us for a great meal and fun entertainment. Please call Linda at 937-299-5200 to make reservations (required) by Sunday, October 6.

## FLU SHOTS

Flu Shots will be available before and after Masses October 5/6, 2024, for anyone age 7 and older at Ascension in the Bride's Room. Please bring your insurance card. Thanks to Kroger Pharmacy!

## 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](mailto:application@esharing.org) or visit [esharing.org](http://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](mailto:wonderlywoman@gmail.com). Kathy will provide a book for \$5.00.

### **A MESSAGE FROM FINANCE COUNCIL**

The past fiscal year brought some welcome financial news for our parish and school. Most notably, we received two separate, anonymous donations through the Dayton Foundation which totaled over \$600,000. As these were unexpected, we had not planned for them within our budgeting process for this past fiscal year. We are discussing how best to use these generous gifts in the coming year. Ideas include significant repairs and improvements to the church interior and resurfacing of the parking lot.

After several years of declining contributions, we are pleased to report that contributions remained steady this year. The school saw an increase in revenue due to the expansion of Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship Program. This increase enabled the school to absorb costs that had been previously been covered by COVID funding which ended with the '22-'23 school year. The surplus funding from operations was largely driven by the change in EdChoice funding and savings on the salaries and benefits line.

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners and we strive to be good stewards of your gifts. We are optimistic about our future and our ability to serve the needs of our parish and our community.

### **A MESSAGE FROM FR. TOM NEVELS**

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Archbishop Pilarczyk never got tired of saying, "An attitude of gratitude is central to our faith." He understood that even in our difficulties we are far more blessed than burdened in life. He understood that the more we count our blessings, the more peaceful and joyful we are. Just as importantly, he understood that the more grateful we are, the more generous we will be in sharing what we have with others, a constant call in the Gospel.

As a church we count our blessings, too. In September, we present our stewardship report, which is a time to say thank you to all those who have supported our parish so generously in so many ways this past year. As pastor, I am especially aware and grateful for the generosity so many have shown.

Mindful that Jesus has told us, "To whom much has been given, much will be expected." May all of us strive to grow in a spirit of gratitude that we may become ever more generous with our blessings. Anticipate great blessings for your generosity as our Lord will never let Himself be outdone in generosity. Know that our future is bright and secure through the generosity of so many good and holy people in our midst.

Thanks and blessings,  
Fr. Tom

## St. Albert the Great Catholic Parish 2023-2024 Financial Report

	<u>2023-24 Actual</u>	<u>2023-24 Budget</u>	<u>2024-25 Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
PARISH COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,296,498	\$ 1,417,000	\$ 1,377,000
DONATIONS	\$ 45,578	\$ 40,275	\$ 47,500
MASS STIPENDS	\$ 11,207	\$ 12,900	\$ 10,000
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEES/YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 17,580	\$ 19,400	\$ 18,850
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	\$ 48,725	\$ 22,000	\$ 32,000
OTHER INCOME	\$ 662,984	\$ 15,200	\$ 15,000
TUITION	\$ 1,245,037	\$ 1,026,000	\$ 1,300,525
STATE COST & AUTISM PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 328,811	\$ 248,600	\$ 230,000
AFTER-SCHOOL CARE FEES	\$ 70,583	\$ 50,000	\$ 55,000
<b>Income Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 3,727,003</b>	<b>\$ 2,851,375</b>	<b>\$ 3,085,875</b>
<i>Parish</i>	\$ 2,066,197	\$ 1,516,775	\$ 1,484,350
<i>School</i>	\$ 1,660,806	\$ 1,334,600	\$ 1,601,525
<b>Expense</b>			
WAGES	\$ 1,605,177	\$ 1,688,250	\$ 1,791,650
PAYROLL TAXES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 538,106	\$ 583,725	\$ 604,700
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES EXPENSES:			
FACILITIES	\$ 286,108	\$ 242,450	\$ 251,350
SCHOOL	\$ 153,339	\$ 6,700	\$ 85,600
PARISH	\$ 5,783	\$ 9,200	\$ 6,200
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 156,272	\$ 132,700	\$ 165,875
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 59,371	\$ 42,350	\$ 46,500
GENERAL ASSESSMENT Totals	\$ 133,464	\$ 146,000	\$ 134,000
<b>Expense Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 2,937,620</b>	<b>\$ 2,851,375</b>	<b>\$ 3,085,875</b>
<i>Parish</i>	\$ 912,893	\$ 1,025,175	\$ 967,425
<i>School</i>	\$ 2,024,726	\$ 1,826,200	\$ 2,118,450
<b>Surplus (Deficit):</b>	<b>\$ 789,383</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<i>Parish</i>	\$ 1,153,304	\$ 491,600	\$ 516,925
<i>School</i>	\$ (363,920)	\$ (491,600)	\$ (516,925)
<b>Less: Bequests (Parish)</b>	<b>(631,694)</b>		
<b>Surplus from daily operations:</b>	<b>\$ 157,690</b>		
<b>Summary of Changes in Fund Balances</b>			
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,829,351</b>		
<i>Parish/School Surplus (Deficit)</i>	\$ 157,690		
<i>Bequests, Rebates and Interest</i>	\$ 656,439		
<i>Other*</i>	\$ 301,906		
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,945,386</b>		
<b>Change</b>	<b>\$ 1,116,035</b>		

\*Includes activities primarily from St. Albert Nutrition Services, in addition to Athletics and PTO  
The funds from these related entities are not available for parish or school operations.

## **Annual 2023-2024 Highlights**

Average Weekend Mass Attendance	776	Altar Servers (includes school Mass only)	30
		Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	45
Baptisms	12	Lectors	30
First Communions	36	Sacristans	14
Confirmations	58	Choir Members/Cantors	30
Weddings	3	Ushers	15
Funerals	32	Altar Linen Ministers	10
RE students	200	School Students (K-8)	178
RE Catechists	18	Preschool Students (PS & Pre-K)	40
RE Teen Helpers	18	Primary & Middle School Teachers & Aides (Full & PT)	24
RE Substitutes	7	Preschool Teachers & Aides (Full & PT)	5
Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists	3	School Admin	3

We also thank our parishioners who support our parish and community through the other various ministries and groups in our parish such as (in no particular order): St. Vincent DePaul, Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary, Pro Life Group, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Worship Commission, SALSA, Scripture Studies, Book Clubs, Food Collections, Meals for the Homeless, Trees of Thanksgiving, Freedom Trees, Garden Guild, Senior Day Lunch, Blood Drive, PTO, Athletics and more. We are blessed to have parishioners who are so generous with their time and talent.

### **Improvements and Repairs:**

- Water line repair – Spirit Center	- Asbestos removal – Spirit Center
- Furnace repair – Rectory	- Replace broken window – Rectory
- HVAC repair - Rectory	- Repairs to rooftop speakers – Church
- Masonry repairs – School	- Carpet installation in 6 classrooms – School
- Boiler repair – School	-

In addition, we also invested in over \$7,000 of enhancements to improve our liturgies with new banners, altar cloths and sacred vessels as well as improvements to our sound system. In the school we replaced our server and purchased 20 new Chromebooks and a Chromebook cart.



# 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

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT ANNIE OUTMAN FOR MORE INFO  
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Pumpkin Painting  
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## 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.

## OCTOBER 1 – INTO THE DEEP: SERVICE. CLEANING UP THE NOTRE DAME CENTER!

Gentlemen of the Kettering Catholic Community, meet us at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 1st to weed, paint and clean our Notre Dame Center for the incoming Youth Ministry EDGE. Pizza provided.

## 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!

## BAZAAR BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS

Basket raffle tickets for the Harvest of Values Bazaar at Ascension in November will be available to purchase throughout the month of October and into November leading up to the Bazaar on Saturday, November 9 in the Ascension PAC. Tickets are \$1.00 per ticket; \$5.00 for 6 tickets; \$10.00 for 14 tickets.

### When and where to get tickets:

- Ascension Women's Guild Meetings on October 2 & November 6 (7:00 p.m. in the Witzman Center)
- Coffee & Donuts at Ascension on October 13 (Witzman Center)
- After all Masses at Ascension the weekend of November 2/3
- At the Bazaar on November 9

Tickets will also be available to purchase in the Ascension Parish Office during office hours. Baskets will be on display on the parish website [ascensionkettering.org](http://ascensionkettering.org). Questions? Call Diane Borchers at 937-231-3373.

## MORNING OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND REFLECTION

Walking in the Footsteps of Humility  
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Friday, October 4, 2024

Ascension Parish Mass, 9:00 a.m. –  
presentation to follow in Eucharistic Chapel to 11:30 a.m.  
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What or who taught you humility and how?

## 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](mailto:Troop167.Kettering@gmail.com).

## PROJECT RACHEL

A ministry of the Archdiocese that serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child due to abortion. Persons can engage in this ministry for healing through one-on-one conversation with peers, consultation with a priest (including in Spanish), support groups and more. Visit [projectrachelohio.org](http://projectrachelohio.org) or call 513-784-0531 for information.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:dcwc1923@gmail.com).

## 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](http://CincinnatiRightToLife.org), 513-728-7870.

**UPCOMING AT THE SHRINE**

Contact Susie at 419-925-4532 or visit [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org).

**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).

**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](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 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](mailto:Kswaitzman@twc.com).

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**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 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, 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center. For more information, please contact Doris Sills at [drsills3@yahoo.com](mailto:drsills3@yahoo.com).

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Book Club Ladies: Kathy Zamonski,  
[wonderlywoman@gmail.com](mailto:wonderlywoman@gmail.com)

Facilities Scheduling Request: Submit via Parish  
Calendar on website

Garden Guild: Kate Dungan, [dungankate19@gmail.com](mailto:dungankate19@gmail.com)

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