

“And the
Word
became flesh and
dwelt
among us.”

- John 1:14

CHRISTMAS 2024

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

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GOD IS WITH US, NO MATTER THE MOMENT

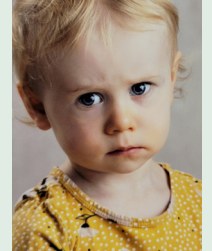


Did you ever receive a holiday card in the mail with a family portrait and wonder—how long did it take for them to make that happen? The picture looks almost too perfect with the parents, kids and dog all smiling and not a hair out of place. I wonder if that picture was really reflective of the state of that family at that moment or was there a bit of shuffling, grumbling or bribery behind the scenes? My daughter sent me a very honest picture of my granddaughter this year that was taken for her daycare photo. It was funny and very real. We certainly do have those moments of great joy,

love and success where life seems to come together. It is also true that sometimes life doesn't go according to plan at all and we find ourselves in struggle, pain, or just exhausted from the pace.

The promise of Christmas is not the shining Christmas photo where everything is perfect, but the Good News that whatever your Christmas looks or feels like this year, our God has promised to be born right into the middle of it. Throughout the Season of Advent, we hear the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures promise salvation, restoration and the hope that God would raise up His people. At Christmas, we learn that it is Jesus who fulfills this hope for all. "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God with us.'" (Matt. 1:23) Emmanuel—God with us—is one of my favorite titles for Jesus. God is with us in the good parts and the hard parts of being human. God is with us when we are feeling strong and loving our lives. And God is with us when we are barely hanging on through the day-to-day. What a grace to have a God who truly understands us and wants to be a part of the messiness of our lives, whatever the picture may be.

In my ministry, sometimes people ask me how to begin to know and feel this Jesus, "God with us," in their lives. Here are a few ways to begin or to reconnect if it has been a while. Start with a simple daily prayer asking Jesus to be present to you and guide you. Take time to read the Bible stories of Jesus (it is still Scripture if you read it on your phone). Finally, talk to others who seem to be living and practicing their faith. They can help you learn to recognize what we celebrate at Christmas: God indeed is with us.



Chris Kreger
Pastoral Associate
Christian Initiation

ADORATION

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025

Mass intentions for January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 may be scheduled in the Parish Office.

DEADLINES

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

Bulletin – 10 days prior to publication date

Flocknote – Thursday at noon

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:00pm Mass, Kris O'Neill, Stefan Family
 6:45pm Legion of Mary, Spirit Center, Room C

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, Patricia Glick, Family
 6:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, Jean Rohmiller,
 Jim & Mary Ann Schoen
 10:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS,
Altar Flower Memorials

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:30am CHRISTMAS MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00am Mass in Ascension Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

12:00pm Mass, In Thanksgiving, Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:30pm Mass, Robert & Laura Zeitler, K. Moore

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30am Mass, Patricia Koenig, Jim & Maryann Schoen
 11:00am Mass, St. Albert the Great Church

HOMEBOUND

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

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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 DEC. 08, 2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$	24,574
We Share Online Contributions	\$	3,910
Loose Cash	\$	1,235
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	\$	29,719
Building and Grounds	\$	327
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	690
Sr. John Maureen Fund	\$	25
Christmas	\$	1,325
Holy Day-All Saints	\$	135
Holy Day Immaculate Conception	\$	1,469
Holy Day-Solemnity of Mary	\$	40
Retired Religious	\$	1,685
Liturgical Needs	\$	197
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	\$	5,893

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION \$35,612

FINANCIALS FOR DEC 15, 2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$9,122
WeShare Online	\$ 6,624
Loose Cash	\$ 1,078
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	\$ 16,824
Building and Grounds	\$ 70
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 115
Sr. John Maureen Fund	\$ 25
Christmas	\$ 560
Holy Day	\$ 100
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 125
Retired Religious	\$ 295
Liturgical Needs	\$ 225
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	\$1,515

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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 today. If you're interested in learning more about our parish and what we have to offer, we warmly invite you to contact us at the numbers listed inside the bulletin cover. We would love to share our Catholic faith with you and show you more about what makes Mother of God Family of Parishes a wonderful place to worship, learn and share!

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Masses



12 • 31 • 24
 ST. ALBERT 3:30PM (VIGIL)
 ST. CHARLES 5:30PM (VIGIL)

01 • 01 • 25
 ASCENSION 10:00AM

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

	MON/23	TUE/24	WED/25	THU/26	FRI/27	SAT/28
ASCENSION	9 AM FR. CHIBUEZE	3:00 PM FR. TOM 5:30 PM FR. CHIBUEZE	10:00 AM FR. TONY	9 AM MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS FR. GENE		5PM FR. TOM
ST ALBERT	NOON FR. TONY	3:00 PM FR. CHIBUEZE 6:00 PM FR. TONY 10 PM FR. TOM	9:30 AM FR. CHIBUEZE		NOON MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS FR. GENE	4.30 PM FR. CHIBUEZE
ST CHARLES	8:30 AM FR. TOM	3:00 PM FR. TONY 6:00 PM FR. TOM	9:00 AM FR. DAN			5 PM FR. TONY
SUN/29	ASCENSION		ST ALBERT		ST CHARLES	
	8.30 AM - FR. TOM		8.30 AM - FR. CHIBUEZE		8.30 AM - FR. TONY	
	11 AM - FR. TOM		11 AM - FR. CHIBUEZE		10.30 AM - FR. 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, 937-253-5171 *

CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas, for the Church, is not confined to a single day, but is a twelve-day season that celebrates God's incarnation in Jesus and leads us to the Epiphany, where Christ is revealed to the Magi. It's a season far richer than a simple manger scene; it's the fulfillment of God's promise to be with us. In uniting divinity with humanity, Jesus invites us to participate in this incarnational mystery, one that calls us to share in God's life and become transformed. This season is a profound reminder of God's love and His desire to dwell with us, sharing divine life with others. As we reflect on the Christmas story, we are invited to do what the shepherds did, glorify and praise God for the wonder of His presence, and, like Mary, to treasure and reflect on this mystery in our hearts.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, Tue., December 24

Ascension

3, 5:30 PM

St. Albert

3, 6, 10* PM

St. Charles

3, 6 PM

*with Lessons & Carols
at 9:30 PM

Christmas Day, Wed., December 25

Ascension

10 AM

St. Albert

9:30 AM

St. Charles

9 AM

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CHRISTMAS EVE

3 PM St. Albert Children's Choir
Prelude music starts at 2:50 PM

6 PM St. Albert Adult Choir &
Instrumentalists
Prelude music starts at 5:40 PM

10 PM Mother of God Family of Parishes
Combined Choir & Instrumentalists
Lessons & Carols at 9:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 AM St. Albert Adult Choir & Instrumentalists
| Prelude music starts at 9:15 AM

DAILY MASSES FOR DECEMBER 26, 27 & 30, 31

THERE WILL BE ONE DAILY MASS AT EACH LOCATION
DECEMBER 26- ASCENSION AT 9 AM
DECEMBER 27- ST. ALBERT AT NOON
DECEMBER 30- ST. CHARLES AT 8:30 AM
DECEMBER 31- ASCENSION AT 9 AM
DECEMBER 28/29-REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

PILLAR & FOUNDATION

Understanding and Living Our Catholic Faith

Join us for a **10-week class** with Paul Claggett, OP, to explore core Catholic beliefs and practices. Whether you're seeking a refresher or a deeper connection, this class is an opportunity to strengthen your understanding and live the Catholic faith more fully.

CLASS 1: ST. ALBERT SPIRIT CENTER

WHEN: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FROM 6:30–8:30 PM

DATES: JANUARY 8, 2025 - MARCH 19, 2025

WHERE: ST. ALBERT SPIRIT CENTER

CLASS 2: ASCENSION WITZMAN CENTER 119-120

WHEN: SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM 10 AM - NOON

DATES: JANUARY 11, 2025 - MARCH 22, 2025

WHERE: ASCENSION WITZMAN CENTER, ROOM 119-120



READINGS FOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Mi 5:1-4a

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

PREPARING FOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Lk 2:41-52



SISTER DOROTHY STANG AWARD

The "Sister Dorothy Stang Award" was presented to the Ascension Parish Twinning Committee for their support of cross-cultural ministry. The Ascension Committee has fostered a long-standing relationship between Ascension Parish and Nuestra Señora de La Luz (Our Lady of the Light) Parish in Lima, Peru. This cross-cultural ministry has also extended to the Catholic Hispanic community in Dayton, Sister Dorothy's hometown.

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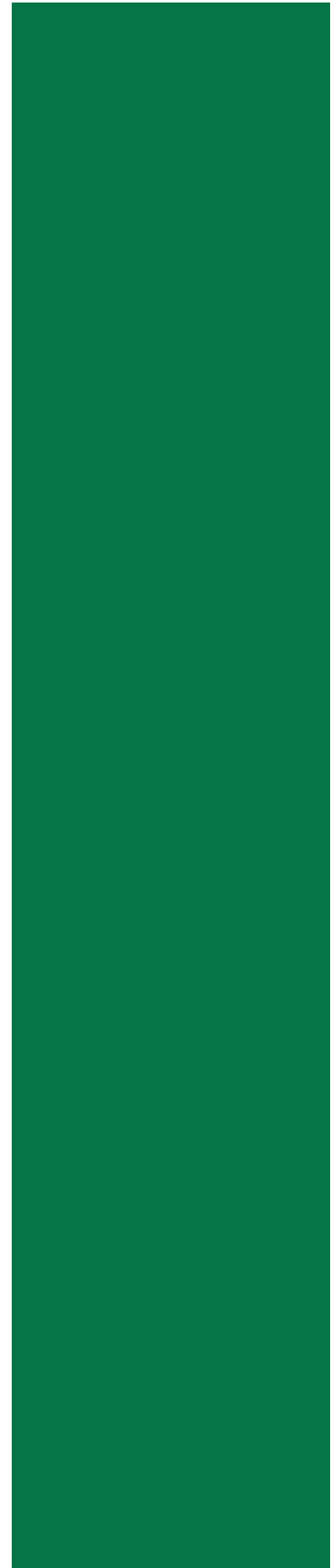


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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS

First graders must be baptized before the age of seven 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 towards the end of their eighth grade year. Contact Tara Schumaker at tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net with any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word invites Kindergarten to 5th grade children to join on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in helping as a catechist on the 1st or 3rd Sunday of each month, please contact the RE Office at **937-281-0032** or religiouseducation@stalbertthegreat.net. We need more people on our team. Please consider this small commitment that gives back big to our children.

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

Baptism

PREPARATION CLASS

Do you have a child under 7 in need of Baptism? Attend an upcoming Baptism Preparation Class!

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 7:00 PM AT ST. CHARLES
efanning@stcharles-kettering.org

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 9:30 AM AT ASCENSION
jollier@ascensionkettering.org

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 6:30 PM AT ST. ALBERT
kgaston@stalbertthegreat.net

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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 Mother of God Family of Parishes 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 Mother of God Family of Parishes 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

The STAG SVdP provides emergency assistance in a confidential manner to the needy in our area using donations from our parishioners. We're always looking for people who want to join us in this effort. Anyone who is interested in SVdP can learn more at stalbertthegreat.net/parish-ministries/st. or by contacting our Conference President at 937-239-6621.

**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 Mother of God Family of Parishes are invited. For more information, email Sue at smgraham1024@gmail.com.

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.

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.

SACRED HEART RADIO

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS

First Thursday of each month in the Spirit Center. Social (dinner) at 6:00 P.M., Rosary at 7:00, Council Meeting at 7:30. To learn more about the Knights, you are welcome to attend the Social and/or Rosary. Contact - Gary Lammers at glammers74@gmail.com or 937-751-7811.

GROUPS

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