



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION CAMPUS

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 CAMPUS

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Kettering, Ohio 45429
stalbertthegreat.net

PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon

RECONCILIATION:

Friday: after Noon Mass

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



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CAMPUS

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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.

Mother of God

FAMILY OF PARISHES

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

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

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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DEAR FAMILY

This first Sunday of February marks Commitment Weekend for our Archdiocesan CMA campaign. Our theme is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Each year, this is an opportunity for us to share our blessings with those in need. So many vulnerable

people long for us to see them through the eyes of Jesus, who holds a special place in His heart for the poor and needy. There is an inseparable connection between God's gift of the Eucharist and our willingness to selflessly give of ourselves to others on our path to salvation. Though often hidden now, our generosity will be revealed in eternity for all to see and will be a key factor in the glory we are given. Even in the present, our Lord will never let Himself be outdone in generosity; the more we give, the more we receive. Therefore, I encourage everyone to be generous in supporting the CMA.

In his pastoral letter on January 24th, the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Archbishop highlighted how our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope and our current Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission powerfully resonate with Love in Action. He encouraged us to place special emphasis on advancing our Beacons of Light *Love in Action* initiative. We will strive to better organize it for greater awareness and impact. The efforts of Love in Action within our family are extensive and impressive. As we continue to organize, we will begin to highlight some of our Love in Action ministries.

We are also in the process of hiring a Director of Communications to lead and improve our efforts in connecting and interacting with each other and the wider community. I anticipate good progress in this area in the coming year.

Our implementation teams are diligently working on strategies to achieve our goals. As we outlined last fall, our family will focus on three priorities over the next two years, each with associated goals. These priorities are to increase the unity of our parishes, make the Sunday experience more inviting and vibrant, and help all parishioners see themselves as disciples of Christ. Currently, our implementation team, made up of representatives from all three parishes, is brainstorming methods and forming teams to help us reach these goals.

All of the above efforts depend heavily on our prayers. Please be intentional about praying daily for our family and its efforts to become a shining Beacon of Light for all to see.

Prayers and Blessings,
Fr. Tom Nevels

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, FEBRUARY 3

- Noon Mass, Wally Ceyak, Anonymous
- 12:30 pm Respect Life Meeting, Spirit Center, Room C
- 6:45 pm Legion of Mary Weekly Meeting, Spirit Center, Room C
- 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting, Spirit Center, Room D

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- Noon Mass, Seamus McHale, A. Cleary
- 7:00 pm PTO Meeting, Cafe 1
- 7:00 pm PTO Meeting, Cafe 2
- 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Officers, Spirit Center, Room C

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- Noon Mass, June Alderiso, Barbara Kriegbaum
- 6:30 pm Pillar & Foundation: Understanding & Living Our Catholic Faith, Spirit Center, Room D
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- Noon Mass, Norma Busby, Glen & Joy Whaley
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Mass / Dinner / Meeting, Spirit Center, Room D

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- Noon Mass, Ron Armitage, Julie Hansen

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 4:30 pm Mass, Jack Gaines, Family
- 4:30 pm MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION, GATHERING SPACE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION, GATHERING SPACE
- 8:30 am Mass, Jean Rohmiller, St. Vincent de Paul
- 9:30 am RE Class, Cafe 2
- 11:00 am Mass, ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH

HOMEBOUND

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

CARLYLE HOUSE

Ron DeChant

KETTERING HOSPITAL

Mike Smith

OAKCREEK TERRACE

Candice Gibbons

RANDALL'S RESIDENCE IN WEST MILTON, OH

Marilyn Hull

ST. LEONARD

Bob Rankin, Kathleen Brown

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 THE WEEK: JANUARY 19TH

WEEKLY ENVELOPES	\$10,581
WE SHARE ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$7,930
LOOSE CASH	\$880
	\$19,391
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	\$115
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$200
SR. JOHN MAUREEN FUND	\$25
CHRISTMAS	\$10
HOLY DAY	\$10
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$125
RETIRED RELIGIOUS	\$20
LITURGICAL NEEDS	\$380
	\$885
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$20,276

FINANCIALS FOR THE WEEK: JANUARY 26TH

WEEKLY ENVELOPES	\$11,810
WE SHARE ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,868
LOOSE CASH	\$1,217
	\$15,895
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	\$686
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$105
SR. JOHN MAUREEN FUND	\$25
CHRISTMAS	\$305
HOLY DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$140
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$5
WILD FIRES	\$260
LITURGICAL NEEDS	\$105
	\$1,631
TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$17,526

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR

ALBERT FRATINI

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE



SCAN TO GIVE



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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

WELCOMED INTO THE CHURCH
THROUGH BAPTISM:

VINCENT OSITA EZIOLISA

SON OF OSITA AND VICTORIA




2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries!

Pledge cards are available in our church for your convenience this weekend. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

Our 2025 Parish Goal Amount: \$64,100
Our Current Amount: \$750

GOAL PERCENTAGE:

1%

WILDFIRES RELIEF

Wildfires are ravaging Los Angeles and other parts of California, leaving many families in urgent need. The Mother of God Family of Parishes is encouraging parishioners to support relief efforts by donating to Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA). Donations can be made directly at catholiccharitiesusa.org, where 100% of funds will go to wildfire relief. Cash and checks (payable to St. Albert the Great, with "Wildfire Relief" in the memo) are also accepted at the parish.

PLEASE DONATE BY FEBRUARY 6.



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.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

	MON/03	TUE/04	WED/05	THU/06	FRI/07	SAT/08
ASCENSION	9 AM FR. CHIBUEZE		9 AM FR. TONY	9 AM FR. TOM	11 AM FR. KEN	5PM FR. TOM
ST ALBERT	NOON FR. TONY	NOON FR. TOM	NOON FR. DAN	NOON FR. KEN	NOON FR. TONY	4.30 PM FR. KEN
ST CHARLES	8:30 AM FR. TOM	8:30 AM FR. KEN	8:30 AM FR. TOM	8:30 AM FR. TONY	8:30 AM FR. DAN	5 PM FR. TONY
SUN/09	ASCENSION		ST ALBERT		ST CHARLES	
	8.30 AM - FR. TOM		8.30 AM - FR. DAN		8.30 AM - FR. TONY	
	11 AM - FR. TOM		11 AM - FR. DAN		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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT THE ASCENSION CAMPUS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 · 8:00–9:00 AM
ASCENSION WITZMAN CENTER, ROOM 119-120

Episode 9 — The Eucharist profoundly influenced the thinking of the early Church in all aspects of its worship and practices. But how did the Apostles put Christ's command to "Do this in memory of me" into practice? Two men and the miraculous encounter they had on the road to Emmaus may show us more than we realize. All men of the Mother of God Family of Parishes are invited to participate. Questions? Contact Mike Wager at mewager07@gmail.com or 937-361-1369.

PILLAR AND FOUNDATION

If you're looking to deepen your understanding of Catholicism, join the *PILLAR AND FOUNDATION: UNDERSTANDING AND LIVING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH* class. This 10-week course, led by parishioner Paul Claggett, O.P., will explore core Catholic beliefs and practices, including the Trinity, the Sacraments, the Creed, and more. Classes are held at the St. Albert Spirit Center on Wednesday nights (6:30–8:30 pm) and at the Ascension Witzman Center on Saturday mornings (10:00 am–Noon). The course runs through March 2025. For more details or to preregister, visit the parish website.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Senior Day Luncheon, open to all members of the Mother of God Family of Parishes age 65 and older, will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, in the St. Albert Parish Center following the noon Mass. Join us for a delicious meal followed by fun entertainment. Reservations for the free luncheon are required and can be made by calling Linda at 937-299-5200. THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025.

MARIAN CONSECRATION STUDY GROUP

Join us Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m., February 13 to March 20, 2025, at the St. Albert Spirit Center for a study group focused on growing closer to Jesus and His Mother. The Legion of Mary will lead discussions on St. Louis Marie de Montfort's *SECRET OF MARY AND PREPARATION FOR TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS CHRIST THROUGH MARY* by Fr. Hugh Gillespie. Enjoy fellowship and free coffee/tea. To reserve books (\$14, or borrow), contact Vanessa Glowacki by February 9 at 513-305-4262 or vaglow3@yahoo.com.

As you probably know, in the Catholic tradition, we recognize the 7 Deadly Sins and the 7 Holy Virtues. The Virtues are divided into two groups: the 4 Cardinal Virtues—Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude—and the 3 Theological Virtues—Faith, Hope, and Love. In this Jubilee Year, we are called to be witnesses of Hope. But what is Hope? Simply put, it's the grace to trust that God will fulfill His promises to redeem us. We have this hope based on what God has done throughout the ages and the belief that He desires nothing but our good. How can we have Hope in the midst of suffering?

BLOOD DRIVE

Sat. February 8
9AM – 1 PM
St. Charles Cafeteria

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ACTS XXIX: SPARK YOUR CORE FAITH SET IT ABLAZE IN 2025!

"Jesus tells them to wait in the city until they are clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

SESSION 4: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

For a long time in the Church, the Holy Spirit was sort of misunderstood. When we were Confirmed, we knew that we were made soldiers of Christ, but other than that, the Holy Spirit was a mystery and most of our gifts lay dormant. Most of the emphasis was on the Father and the Son. After Vatican II, we began to see increased emphasis on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and what that meant for the Church. The hierarchy took stock of all the charismatic groups that were rising on their own without being instituted by the Church, and the Holy Father saw this as a good sign. He began the New Evangelization movement and said the Holy Spirit is pouring out His graces abundantly in this needed age on all the Church.

So, who is the Holy Spirit? He is the third person of the Blessed Trinity, the great love between the Father and the Son. On Pentecost, the disciples were filled with the Spirit and received: new languages, new boldness, new power. Peter stood up and gave a talk—3,000 people followed him! We live in the age of the Spirit. God has promised to give His Spirit to every Christian (Acts 2:38).

Please join us this Friday morning. We will watch an ALPHA video and share how we see the Holy Spirit working in our lives and how we can use our special gifts to build up our Church.

WHERE: St. Charles Borromeo Campus, Borromeo Room
WHEN: February 7, 9:15-11 a.m.

Weekly Words of Hope



CHECK BACK HERE NEXT WEEK FOR A LITTLE ABOUT HOPE!

February 2025

Impact

**Bring faith to life.
Find life in faith.**

Wait for it...

Have you ever waited for something? Not a small thing, like a takeout order or a meeting at work. Think about when you have waited for something significant - a wedding, birth of a child or grandchild, results of medical tests or treatments - you know this kind of waiting.

Waiting is hard. Painful. Exciting. The longer the wait and the more momentous the thing for which we long, the more ill at ease we may feel between now and what lies ahead. At times, we "can't wait" for the future life event - the job interview that may lead to more fulfilling employment, the arrival of a family member or reunion with longtime friends later this year. At other times, however, we prepare ourselves for the possible outcome - the diagnosis may be frightening, results of treatment uncertain. Whatever the situation, we can struggle through the unknown and find our spirit waning, doubtful, or weary. Or we can wait in faith and hope, seeking God, being attentive to the Holy Spirit's presence in the time between now and what is to come.

On February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we hear the stories of two people who had waited for years to see the long-awaited Messiah. Simeon and Anna had waited in hope, without fail. They may have expected a strong leader who was ready to liberate their people from Roman domination. Or a young man, ready to take on the world. They may have been astounded when the Messiah came as a child. We do not know their reaction other than the words they spoke; the Gospel only reports their exclamation of wonder and faith.

After waiting so long, what we have anticipated finally happens: the reunion took place exactly as you had imagined or totally differently; the diagnosis was better than you had dreamt, or not. In the waiting and in the long-awaited resolution, grace may appear. Let's restate that. *Grace will appear*, if only after years of reflection or living into the new life that emerged when the waiting was over. Truly, God's grace is with us always and everywhere. We must simply become attentive to God's loving presence and grow in willingness to live more fully as Christ's people in grateful response.

While they waited in prayer for the Messiah, Anna and Simeon had learned to perceive God, to know God's ways, even when those ways were surprising. In Simeon's words, "my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Traditionally, the candles used in liturgy are blessed on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles are a reminder that the light of Christ illumines our worship and our lives and is entrusted to us as we steward the grace of God, which, through prayer and participation in Mass and the sacraments, we may more deeply come to perceive and to live each and every moment of our lives.



Impact this month

Take time each morning to think about the day ahead. Ask God to be with you, especially when a person or situation needs peace, comfort, forgiveness, or healing.

Pause throughout the day, if only for a few moments. Say a brief prayer like "Lord be with me," or "God, show me the way." Invite the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen, and illumine your heart and mind as you interact with others, particularly when there is tension or conflict.

When you must wait for something, no matter how significant or inconsequential the situation may be, be attentive to moments of grace, when you feel the Lord's presence, are drawn to a person in need of support or attention, are consoled or given patience as you wait.

At the end of each day, be mindful of the ways you have encountered the Lord in prayer, sacred reading, and in the circumstances of your life, especially in the actions of others or when you were led to offer Christ's light. Thank God for being with you and ask the Lord to show you how you might respond through caring or sharing your time, presence, talents and skills, money, or resources.

"My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation..." (Luke 2:31-32)

Impact

Bring faith to life.
Find life in faith.

Be a blessing

by Matt Reichert

I often think of blessings from the viewpoint of the recipient. I recount the blessings I have received, thinking of all the things that I, myself, have enjoyed or had access to. I think of my family, my health, my job, the opportunities I have been given. It's quite a list!

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.



No hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands. Yours are the feet. Yours are the eyes. You are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

– St. Teresa of Avila

I forget, however, that I am also a source of blessing. It may be a kind word or a simple deed, or it may be an act of great charity or service; either way, I have it in my power to bestow blessings upon others.

When I make this shift - from recipient to source - I become immediately more aware of the capacity I have for influence in the world. Not only this, but the obligation, too. If our world is in such a need of blessings, and blessings are in my power to give, how can I refuse?

St. Theresa of Avila wrote that "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours...yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world." I am given opportunities every day to bless others in the same way that I have been blessed.

There are many people who are in the habit of writing down a few blessings they received throughout the course of their day. It's a worthwhile practice, to be sure. What would your journal look like if you listed the blessings you gave in the course of your day? I don't know about you, but I know I've got more work to do.

Matt Reichert lives in Richmond, MN with his wife and daughters and works to support the work of clergy and lay ministers through formation, coaching, and consulting.

Sharing hope

by Leisa Anslinger

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours...Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation." (Lk 6:17, 24) I have to be honest with you. I find passages like the Beatitudes we hear on February 16 very challenging. And this month seems to be filled with such messages. Put out into the deep and rely on God to fill our needs; love our enemies, forgive as we have been forgiven. As God's people and followers of Jesus, those who are most in need should always be in our hearts, on our minds, with hands ready to serve. We should hold possessions lightly, seeing them as gifts from our good and gracious God. It's probably easy for most of us to point to the food or clothing collection to which we donated in the past few months at our parish, or the special collection to which we gave at Christmas time. But our readings this month, and in fact, the whole of the gospel, tell us that we are called to something more, something deeper. Because, as has often been noted by spiritual writers, this is about *who* we are because it is about *whom* we are.

Our sisters and brothers who are in need should be in our hearts because they are in God's heart. We must share, shelter, clothe, and be attentive to the vulnerable among us because they belong to us, as they belong to God. I may have written here before that one of the most striking talks I have encountered was given by Sr. Elinor Ford about thirty years ago. In it she said, "I belong to God and God needs me." Don't mistake me, it is not as though God is a needy, distant deity who uses us like pawns in a game. Rather, God *needs* us to act as Christ's people in the world because, as St. Teresa of Avila put it so well, "Christ has not body now on earth but yours."

So here is my challenge to all of us. Throughout this month as we begin or close out our day, let us ask God to show us the people or situations in which the Lord needs us to bear Christ's presence, healing, or care. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts so that they overflow with love as does God's heart and make us ready to act out of this great love which cannot be contained. May we experience the abundance of grace in giving that Jesus described: "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." I have no doubt that this will be so! Because, as we go beyond ourselves for others, we will see the very light of Christ which we hope to share, casting out all darkness and gloom and bringing in its stead comfort, consolation, and peace.



CHURCH RENOVATION SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you again to everyone who responded to our renovation survey in November. We received 118 responses from parishioners, parish and school staff, students, and even non-parishioners who join us for daily Mass. The survey generated over 700 comments, many of which were similar to the results of the 2018 focus groups. A summary of the survey results is provided below. It will also be available on our website, and printed copies can be found in the Gathering Space and near the back entrance of the Chapel.

The committee, under the direction of our pastor and in conjunction with the Archdiocesan Office for Divine Worship, will continue to meet to determine the scope and nature of this project. Your prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit are greatly appreciated.

SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH RENOVATION SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 2025

CURRENT FEATURES MOST LIKED:

Appreciate the traditional elements, and style, of the current church

- STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
- STATUES
- TABERNACLE IN CHURCH
- CRUCIFIX ABOVE ALTAR
- CHOIR LOFT
- OPEN-BEAM CEILING

CURRENT FEATURES MOST DISLIKED:

Approximately 20% of respondents disliked the chapel side being open regularly.

- ACCESS FROM GATHERING SPACE TO SANCTUARY
- CARPETING
- SMALL VESTIBULE ON EAST END OF CHURCH
- LIGHTING (ELIMINATE FLUORESCENT FIXTURES) (CHURCH WINGS TOO DARK)
- WALL PAINT (TOO STERILE)
- SANCTUARY FURNITURE
- LACK OF FAMILY/CRY ROOM
- TABERNACLE TO SIDE OF ALTAR
- CHAPEL SIDE FINISHES

TOP SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE (IN ORDER OF NUMBER OF RESPONSES):

- FLOORING (HARD SURFACE PREFERRED)
- LIGHTING
- PAINT ON WALLS
- BETTER CHURCH ACCESS
- WIDEN SANCTUARY/CONGREGATION FACING SAME DIRECTION (TIED)
- SANCTUARY FURNITURE/PEWS REVARNISHED (TIED)

SUGGESTIONS FOR A MORE WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT (IN ORDER OF NUMBER OF RESPONSES):

- LARGER FAMILY SPACE
- IMPROVED ACCESS:
 - RAMPS TO WORSHIP SPACE (INCLUDING FRONT DOORS & GATHERING SPACE)
 - ADDITIONAL ELEVATOR OR IMPROVED LIFT IN GATHERING SPACE
- ADDITIONAL ADA RESTROOM
- LARGER SPACE FOR GATHERINGS

READINGS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

MALACHI 3:1-4

PSALM 24:7, 8, 9, 10

HEBREWS 2:14-18

LUKE 2:22-40

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

ISAIAH 6:1-2, 3-8

PSALM 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

LUKE 5:1-11

THE MOTHER OF GOD
FAMILY OF PARISHES WILL
HOST A COMMUNAL
CELEBRATION.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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FOLLOWING
TIAM MASS IN

ST. ALBERT THE
GREAT CHURCH



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 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.

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

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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.

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