

APRIL 6, 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHER OF GOD

FAMILY OF PARISHES

A JOYFUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WHO WELCOMES, INSPIRES AND CHALLENGES ALL TO BE CHRIST-LIKE

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.



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 Mother of God Family of Parishes a wonderful place to worship, learn and share.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive

Kettering, Ohio 45420

ascensionkettering.org

PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-Noon

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4-4:30 p.m.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue

Kettering, Ohio 45429

stalbertthegreat.net

PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

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

Friday: 9 a.m.-Noon

RECONCILIATION:

Friday: after Noon Mass

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

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

4500 Ackerman Boulevard

Kettering, Ohio 45429

stcharles-kettering.org

PARISH OFFICE: 937- 434 - 6081

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

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3-4:30 p.m.

WORSHIP + SACRAMENTS



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Anyone wishing to inquire about the Catholic faith, or seeking to complete their Sacraments — including children age 7+ — should contact Chris Kreger, Director of OCIA, at 937-401-0423 or Joe Ollier, Director of Evangelization at 937-253-5171.

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 monthly at rotating locations. For more information, please contact Joe Ollier at Ascension, Kristi Gaston at St. Albert, 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office in case of serious illness or upcoming surgery. Communal anointing services are celebrated in the winter, summer and fall.

ADORATION **with Exposition*

Fridays, after Noon Mass*;
+daily 24-hour Adoration Chapel,
St. Albert the Great Campus

First Fridays, after 8:30 a.m. Mass*;
+daily Eucharistic Chapel 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.,
St. Charles Borromeo Campus

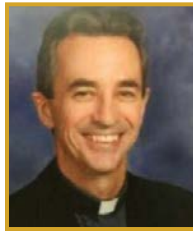
WEDDING BANNS

For the FIRST TIME for Matt
Purpus and Brooke Fornes.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please welcome the following members to our Mother of God Family of Parishes:
Joseph Martin of Dayton and Caroline & Jonathan Ullery of Kettering.



DEAR FAMILY

We are now one week away from Holy Week, the most graced and exalted week of the year in which we celebrate our Lord's institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, His Passion and death on Good Friday and His glorious Resurrection from the dead on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil, initiating our Easter Season. We will be especially joyful at this Easter Vigil as we will be initiating over 30 people into our faith on that most Glorious and Majestic night. Our joy will continue in this Easter Season as we will be celebrating many First Communions and Confirmations. With our First Communicants and Confirmandi, we will have almost two hundred people being initiated into our faith in some way in this coming Easter Season. Please keep them in your prayers as we give thanks to God for our faith. For our church, this is a very uplifting and joyful time of the year.

We now have a new Archbishop of Cincinnati, Most Reverend Robert G. Casey, who was installed this past Thursday, April 3. April's *Catholic Telegraph* had a nice biography on him and an explanation of his "coat of arms." I was most impressed that he runs marathons and has one planned later this year. Closer to home, we now have a new vicar, Father Jeff Stegbauer. I am very grateful to have him and am confident he will be the presence of Christ in some powerful ways, just as Fathers Chibueze and Tony have been. Also, beginning July 1, Fr. Chibueze will be reassigned to the NE-10 Family of Parishes, which consists of St. Peter, St. John the Baptist, St. Christopher, Our Lady of the Rosary and Holy Cross. I and many others will miss him greatly.

I am excited to tell you that we now have a Communications Director, Marie Lunne, who went to St. Charles and Alter. While just graduating from college, we are impressed with her energy, creativity and deep faith. She will begin in June and will be a wonderful asset as we expand and enhance our communication efforts.

Our Implementation Teams continue their work on priorities and goals. Our Leadership Team continues its work on bringing our parishes together. Likewise, our local and family councils and associated committees are cooperating with our efforts at becoming more and more a true family rooted in Christ. Further, we are beginning to talk about job descriptions for a Stewardship Director and a Love in Action Director. In time we will be able to offer more details on all of this.

May the joy of our Lord's Resurrection, and the rejoicing flowing from that, sink deep roots in all of us throughout the upcoming Easter season.

Prayers and blessings,
Fr. Tom

VISIT US ONLINE!

For more information about our Family of Parishes, including additional contacts, visit our websites:
ascensionkettering.org stalbertthegreat.net stcharles-kettering.org

PRAYER LIST

Ken Betche, Barbara Blackstone, Rita Braun, Don Carone, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Chuck Dean, Darlene Duke, Jessica Gerasi, Louise Hageman, Carol Harris, Janice M., Joseph Paul, Jackie Pennington, Mary Jane Ryan, Mary Jo Mykytko, Mary Louise Scott, Scott Shively, Bob Simon, Cody Simon, Donna Simon, Deacon Dick Strominger, Angela Woessner.

*Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added to the Prayers for the Sick in the event of acute illness, upcoming surgery/rehabilitation, etc. Names will remain for three weeks at a time unless otherwise requested.

WORSHIP

MASS SCHEDULE* + INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 7

8:30 a.m.	Charlotte Vail—Family	Fr. Tom	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	Ascension Shut-Ins—SVdP Ascension Conf.	Fr. Chibueze	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Albert Fratini—O'Grady Family	Fr. Tony	St. Albert the Great Campus

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

8:30 a.m.	Jeff Piper—The Lush Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
12:00 p.m.	Alexei Navalny—Jean Trebnik	Fr. Tom	St. Albert the Great Campus

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 a.m.	Brian McCormick—Dick & Diane McCormick	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
11:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass—Ken Tomashot	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Patty Keyes—Kay Moore	Fr. Ken Fortney	St. Albert the Great Campus

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

8:30 a.m.	Kathleen Galante—Huber Family	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	Lissa Tarlano—Paul Tarlano	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Jim Ell —A/H Delaney	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 a.m.	Dominic Tarlano—Paul Tarlano	Fr. Chibueze	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Audrey Williams —Anonymous	Fr. Tony	St. Albert the Great Campus

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

4:30 p.m.	Roy Place — Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus
5:00 p.m.	Forgotten People—Kate Kelly	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
5:00 p.m.	Don Donoher—Margaret Schuld	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

8:30 a.m.	Church of the Ascension	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
8:30 a.m.	Leo Lehner —Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus
8:30 a.m.	St. Charles Borromeo Church	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
10:30 a.m.	Jack & Doe Riehm—John & Kathy Brown & Fam.	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
11:00 a.m.	Familia Gerace—Sofia Lamanna	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
11:00 a.m.	St. Albert the Great Church	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus

*Priest schedules are subject to change. Please note, Church of the Ascension adjusts its Mass schedule accordingly to accommodate funerals. Please check the website or call the Parish Office to confirm Mass times before attending.

STATIONS OF The Cross

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

- Thursdays during Lent at St. Albert Campus, following the Noon Mass
- Fridays during Lent at Ascension Campus in the Chapel and St. Charles Campus in the Church at 7:00 pm

Please consider joining fellow parishioners for this Lenten devotional.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:

- **FASTING:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF...

Janet Applegate, parishioner. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, April 1 at St. Charles Borromeo Campus.

Mary Lou Braun, parishioner. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. at Ascension Campus.

Kenneth Tomashot, parishioner. His Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, April 9, 11:00 a.m. at Ascension Campus.

Kenneth "Bud" Werner, father of Kathy Dorsten. His Memorial Mass will be Saturday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Campus.

THE TRANSFER OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection—three days liturgically considered as one. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Last Supper, when Jesus Christ established the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. At the conclusion of this liturgy, there is the Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament, which occurs immediately following the prayer after Communion. The priest will first incense the Blessed Sacrament and then reverently carry it in procession through the church to an altar of repose, which often consists of a reserve or secondary tabernacle. Adoration is observed for an extended period that night, just as the disciples stayed with the Lord during His agony on the Mount of Olives before the betrayal by Judas. The Blessed Sacrament returns to the main tabernacle at Easter.

PYX POLICY

The Mother of God Family of Parishes is updating its policy regarding the use of pyxes to carry consecrated hosts from our churches. Since they hold the Eucharist, pyxes are sacred vessels. *Redemptionis Sacramentum* (2004), Paragraph 117, states that sacred vessels should not be made of "glass, earthenware, clay, or other materials that break easily." To adhere to these norms, pyxes with plastic inserts can no longer be used to carry the Eucharistic Body of Christ at any of our campuses. Plastic can easily break and is not a dignified material for carrying the Eucharist. Suitable pyxes made of metal are available for borrowing at each campus. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring conformity with the Church's norms.

2025 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 may be scheduled in the Parish Office where you would like the Mass to be said. Phone numbers are provided on the bulletin cover.

WORSHIP

HOLY WEEK				EASTER VIGIL 8:45pm ST CHARLES 19 APRIL 2025
PALM <i>Sunday*</i> 13 APRIL 2025	HOLY <i>Thursday</i> 17 APRIL 2025	GOOD <i>Friday</i> 18 APRIL 2025	EASTER <i>Sunday</i> 20 APRIL 2025	
8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. ST CHARLES	6:30 p.m. ST ALBERT	12:00 p.m. ST ALBERT	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. ST CHARLES	
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. ASCENSION	7:00 p.m. ASCENSION	3:00 p.m. ST CHARLES	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. ASCENSION	
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. ST ALBERT	7:00 p.m. ST CHARLES	7:00 p.m. ASCENSION	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. ST ALBERT	
*PLAN TO BEGIN PROCESSION OUTSIDE WEATHER PERMITTING				

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

OCIA: ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

THE ELECT

THOSE RECEIVING ALL THREE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AT THE EASTER VIGIL

Mandy Bermick
Adrian Colburn
Jack Evans
Ella Ferrouge
Karen Graves
Penelope Johnson
Cyril Johnson
Libba Markowski
Averie Pfahl
Jeff Tromp
Zeva Weitz
Dylan White

CANDIDATES

THOSE ENTERING FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FROM OTHER CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS

Kaitlynn Artis
Kennedy Artis
Brittany Ferrouge
Myra Leckey
Anna Leckey
Ray Leckey
Eric Lien
Micah Messer
Thomas Neal
Dona Rice
Chad Tackett
Ruby Tackett
Melissa Tritch-Crawford

NEOPHYTES

BAPTIZED CATHOLICS WHO WILL BE COMPLETING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Cecilia Calko
Laurent Harris
John Kirk
Elisabeth Messer
Ryan McManus
Emma White
Elijah White

HELP NEEDED FOR EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

On Saturday, April 19, we will welcome 32 fully initiated members into the Mother of God Family of Parishes at the Easter Vigil. This glorious evening celebration will be followed by a reception to welcome our newest members. For the reception, we are looking for many volunteers to help in various ways:

- **4 people** (10:15 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.): **Set up food, assist with serving**
- **4 people** (11:00 p.m. – 11:45 p.m.): **Finish serving, clean up**
- **Many people** (Friday and Saturday morning): **Drop off reception food (appetizers, cheese, fruit, cookies)**

If you are willing to help prepare food or serve that evening, please contact Chris Kreger at ckreger@stcharles-kettering.org or call 937-434-6081.



The
CHOSEN
SEASON FOUR

SUNDAY
9:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.
APRIL 13
ASCENSION
WITZMAN CENTER RM 119

This weekend's first reading offers some great Words of Hope. After describing the mighty deeds God has done for Israel, Isaiah says: *"Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"* It's almost as if he's saying, *"You think God did amazing things for us long ago? You haven't seen anything yet!"* As we approach Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection, we can say the same thing. What has God done new in your heart this Lent? What has been springing forth in you?

Weekly Words of Hope



CHECK BACK HERE NEXT WEEK FOR MORE HOPE!

ST. EUGENE PARISH

On September 26, Hurricane Helene struck as a powerful Category 4 storm, leaving widespread devastation across Florida's Big Bend and western North Carolina. Asheville and Buncombe County were hit hardest, with at least 72 lives lost and many more missing or stranded. The community faces immense emotional, physical, and spiritual challenges as they begin the long road to recovery. Amid the chaos, St. Eugene Parish has been a shining light, supported by the generosity of kindhearted strangers. The funds they've received have provided shelter, home repairs, and stability to parishioners in need. This Lenten season, the Social Action Committee has chosen St. Eugene's community for their project, pledging to stand by them as they heal and rebuild from this devastating storm.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING**ISAIAH 117**

In 2014, Ronda and Corey Paulson were inspired to create Isaiah 117 House after discovering the painful experiences children face when removed from their homes. Witnessing children wait in cold, sterile offices, filled with fear, Ronda felt a calling to provide a warm, loving space for them during these difficult times. Isaiah 117 House offers a comforting refuge with clean clothes, toys, blankets, and compassionate volunteers. Its mission is to reduce trauma, ease transitions, and support foster families, showing every child they are seen, loved, and cared for.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Shoes of all sizes
Baby clothes
Teen-sized clothes
Gift cards (for meals for children and foster families)
Diapers and pull-ups

Learn more at:

ISAIAH117HOUSE.COM

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**MGFP DOCK****HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
in St. Charles / Youth Room

APRIL

**13 SIGNIFICANCE
OF EASTER**

RSVP

**KELLY SUMMERS**

MGFP Coordinator of Youth Ministry

✉ ksummers@stcharles-kettering.org

☎ 937-570-1665

OVER THE EDGE

MINISTRY FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
in St. Charles / Youth Room

APRIL

**11 NIGHT ON
HOLY WEEK**

RSVP



DINNER ALWAYS PROVIDED

ANNIE WOOD

MGFP Coordinator of JR. High Youth

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Mother of God Family of Parishes invites you to
Bible Camp 2025
June 16-20, 9 AM to Noon
St. Charles Borromeo campus
Join us for fun, friendship & learning how much God loves us!
Campers K-6th, Jr. High, Teen + Adult Staff
Scan the QR code or visit stcharles-kettering.org to register!

HEY, RISING 9TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS:

FATHER TONY IS GOING TO NCYC.

BE LIKE FATHER TONY & SIGN UP FOR
NCYC TODAY!

NOV 20-23, 2025



I ♥ NCYC
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC
YOUTH CONFERENCE

**A NOTE TO PARENTS**

First graders must be baptized before age seven and attend religious education to receive First Communion in second grade. Seventh graders need to be enrolled in religious education for both seventh and eighth grades to prepare for Confirmation at the end of eighth grade. For enrollment questions, please contact Tara Schumaker at Ascension/St. Albert at tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net or Erin Fanning at St. Charles at efanning@stcharles-kettering.org.

Baptism
PREPARATION CLASS

Do you have a child under 7
needing Baptism? Join a
Baptism Preparation Class!

MONDAY, APRIL 7
7 PM AT ST. CHARLES CAMPUS
efanning@stcharles-kettering.org

STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF MARCH 30**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

Offertory Income	\$	14,545.25
YTD Offertory Income	\$	942,737.56
YTD Budget	\$	824,850.00
St. Vincent Conference	\$	700.00

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income	\$	12,435.00
YTD Offertory Income	\$	904,051.00
YTD Budget	\$	1,000,000.00
St. Vincent Conference	\$	90.00

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Offertory Income	\$	24,011.00
YTD Offertory Income	\$	1,330,163.00
YTD Budget	\$	1,234,906.00
Diakonia	\$	448.00

THANK YOU FOR EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Over the next few weeks, we wish to thank the many generous people—those listed below, as well as those who requested to remain anonymous—who donated to the Easter Flower Fund at each of our campuses. May God grant you continued blessings throughout Lent and the Easter season!

Doug Fleser - Patricia Fleser

Mindy Gurnick - Ted & Katie O'Neil

*Nana & Sue McCann -
Mrs. Carolus Schneider*

Karen Frazier - M/M Larry Mader

Father Jim Manning - Ted & Katie O'Neil

*Dr. & Mrs. E.A. Millonig -
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Brinkman*

John & Jeannine Gauthier - Laura Juhasz

Nancy & Dan Peters - Ted & Katie O'Neil

Gearing Family - M/M Dennis Bristow

Ann & Denny Hart - Ted & Katie O'Neil

*Dominca Montesano -
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Schnier*

Gene Gibson - James Zimmer

Leslie Peebles - Ted & Katie O'Neil

*Joseph Montesano -
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Schnier*

Gnau Family - Norma Schweller

Vernon & Pauline Scarr - Matt Scarr

Dorothy Nadler - Mr. David Nadler

Good Family - Carolyn Good

*William & Roberta Semmett-
Semmett Family*

Justin Osterfeld - The Osterfeld Family

Bob Askins- Carol Askins

Easter Flower Envelopes were mailed home with in the regular envelope packet at Ascension and St. Charles Campuses. At St. Albert Campus, envelopes are available in the Gathering Space and Church. All three campuses accept online donations on their websites.

LOVE IN ACTION

ROSARY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

*Saturdays, April 5–April 12, 9:30 a.m.
Ascension Campus, Church*

Join us this Lent for a Scriptural Rosary for Peace and Justice, led by the Mother of God Family of Parishes Social Action Committee. Each Saturday at 9:30 a.m., beginning April 5, we will gather at Ascension Campus to pray the Luminous Mysteries. Let us unite in prayer, following Jesus' example of service to the poor and vulnerable. All are welcome – bring a friend or two! For more information, contact Cathy at cmagness@ascensionkettering.org.

YOU'RE A BIG DILL!
DONATE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES!

Show love and help avoid critical blood shortages when you give the most important gift of all, the gift of life!
Be a hero for someone in need, give blood today.

Blood Drive
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH
SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SATURDAY
APRIL 12, 2025
9AM TO 1PM

Donate blood to receive this shirt
*All gifts are available while supplies last and are subject to change.
Color and design are also subject to change on any time and based on availability from the manufacturer.

Schedule your next donation today.
Donor Time App | 937-461-3220 | donorveritas.org



TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:
[DONORTIME.COM](https://donortime.com): 208 OR SCAN QR CODE

FEED THE HUNGRY CASSEROLES

Casserole pans are available to provide a meal for our neighbors at the St. Vincent shelters. Instructions are with each pan. One-pound cans of vegetables, bags of apples, oranges, and carrot sticks & celery—washed and cut up, ready to serve—are also needed.

Church of the Ascension Campus

Pick up pans: April 5-6, May 3-4, May 31-June 1

Pans due by: April 25, May 23, June 20 (*Deliver frozen meals either to the Witzman Center or drop off in the parish office by Noon on the due date.*)

St. Albert the Great Campus

Pick up pans: April 26th

Pans due by: May 3rd

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Pick up pans: April 6, May 4, June 1

Pans due by: April 13, May 11, June 8 (*Deliver frozen to the Hospitality Room, 8-10:45 a.m.*)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All men of MGFP are invited to participate on April 12, 8-9am, at the Church of Ascension Campus, Witzman Center, Room 119. Contact Mike Wager, mewager07@gmail.com, 937-361-1369. Session 1: Were the Gospels Anonymous? Can we trust the Gospels? Were these accounts written by individuals with firsthand knowledge of Jesus Christ? Dr. Pitre begins this series by examining why the Gospels are reliable sources of information about Jesus and by looking at the historical evidence that backs up this claim.



SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 1, 2025

JOIN US ON A 9-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE!

SPACE IS LIMITED - ENROLLMENT DEADLINE APRIL 15TH!

LED BY
FR. TONY SANITATO



A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

AT A GLANCE

- Apr 6** — Koffee Klatsch, 9:30 a.m. to noon., St. Charles Campus
- Apr 7** — Baptism Class 7 p.m. - St. Charles Campus
- Apr 10** — Senior Day Luncheon, after Noon Mass, St. Albert
- Apr 12** — Rosary for Peace & Justice - 9:30 a.m. - Ascension Campus
- Apr 12** — Blood Drive - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - St Charles Campus
- Apr 12** — Men's Fellowship - 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. - Ascension Campus

CHAIR ONE FITNESS

Tuesdays - April 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 4:30-5:00 pm in the Witzman Center, Room 118, at the Ascension Campus.

No special equipment is needed—just wear comfy clothes and shoes, and come ready to have fun and feel energized. For questions, contact Alice Ernst at alice4chaironefitness@gmail.com.

SENIOR DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 10 • Following the Noon Mass at St. Albert Campus in the Spirit Center

All members of the Mother of God Family of Parishes aged 65 and older are invited to attend. Join us for a meal followed by fun entertainment. Reservations ARE REQUIRED and must be made by Sunday, April 6. To RSVP call Linda at 937-299-5200.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "BUNDLE WEEKEND"

Saturday & Sunday, April 26-27, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a collection trailer in the parking area of St. Albert the Great the weekend after Easter, April 26 and 27. Acceptable donations include clean, usable clothing, linens, household goods, bagged & boxed.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Monday, April 14, 9:15 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

There will be a Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Charles, but all knitters and crocheters are welcome, with a special welcome to those from the Church of the Ascension and St. Albert the Great!

KNIGHTS SUPER CASH BONANZA

The Knights of Columbus of Ascension Council 14891 is holding its annual Super Cash Bonanza Charity Fund Drive. This is our biggest and most important fundraiser of our Fraternal Year. It is the way in which we earn all the money we need to support our charitable endeavors both here at Ascension and in our community. Tickets are once again \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held on **May 24, 2025** in Cleveland at the Annual Ohio State Council Convention. We accept cash and checks (make payable to KofC Council 14891). We are unfortunately unable to accept credit cards. Please see any of your favorite Knights or check our website at <http://kofc14891kettering.us> for additional information. You can also email kofc14891@gmail.com with your name and phone number and we'll contact you.

TIPS FROM CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

Don't let fresh herbs go to waste! Use what you need, chop the leftovers into usable portions, and freeze them in ice cubes for later use. Enjoy fresh herbs whenever you need them! The next Montgomery County Styrofoam Recycling Event will be Saturday, April 12, 9 am-1 pm at the Rose Music Center in Huber Heights.

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES INFO

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Bulletin – 10 days prior to publication date

Flocknote/E-news – Thursday at noon

The LIGHT – 12th of Nov., Feb., May, Aug.

FAMILY LEADERSHIP TEAM

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION CAMPUS ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

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*Are you ready to see and experience life differently?
This is the day! Have faith in the risen Lord.*

Most of us have moments in which we go through the motions. We get up, go to work or school, work out, go out with friends, or enjoy quiet at home, and start the next day no different than the one before.

Occasionally, something powerful happens. We hear from a friend we haven't seen in a long time; we are struck by a moment of beauty, a difficult circumstance arises, or we simply find ourselves longing for more, aching for meaning, purpose, and impact.

This month at Sunday Mass, we hear the stories of the early communities of believers and what took place after Jesus' resurrection. The lives of the apostles and those who gathered with them were turned upside down by all they experienced in Jesus' ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. They had to look at their lives differently as a result.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, their hearts and minds were opened to the love of God in unexpected and powerful ways.

In response, they shared with others: they told the stories of Jesus, gave their time and resources in care of those in need, and came together as people in community with one another.

The same thing can happen to us: let us take this Easter season to open our minds and hearts to the love of God, and respond to this love by sharing: faith, time, prayer, talents, and resources, as Christ's people together.

Impact awaits!



Impact this month

LOOK AROUND

Notice people who need care.
Be attentive to those who are lonely or troubled.
Pay attention to parish or community service days that would benefit from your participation.

TALK ABOUT IT

Share ideas for action with family and friends.

DO SOMETHING

Offer your time in service.
Spend time with God in prayer.
Share the gifts of peace, faith, and hope
- the world needs you!

Is doubt a bad thing?

What we can learn from "doubting Thomas."

The apostles were gathered in a locked room when Jesus came to them, offered them peace, and helped them to believe that he had risen from the dead. But Thomas was not there that day, and when he returned, he expressed his doubt. Now, centuries after that moment, we still know him as "doubting Thomas."

Is doubt a bad thing?
In and of itself, no. Doubt is actually part

of the process of growing in faith. Our doubts show us the aspects of faith and discipleship that we need to bring to prayer, explore, and grow beyond. Which is exactly what Thomas did.

We can learn from Thomas. He expressed his doubts to the people whom he trusted and listened to their expressions of faith; he took his doubts to Christ, who

showed him the way to faith; he moved from doubt to belief, later spreading the Gospel as a missionary.

What doubts do you have? To whom could you talk about these doubts? Have you taken your doubts to Jesus in prayer?

Follow Thomas' example, so that, in time, you may also say, "My Lord and my God!"



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Sharing the hope of peace



In many of the post-resurrection Gospel narratives, Jesus greets the apostles by saying, "Peace be with you." His peace counteracts their confusion and fear, giving them the strength to live as his disciples in uncertain times.

As baptized Christians, we have been given the peace of the Lord; the Holy Spirit dwells with us; we know of God's love for us and for the world, and are called to share this love and peace, which is so much needed in our time.

This is Jesus' message to all who follow him: we have been sent into the world to know and to share the peace of Christ in every circumstance in which peace is lacking.

"The first sign of hope should be the desire for peace in our world," Pope Francis states in his proclamation of the Jubilee Year 2025. "May the Jubilee remind us that those who are peacemakers will be called "children of God" (Mt

5:9). The need for peace challenges us all, and demands that concrete steps be taken. May diplomacy be tireless in its commitment to seek, with courage and creativity, every opportunity to undertake negotiations aimed at a lasting peace. Peace is at the heart of the risen Christ's message." (Spes non confundit, 8)

How do we share peace today?

Start at home. When conflicts arise, look for and bring a peaceful solution even when (especially when) peace requires compromise among family members.

Find ways to share peace with friends and co-workers. Rather than contributing to conflict, actively seek and build on areas of agreement among people..

Advocate and vote for peace. Be attentive to candidates and civic leaders who promote and work for just and peaceful solutions to conflict.

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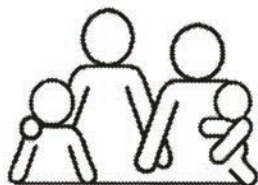
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