

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

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

ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

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WORSHIP



BECOMING CATHOLIC

Anyone wishing to inquire about the Catholic faith or seeking to complete their Sacraments (including children age 7 and older) 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 5:30AM-10PM, St. Charles Borromeo Campus

WEDDING BANNS

For the THIRD TIME for Matt Purpus and Brooke Fornes.



update your contacts Please notify the Parish Office of a change of contact information, including phone number, address, email or if you're moving out of the parish.

HAPPY EASTER! JESUS HAS ARISEN! ALLELUIA! GLORY!!!!

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, glory signifies "a manifestation of the Divine Majesty, truth, goodness, or some other

attribute through His incarnate Son." The Lord's Resurrection is truly glorious! Jesus has performed the miraculous! The Lord has conquered death through His Resurrection, a victorious triumph over what looked like inevitable failure. He has transformed what seemed like an utter defeat through His agony and death on the cross into glory! His laying down of His life on the cross is and will always be the apex event of human and salvation history.

"Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin, but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await Him." (Hebrews 9:28) Such a gracious sacrifice was offered for humanity's sake to make atonement for the offenses against God due to sin. Jesus' perfect sacrifice makes full and complete atonement for mankind's sins against God and opens the possibility for us to have eternal life with God.

May we each be encouraged by the Lord Jesus' glorious Resurrection this Easter to live out our lives as zealous disciples! As disciples, we are called to follow Jesus! We do so in the sure and certain hope that Jesus' glorious power reigns in our lives from Baptism. Thus, Jesus' Resurrection should give each of us hope throughout all the seasons of our lives. Jesus can bring His transformative and glorious love and mercy into our lives to make all things new. He can resurrect life—even that which appears to be dead. Jesus' Resurrection should always provide us with hope, which is what we are to live in every moment of our lives!

We share in the Lord's glory by being fellow brothers and sisters of Christ. "We are not among those who draw back and perish, but among those who have faith and will possess life." (Hebrews 10:39) Amen! Have a Happy Easter!

Fr. Tony Sanitato Vicar for the Mother of God Family of Parishes

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, Betty Gaudion, Jessica Gerasi, Louise Hageman, Carol Harris, Janice M., Joseph Paul, Jackie Pennington, Mary Jane Ryan, Mary Jo Mykytka, 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.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD **APRIL 20, 2025**

WORSHIP

MASS SCHEDULE* + INTENTIONS

MONDAY, A 12:00 p.m.	PRIL 21 Margaret Delaney — A/H Delaney	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus		
TUESDAY, APRIL 22					
8:30 a.m.	John Dineen—Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus		
12:00 p.m.	Kevin & Mya Wagoner—Family	Fr. Tom	St. Albert the Great Campus		
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23					
8:30 a.m.	Wilbur & Prestel—Diane Phillips	Fr. Tom	St. Charles Borromeo Campus		
9:00 a.m.	Betty Kretz—Bev Ishmael	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus		
12:00 p.m.	Genrose McDonald —Family	Fr. Dan	St. Albert the Great Campus		
THURSDAY, APRIL 24					
8:30 a.m.	Nelly Arbelaez—Family	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus		
9:00 a.m.	Paul Tarlano — Special Intention	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus		
12:00 p.m.	Linda & Roger Naguit —				
	Ragas-Monte Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus		

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

12:00 p.m. Je	ffrey McKinney —Wife & Children	Fr. Tony	St. Albert the Great Campus
SATURDAY, AI	PRIL 26		

9:00 a.m. John Tincu—Bill & Ralene Zimmerman Fr. Chibueze Church of the Ascension Campus

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4:30 p.m. Bob Askins —The Eylon Family	Fr. Tom	St. Albert the Great Campus
5:00 p.m. Pete Venditto —Clara Venditto	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus
5:00 p.m. Louise Cengia—Jim & Monica Cengia	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

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8:30 a.m.	Armand Perron — Debbie Rogers	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus		
8:30 a.m.	Kamp-Haufe Family—Mark	Fr. Tom	St. Albert the Great Campus		
8:30 a.m.	St. Charles Borromeo Church	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus		
10:30 a.m.	Matthew Vail—Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campu		
11:00 a.m.	Church of the Ascension	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus		
11:00 a.m.	St. Albert the Great Church	Fr. Tom	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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Do you want to rediscover the joy you and your spouse shared when you were first married? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do just that! The 2025 Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are now scheduled:

- September 19-21 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio
- November 7-9 at the Spiritual Center at Maria Stein, Ohio
- July 25-27 at our newest retreat location, the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio

Weekends can fill up quickly, so applying early is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. Apply today at https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php. For questions or more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859-653-8464, application@esharing.org, or visit esharing.org.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF...

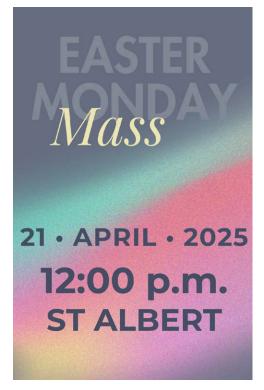
Barry Weaver was a parishioner. His Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, April 11, at the St. Albert the Great Campus.

Thomas Joseph Rauch was a parishioner. His Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, April 16, at the St. Charles Borromeo Campus.

Kathleen Molnar was a parishioner. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, April 29, at the St. Albert the Great Campus.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO **CALL HOME?**

Welcome! We are glad you're here! Easter celebrates the wonderful gift of love and hope that God has given us through the Lord, Jesus Christ. If you've ever wondered how to connect with God and seek a faith that's practical in your life, we invite you to learn with us. Perhaps you're ready to reconnect with the seeds of faith planted in your childhood? Come and grow with us! Our family of parishes offers a wonderful process for adults and families to learn about the Catholic faith called the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Email Chris Kreger at ckreger@stcharleskettering.org for more information and to get started today.



MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING FOR JULY-DECEMBER 2025

Mass Intention scheduling is now open through the end of 2025. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office:

- Ascension Campus: 937-253-5171
- St. Albert Campus: 937-293-1191
- St. Charles Campus: 937-434-6081

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

ACTS XXIX: THE RESCUE PROJECT

Friday, April 25 at 9:15-11 a.m., St. Charles Borromeo Campus, Borromeo Room.

Session 2: Why Is There Something Rather Than Nothing? (CREATED) Join us Friday morning for coffee, prayer, discussion, sharing of our need for a personal, loving relationship with Jesus Christ, our Creator and our need to share our excitement.

RISE FROM THE DARKNESS

Tuesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m., St. Charles Borromeo

Rise from the Darkness is a six-week series led by Sarah Archuleta, exploring the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary during the Easter season. The sessions reflect on how Christ's victory over death brings light to our world's darkness. Meetings will be held at the St. Charles Borromeo Campus in the Borromeo Room—Tuesday mornings (April 29–June 3, 9:15–10:45 a.m.) and Thursday evenings (May 1–June 5, 6:30–8:00 p.m.). All are welcome!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

This spring, we are offering a formation opportunity for adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation to help them prepare for and complete the sacrament. To learn more or to register, please email Chris Kreger at ckreger@stcharles-kettering.org.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON END OF LIFE CARE

Bob Wurzelbacher, Director of the Office for Respect Life at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, will discuss Catholic teachings on end-of-life medical decision-making, including cancer treatment, artificial feeding, and the preparation of living wills, advance directives, and healthcare power of attorney.

Wednesday April 30 7:00 PM Ascension Church

Contact Doris Sills at drsills3@yahoo.com

OUTDOOR ROSARY WALK

Tuesday evenings, 7 PM at Church of the Ascension Begins April 22!



THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

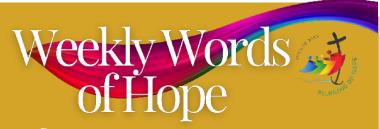
Next week, our parishes will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please consider giving generously to the Collection and revealing Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the Collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF APRIL 13



FINANCIALS FOR THIS WEEK WERE UNAVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING

Happy Easter! One of the most ancient greetings among Christians during the Easter season is "Alleluia! The Lord is risen!" to which the response is, "He is risen indeed!" This is the realization of all hopes. From the moment Adam and Eve were banished from Eden, humanity has waited, century after century, for the redemption that Jesus' Resurrection brings. Death is defeated. Sin is powerless. Satan is trampled underfoot. Alleluia! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!



CHECK BACK HERE NEXT WEEK FOR MORE HOPE!

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FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH





A NOTE TO CATHOLIC **PARENTS**

- · First graders must be baptized before the age of seven and attend both 1st and 2nd grade religious education classes in order to make First Communion in second grade.
- · Seventh graders must be enrolled and attend religious education in both 7th and 8th grade to make Confirmation toward the end of their eighth grade year.

If you have questions concerning enrolling your child in Religious Education as part of sacramental preparation, please contact Tara Schumaker at Ascension/St. Albert at tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net, or Erin Fanning at St. Charles at efanning@stcharles-kettering.org.

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in St. Albert the Great **Spirit Center**

APRII

25 HANG OUT

RSVP

DINNER ALWAYS PROVIDED

ANNIE WOOD

MGFP Coordinator of JR. High Youth ✓ awood@ascensionkettering.org

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HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

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

MAY





KELLY SUMMERS

MGFP Coordinator of Youth Ministry ksummers@stcharles-kettering.org

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FOR THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN...

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE! PRAISE GOD! You are welcome to join us at any Mass. Please know that families are valued! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

WE SUGGEST:

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing only the backs of other
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn by copying
- Please don't stress about little noises children make. If an incident should happen and you feel that you and your child need to leave the pew for a time, we understand. When your child is calm again, we want you to come back to Mass.

If you have to leave your pew with your child at St. Albert, you may either exit through the back doors of church to watch Mass from behind the large plexiglass windows, or you may go to the gathering space where you can hear Mass, and watch a livestream on a TV screen.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at the 11:00 a.m. Masses.

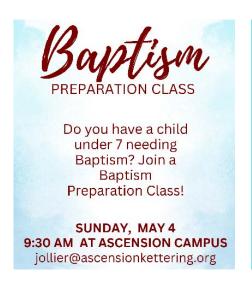
If you have to leave your pew with your child at St. Charles, you can take them out into the Gathering space where you can still hear (and partially see) the Mass.

- St. Charles also has a nursery that is staffed at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sundays as an option.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

If you have to leave your pew with your child at Ascension, feel free to use one of our two Quieting Rooms in back of the church until your child is ready to return to the pew.

- Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 11:00 a.m. Masses.
- As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

TO OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH: Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship. The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our parish is growing! Please welcome children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents and introduce yourself.





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 the Easter season!

M/M Ron Hittle - M/M Richard Keil Alma Brethen - Ms. Mary Ann Drewry Donald Jr. Hock - Diane Benincasa John Dineen - Family Donnita Hock-Tanner - Diane Benincasa Charles Feeser - Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Daulton Robert & Margaret Huston -

M/M Clarence Hamman Josephina Feeser -

Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Daulton
Vera Huston - Ann Stoff
Helen Herz - Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Daulton
Anna Hutzelman - M/M Jack Louden
Robert Herz - Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Daulton
Connie Hutzelman - M/M Jack Louden
Mark Hommel - Ms. Mary Ann Drewry
Family Hutzelman - M/M Jack Louden
Helen Laub - Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Daulton
Richard C. Jacob -

M/M Deric Brown & Ruth Jacob
Eugene L. Lehman - Mrs. Rose Lehman
Isabel Jaqucki - M/M Mark Pinti
Robin Lehman - Mrs. Mary Lehman
Louis Jaqucki - M/M Mark Pinti
Russell Lehman - Mrs. Mary Lehman
Brian Johnson - Darrell Johnson
Larry Mackey - Family
Cathy Johnson - Diane Benincasa
Anita Mariscalco - Mr. Tony Mariscalco
Debbie Johnson - Darrell Johnson
Paul Glaser Family - Family
John W. Jones - Helen Jones
Mr. & Mrs Cyril Phillips Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Phillips

Suzy Jones - M/M Mark Pinti

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Phillips

Mr. Patrick Phillips -

Tom Lehmkuhl - Rose Ann Lehmkuhl Frank Rataiczak - Ms. Mary Ann Drewry Kaiser Family - M/M Frederick Kaiser Grace Schiavone - Mr. Tony Mariscalco Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Keil - M/M Richard Keil Ann Weitzel - Ms. Sally Ames Arlene Keller - Sandra Neargarder Jack Wissman - Ms. Patricia Wissman Susan Keller - M/M Matthew Boyd Mr. Frank Zwinski -

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Phillips
Roy Kellerman - M/M Steven Mueller
Kelly Family - Kate Kelly
Marvin & Ida Kite - M/M Richard Channell
Klein Family - M/M Jack Louden
Skyp & Jayne Klein - M/M Jack Louden
Bob Kosins - Pamela Kosins
Theodore Kowalski - Mary Anne Kowalski
Betty Kretz - Beverly Ishmael
M/M Joseph S. Kruszynski -

M/M Frank Macharoni
Tom Kwest - Richard Dailey
Jeannine Larochelle - M/M Paul Larochelle
Marcel Larochelle - M/M Paul Larochelle
Bernardine M. Lee - M/M Mark Steberl
Edward & Frances Long - M/M Larry Mader
Doug & Mary Lowe - M/M John Nodzak
Linda Lucas - M/M John Nodzak
M/M Frank, Sr. Macharoni -

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Michael Macharoni - M/M Frank Macharoni
Charlie Mader - M/M Gary Scheper
Tony & Betty Mader - M/M Gary Scheper
Brad Mahle - M/M Bill Mahle
Madlyn Malahy - James Malahy
Christine Manning - Mary Wening
Leola Mardis - Dorothy Mardis

Ronald Mardis - Dorothy Mardis Robert & Julitta Martz - M/M Peter Graham Tim Martz - M/M Peter Graham McCreight Family - Carolyn Good Edward & Catherine McLean -

Sally Lindsay Anthony Mercuri - Teresa Mercuri Ralph P. Mercuri - Teresa Mercuri Sara S. Mercuri - Teresa Mercuri Don & Rita Middleton - Janet Ricketts M/M Joseph Militello - M/M Richard Keil Bob Miller - M/M John Nodzak Jim & Addie Miller - Barbara Curp Robert Milthaler - Dorothy Mardis Ronald Mock - Doris Mock Joseph Monnin - M/M Donald Bernard Mott Gerald - M/M George Satalia Don Mueller - M/M Steven Mueller Leo & Irene Nagel - Laura Juhasz Jeff Neargard<mark>er - Sandra Neargar</mark>der Susan M. O'Dee -

James O'Dee & Kathleen Jacobs
Bazel & Laure Osbourn - M/M John Nodzak
Jim Oswalt - Carole Oswalt
Palmer Family - Barbara Palmer
Edward Pelc - M/M Jeffrey McManus
Paul Pelc - M/M Jeffrey McManus
Angelina Perrone - M/M John Eonta
Salvatore Perrone - M/M John Eonta
Pfahler Family - Barbara Palmer
Josephine Pinti - M/M Mark Pinti
Tony Pinti - M/M Mark Pinti
Helen Prasnikar - M/M Steven Mueller
Tony Prasnikar - M/M Steven Mueller
Father Ed Pratt - Richard Dailey
Radachi Family - Patrick Radachi

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A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

MGFP BOOK DRIVE

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

To celebrate spring and honor Earth Day, the Sustainability Committee is hosting a Book Drive in partnership with Project Read, part of Goodwill Easter Seals. Project Read promotes literacy through in-person tutoring in the Miami Valley. The drive, which collected 8,000 books in 2021, will be held at the St. Charles Campus and is open to the entire Mother of God Family of Parishes. Volunteers will be available to collect books, rain or shine, and there will be a designated area for worn-out books to be recycled. Pope Francis' message on environmental care encourages us to protect God's creation through actions like this.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW MEMBER INVITE

Let your Knights of Columbus membership be your gift to God in celebration of His Resurrection. Join now for FREE at kofc.org with promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.

FR. LAWRENCE NWABUEZE

Saturday, May 10, 5 p.m. at Ascension Campus

We celebrate Fr. Lawrence Nwabueze! Ascension parishioners may remember our other brother from Nigeria, Fr. Lawrence, who assisted in celebrating regular weekend Masses with us for 6-7 years. A member of the Dominican Order of Nigeria, he came to the United States to attend the University of Dayton to pursue a doctorate degree. At a time when Fr. Chris Worland was in great need for steady weekend assistance, Fr. Lawrence arrived and asked how he could help! That's how God works, right? He moved to Youngstown a few years ago, but has remained in touch. Long story short, Fr. Lawrence will graduate from the University of Dayton on May 10 with his PhD in Higher Education Administration. He will celebrate the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 10 and invites his MGFP friends to join in a reception following the Mass in the Witzman Center. To plan accordingly for food, please text Cathy at 937-231-9853 with your name and number of people attending.



APRIL 26 & 27

8:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

A large trailer will be located in the St. Albert the Great parking lot, next to the soccer field, on April 26 and 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will be collecting clean, usable clothing, linens, and household items (all items must be bagged or boxed). Your donations help improve lives and support the fight against poverty and homelessness.

ITEMS NEEDED/WANTED:

- Textiles Clean, usable clothing, shoes and linens are preferred.
- Household items and small appliances that are in good repair. (Dishes, pots and pans, bakeware, coffee makers, toasters, flatware, utensils, etc.
- Small miscellaneous and your car.
 decorative items for the home.
 Items that we do not accept

HELPFUL TIPS TO MAKE A BUNDLE SUNDAY SUCCESSFUL:

- Please do not put furniture on the trailers. If you need a home pick-up, call 937-425-0592
- bakeware, coffee makers,
 Please donate only items of toasters, flatware, utensils, etc.) the size that you can fit into
 Small miscellaneous and your car.
 - Items that we do not accept include: bicycles, toys, baby items, books.

AT A GLANCE

April 21 - Easter Monday Mass at Noon. at St. Albert the Great

April 22 – Outdoor Rosary Walk at 7:00 p.m. at Ascension

April 25 – Acts XXIX at 9:15 a.m., St. Charles Campus

April 25 - Over the Edge at 6:00 p.m. at St. Albert the Great

April 26 & 27 - Sunday Bundle at St. Albert the Great

April 26 & 27 - Food Pantry Collection at Ascension

April 26 & 27 – Knollwood Gift Card Sale at St. Albert the Great

ASCENSION GOLF LEAGUE

All men and women of the Mother of God Family of Parishes are invited to join a fun, Nine-hole Golf League every Tuesday evening, starting April 29, playing the Dales Course at Community. All skill levels are welcome—it's all about enjoying good company, fresh air, and exercise. For more information, contact Dennis Grosjean at 937-427-2550 or dfgrosjean@yahoo.com.

CHAIR ONE FITNESS

Tuesdays - April 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.

TIPS FROM CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

Before discarding an item, think about whether any part of it can be reused, repurposed, or repaired. For instance, shoelaces from old sneakers can be used in many ways. You can find more ideas in groups like "Recycle, Reuse and Repurpose!" For ecofriendly confetti, consider punching holes in leaves instead of using plastic-based confetti—it's biodegradable and can be tossed outside afterward.

LOVE IN ACTION

AS WE EMBRACE THE SEASON OF RENEWAL, CONSIDER INCORPORATING SOME OF THESE **ACTS OF STEWARDSHIP INTO YOUR DAILY LIFE:**

- 1. Write a note of encouragement and prayer to someone entering the Church.
- 2. Make a blood donation.
- Join or start a Bible study group.
- 4. Keep the Sabbath holy. Make a pledge not to work on
- 5. Plan an outing with your family.
- 6. Re-examine your commitment to the parish's offertory
- 7. Introduce yourself to a fellow parishioner with whom you are unfamiliar.
- 8. Celebrate Earth Day 2025 (April 22) through prayer and commitment to curb pollution.
- 9. Help a neighbor who is physically unable to clean their yard.
- 10. Don't text when you drive.
- 11. Reduce your stress by getting outside and getting some exercise.
- 12. Make contact with a relative you haven't seen in a long
- 13. Take time to pray each day.
- 14. Treat your family or loved one to a day at a museum.
- 15. Volunteer to participate in a community cleanup effort.
- 16. Make a gift to your diocesan annual appeal.
- 17. Plant flowers, shrubs or trees in a park or other location.
- 18. Donate gently used clothing.

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. St. Vincent de Paul Council at St. Charles Borromeo Campus is always in need of one-pound cans of vegetables, as well as bags of apples, oranges, and carrot sticks & celery—washed and cut up, ready to serve.

Church of the Ascension Campus

Pick up pans: 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 dropped 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: May 4, June 1

Pans due by: May 11, June 8 (Deliver frozen to the Hospitality

Room, 8-10:45 a.m.)

APRIL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The next collection for the Ascension Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry will be held on April 26-27. While the Pantry is well-stocked with food thanks to the Montgomery County Food Bank and Meijer Simply Give funds, these funds can only be used for food. Donations of personal care items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes) and non-food necessities (dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet tissue) are needed. Please drop off your donations in the blue containers at each entrance. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

The Ascension Family Fish Fry was a big success! We wanted to send along a big THANK-YOU and let you all know how much we appreciate your help, attendance, and support. Thanks to the Ascension Welcome & Hospitality Committee, the Knights of Columbus Council 14891, Paul Larochelle for the oven-baked fish, Dan and Maggie Kraus for the yummy grilled cheese, the Ascension Ladies Auxiliary, Susan Trimbach and her wonderful basket raffle, Matt Stefanski and John Schultz for doing instants, the Parish Staff, especially Ann Gross and Sarah Green, and the Hecht Family Fryers!! 280 pounds of fish were used! Final counts are not available at this time, but we suspect this was our best year yet! Thanks again and God Bless!

ST ALBERT PTO



\$25 GIFT CARDS TO KNOLLWOOD SOLD IN THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER MASSES DURING THE WEEKEND

YOU GET TO SPEND ALL \$25 ON GARDEN GOODIES **AND \$5 OF EVERY CARD** SOLD GOES DIRECTLY TO **OUR SCHOOL!**

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2025 MGFP Father-Daughter Amazing Race

Join us for a fun scavenger hunt around the city for girls in grades 4-8! All families in the Mother of God Family of Parishes are invited.

Sunday, May 4, 2-5 PM

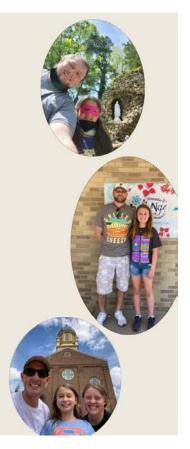
Meet outside of Walsh Hall, behind St. Charles School building.

Theme: Rhyme Without Reason
For extra team points, fathers and
daughters can dress up as rhyming words
(e.g. Guy Fieri + Blueberry, FBI + Butterfly, Top Gun + Nun, etc.)

Cost: \$15 per family

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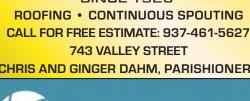
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