

JUNE 1, 2025 | SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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
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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 BORROMEIO

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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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations on Friday, June 6, 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Campus.

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*
7 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations*
+daily Eucharistic Chapel
5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
St. Charles Borromeo Campus



A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD

Dear Family,

On May 8, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost became Pope Leo XIV, the first pope from the United States. When I first heard who had been elected, I thought I must have misunderstood. But after verifying, I felt exceptional amazement and joy. No one expected a pope from the United States, especially people in the United States. It was more than most of us ever hoped or

imagined possible. Two weeks out from that incredible news, that amazement and joy has inspired in me high hopes for our foreseeable future.

He is the first Augustinian pope, deeply connected to the spirituality and theology of St. Augustine, having served as a Provost and Prior General for the Augustinians. His motto on his Coat of Arms translates, “In the One, we are one.” That comes from St. Augustine who commented on Christian unity when he said, “although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one.” This might be a good time to read parts of St. Augustine’s “Confessions” to better appreciate Pope Leo’s spirituality. To summarize St. Augustine’s spirituality, he is probably most noted for his observation, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord” and “Receive what you are, become what you receive, the Body of Christ.” He understood life is all about getting connected with Christ.

Pope Leo’s first words as pope were, “peace be with you,” just what Jesus said to his apostles when He first saw them after His resurrection. Pope Leo said the goal of his papacy would be to introduce people to Christ. Again, he understands what is most important, getting people to experience life in Christ.

I think his upbringing in South Chicago, his twenty years in ministry in Peru, plus his time in Spain and Italy will give him great perspective on diverse cultures, outlooks and needs to help him lead our Church well. Being from our nation, I think our nation will be compelled to pay closer attention to his guidance. And as our nation leads the world in so many ways, he will have exceptional influence in that.

As Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) was especially noted for his efforts at protecting human dignity during the Industrial Revolution, Pope Leo XIV sees his papacy following in his footsteps, striving to protect human dignity in the arising Social Media/Artificial Intelligence Revolution.

While there will be naysayers, thinking he is too much like or unlike his predecessors, I am hopeful and optimistic he will be a deep breath of fresh air and new light for our church. Our future is getting brighter all the time.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. Tom Nevels

PRAYER LIST

Dan Accrocco, Ken Betche, Jeff Bowling, Paige Brown, Ron Catanzaro, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Darlene Duke, Mary Ann Frederickson, Betty Gaudion, Carol Harris, Justin Hodge, Larry Hoffman, Martha Kauflin, John Maqsud, Ed Mykytka, Joseph Paul, Suzanne Radcliffe, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Jane Ryan, Ruth Schock, Mary Louise Scott, Bob Simon, Cody Simon, Donna Simon, Deacon Dick Strominger, Susan Trimbach, 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

Saturday, May 31

4:30 p.m.	Fr. Jim Manning 50th Anniversary of Ordination—Alicia & John Risko	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus
5:00 p.m.	Nicola Di Pietrantonio—Sofia Lamanna	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
5:00 p.m.	Urban & Doris Hinders—Eric & Joanie	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Sunday, June 1

8:30 a.m.	Church of the Ascension	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
8:30 a.m.	St. Albert the Great Church	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.	Jim McGraw—Family	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
11:00 a.m.	San Antonio—Sofia Lamanna	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
11:00 a.m.	Kris O'Neill—Stefan Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus

Monday, June 2

8:30 a.m.	Tom Nyhan—Judy & Pete Cerar	Fr. Stegbauer	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	Pilar & Armand Perron—Debbie Rogers	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Bill Forsthoefel—Marilyn & Buzz Portune	Fr. Ken Fortney	St. Albert the Great Campus

Tuesday, June 3

8:30 a.m.	Tom Zobrist—Pete & Judy Cerar	Fr. Dan Meyer	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
12:00 p.m.	Bob Ellis—Glen & Joy Whaley	Fr. Tom	St. Albert the Great Campus

Wednesday, June 4

8:30 a.m.	Maria Elena Torres—Ed & Elena Becker	Fr. Tom	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	John Tincu—Bill & Ralene Zimmerman	Fr. Ken Fortney	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Rose Place—Family	Fr. Stegbauer	St. Albert the Great Campus

Thursday, June 5

8:30 a.m.	Tom Rauch—Family	Fr. Stegbauer	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	Sara Tarlano—Paul Tarlano	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Mary Hansen—Family	Fr. Ken Fortney	St. Albert the Great Campus

Friday, June 6

8:30 a.m.	Joseph Buschmiller—Karen Buschmiller	Fr. Dan Meyer	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving—Julie Harshman	Fr. Chibueze	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Jim Barlow—Rosie Miller	Fr. Tony	St. Albert the Great Campus

Saturday, June 7

4:30 p.m.	Robert Alig—Patricia & Jim Nagle	Fr. Tom	St. Albert the Great Campus
5:00 p.m.	Deane Family—Kate Kelly	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus
5:00 p.m.	Ben & Jane Roberts—Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Sunday, June 8

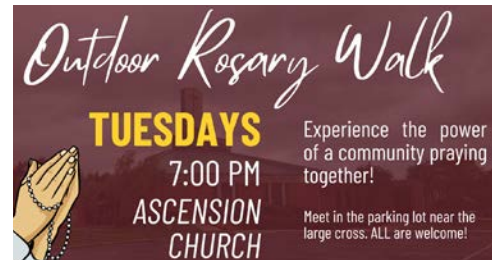
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8:30 a.m.	St. Charles Borromeo Church	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
10:30 a.m.	Mary Ann Leschansky—Christine Durr	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
11:00 a.m.	William Schweller—Norma Schweller	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus
11:00 a.m.	Mike Barlow—D. Sorgen	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.*

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF...

Clarence Hamman. His Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, May 28 at Ascension Campus.

Thomas J. Waker, Sr. His funeral service will be Monday, June 2, 1 p.m. at Westbrook, Bigger Road.



Outdoor Rosary Walk

TUESDAYS

7:00 PM

ASCENSION CHURCH

Experience the power of a community praying together!

Meet in the parking lot near the large cross. ALL are welcome!

WORSHIP

CRAFTERS WANTED

Are you skilled at working with wood and other materials? St. Charles is looking for volunteers who could help make a rolling paschal candle base and a set of candleholders. Expenses for materials would be reimbursed by the parish.

Please contact Dcn. Chris Jasek at 937-401-0097 or cjasek@stcharles-kettering.org if interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

St. Charles Borromeo Campus is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound. To learn more about this important ministry, or learn how you can help, please contact Karen Day at 937-609-0744.

WEDDING BANNIS



For the THIRD TIME for Robert Berner and Megan Goheen.

For the THIRD TIME for Jack Griner and Carissa Smith.

FAREWELL, FR. CHIBUEZE!

Please join us in bidding farewell to Fr. Chibueze as he prepares to begin a new chapter of ministry at a new family of parishes. We are deeply grateful for his faithful service, joyful spirit, and the many ways he has enriched our community. Farewell gatherings will be held after all Masses at each campus:

- Ascension: June 14-15
- St. Albert: June 21-22 (following the Corpus Christi procession)
- St. Charles: June 28-29

Let us come together to thank Fr. Chibueze for his time with us and to send him off with our prayers and blessings.

STEWARDSHIP



WEEK OF MAY 25

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income	\$	14,854
YTD Offertory Income	\$	1,101,987
YTD Budget	\$	994,050
St. Vincent Conference	\$	472

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Collection report information was not available in time for publication. Please check back next week!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income	\$	29,952
YTD Offertory Income	\$	1,573,134
YTD Budget	\$	1,493,406
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BAPTISMS

Berkleigh Annemarie Lawson

Daughter of Codi & Danielle (Haley) Lawson

Summit Kincaid Turner

Son of Timothy & Emily (Brun) Turner

Pearson Hogan, Leighton Hogan

Children of Megan & Thomas Hogan

Henry Jude Hall

Son of Andrew & Carly (Cenedella) Hall

Lucas Thornton Jespersen

Son of Luke & Laura (Mendoza) Jespersen

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

Young ADULTS Community Dinner

FOR ADULTS AGES 18-35

JUNE 8 | 4 P.M.

THE SPIRIT CENTER AT
ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS



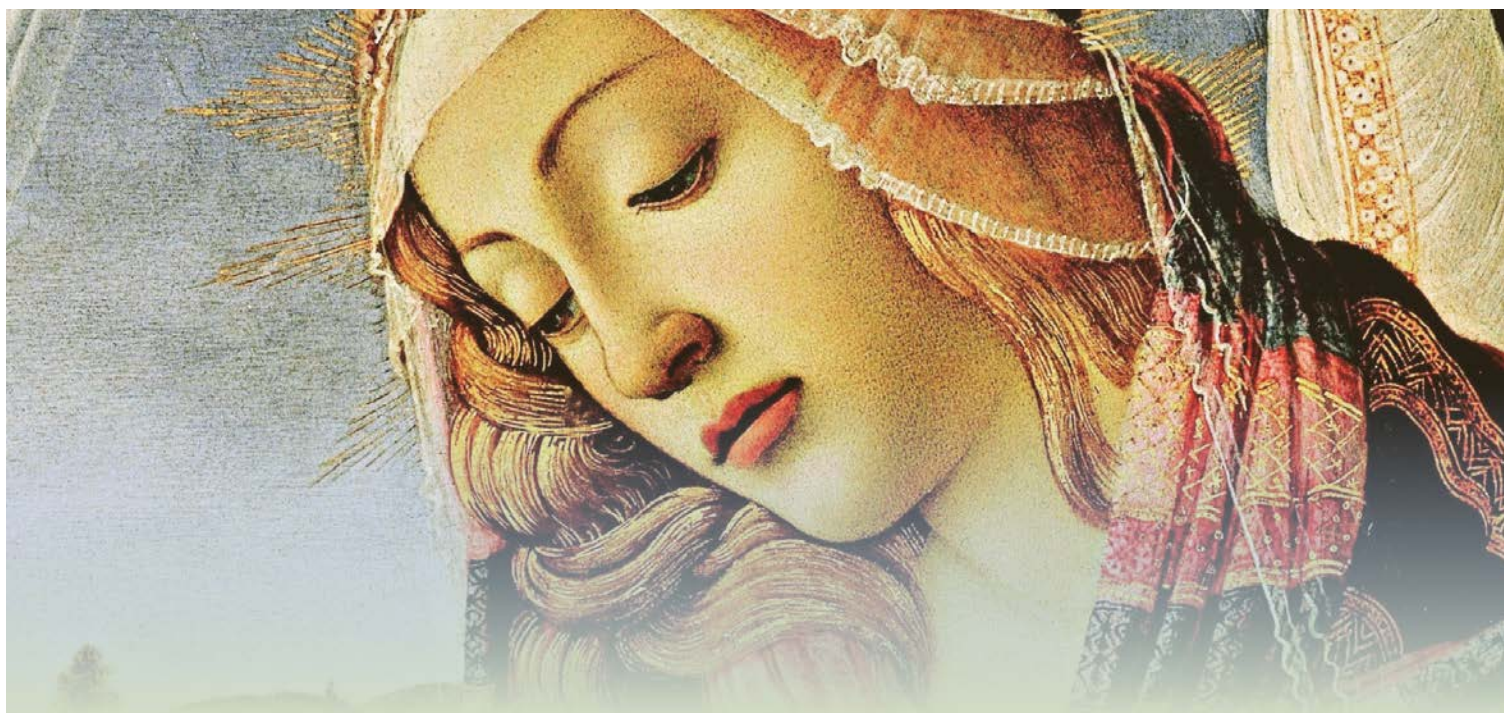
This month, we begin sharing words of Hope from some of our Catholic tradition's great Saints. Up first is St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226):

"Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will patiently, serenely. To meet others peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow confidently, courageously."

Weekly Words of Hope



CHECK BACK HERE NEXT WEEK
FOR MORE HOPE!



MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

BIG SUMMER READ

KICKOFF: JUNE 17 | 7 P.M.

SPIRIT CENTER AT ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH

BOOK

**HAIL HOLY QUEEN:
THE MOTHER OF GOD IN THE WORD OF GOD
BY SCOTT HAHN**



RSVP HERE

ACTS XXIX: THE RESCUE PROJECT

*Fridays, 9:15-11 a.m., St. Charles Borromeo Campus,
Borromeo Room.*

“Build according to all that I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.”

Session 8: What Is Your Parish's Mission? (Diagnostic and Strategic Prayer)

God has a plan for our church. He is the architect and master rebuilder. At every construction site, there is a little trailer. You see the workers going in and out during the day to check the blueprints. Going through a great transition as our churches are, requires a blueprint and plan, too, from the master architect. It requires much prayer from the whole community. Fr. Riccardo said they have a sign over their adoration chapel reading “TRAILER” and one over their conference room reading “CONSTRUCTION SITE.”

Fr. Riccardo recommends two kinds of team prayer: diagnostic and strategic, to be sure we are listening to the architect's plans, not our own. Where are we sick? What is our wound? This takes praying with the mind of a physician. Strategic prayer requires us to pray like a general, “Lord, what is the territory currently being held by the enemy that you want to use us to liberate in our parish: marriage and families, youth, widows, orphans, homeless? How do you want to use us to liberate these people? Today's video says many of our programs may have to be dropped so many parishioners can focus on making the main thing the main thing.

Please join us this Friday morning for coffee, prayer, video and discussion. All are welcome.

WHERE: St. Charles Borromeo Campus, Borromeo Room

WHEN: Friday, June 6, 9:15-11 a.m.

*Bible Camp
is not just
for kids!*

Mother of God Family of Parishes

Adult Enrichment

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CAMPUS
JUNE 16-19 | BORROMEO ROOM

TWO SESSIONS OFFERED DAILY
9:25-10:25 AM & 10:30-11:30 AM

PRESENTERS:

MONDAY—CHRIS KREGER

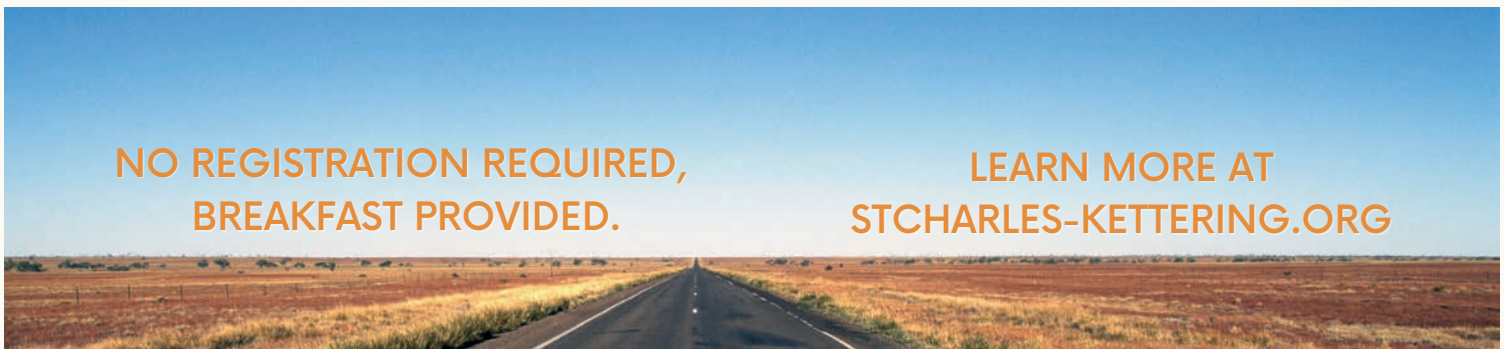
TUESDAY—SARAH ARCHULETA

WEDNESDAY—JOE OLLIER

THURSDAY—NORM RICH

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED,
BREAKFAST PROVIDED.

LEARN MORE AT
STCHARLES-KETTERING.ORG





Join Us For Bible Camp! June 16-20, 2025

Sign up for "Road Trip - On the Go with God" at St. Charles Parish, June 16–20, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Bible Camp is a fantastic opportunity for Kindergarten to 6th grade campers to continue growing in their faith during the summer. Together, campers and staff explore stories in the Bible and come to know God's great love for us on a deeper level. It is a faith that is alive and active and exciting to be a part of! Join us for an entire week filled with fun activities, including games, popsicles, crafts, and singing with our very own Bible Camp house band, meeting both old and new friends!

Bible Camp is special because we have an amazing number of campers and volunteer staff who come each year, year after year, to be a part of the fun. Students in 7th-12th grade and adults (especially parents) are needed to serve as teachers, classroom aides, camper guides, arts and craft assistants, field game helpers, and musicians. This is an awesome way to serve God and get service hours at the same time!

Campers – Kindergarten through 6th grade

Campers will receive a T-shirt, daily craft, and snack. Special needs children are welcome. Scholarship assistance is available by contacting your parish's Faith Formation Office. Camp Fees are as follows and are due at the time of registration.

- \$ 50.00 for 1 Camper
- \$ 75.00 for 2 Campers
- \$ 100.00 for 3+ Campers per family

Staff - Teens – 7th Graders through this year's High School Graduates

Teens assist adult staff with campers in class, Arts & Crafts, PE, Music, and Popsicles. When not "on duty," teens will attend a **Teen Enrichment Program**. Teens can use their time at camp as a service opportunity.

Staff - Adult – Last year's High School Graduates and older

Adults are needed to lead our campers through daily activities. If you require childcare, please let us know. The Preschool (camp fee applies) and Nursery will be available. SafeParish is an online training program required by the Archdiocese for adults who work with children. If this certification is needed, please contact the Faith Formation Office for assistance. An **Adult Spiritual Enrichment Program** for all staff and parishioners is available daily, Monday through Thursday.

All Adult and Teen Staff are asked to attend a **Day of Prep on Friday, June 13**, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will meet in Walsh Hall to discuss Bible Camp procedures and set-up for the event. This day is included as a service opportunity for teens.

Attention Music Volunteers – You will be contacted regarding a separate day of prep on Sunday, June 15.



1. Scan here
to register!



2. Scan here
to pay online!



Registration forms for campers and volunteers (teens & adults) are also available at:
stcharles-kettering.org/bible-camp

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH



MGFP RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

RE at St. Albert runs from September to May between the two Sunday Masses, from 9:40 AM - 10:50 AM.



Scan the QR to Register for St. Albert Campus

St. Albert CATECHISTS NEEDED:

- Kindergarten
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade

RE at St. Charles Borromeo for grades 1-5 runs Tuesdays, from 4-5:15 PM. Grades 6-8 run Sundays, 6:30-8 PM.



Scan the QR to Register for St. Charles Campus

A special note to Catholic parents: 1st graders must be baptized by the age of 7 and attend religious formation in both 1st and 2nd grade in order to make First Communion in 2nd grade. 7th graders must be enrolled and attend religious formation in both 7th and 8th grade to make Confirmation towards the end of their 8th grade year. If you need help with a baptism or enrolling your child in religious education as part of sacramental preparation, please contact Tara Schumaker, Coordinator of Religious Education at 937-281-0032 or tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net at Ascension or St. Albert the Great Campuses; Erin Fanning, Pastoral Associate of Child Faith Formation at 937-434-9272 or efanning@stcharles-kettering.org at St. Charles Borromeo Campus.



MGFP JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER SCHEDULE

For all kids grades 5-8!



Summer of Service



June 4, 11, and 25

An opportunity to help our community! Fun and friendship included.



Summer Lunch Program



July 21 - 25

Help serve the children in our community by providing lunch! Rising 8th graders only

More Opportunities



June 28 - Ascension Church Cleaning Day
July 4 - Hot Dogs and Fireworks

Contact Annie Wood at awood@ascensionkettering.org with any questions!



INTEREST FORM

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!

Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 PM at St. Albert Campus
kgaston@stalbertthegreat.net

Monday, July 7, 7 PM at St. Charles Campus
efanning@stcharles-kettering.org

Sunday, August 3, 9:30 AM at Ascension Campus
jollier@ascensionkettering.org

LOVE IN ACTION



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. 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 31-June 1 (in the Narthex)

Pans due by: 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: May 30

Pans due by: June 7 (*Deliver frozen meals to the breezeway entrance between 9-10 a.m.*)

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Pick up pans: June 1

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

ST. ALBERT MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The next monthly Food Collection at the St. Albert Campus will take place on June 7/8. All shelf-stable food and hygiene products are requested for the Catholic Social Services Pantry. Collection barrels will be outside the south church entrances and also inside the Gathering Space at St. Albert. Thank you for your continuing support; you make a difference! Contact Julie at 937-409-6035, for more information.

ADORATION AT THE OHIO STATEHOUSE

As part of the "Year of Mission" during the National Eucharistic Revival, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to participate in a unique, powerful opportunity to pray for our nation and all government leaders as they host Eucharistic Adoration at our State Capitol Building in Columbus on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gov. Thomas Worthington Center (inside the Ohio Statehouse) 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH 43215. For details and info on parking: ohiocathconf.org/adoration

EMBER DAY

A discernment day for high school boys (sophomores to seniors) on Friday, June 6 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. Hosted by the Cincinnati seminarians and Fr. Michael Willig. The content will focus on vocation, virtue, priesthood and fatherhood. The schedule will include Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Schnurr, a tour of the seminary, meals, talks, and sports. Mark your calendars, registration opening soon.

MISSION APPEAL WEEKENDS

As part of the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, Reverend Francis Tandoh, C.S.Sp., will visit St. Charles Borromeo Church June 14-15, 2025, and Fr. Tandoh or Fr. Benoit Mukamba will visit Ascension and St. Albert Campuses June 28-29 to speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (officially "Congregation of the Holy Spirit"). To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at spiritans.org.

This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Archdiocese to invite parishioners to share in the mission work of the Universal Church. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in more than 60 countries throughout the world and in the United States. Fr. Francis is a missionary priest from Ghana now serving as pastor of a group of parishes in Dayton.

When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth," He made spreading the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life.

If you are able, please give generously to this missionary collection.

TIPS FROM CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

- When away from home for several days, adjust your air conditioner or heat to the lowest possible setting to still protect pets, plants, etc. This will not only help the earth, but will also save you money! You can do this every day if everyone is normally out of the house - programmable thermostats are available to help you do this easily.
- To save even more money while away, as well as decreasing energy usage, turn your hot water heater to "Vacation" or the lowest setting, or even just turn off the breaker. This may save significant costs, even if only over a 3-day weekend!

AT A GLANCE

- **June 1**—Pancake Breakfast, Ascension Campus
- **June 1**—Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- **June 6**—Holy Hour for Vocations, 7 p.m., St. Charles Campus
- **June 8**—Pentecost Sunday
- **June 8**—Young Adult Dinner, 4 p.m., St. Albert Campus
- **June 15**—Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- **June 16-20**—Bible Camp, St. Charles Campus
- **June 22**—Corpus Christi Procession, St. Albert Campus

A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, June 1
after the 8:30 am Mass
Ascension Witzman Center

HAPPY ASCENSION SUNDAY! HOSPITALITY
AND PANCAKES PROVIDED BY THE
ASCENSION WOMEN'S GUILD AND THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14891

SENIOR DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, June 12, following Noon Mass
St. Albert the Great Campus

All members of the MGFP ages 65 and older are invited! The Luncheon will be held in the St. Albert the Great Parish Center. Join us for a meal followed by fun entertainment. Reservations for the free luncheon ARE REQUIRED and can be made by calling Linda at 937-299-5200. Deadline to RSVP is Sunday, June 8.

NAIM PICNIC JUNE 9

Enjoy an "INDOOR PICNIC" featuring broasted chicken, \$12 per person, with Naim members on Monday, June 9, in the St. Francis Friendship Hall, 6245 Wilmington Pike, beginning at NOON. This event for WIDOWED CATHOLICS also features the Christmas Giving Tree for the benefit of St. Vincent residents. The regular meeting and cards will follow.

To explore more information about this social and religious organization, contact Sunny Hickey at 937-433-1437.

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Flocknote/E-news – Thursday at noon

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

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St. Charles Campus 937-434- 9272

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Jr. High Youth Ministry 937-253-5171 x108

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PARISH OFFICE 937-434-6081

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL OFFICE

937-434-4933

Principal David Bogle

Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.



What would you say?

The Holy Spirit prompts us to share God's love

What would you say to someone who asked about the impact of faith in your life? How do you “speak” to your faith through your actions as well as your words?

Those who were gathered in the upper room at Pentecost experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that prompted them to speak in different tongues — people from every race and nation understood them as they shared the Good News of Jesus’ resurrection with all who would listen.

We may not speak in foreign tongues, but in Baptism and Confirmation, we too have received the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps we sometimes read the account of what took place at Pentecost and dismiss it by thinking to ourselves, “surely, I am not called to speak in a language I do not know.” Maybe in thinking the story as something too distant or remote, we miss the point of the account for us in our lives today.

In what “tongue” is the Holy Spirit prompting you to speak? Perhaps you are called to encourage a friend to be

are in need of clothing, housing, or food; perhaps a co-worker knows you go to church on Sunday and has opened the door to a conversation about faith.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in us
the fire of your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit
and we shall be created
and you shall renew
the face of the earth.**

Pentecost reminds us that we are not alone when we answer the call to open our hearts to God and allow faith to shape our lives. The Holy Spirit dwells within and among us!

Remember that the disciples who were gathered on the day of Pentecost had previously been afraid and uncertain, locked in a room, withdrawn from the world. With the outpouring of the Spirit, they were made bold in the ways they shared the impact of Christ with others. The Holy Spirit is with us as well, emboldening us to share God's love in all of the ways we are able.

The question for us is, how will we “speak” to others in what we say and do, that they may know God's love through us?

open to a relationship with Jesus; maybe to spend time with someone who is struggling with illness, aging, or loneliness; perhaps an acquaintance is in the midst of difficulty at work or in a relationship and needs your support; maybe you have an opportunity to serve in a new way, to reach out to those who

The Body of Christ

What do you mean when you say “Amen”?

The people were tired and hungry. They had ventured away from their homes to hear Jesus teach. Jesus recognizes their hunger and tells the disciples to feed them. The disciples wonder: how could they feed all the people who had gathered?

The disciples gave Jesus the loaves and fish they had, and Jesus turned their offering into food for thousands.

What gifts have we been given that we may put in the Lord's hands? When we come to Mass, we know that the bread and wine are consecrated and become Christ's Body and Blood. What we may miss is that we also bring ourselves, our gifts and talents, and our material resources to be sanctified. Then, as we receive Holy Communion, we are reminded that we are members of Christ's Body. Receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord calls us to share all that we are and have as good stewards, in communion with Christ and one another.

“Amen” means “I do believe!” “So be it!” “Let it be so!”

What do you mean when you say “Amen”? What do you bring to the Lord to be transformed and used to feed others physically, emotionally, or spiritually?



As is their habit, Joe and Rachel sat on Sunday evening with their calendars, thinking ahead to the coming week. Rachel had a big meeting on Tuesday that would end with dinner and delay her return home; Joe's brother would be visiting on Wednesday; the children had soccer practice. While it is all manageable, the two of them seemed to think the same thing simultaneously: Is there a way to keep perspective in the midst of all the “stuff” that is part of their lives? Joe was the first to say it aloud, as Rachel nodded. Then she said, “Remember the readings today at Mass, and our conversation in the car on the way home? “Maybe it is time for us to take to heart our call to follow Jesus and find hope in faith. If we put God first, and dedicate some time each month to serving others, who knows what could happen?”



Brothers and sisters: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the **hope** of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, **hope**, and **hope does not disappoint**, because the **love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.** (Rom 5:1-5, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity)

Impact this month

1. Pray to the Holy Spirit. Ask for an open mind and heart, that you may perceive God's grace and respond in your daily life.
2. Set aside time to reflect on the Sunday readings before Mass, or on your experience of the liturgy as you drive home. You can find the readings at <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>.
3. Ask yourself: “What one change might I make this month in order to live my faith more deeply, share my gifts in service, or my faith with others?”

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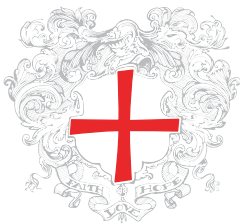
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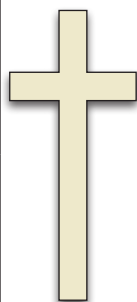
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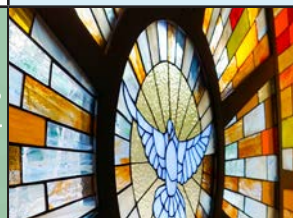
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