### MAY 11, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# **INOTHER 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\*, 7 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations\*; +dailyEucharisticChapel 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m., St. Charles Borromeo Campus

#### WEDDING BANNS



For the SECOND TIME for Daniel Henry and Abbi Kalis.

For the FIRST TIME for Alexander Nurre and Jennifer Barbadora.



### **BY ANY OTHER NAME...**

Many of my treasured phone calls and text messages begin with "Hi, Mom." Over the years, I have turned my head to many different titles: daughter, sister, wife, coworker, neighbor, friend. I wear each title like a warm blanket, as each becomes a part of who I was, who I am, and who I am called to be as a child of God. My husband and I had a plan to start a family "in due time" after our wedding. The plan was to continue putting savings

toward the purchase of a home, to grow in our career fields, to enjoy time together. I think we said maybe 5 years down the road. Proverbs 16:3 tells us to "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." We had our first child before our third anniversary, and in four years we were parents to three children. I received a new title.

My recollection of the early years is that I wanted to be "that" Mom, the one who seemed to have it all together, in spite of the demands of an active household. I quickly learned that person didn't exist, certainly not in our house. If you embrace the role of a parent to the best of your ability, you'll be rising well before dawn to shower before the chaos begins; you'll sometimes look "spot on," but most days you'll throw on whatever you find first in the drawer. You'll swear up and down you won't let your child control what you put on the table and then turn around and cut the crusts off the sandwich and peel the apple slices (mind you, they loved them the day before). You'll pick and choose your battles in an attempt to keep everyone happy; when you fail, your husband will remind you that you're human and a wonderful parent and spouse.

One particularly trying day, I was feeling overwhelmed and trying to keep my emotions from getting the best of me. At one point, one of the kids pushed my last button. I announced Mommy wasn't available, that she needed a few minutes in her room. Within minutes, our middle son, 3 at the time, was at the bedroom door. He knocked and said "Mommy?" to which I replied, "Mommy's not available, she needs a few minutes..." The next knock came quickly and before I could say a word, he said "Is Elizabeth here?" It's exactly what I needed to get back to being Mom again that morning.

On this Mother's Day weekend, our Mother of God Family of Parishes gives thanks to all those who live out the virtues of motherhood: unconditional love, unwavering support, patience and selflessness.

*Elizabeth Lush* Office Manager St. Charles Borromeo Campus

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Dan Accrocco, Ken Betche, Barbara Blackstone, Jeff Bowling, Rita Braun, Paige Brown, Don Carone, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Chuck Dean, Darlene Duke, Jessica Fong, Mary Ann Frederickson, Betty Gaudion, Jessica Gerasi, Louise Hageman, Carol Harris, Justin Hodge, Larry Hoffman, Kate Kelly, Janice M., John Maqsud, Mary Jo Mykytka, Joseph Paul, Arlene Phillips, Jackie Pennington, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Jane Ryan, Ruth Schock, Mary Louise Scott, Scott Shively, Bob Simon, Cody Simon, Donna Simon, Deacon Dick Strominger, Virginia Will, 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, N	fay 12		
8:30 a.m.	Kathleen Couvillon—Ennis Family Fr. Stegbauer		St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	Lawrence Nash—Jack Nash	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Tony Fromholt—Peggy Fromholt	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus
Tuesday, M	ſay 13		
8:30 a.m.	Dick & Thecla Zech—Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
12:00 p.m.	Thomas P. Severyn—MFW	Fr. Tom	St. Albert the Great Campus
Wednesda	y, May 14		
8:30 a.m.	Rosemarie Adkins—Dan & Pam Payne	Fr. Tom	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	Charlie Mader—Terry Scheper	Fr. Dan	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Matt & Breanna Miller—Rosie Miller	Fr. Stegbauer	St. Albert the Great Campus
Thursday,	May 15		
8:30 a.m.	Doris & Urban Hinders—Eric & Joanie St. Peter	Fr. Ken	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	John Tincu—Bill & Ralene Zimmerman	Fr. Tom	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	For all Priests & Religious, living and deceased	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus
Friday, Ma	y 16		
11:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass for David Scherer	Fr. Chibueze	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Alyce & Bill Anderson—Alicia & John Risco	Fr. Stegbauer	St. Albert the Great Campus
Saturday,	May 17		
4:30 p.m.	Don Kremer—Family	Fr. Tom	St. Albert the Great Campus
5:00 p.m.	William & Joyce Wolslegel—Joyce Wolslegel	Fr. Stegbauer	Church of the Ascension Campus
5:00 p.m.	John William Coombs—Carolyn Taylor	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
Sunday, M	ay 18		
8:30 a.m.	George & Patricia Neargarder—Doug & Paula Saintignon	Fr. Stegbauer	Church of the Ascension Campus
8:30 a.m.	St. Albert the Great Church	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.	Riehm/Faust Families—John & Kathy Brown	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
11:00 a.m.	Church of the Ascension	Fr. Stegbauer	Church of the Ascension Campus
11:00 a.m.	Rose Morrisey—The Lynch Family	Fr. Tom	St. Albert the Great Campus
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st schedules are subject to change. Please note, Church of the Ascension adjusts its Mass schedule accordingly to accomodate funeral. Please check the website or call the Parish Office to confirm Mass times before attending.

#### HOSPITALITY MINISTRY AT ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Enhancing the Sunday experience, from the moment you arrive to the moment you leave, is a key priority for our Mother of God Family of Parishes. We're so thankful for those already serving in our Hospitality Ministry; your dedication helps create a warm and welcoming environment. As our parish family continues to grow, the Implementation Team invites others to consider joining this important ministry. Whether you can serve once a month or more often, your presence truly makes a difference. Interested in learning more? Contact Christine Evans at cnevans1@gmail. com or speak with one of our greeters at the church doors during Sunday Mass.

#### PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF...

*David Scherer.* His Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, May 16, 11 a.m. at Ascension Campus.

*Ernest Adrian Reser,* Charter member. His Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, May 12, 11 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Campus.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Janet Applegate, Marylou Braun, Eileen Ewing, Luz Maria Hayes, Thomas Rauch, Ken Werner, Millie Westbeld, Judy Whitehead.

#### **VISIT US ONLINE!**

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

# WORSHIP

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday, May 11, fulfilling the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and consecrated life including societies of apostolic life and secular institutes. More information and resources for promoting vocations can be found at WorldDayofPrayerforVocations.com.

#### ST. ALBERT QUESTIONS? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!

The St. Albert Parish Council will have representatives present in the Gathering Space after each Mass at St. Albert the Great Campus next weekend, May 17-18, to try to answer any questions and take suggestions that parishioners may have regarding parish programs and activities.

#### BAPTISMS

**Mark Christopher Houser** Son of Christopher & Ashley (Flohre) Houser Ari James Samba Son of Amit & Allison (St. George) Samba **Henry Douglas White** Son of Benjamin & Hallie (Bergmann) White **Beau Anthony Knisley** Son of Kyle & Carly (Jordan) Knisley **Adeline Lee Schooler** Daughter of Jacob & Alina (Osowski) Schooler **Cora Mae Carter** Daughter of Mason & Alyssa (Siefert) Carter Isaiah Ezekiel Carter Son of Mason & Alyssa (Siefert) Carter **Angelina Allen Gunder** Daughter of Joseph & Jessica (Allen) Gunder



#### ADULT CONFIRMATION RETREAT

We will offer a full-day retreat for adults who have never received this sacrament to prepare and complete their Confirmation. The retreat will be held on Saturday, June 7 from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Spirit Center at St. Albert Campus. Confirmation will be held at 4:30 p.m. that evening at St. Albert. Please email Chris Kreger ckreger@ stcharles-kettering.org for more information and to register. *Registration deadline is Monday, May 19.* 

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULER ANNOUNCEMENT

It is time again for volunteers to submit their availability to serve for the months of June, July, and August. Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, and Greeters should submit their availability into Ministry Scheduler Pro by Monday, May 12. If you have any questions, please contact your MSP Admin.

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES INFORMS YOU OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN MEMORIAL MASSES FOR

THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF POPE FRANCIS



THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN ARCHBISHOP ROBERT G. CASEY IN THE CELEBRATION OF MEMORIAL MASSES FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF POPE FRANCIS. THESE LITURGIES WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE, AS DETAILED BELOW.

MAY 12 7 PM | IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH (SPANISH) DAYTON

MAY 21 7 PM | CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. PETER IN CHAINS CINCINNATI



### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### WEEK OF MAY 4 CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income	\$ 24,516
YTD Offertory Income	\$ 1,050,895
YTD Budget	\$ 930,600
St. Vincent Conference	\$ 2,192

#### **ST. ALBERT THE GREAT**

Offertory Income	\$
YTD Offertory Income	\$
YTD Budget	\$
St. Vincent Conference	\$

#### **ST. CHARLES BORROMEO**

23,384	Offertory Income	\$ 25,239
1,028,429	YTD Offertory Income	\$ 1,490,613
1,125,000	YTD Budget	\$ 1,407,156
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STEWARDSHIP

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

#### ACTS XXIX: THE RESCUE PROJECT

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

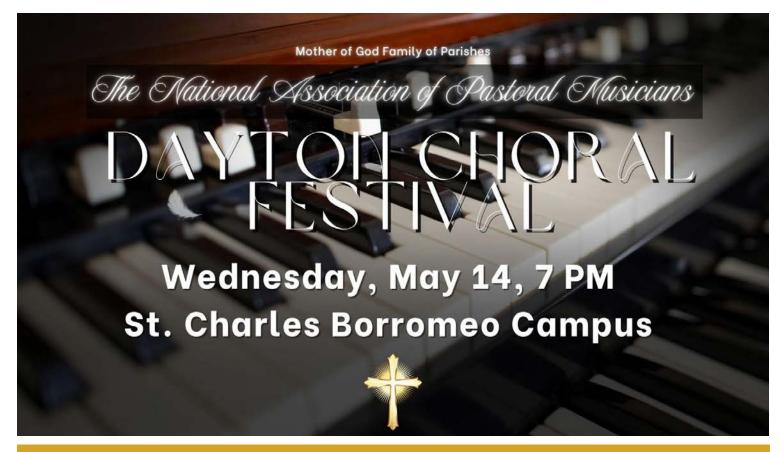
"...she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will **save** his people from their sins." (Mt. 1:21)

Session 5: What Has God Done About It (RESCUED)

Fr. Riccardo reminds us of the beautiful event of the Incarnation in the manner the early Church Fathers wrote about it. They recognized Jesus was loving, kind, compassionate but said this main mission in being born was to come as a warrior in disguise, sent by our loving Father, to overcome Sin, Death, and Satan, to save His people because He and His Father loved us so much. All are welcome! Hear about your dramatic, loving rescue by your Savior, Jesus Christ.

WHERE: St. Charles Borromeo Campus, Borromeo Room

WHEN: Friday, May 16, 9:15-11 a.m.



Happy Mother's Day! Mary, Mother of Divine Hope. What a fitting title to reflect on this Mother's Day! Every single child is a symbol of Hope – a reminder that life is stronger than death, innocence stronger than cynicism, purity stronger than evil. Children remind us that God saw all He had created, called it good, and then invited us to join Him in this miraculous work of creation. Every child is a reminder that God keeps His promise to make all things new, and that mothers are given special charge to be the means by which God keeps that promise in a very real and physical way. May we look to Mary, our Mother of Divine Hope, and place our children under her mantle of protection. Check back next week for more on Divine Hope in the midst of darkness.



**CHECK BACK HERE NEXT WEEK FOR MORE HOPE!** 

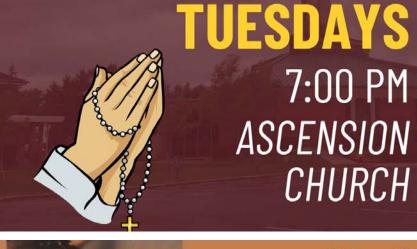
### FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

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7:00 PM

CHURCH

ASCENSION



No registration required!

Experience the power of a community praying together!

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

#### Mother of God Family of Parishes

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Join Sarah Archuleta for a six-week session exploring the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary together over the Easter season!

Tues, April 29–June 3, 9:15–10:45 AM | Thurs, May 1–June 5, 6:30–8 PM St. Charles Borromeo Campus

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR 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! All Souls in Purgatory – Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Shipley Margaret Clifton – Mr. & Mrs. David Chong Sophie Ball – Mr. & Mrs. James Brannigan Brett Gorrell – Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gorrell Max Gunderson — Stephen Gunderson Bebelita Family – Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Shipley Marie Brannigan – Mr. & Mrs. James Brannigan Hermoging Family – Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Shipley Richard & Arlene Leist – Linda Shipley **Burling Family** – Mary Burling Chmiel Family – Mary Burling Lee Mardis – Dorothy Mardis Benjamin Chong – Mr. & Mrs. David Chong Martha Roy - Stephen Gunderson Patrick Chong – Mr. & Mrs. David Chong Alexandra Sniezek – Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sniezek Teborcio Family – Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Shipley Sally Chong – Mr. & Mrs. David Chong

*Charles Clifton* – Mr. & Mrs. David Chong

# FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH





Attend an upcoming Baptism Preparation Class! Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 PM at St. Albert Campus kgaston@stalbertthegreat.net



#### THANK YOU DOR-WOOD OPTIMIST CLUB!

St. Charles School thanks the Kettering Dor-Wood Optimist Club for awarding a grant to enhance the preschool playground with a gross motor music station!

#### CYO SOCCER SIGN-UPS, ST. CHARLES CAMPUS

CYO Soccer sign-ups for grades 3-8 and Junior CYO Soccer sign-ups for Pre-K to 2nd grade are now open until June 23. Practices start at the beginning of August; games start August 16, with playoffs finishing in mid-October. Visit https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/stcharles to register. Any questions? Please contact Pat McDowell at pmcdowell912@gmail.com

# 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.



### St. Albert CATECHISTS NEEDED:

- Kindergarten
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

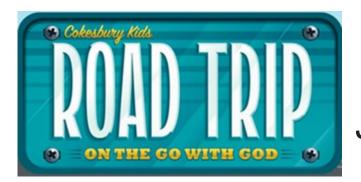
# Scan the QR to Register for St. Albert Campus

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.



# 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 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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!

Please register no later than May 30 to ensure we have enough supplies for everyone!

#### <u>Campers</u> – Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> 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

#### <u>Staff - Teens</u> – 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### <u>Staff - Adult</u> – Last year's High School Graduates and older

Adults are needed to lead our campers through daily activities. If you require child care, 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 <u>**Day of Prep on Friday, June 13,</u>** from 9:00 a.m.-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.</u>

**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

# 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 (*Pans are available in the Narthex to provide a meal for our neighbors at the St. Vincent shelters. Instructions are with each pan.*)

**Pans due by:** 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: May 30 Pans due by: June 7 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.)

#### MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

You're invited to donate shelf stable food and hygiene products for the Catholic Social Services Pantry. Collection barrels will be located in the Gathering Space at St. Albert the Great Campus on May 10 and 11.





# **SATURDAY MAY 3IST**

WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD TO ABORTION ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THIS CONFIDENTIAL ONE DAY HEALING RETREAT IN CINCINNATI.



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#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Monday, May 12, 9:15 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

There will be a prayer shawl ministry on Monday, May 12 at 9:15 a.m. in the Borromeo Room at St. Charles Campus. All knitters and crocheters are welcome!



ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS, PARISH CENTER SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025 8 A.M. TO 11 A.M.



#### MAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The next collection of items for the Ascension Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry will be held on the weekend of **May 17/18.** UPDATE ON DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRIES: As you may have heard, the federal government has cut millions of dollars from US food banks effective immediately. This means hundreds of trucks full of food headed to food banks will go undelivered. Sadly, this is affecting the Dayton Food Bank and the many local pantries it serves, as well as farmers who are paid to provide their crops to US food banks. Approximately 50-75% of the food that most pantries in the Miami Valley receive is from the Dayton Food Bank, including the Catholic Social Services pantry and the Neighborto-Neighbor pantry, run by Ascension and Greenmont-Oak Park Church. This means, for the foreseeable future, the pantries will be dependent on donations of nonperishable food items from people like you. The primary need is for food items as opposed to toiletries or cleaning products. Thank you for your amazing generosity in supporting our neighbors in need!

#### **TIPS FROM CARE OF GOD'S CREATION**

Did you know that there is a Charitable Recycling Organization that is free and benefits Dayton Children's Hospital? Open to home or business, just call 937-591-0925 to schedule a pickup. Things they accept include: old computers, electronics, ink/ toner, batteries, appliances, office equipment, furniture, and other items

The Dayton Dragons are continuing the Recycling Bin Initiative (RBI)! You can earn up to 4 lawn tickets plus some RBI gifts by "recycling right." Visit www.daytondragons.com/rbi to get more information and to participate.

## **A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITIES**





# SPONSORED BY THE ST. CHARLES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST + ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW MAY 18 • 8 AM-NOON

# ST. CHARLES SCHOOL CAFETERIA \$10/ADULT; \$5/CHILD; \$25/FAMILY



**WE ACCEPT CASH & CARDS** 



Enjoy a complementary carnation, courtesy of St. Charles Knights of Columbus May 10-11 St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Available at Ascension & St. Albert



# MAY 10 & 11

Beautiful roses in pink, lavender, and ivory will be available for purchase in the Gathering Space after each Mass for three dollars.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT DAYTON RIGHT TO LIFE



Women's DINNER & FAITH SHARING

May 14 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm The Farmhouse

RSVP to Teri tiverson@cppsadmin.org

Sisters of the Precious Blood

## **A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITIES**

## **AT A GLANCE**

- May 15—Leisure Club, 1:30 p.m., Ascension Campus
- May 17—Blood Drives, Ascension & St. Albert Campuses
- May 17—May Crowning, 5:30 p.m., St. Albert Campus
- May 18—Pancake Breakfast, St. Charles Campus

#### **MGFP MAY CROWNINGS**

Saturday, May 17, 5:30 p.m. | St. Albert Campus, Chapel Side The May Crowning hosted by St. Albert's Legion of Mary will be held in the St. Albert Chapel (attached to the school). The ceremony will include a Rosary using the stained-glass windows for meditation. Participants are invited to bring flowers for Our Lady. Free Miraculous Medals will be available. For details, contact Ennis Dodd, 937-331-8292 (landline).

#### **LEISURE CLUB**

Thursday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. | Ascension Campus, Witzman All seniors of the MGFP are invited to the May Leisure Club Meeting. Our speaker will be Dave Gabert from LaComedia. Bring a snack to share. Questions? Contact Sue Graham at sgraham@ascensionkettering.org.

#### **ACTIVITIES FOR WIDOWED CATHOLICS**

Naim members have a packed May schedule, beginning with the Derby Party on May 3. Next is the monthly meeting May 12, at 1 PM, followed by cards, in the All Saints Room at St Francis of Assisi, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. Then on Friday, May 23, Naim celebrates their 60th Anniversary at a formal dinner. Interested in attending any of these activities, contact.....Sunny Hickey at 937-433-1437.



#### **CHAIR ONE FITNESS**

*Tuesdays, May 13, 20 & 27, 4:30 p.m.* | *Ascension Campus, Witzman* Join us on Tuesday evenings, May 13, 20 & 27 from 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the Witzman Center, Room 118, at the Ascension Campus. No special equipment is required. Just wear some comfy clothes and shoes and come with a mind and body open to having fun and being energized. For any questions, contact Alice Ernst at alice4chaironefitness@gmail.com. For more information about Chair One Fitness, go to chaironefitness.com.

#### **KNIGHTS SUPER CASH BONANZA**

The Knights of Columbus is holding its Annual Super Cash Bonanza Charity Fund Drive. This is our biggest fundraiser of the Fraternal Year. Tickets are \$5 each, and the drawing will be held on May 24 in Cleveland at the Annual Ohio State Council Convention. Please see any of your favorite Knights or contact the Council directly: Council 14891, kofc14891@gmail.com, Council 4022, GrandKnight@kofc4022.org, Council 14995, stcharlesknights14995@gmail.com

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# Mother of God Family of Parishes Your Implementation Team for Our Next Generation Parish

The Implementation Team is a team of parishioners and staff liaisons working to implement our Parish Priority Plan, crafted in collaboration with the Catholic Leadership Institute through their program "Next Generation Parish" and our Envisioning Team. Using a variety of different data sources, the Envisioning Team created a plan for our parish to use as a guiding document, including a vision statement, mission statement, priorities and goals to work toward as a Family of Parishes. If you have any questions, or would like to join one of our Priority Teams, please reach out to one of the Implementation Team members below, or email MGFPImplement@gmail.com. A copy of the Parish Priority Plan is available on our websites.

#### Priority #1: The Sunday Experience



*Timothy Hosford* is a Campus Minister at Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School Downtown. He is one of the Priority 1 leads. While he grew up at Ascension, he's excited to share new family experiences with St. Charles and St. Albert! He and his wife, Sophia, are expecting their first child in July.



**Jeff McManus** has been a member of Ascension parish for his entire life, as he grew up in Kettering. He has been a teacher at Fairmont High School for 32 years, and his wife, Ann, is the bookkeeper at St. Albert. They have four children ranging in ages from 17 to 26, all of whom attended Ascension School. He has been involved in Ascension athletics and sings in the Contemporary Choir. He volunteered to be part of the Implementation Team because he saw the potential for three great parishes to work and grow together to better evangelize in our community.



**Joe Riley** has been stumbling through different volunteering opportunities at St. Albert for more than a decade now, currently finding new ways to miss the point on Worship Commission. Best known as Frank and Will's childhood chauffeur, you might recognize him as the "Someday he'll get it right" sacristan at the 8:30 Mass. God help us; he is a co-leader for Priority 1.



**Margaret Wager** and her husband Mike joined Ascension in the early 90s. They have been part of many ministries in the church over the years. As their three children grew, Margaret spent almost 20 years teaching Eighth graders in the religious ed program at Ascension and 15 years as a substitute teacher for the Kettering Public Schools. After retiring from teaching, she was hired as pastoral associate at Ascension and later named Director of Worship for the Mother of God Family of Parishes. She is a staff liasion for Priority 1 and has enjoyed meeting and working with a wide range of MGFP volunteers.



Joe Whatley Director of Liturgical Music at St. Albert the Great and is a staff liaison for Priority 1.

Not Pictured: Greg Dudash

#### Priority #2: Forming Disciples



*Emily Weitz* has been a parishioner at Ascension Parish since she moved to Dayton from the Cleveland area in 2015. Her husband, Josh, has been a lifelong parishioner and is an alumnus of Ascension Catholic School. Two of their children currently attend Ascension School, and their third child will join as a Kindergartener next year. Emily has served on both Parish Council and the school PTO board. Emily's family has been enjoying the Beacons of Lights process by participating in sports with St. Albert's and Cub Scouts at St. Charles. Emily is also a licensed social worker at Dayton Children's Hospital, where she works to educate adults on how to talk to kids about mental wellness through blogs, presentations, and digital content through the On Our Sleeves program.



*Mike Wager* Mike Wager and his family began attending Ascension in 1991. He and his bride, Margaret, have been married for 37 years. They have two sons, a daughter, and two granddaughters. Mike is an optical engineer and will be celebrating his 40th anniversary with Leidos in August. He is a lifelong Catholic and has volunteered in many capacities at the parish. Mike enjoys men's ministries, evangelization, and listening to conversion stories. He is excited to be a member of the Priority #2 Team, as we strive to help one another along our spiritual journeys.

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**Sarah Archuleta** (St. Charles) is a Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith within the MGFP, mother of three boys and soon-to-be wife to her fiancé Miguel. Her roots are at St. Charles, where she attended the school and was later Confirmed as an adult after her reversion to Catholicism in 2012. She brings a unique perspective on what it means to be the Church, having been an active Protestant for almost a decade and living intentional community both in the inner city of Chicago with the Jesus People and Religious life with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. In addition to facilitating the Sunday night GIFT small groups, Mom-to-Mom, Faith and Light and various Jesus-centered retreats and programming throughout the year, Sarah is co-leader for Priority 2.



**Kathy Brown** and her husband John moved to Centerville, along with their three daughters in 1986, and have been parishioners of St. Charles ever since...it's a parish that has always felt like home to them. They have three grandchildren, and their family brings them their greatest joy. Until retirement, Kathy was blessed with a very fulfilling career as a Catholic School teacher both in Florida and locally at Bishop Leibold School. Currently, she is a mentor in the Mom-to-Mom program, offers an after-school Rosary-Making Club to 5th-8th graders at St. Charles School, participates in the Acts XXIX small group and serves on the Implementation Team. She is glad to be a part of and encouraged by these ministries and sees each of them as a purposeful movement toward a faith-filled and active future for our Mother of God Family of Parishes.



*Joe Ollier* and his wife Mary live in Beavercreek and have been members of Ascension since 1996. They have four children and four grandchildren. He joined Ascension's staff in 2008, first as Youth Minister, and since 2015 as Parish Life Director. He was named the Director of Evangelization for the Mother of God Family of Parishes in 2022. Prior to joining Ascension's staff, Joe was active in parish life, serving as a Eucharistic minister, lector coordinator, pastoral council member, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade catechist, among other things.

#### Priority #3: Parish Family Unity



**Meg Draeger** has been a St. Albert parishioner since 1990 and has served as a Lector since then. She is married to Kendall and has two daughters who attended St. Albert the Great School. In retirement, Meg enjoys walking, baking, reading, traveling, trailer camping, hiking at state parks, and grandparenting an energetic 2-year-old girl in Denver. Volunteering for Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, the Society of Women Engineers, and the Dayton Metro Library also fills her time. For the MGFP, Meg is co-leader for Priority 3 and is active with the combined women's groups.



**Anna Godby** and her husband Andy have three children attending St. Charles School, and one at Carroll High School, next year. An experienced communication professional with more than 15 years in the field, Anna brings a strong background of strategic messaging, community engagement and a passion for servant leadership to the team.

Not Pictured: Joanne Boston, Kait Sykes



**Cathy Magness** has been a member of Ascension for 30 years and in 2023, retired from her fulltime position as pastoral associate there. She has continued in her role as Beacons of Light Pathway Leader and coordinates the Next Generation Parish process for the Mother of God Family of Parishes.



**Tom Lyman** is our current consultant with Catholic Leadership Institute. He brings more than 20 years serving the Church in a variety of settings as a Catholic evangelist, educator, and spiritual and liturgical formator. Tom served the Archdiocese of Boston as a member of the Faith Formation and Missionary Discipleship team in the Secretariat for Evangelization and Discipleship, and worked with more than 20 different multi-parish collaboratives in collaborative ministry, developed a culture of evangelization and discipleship, and facilitated their writing of local pastoral plans for evangelization. In addition to delivering full-day workshops in evangelization and leadership, Tom also wrote and facilitated workshops for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, while he led the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese. In his years serving in these roles, Tom discovered a passion for helping parish communities discover the specific ways in which God was calling them to evangelize. Tom replaces our previous consultant, Linda Banecker.







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