

MAY 25, 2025 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER OF GOD

FAMILY OF PARISHES

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

Rooted in sacramental life, we strive to be a vibrant, active and welcoming Catholic community. We encourage all to give glory and praise to God through knowing and sharing God's love in our homes, in our communities and throughout the world.



We are a caring community united in our love of God and in service to others. Regardless of who you are, or where you are in your spiritual journey, we are so glad you joined us. If you're interested in learning more about our parishes and what we have to offer, we warmly invite you to contact us! We would love to share our Catholic faith with you and tell you more about what makes the Mother of God Family of Parishes a wonderful place to worship, learn and share.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive

Kettering, Ohio 45420

ascensionkettering.org

PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171

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

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-Noon

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4-4:30 p.m.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue

Kettering, Ohio 45429

stalbertthegreat.net

PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

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

Friday: 9 a.m.-Noon

RECONCILIATION:

Friday: after Noon Mass

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

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

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*,
+daily Eucharistic Chapel
5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.,
St. Charles Borromeo Campus



DO YOU EVER FEEL ALONE?

During our winter session of Growing in Faith Together (GIFT), small groups – which were focused on healing our emotional and spiritual wounds through prayer, the Sacraments and redemptive suffering – the Holy Spirit revealed to me a deep wound of abandonment. Although, by the Grace of God, I somehow mostly hold things together, I still carry the trauma of having grown up in a broken home along with the sadness of a failed marriage that left me a single mother to three small children. More often than I would like to admit, I've believed the lie that I'm alone with the hardships of life, that God, although good, won't intervene and is absent when I need Him the most.

In reading today's Gospel, I can't help but relate to what the Apostles must have been feeling when Jesus announces His departure. They had waited for the Messiah for generations. He was finally here working miracles and healings among them and after giving Him their hearts through a personal relationship, they were going to lose Him. I imagine their initial feelings were much like how I feel when those close to me leave troubled and fearful. Perhaps they were plagued by a similar question I ask myself: But how am I going to live life when you're gone?

Contrary to what I and perhaps the Apostles were feeling, Jesus won't leave us orphaned. The beauty of God's promise is revealed in the Gospel acclamation: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him." Jesus promises to those who believe in Him the gift of His Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, also known as the comforter who is called alongside us, the one who answers our cry and the counselor who advocates for us, will come to us to give us a peace not of this world – a peace we can hold onto when we are feeling alone. A peace in knowing we don't have to live life without Him. Jesus didn't abandon the Apostles and He hasn't abandoned us. Instead, He "left us" to provide us with something more intimate – His very presence dwelling within us. What a fitting reminder just two weeks before Pentecost!

Sarah Archuleta

Pastoral Associate, Adult Faith Formation
St. Charles Borromeo Campus

UPDATE YOUR CONTACTS *Please notify the Parish Office where you are registered of a change of contact information, including phone number, address, email or if you're moving out of the parish.*

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, 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

Monday, May 26

9:00 a.m. MGFP Memorial Day Mass

Fr. Ken Fortney

St. Albert the Great Campus

Tuesday, May 27

8:30 a.m. John Dineen—Pete & Judy Cerar

Fr. Chibueze

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

12:00 p.m. William Nolte—J/J Weckesser

Fr. Tom

St. Albert the Great Campus

Wednesday, May 28

8:30 a.m. Gladys Wetz—Gary Castle & Family

Fr. Tom

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

9:00 a.m. Millie Westbeld—Fran Bruns

Fr. Dan Meyer

Church of the Ascension Campus

12:00 p.m. Edward Bradley—Wick Family

Fr. Stegbauer

St. Albert the Great Campus

Thursday, May 29

8:30 a.m. Elmer Wanke—The Wanke Family

Fr. Stegbauer

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

9:00 a.m. Alice Bruns—Daughters

Fr. Tom

Church of the Ascension Campus

12:00 p.m. Zamonski Family—Maureen Sullivan

Fr. Chibueze

St. Albert the Great Campus

Friday, May 30

9:00 a.m. William Ferrigno—Lise Travis

Fr. Chibueze

Church of the Ascension Campus

12:00 p.m. Margaret Healy—Anonymous

Fr. Tony

St. Albert the Great Campus

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

**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.*

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.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF...

Celeste Beach, parishioner, passed away May 10.

Verena Shroyer. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, May 23, at St. Charles Borromeo Campus.



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, May 26

All Campuses

Please note that all Parish Offices will be closed in recognition of Memorial Day. Join the Mother of God Family of Parishes for Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Albert the Great Campus.

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

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

MON
— 26 —
MAY

9AM | ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

STEWARDSHIP



WEEK OF MAY 18

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income	\$	20,079
YTD Offertory Income	\$	1,087,133
YTD Budget	\$	972,900
St. Vincent Conference	\$	1,420

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income	\$	22,248
YTD Offertory Income	\$	1,053,140
YTD Budget	\$	1,175,000
St. Vincent Conference	\$	125

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income	\$	17,866
YTD Offertory Income	\$	1,543,182
YTD Budget	\$	1,464,656
Diakonia	\$	1,153

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 Alexander Nurre and Jennifer Barbadora.



For the SECOND TIME for Robert Berner and Megan Goheen.

For the SECOND TIME for Jack Griner and Carissa Smith.

BAPTISMS

Louis Stegbauer

Son of Gregory and Caroline

Simon Peter Whatley

Son of Joe and Ruth

Drey Stanfield

Son of Dillon and Jessica



FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

Young ADULTS Community Dinner

JUNE 8 | 4 P.M.

**THE SPIRIT CENTER AT
ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS**




In her writing on Mary, Mother of Divine Hope, Sr. Catherine Marie, CP notes that “Divine Hope comes through the cross. If we believe in the merits of the Cross and Passion of Jesus, there are never any grounds for losing hope. It doesn’t take a lot of virtue to hope in God when everything is going our way. But to hope in God when a situation is difficult and looks hopeless on the human level—that takes heroism.” This is what Mary does, and what she encourages us to do as well. There may be much in this world to tempt us to despair, but the cross is a concrete reminder that even death is powerless because of Jesus. To read Sr. Catherine Marie’s full address on Mary, Mother of Divine Hope see: passionistnuns.org/blog/2018/3/12/mary-mother-of-holy-hope. Next month we’ll turn to the words of Hope from the Saints. Stay tuned!

Weekly Words
of Hope



CHECK BACK HERE NEXT WEEK
FOR MORE HOPE!



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!

ACTS XXIX: THE RESCUE PROJECT

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

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light so shine before men, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14, 16)

Session 7: What's the Mission? (Rescued People Rescue People)

Paul said, “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith.” (Romans 1:16) The Greek word for power was translated “dynamite.” Why are we so shy to quote scripture to other people when it has so much power? As Catholics, we are very comfortable living the Gospel values, being missionaries to the sick and poor, living quiet Christ-like lives, but not often telling our story of faith nor the story of Jesus. We are lights by how we live, but most of us need to not be so silent with sharing our faith. Paul said people learn and grow in faith by hearing. He said, “But how are they to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him whom they have never heard? How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!” (Romans 10:14-15) How beautiful are those who share Christ's story and love with others.

We aren't just to grow in holiness. That we should do, but it isn't our mission. Our mission is to “GO!” Be missionary disciples, carry the Light of Christ with his story and WORD into our world, with our children, family, friends, and in our work places. This is our mission! This is the mission of our Church.

Please join us this Friday morning for prayer, video and to discuss our personal missions. **All are welcome!**

WHERE: St. Charles Borromeo Campus, Borromeo Room

WHEN: Friday, May 30, 9:15-11 a.m.

Mother of God Family of Parishes

Rise from the Darkness

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

Tuesdays, April 29–June 3, 9:15–10:45 AM

Thursdays, May 1–June 5, 6:30–8 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

A NOTE TO CATHOLIC PARENTS

- First graders must be baptized before the age of seven and attend religious education class in order to make First Communion in second grade.
- Seventh graders must be enrolled and attend religious education in both seventh and eighth grade to make Confirmation towards the end of their eighth grade year.

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

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.



St. Albert
CATECHISTS NEEDED:

- Kindergarten
- 3rd Grade
- 4th 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 Campus; 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

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 20-23 2025



WHAT IS NCYC?

NCYC is a three-day trip for Catholic high school students and their adult chaperones. Participants will experience prayer, community, and the transformative power of God's presence. Large group talks & worship in Lucas Oil stadium with 12,000+ other Catholics are very powerful! Teens last year said this was the best experience of their lives!



We travel as a group by bus to stay at the Westin Hotel that connects to the Convention Center. We have large group sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium in the mornings and evenings. During the days, teens are free to choose which breakout talks they want to attend in the Convention Center. Kids stay four to a room. We will have two adult chaperones for every 10 kids.



COST \$550 *Includes \$100 deposit @ registration

- Each teen participant will receive a \$100 sponsorship from the Mother of God Family of Parishes
- Each teen participant will be given thirty raffle tickets to sell at \$10 each; giving him/her a potential to raise \$300 off of their total NCYC cost
- Each teen participant is also able to write their name on any tickets they don't sell

SIGN UP TODAY!

Last year our group used 53 of the total 200 tickets available from the Archdiocese. This year we have a total of 40 Teen Tickets available. Register today to secure your spot.



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
Kelly Summers 937-570-1665
ksommers@stcharles-kettering.org
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Mother of God Family of Parishes

REGISTER NOW TO RESERVE A SPOT!

2023 RECAP VIDEO

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



CYO SOCCER SIGNUPS

ST. CHARLES CAMPUS

CYO Soccer signups for Grades 3-8 and Junior CYO Soccer signups 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.



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 crafts 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!

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

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 (*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.*)

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION



SATURDAY MAY 31

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

REGISTER

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GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF SHARE BEGINS MAY 27

*Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-Noon,
Incarnation Campus, Pastoral Center*

The next 13-week series of GriefShare sessions will begin on Tuesdays from May 27 through Aug 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Community Room of the Pastoral Center at Incarnation, 55 Williamsburg Lane, in Centerville. Registration is required. To register, please contact Mike Flanagan at griefshare@olldayton.org or 937-797-7055.

TIPS FROM CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

- If you are using a tour company for an upcoming vacation, ask how they minimize environmental impacts and contribute to the local economy in order to support the greenest business practices.
- Appliances, such as televisions and computers, can be unplugged when not in use, especially for long periods of time. They can draw or "leak" as much as 40 watts per hour even when they are turned off. This costs you money and uses precious energy.

AT A GLANCE

- **May 25**—Pro-Life Rosary, 11:30 a.m., St. Charles Campus
- **May 26**—Memorial Day Mass, 9 a.m., St. Albert Campus
- **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

LOVE IN ACTION



DAYTON RIGHT TO LIFE "FILL THE TRUCK"

May 31, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., St. Michael's Custom Rosaries

St. Michael's Custom Rosaries in Miamisburg is hosting a "FILL THE TRUCK" event, Saturday, May 31, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in their parking lot. Donations of diapers, wipes, and baby toiletries will be accepted, and our truck will be there for you to see. Please stop by and support their neighborhood outreach. They will have snacks, door prizes, and Pro-life freebies!



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.

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

A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

CHAIR ONE FITNESS

Tuesday, May 27, 4:30 p.m. | Ascension Campus, Witzman

Join us on Tuesday evening, May 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.



ENCOUNTER
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
CINCINNATI CAMPUS

ESM SUMMER
INTENSIVE
EXPERIENCE THE FIRST 4 QUARTERS IN 4 DAYS

JULY
28-31

ESM - CINCINNATI CAMPUS
OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CENTER

ST. ALBERT'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council 4022 will have members present in the Gathering Space before and after each Mass at St. Albert's next weekend, May 31-June 1. If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus, please stop by our table and you can talk to one or more of our Knights. If you are interested in joining the Knights, you can sign up at our table or online at kofc.org/joinus or contact Gary Lammers at grandknight@kofc4022.org.

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.

LEGION OF MARY

All Catholics are invited to visit the weekly meetings of the Legion of Mary at the St. Albert Spirit Center 6:45-8:15 p.m., usually held on Mondays, but due to Memorial Day, it will be on Wednesday, May 28, just for that week. Come and experience a meeting that includes the Rosary, study of our Faith, business, and discussion of service, without any obligation to join. For more information about this endless source of graces, Ennis Dodd at 937-331-8292.

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Send forth Thy Spirit

Psalms 104:30a

Signs of the Spirit: **Generosity** is yet another sign that the Holy Spirit of God is present, and the Good News is doing its work in us: “The Gospel... brings the Law to its fullness through imitation of the heavenly Father... (and) in emulation of the divine generosity.” (CCC 1968)

generosity

Generosity reveals the Spirit of God acting in us to bring our time, talent, and treasure to others in ways appropriate to both recipient and situation (one gives differently to one's family, friends, and community, as well as in ordinary and extraordinary

times). With Wisdom, we act “in accordance with the golden rule and in keeping with the generosity of the Lord, who ‘though He was rich, yet for your sake ... became poor so that by His poverty, you might become rich.’” (CCC 240)

To be successful, generosity requires gentleness. Even the evil permitted in this world, “with strength and gentleness, guides human and cosmic history.” (CCC 395) We pray for the wisdom to be both generous and gentle as called for in our station in life: “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful.”

gentleness

Salvation History: Redemption

When Samuel's sons proved unworthy of judging in their elderly father's place, the Israelites requested a real king, presumably for worldly prestige. Samuel resisted their request, but God said otherwise.



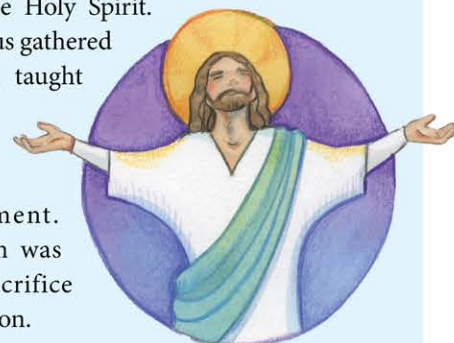
A great dialogue exists between God and Samuel (1 Samuel 8) wherein God lays out the cost of allegiance to a human king. The people got their king, and then more kings divided between North and South Kingdoms, and things went badly.

Prophets arose to correct the blunders of kings, but the focus shifted to expectations of a Messiah. Of course, imaginations conjured earthy glory, not exactly the salvation God held in store. Thus, the Israelites endured invasions during the successive rise and fall of empires. The Assyrians destroyed the Northern Kingdom; Babylon destroyed the Southern Kingdom. The last prophet to Israel, Malachi, wrote at the end of the Babylonian Exile, and the 400-year silence of the prophets began. In quick order The Macedonian Empire

of Alexander annexed the Jewish peoples' homeland. In time the Maccabean Revolt resulted in establishment of a Jewish dynasty, though not of the House of David. Then the Roman Empire took over.

Amidst this noise, the Messiah arrived in silence, save for some angelic activity in pastures near Bethlehem. For thirty years Jesus Christ would live a workman's life with his parents in the remote village of Nazareth. Then, He left home to be about His Father's business, just as His cousin John the Baptist prophesied the arrival of the Messiah. Jesus accepted John's Baptism of Repentance, and His mission was confirmed by God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

For three short years Jesus gathered Apostles and followers, taught the peoples from Galilee to Judea to Samaria and Lebanon, and battled a corrupt establishment. His Passion and Death was the only acceptable sacrifice offered for our redemption.



Scriptural Secrets

In today's Gospel passage from John – after Jesus washes the feet of His Apostles

and after Judas leaves the table to do His dark work – Jesus begins to describe what must happen to Him by focusing on the gifts that He was giving. Since He would go (yet, return), His first gift was the Advocate He would send. This Advocate was the same Helper referred to as the *Spirit of Truth*. (Jn. 14:15-17) This Helper would

1. teach them all they needed to know, 2. remind them of everything Jesus taught them, and 3. take up their cause and defend them when it came time.

More immediately, Jesus gave His Apostles something in this moment they would desperately need while waiting for this Advocate: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” This

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

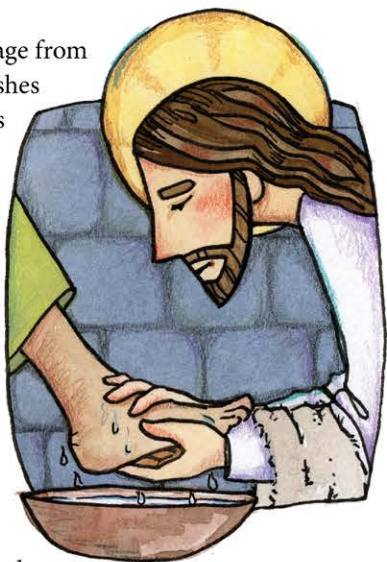
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

gift has been the hope within every cry God's children lifted to the heavens since the Fall. Now, no longer would God's angels and messengers need to greet man with “Fear not.” We have a God who

does not abandon us. Rather, we have a God Who loves us so much that He became man to be with us, to walk with us, and to remain with us, loving us all home. All God wants is that we love Him enough to trust Him and follow Him. He is eternally here to guide us in this undertaking, “And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” (Jn. 14:13-14)

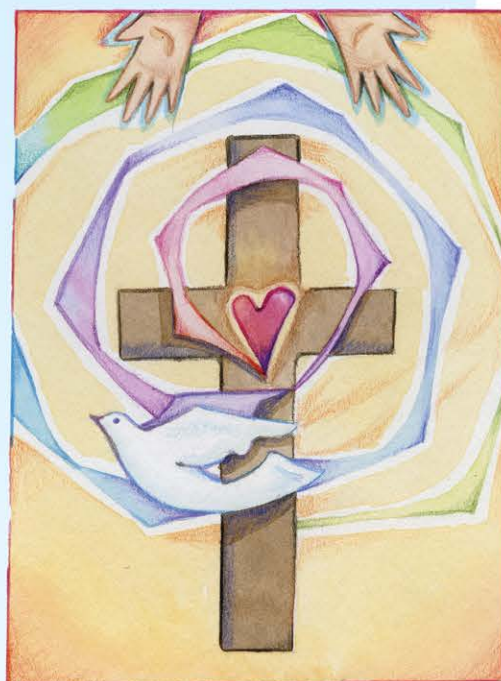


Catechetical

Before his Passover, Jesus announced the sending of ‘another *Paraclete*’ (*Advocate*), the Holy Spirit... The Holy Spirit is thus revealed as another Divine Person with Jesus and the Father.” (CCC 243) This Most Holy Spirit continues to mystify and mesmerize: God's self-introduction as Creator, followed by His Fatherhood as His Son, the Word, became flesh in Jesus, is now revealed in the Love between this Father and Son. What was once ‘One’ is now ‘Three’ and yet, remains ‘One.’

More importantly for us, “even now we are called to be a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity. ‘If a man loves me,’ says the Lord, ‘he will keep my word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make our home with him.’” (CCC 260) Yes, this

ineffable and sublime Love is inviting us to become part of the One, Most Holy Trinity: “The New Law is the *grace of the Holy Spirit* given to the faithful through faith in Christ. It works through charity; it uses the Sermon on the Mount to teach us what must be done and makes use of the sacraments to give us the grace to do it.” (CCC 1966). This truth is simple and breathtaking: to follow Jesus is “to live in ‘the Spirit of truth,’ whom the Father sends in his name and who leads ‘into all the truth.’” (CCC 2466) We finally have the eyes to see how the many are made one – Divine Love.



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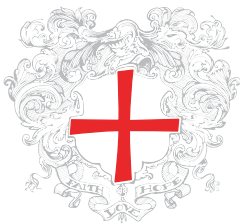
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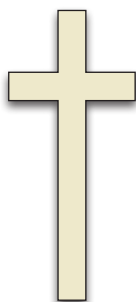
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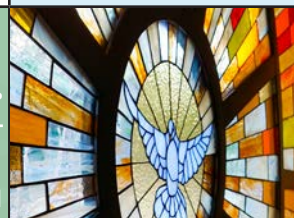
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