# MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

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

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



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

#### **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

2025 Woodman Drive
Kettering, Ohio 45420
ascensionkettering.org
PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.–Noon
RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 4–4:30 p.m.

#### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue
Kettering, Ohio 45429
stalbertthegreat.net
PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.–Noon
RECONCILIATION:
Friday: after Noon Mass

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

#### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

4500 Ackerman Boulevard
Kettering, Ohio 45429
stcharles-kettering.org
PARISH OFFICE: 937-434-6081
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 3–4:30 p.m

## **WORSHIP + SACRAMENTS**



#### **BECOMING CATHOLIC**

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

#### **INFANT BAPTISM**

Parents are required to attend a Baptism preparation class, preferably before the birth of their child, to have a child under the age of seven baptized. Classes are held monthly at rotating locations. For more information, please contact Joe Ollier at Ascension, Kristi Gaston at St. Albert, or Erin Fanning at St. Charles

# SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the marriage date.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

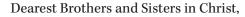
Please notify the Parish Office in case of serious illness or upcoming surgery. Communal anointing services are celebrated in the winter, summer and fall.

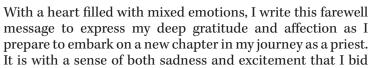
#### **ADORATION** \*with Exposition

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

First Fridays, after 8:30 a.m. Mass\* 7 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations\* +daily Eucharistic Chapel 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
St. Charles Borromeo Campus

#### A FAREWELL MESSAGE





farewell to the beloved parishioners of Mother of God Family of Parishes, which has been my home for the past three years.

As I reflect upon my time here, I cannot but be overwhelmed by the countless blessings and graces that God has bestowed upon me. Each day, I have witnessed the power of faith and the transformative love of our Lord working through the lives of each one of you. Your unwavering commitment to your faith has been an inspiration to me, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served alongside you.

Throughout my time here, your prayers have been a source of immense strength and support. The knowledge I was lifted up in prayer by this family has sustained me through both the joys and challenges of my ministry. Your prayers have been a reminder that we are all interconnected, united in our faith, through Jesus Christ.

I am particularly grateful for the trust you placed in me during the most intimate moment of your lives. It has been an honor and privilege to celebrate the Sacraments with you, to baptize your children, to bless your marriages, to anoint the sick and the dying, and to accompany you in times of grief and loss. These sacred moments have deepened my own faith and have enriched my faith in the profound love that God has for each of us.

As I prepare to take up a new responsibility as the parochial vicar of five families of parishes – Saint John Tipp City, Saint Peter Huber Heights, Saint Christopher Vandalia, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and Holy Cross – I will not forget the memories I have with you people as my first children. I carry alongside with me all the memories and experiences I have shared with all of you. You have left a footprint in my heart and I will forever cherish the relationships we have formed and the moments we have shared.

May we never forget to pray and support one another, even as our paths diverge. I have no doubt that this family of parishes will continue to grow in faith, love and service, guided by the Holy Spirit in the Beacons of Light process. I strongly believe that we are on the right track of becoming one canonical parish. As I move on to my next assignment, rest assured of my continuous prayers for you and please do keep me in your prayers because the road is narrow and only Christ the light of the world could straighten the road before me and make it wide.

No matter the distance that separates us, God continues to unite us through the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass, for we all share and participate in the one Mass that's celebrated in Heaven for all eternity by the Eternal high priest, Christ the Lord. I pray that we continue to grow in faith, so that we will diminish for Christ to increase through the Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the source and summit of our lives.

FR. CHIBUEZE VICAR FOR MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

#### **MASS SCHEDULE\* + INTENTIONS**

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SATURDAY,			
4:30 p.m.	Phyllis Kirbabs—Glen & Joy Whaley	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus
5:00 p.m.	Jan Shutts—Marguerite Krein	Fr. Stegbauer	Church of the Ascension Campus
5:00 p.m.	Melissa Archer—Family	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
SUNDAY, JU	NE 22		
8:30 a.m.	Church of the Ascension	Fr. Stegbauer	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.	Brown/Palmer Family—John & Kathy Brown	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
11:00 a.m.	Joan Shelton—Dottie Woodward	Fr. Stegbauer	Church of the Ascension Campus
11:00 a.m.	Audrey Williams—Anonymous	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus
MONDAY, J	UNE 23		
8:30 a.m.	Ashley Vail—Family	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	Celeste Beach—John & Margaret Beach	Fr. Stegbauer	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Jackie Paxon—J/J Weckesser	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus
TUESDAY, J	UNE 24		
8:30 a.m.	Jim Domin—Dolores Domin	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
12:00 p.m.	Irene deSantis—Patricia & Jim Nagle	Fr. Dan	St. Albert the Great Campus
WEDNESDA	•		-
8:30 a.m.	Justin Osterfeld—Family	Fr. Ken	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	Paul Tarlano—Special Intention	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Jeannie Perry—Kay Moore	Fr. Stegbauer	St. Albert the Great Campus
THURSDAY	· ·	C	-
	James Dresher—Dresher Family	Fr. Tony	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
9:00 a.m.	For those who are traveling	Fr. Stegbauer	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	John Sorgen—D. Sorgen	Fr. Chibueze	St. Albert the Great Campus
FRIDAY, JUI	· ·		1
-	For the Forgotten—Kate Kelly	Fr. Chibueze	Church of the Ascension Campus
12:00 p.m.	Steve & Tina Wagoner—Special Intention	Fr. Tony	St. Albert the Great Campus
SATURDAY,		•	•
4:30 p.m.	Pete Manzo—Domenica Manzo & Family	Fr. Stegbauer	St. Albert the Great Campus
5:00 p.m.	McCreight Family—Carolyn Good	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus
-	Jill Schliech—Family	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
SUNDAY, JU	•		1
8:30 a.m.	Eldon & Bonnie Saintignon—Doug & Paula Saintignon	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus
8:30 a.m.	Timothy Allen Shock—J/J Shock	Fr. Stegbauer	St. Albert the Great Campus
8:30 a.m.	St. Charles Borromeo Church	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
10:30 a.m.	Donald Castle—Gary Castle	Fr. Chibueze	St. Charles Borromeo Campus
11:00 a.m.	Church of the Ascension	Fr. Tony	Church of the Ascension Campus
11:00 a.m.	St. Albert the Great Church	Fr. Stegbauer	St. Albert the Great Campus
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\*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.



# PLEASE CONSIDER VOTING ON THE **NEW LOGO** FOR THE

# MOTHER of GOD

FAMILY OF PARISHES



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A
DECISION ABOUT THE NEW LOOK OF OUR
FAMILY OF PARISHES!

TO VOTE ONLINE, PLEASE SCAN HERE

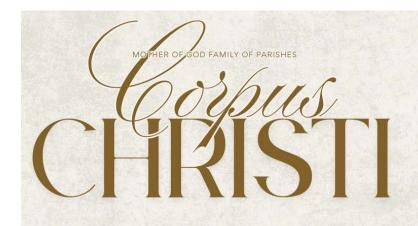


Voting closes June 23, 2025



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

Mary (Jean) Schneble Her Mass of Christian Burial was on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at St. Charles Borromeo Campus.



# **JUNE 22**

AFTER 11 AM MASS

PROCESSION AFTER MASS

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS



# STEWARDSHIP STEWARD

### **WEEK OF JUNE 15**

### **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

Offertory Income	\$ 17,667
YTD Offertory Income	\$ 1,157,730
YTD Budget	\$ 1,057,500
St. Vincent Conference	\$ 446

#### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income	\$ 18,074
YTD Offertory Income	\$ 1,149,732
YTD Budget	\$ 1,260,000
St. Vincent Conference	\$ 45

#### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income	\$ 21,874
YTD Offertory Income	\$ 1,646,732
YTD Budget	\$ 1,563,306
St. Vincent Conference	\$ 275

#### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT (WEEK OF JUNE 8)

Offertory Income	\$ 17, 298
YTD Offertory Income	\$ 1,131,659
YTD Budget	\$ 1,240,000
St. Vincent Conference	\$ 115

#### **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:

- St. Albert: June 21-22 (The second gathering on June 22 will take place 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.

#### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including the victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



#### **PRAYER LIST**

Dan Accrocco, Ken Betche, Jeff Bowling, Paige Brown, Ron Catanzaro, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Ron DeChant, Darlene Duke, Jane Fortener, Mary Ann Frederickson, Betty Gaudion, Carol Harris, Justin Hodge, Larry Hoffman, Martha Kauflin, John Maqsud, Ed Mykytka, Joseph Paul, Jackie Pennington, 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, Jeff Young.

\*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.



#### **GOODBYE, ANNIE & WELCOME, AMIE AND SARAH!**

We want to give a big thank-you to Annie Woods for her work in Junior High Youth Ministry. In her time with us, Annie's energy and creativity really inspired our young people. As she heads off on new adventures, we're sending her lots of prayers and well-wishes! Stepping into this vital role, we welcome Amie Herbert as a Coordinator of Youth Ministry, working primarily with junior high youth at Ascension and St. Albert. We can't wait to see all the fun and faith-filled things ahead with her. We are also excited to announce that Sarah Price will be joining our Faith Formation team as an assistant, helping to support and grow our programs. We have a bright future ahead at Mother of God Family of Parishes thanks in part to our wonderful, caring staff!



### **UPCOMING FAMILY OF PARISHES TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend one of our upcoming Town Hall meetings to receive important updates about our Mother of God Family of Parishes and to share your thoughts, questions, and concerns. These gatherings are an opportunity for open dialogue as we continue to grow together in faith and mission.

#### **TOWN HALL MEETING DATES:**

- Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m. Church, St. Charles Borromeo Campus
- Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m. Witzman Center, Ascension Campus
- Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m. Church, St. Albert the Great Campus

Please join us for one of these important sessions as we walk forward together in faith, unity, and shared purpose.

# SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

Calling all grandparents, aunts, uncles and single people! Did you know that St. Charles Campus offers nursery care for children age 6 months to 4 years during the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses? In order to keep this ministry available, we need 10-15 volunteers. Responsibilities include serving with another adult volunteer and a student helper to care for an average of 5-7 children, one Mass per month. This is a great way to support parish families, and continue to grow our church! If God is moving your heart to help, please see Sarah Archuleta in the Gathering Space before or after Mass, or contact her at sarchuleta@stcharles-kettering.org

#### MISSION APPEAL WEEKENDS

As part of the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, Fr. Francis Tandoh, CSSp, and Fr. Benoit Mukamba, CSSp, will visit St. Albert the Great and Ascension Churches on June 28-29, 2025, 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 www.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 over 60 countries throughout the world and in the United States. This weekend's speakers, Fr. Francis from Ghana and Fr. Benoit from Congo, minister in 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 the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life.

If you are able, please place your donation in the second collection basket.

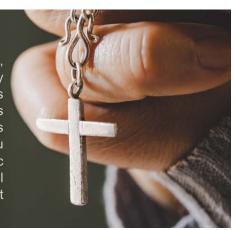


### THANK YOU, ERIN!

Erin Fanning, Pastoral Associate for Children's Faith Formation, will be retiring at the end of June. She has faithfully served the St. Charles Community for 15 years, coordinating CCD, preparing children for the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, assisting families in their faith formation, leading Bible Camp and Children's Liturgy of the Word, and collaborating with the rest of the parish staff in a variety of ministries. We are grateful for Erin's service to our community and wish her every blessing in the future. We invite you to stop in the Gathering Space at St. Charles Campus to share a memory and sign a note of thanks in a special book to Erin.

# **HELP PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

Christians around the world endure violence and discrimination for their faith, facing various forms of persecution. What can we do? As for all worthy causes, we give alms, fast, and pray. Ascension's Knights of Columbus Council 14891 invites all from the Mother of God Family of Parishes to join us to pray a rosary for persecuted Christians. Please join us after the 11am Mass Sunday June 29 in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at Ascension. If you cannot be there then please join us spiritually by praying with the specific petitions for each decade of the rosary that can be found on our council website. If you have questions or comments, please contact Mike Wager at 937-361-1369. bit.ly/45qw5cF



### **FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS**



DO WE UNDERSTAND THE MISSION?

"The community of those who believed were of one Eucharistic heart and soul... and with great power gave their testimony to the resurrection, and great grace was upon them. They had great love like no one had ever seen before." (Acts 4:32, 33) They turned the world upside down! What is Jesus saying to you today? What is your response?

**WHERE**: St. Charles Borromeo Campus, Borromeo Room

WHEN: Friday, June 27, 9:15-11 a.m.

#### **CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!**

Sunday, July 13 at 4 p.m., Spirit Center at St. Albert the Great

Looking for something new? Our Young Adult Ministry (ages 18–35) offers a chance for genuine connection and growth in faith. We're a community of recent grads, young professionals, singles, married couples, and parents, all united by a passion for seeking Christ, building friendships, and rooting our lives in prayer, service, and spiritual growth. Join us for great food, real talk, and meaningful relationships with others who understand where you are in life, right now. Our next Young Adult Community Dinner is on Sunday, July 13 at 4 p.m at St. Albert the Great Spirit Center. We'd love to see you there!

Mom to Mom Summer Connection



No registration needed: Just show up!
Questions? Contact Sarah at 937-401-0021 or
Sarchuleta@stcharles-kettering.org

This month we're sharing words of Hope from some of our Catholic tradition's great Saints. This week we hear from 16th century mystic St. John of The Cross (1542-1591), who taught about the "dark night of the soul":

"Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him.":



CHECK BACK HERE NEXT WEEK FOR MORE HOPE!

## **FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**







# MGFP RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**



Religious Education at St. Albert runs from September through May, held between the two Sunday Masses, from 9:40 to 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

Religious Education at St. Charles Borromeo is offered for Grades 1–5 on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:15 PM, and for Grades 6–8 on Sundays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.



ST. CHARLES **CATECHISTS NEEDED:** • 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

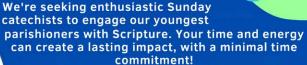
Scan the QR to Register for St. Charles Campus

#### 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.





SCHEDULE: Volunteers needed during 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses in St. Charles

Help us continue to be able to provide this wonderful program! Please contact Tara: tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net with any interest.

INTEREST FORM



# MEFP JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER



JUNE 25TH

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY FUN AND FRIENDSHIP INCLUDED SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

JULY 21ST - 25TH HELP SERVE THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING LUNCH! RISING 8TH **GRADERS ONLY** 

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 28TH - ASCENSION CHURCH CLEANING DAY JULY 4TH - HOT DOGS AND FIREWORKS

CONTACT ANNIE WOOD AT AWOOD@ASCENSIONKETTERING WITH ANY QUESTIONS



















As we prepare to celebrate America's Independence Day, it's time to set up a... Christmas tree? No, it's actually our Annual Freedom Tree to benefit Catholic Social Services' Refugee Resettlement Program. Each tree will be decorated with red, white, and blue stars, each star listing a household item needed by a refugee family.

# **June 20 - July 6**

PLACED AT THE ENTRANCES OF ALL OUR MOTHER OF GOD PARISHES

#### **HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**

- TAKE A STAR FROM THE TREE
- PURCHASE THE LISTED ITEM
- PLEASE RETURN THE ITEM BY PLACING IT IN THE DESIGNATED BOX OR BASKET NEAR THE TREES.

A FULL LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS CAN BE FOUND NEAR THE FREEDOM TREES, ON EACH PARISH'S WEBSITE, AND AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE. PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN YOUR ITEMS BY JULY 6.

Your generosity and prayers are deeply appreciated by Catholic Social Services as they continue to support refugee families making a fresh start in our community.

# CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HAS IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING NEEDS FOR THE REFUGEES.

#### **CRITICAL NEEDS**

- \$35 STRAIGHT TALKCARDS FROM WALMART
- MULTIPURPOSE CLEANER
- \$ FOR WINDOWA/C UNITS
- (ALL CASH COLLECTED THIS YEAR WILLBE EARMARKED FOR WINDOW A/C UNITS)

#### **BEDROOM SUPPLIES**

- PILLOWS
- BED SHEETS (TWIN OR FULL)
- COMFORTERS(TWIN OR FULL)
- BLANKETS (TWIN OR FULL)

#### **GENERAL SUPPLIES**

POCKET NOTEBOOKS
PENS

#### **CLEANING SUPPLIES**

- MULTIPURPOSE CLEANER (KITCHEN OR BATH)
- CLEANING SPONGES
- PAPER TOWELS
- DISH TOWELS/DISH CLOTHS
- DISH SOAP
- BROOMS/DUSTPANS
- PLUNGER
- MOPS/BUCKETS
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- LAUNDRY BASKET

#### KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- TRASHCANS
   (KITCHEN OR BATH)
- TRASHBAGS
- CAN OPENER
- WOODEN COOKING SPOONS
- MIXING BOWLS
- SHARP KITCHEN KNIFE
- STOCK POT W/ LID
- SAUCEPAN W/ LID
- BAKING DISH W/LID
- FRY PAN/SKILLET W/ LID

# BATHROOM / PERSONAL CARE

- TOILET PAPER
- TISSUES
- SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER
- SOAP/BODY WASH
- FEMININE PADS
- HAND SOAP
- RAZORS
- SHAVING CREAM
- LOTION
- WIDE TOOTH COMBS
- PLEASE NO
   TOOTHPASTE OR
   TOOTHBRUSHES



ASCENSION CAMPUS 2025 WOODMAN DR. KETTERING, OH 45420 Help spruce up Ascension's worship space! People of all ages and abilities are welcomethis is a great family activity or service hours opportunity. Come for an hour or stay all day! Bring: gloves, cloths, dusters, buckets, sponges, toothbrushes, etc. Cleaning agents provided!



SPECIAL "FAREWELL FR. CHIBUEZE" EDITION



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship after SUNDAY Masses at St. Charles Campus, June 29!

**BORROMEO ROOM** 

# **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:** July 5/6 (*in the Narthex*)

**Pans due by:** July 25 (Deliver frozen meals either to the Witzman Center or drop them off in the parish office by Noon on the due date.)

#### St. Albert the Great Campus

Pick up pans: June 27

**Pans due by:** July 5 (*Deliver frozen meals to the breezeway entrance between 9-10 a.m.*)

#### St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Pick up pans: July 6

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

# A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITIES







### **AT A GLANCE**

June 22 - Corpus Christi Procession, St. Albert Campus

June 24 - Chair One, 4:30 PM, Ascension Campus

June 25 - Mom to Mom, 9:00 AM, St. Charles Campus

June 26 - Women's Book Club, 1:00 PM, St. Albert Campus

June 27 - ACTS, 9:15 AM, St. Charles Borromeo Campus

June 29 - Koffee Klatsch, St. Charles Borromeo Campus

July 4 - Independence Mass, 9:00 AM, St. Charles Borromeo Campus

July 10 – Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Charles Borromeo Campus

July 13 - Young Adults, 4:00 PM, St. Albert the Great

#### PIETRA FITNESS 5-WEEK SUMMER SERIES

Thursday, July 3 at 8:30 AM, Borromeo Room, St. Charles Campus

Series: Relax, Restore, Recover: Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., July 3 to July 31, in the Borromeo Room. This series focuses on relaxing into a few poses each session and allows extra time for prayerful meditation. Donations are appreciated, but not required. Contact Erin at (937) 344-7288 for more information.

#### **PEACH TRUCK**

We're thrilled to share that Ascension Church is an official stop on The Peach Truck's 2025 Summer Tour! The truck will be stopping by two more times this summer, so mark your calendars!

- Stop #2: Friday, July 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Stop #3: Friday, August 1, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

The Peach Truck will be in the upper parking lot. You must Preorder your peaches at the peachtruck.com to reserve your box.

#### **CHAIR ONE FITNESS**

Tuesday, June 24 at 4:30 PM in Room 118, Witzman Center, Ascension Campus

Join us on Tuesday, June 24, from 4:30-5:00 pm 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. Questions? Contact Alice Ernst at alice4chaironefitness@gmail.com or visit chaironefitness. com.

### HARVEST OF VALUES BAZAAR BASKET **RAFFLES**

The Harvest of Values Bazaar that will be held in November at Ascension Campus will be here before you know it! If you would like to help out by donating a basket for the Basket Raffle, please contact Diane Borchers at 937-231-3373 or borchersdp@gmail. com. Baskets are needed by September, so they can be included in the October presales. Thank you to all who have already committed to donating one!

#### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST ALBERT COUNCIL

The Knights of Columbus Council 4022 Meeting has been moved from Thursday, July 3rd to Thursday, July 10th.

#### WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

Wednesday, June 26, following Noon Mass, St. Albert the Great Campus

Ladies, you are warmly invited to join us for a carryin luncheon, following Noon Mass on Wednesday, June 26, from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Spirit Center in St. Albert the Great. Come ready to share a brief report on the latest book you've read and enjoy a time of fellowship and literary conversation. To RSVP, please contact Kathy Zamonski at 937-304-1511 or email wonderlywoman@gmail.com.

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

- Reminder Montgomery County's (open to anyone) Styrofoam Recycling event will be Saturday June 28, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the CMG Ohio Media Center parking lot, 1611 S. Main St., Dayton.
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#### PROFOUND APPRECIATION

**TO:** Beloved Church of Ascension Family, Very Reverend Fr. Tom Nevels, Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem, Beloved Deacons, Parish Staff, and Parishioners!

In early May, it truly felt like a great homecoming as I relived that unique welcoming spirit, love, and warmth I have enjoyed from you since my time in Dayton. You seized the occasion of my graduation ceremony of my doctorate degree from UD to show you have not stopped loving me years after I left Dayton.

Your love for me was obvious to those who were experiencing you for the first time. Comments like, "Father, these people truly love you," "This is a very warm and welcoming parish," etc., made by my guests from across the world, still echo in my ears.

As one stand-up comedian in my country often says: "Appreciation is application for more" favors. So, I just want to register my profound appreciation for all the love you have shown me over the years.

In this instance, thank you for helping me, through Cathy Magness, as your able ambassador, to plan and execute my doctoral graduation party. Deep gratitude to Fr. Ed Pratt, your immediate past pastor; to your current pastor, Father Tom Nevels (who

without knowing me) trusted Cathy's judgment and allowed me the use of your parish resources; to Fr. Chibueze Asiegbulem who was willing to alter his schedules to ensure that my guests had comfortable accommodations; to Cathy Magness for her time, talents, and resources in designing the invitation, planning, contracting and supporting the catering services; and thanks to you, the parishioners of the Church of Ascension without whom, the parish would not exist.

While this thank-you note is not an appreciation in application for your support through another doctoral graduation (there will not be another). While I have no doubt that you will continue to love me, I do not want to take your love and generosity for granted. I do not want to dishonor the memory of my mother by failing to say "thank you" for favors I received.

Thank you all so very much! May we all enjoy the warmth of God's eternal love at the end of our pilgrimage here on earth. Stay blessed!

REV. LAWRENCE NWABUEZE, O.P.



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