

AUGUST 10, 2025 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FAMILY OF PARISHES

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive
Kettering OH 45420

PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue
Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.- Noon

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

4500 Ackerman Boulevard
Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937- 434 - 6081

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

VISIT OUR NEW COMBINED WEBSITE MGPARIISH.ORG

ADORATION

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following Noon Mass

Daily: Church M-F 8am to 6pm; Adoration Chapel available 24/7 (call office for code)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CAMPUS

First Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following 8:30 a.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations

Daily: Eucharistic Chapel open from 5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

ASCENSION CAMPUS

Adoration before the tabernacle is encouraged before and after daily mass. Contact the parish office for access to the chapel for Adoration at other times.

SACRAMENTS

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Anyone desiring 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.

ANointING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office in case of serious illness or upcoming surgery. Communal anointing services are celebrated three times per year.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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 7 baptized. Classes are held monthly at rotating locations: Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m., Spirit Center at St. Albert; Monday, October 13, 7 p.m. at St. Charles. For more information, and to RSVP (required), please contact Kristi Gaston, kgaston@mgparish.org for St. Albert, or Joe Ollier, jollier@mgparish.org for Ascension and St. Charles.

RECONCILIATION

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Saturday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Friday: After noon mass

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

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**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13,
FOR AN ALL-STAFF RETREAT.**



FAITHFUL IN PRAYER THE MINISTRY OF THE PRAYER CHAIN

If you've ever experienced the quiet power of community prayer in a time of need, chances are Kathleen Gelm and the Prayer Chain were behind it.

A lifelong member of both Ascension and St. Albert the Great—and occasionally worshipping at St. Charles—Kathleen is a beautiful embodiment of our unified Mother of God Family of Parishes. Born and raised in Dayton, Kathleen has always been immersed in parish life. From singing in choir to volunteering at the Ascension Festival every year, she has long been a faithful servant to the Church and her community.

Kathleen leads the "Prayer Chain," a ministry that began years ago as a classic telephone call chain and has since

transitioned to a vibrant and active email-based ministry. She first joined the Prayer Chain about eight years ago and eventually became its dedicated leader. Today, she sends prayer requests to the chain daily—sometimes even twice a day—ensuring that those in need are lifted in prayer by fellow parishioners.

Whether she's at daily Mass or in her workout class, people constantly approach Kathleen to add intentions to the Prayer Chain. Her commitment to this ministry has made it a powerful force for good—time and again, those who request prayers return with joyful updates: surgeries went well, babies were born safely, loved ones found healing, for peace, children got engaged, and many other

stories of God's grace and faithfulness unfold.

The Prayer Chain is a simple but profound ministry. Members receive prayer requests via email and are invited to lift those names and needs up to God—for a few moments or throughout their day, however they feel called. There is no time requirement; only the invitation to pray with love.

If you would like to become part of the Prayer Chain, we encourage you to reach out. You can join by emailing Kathleen Gelm at kathleen4765@att.net. Let us continue to build a community rooted in prayer, carried by faith, and strengthened by each other.

**MGFP COMMUNAL ANOINTING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
5:00 PM MASS AT ASCENSION ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025**

MASS TIMES

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

- 8:30 AM **SC** Thomas Quinn
The Quinn Family
- 9:00 AM **AS** Gaughan Family
Kate Kelly
- NOON **SA** Gail Gann
K. Gelm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- 8:30 AM **SC** Robert & Florence Gliebe
Jeanne Huber
- NOON **SA** Tom Peterson
Peterson Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8:30 AM **SC** Scott Roddy
Carolyn Root
- 9:00 AM **AS** Louis Brown Ogbeifun
Patience Olajide
- NOON **SA** Chris Hutchinson
Anonymous

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

- 8:30 AM **SC** Don Fanning
Fanning Family
- 9:00 AM **AS** Bill Braun
Dee Braun
- NOON **SA** Kris Brown
Yvone + Lou Brinkman
- 7:00 PM **AS** Richard Haber
Fran Bruns

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

- 8:30 AM **SC** Tiffany Pérez
The Pérez Family
- 9:00 AM **AS** Mary Irene Nash
Jack Nash
- NOON **SA** Pilar Perron
Debbie Rogers
- 6:00 PM **SC** Mary Ellen Reinhard
The Stewart Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

- 4:30 PM **SA** John Lowman
Mary Lowman
- 5:00 PM **AS** Louis Mraz
Barbaro
- 5:00 PM **SC** Jim Gehring
Gehring Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- 8:30 AM **AS** Church of the Ascension
- 8:30 AM **SA** Kay Lunne
Jim & Mary Ann Schoen
- 8:30 AM **SC** St. Charles Borromeo Church
- 10:30 AM **SC** Donald Pohl
Joe McLaughlin & Family
- 11:00 AM **AS** Betty Kretz
Bev Ishmael
- 11:00 AM **SA** St. Albert the Great Church

AS ASCENSION **SA** ST. ALBERT **SC** ST. CHARLES



GIVE

One meaningful way to support the work of Mother of God Family of Parishes is through financial giving. Your generosity helps us offer vibrant ministries, meaningful events, and opportunities for all to encounter Christ and community. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to help us continue building a parish family where everyone knows they belong.

For more information about giving, visit mgparish.org/give.

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory." – Colossians 3:1–4

STEWARDSHIP

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income \$ 35,004
YTD Offertory Income \$ 140,703
YTD Budget \$ 147,375
Diakonia \$ 1,316

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income \$ 20,572
YTD Offertory Income \$121,425
YTD Budget \$120,187
St. Vincent Conference \$ 582

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

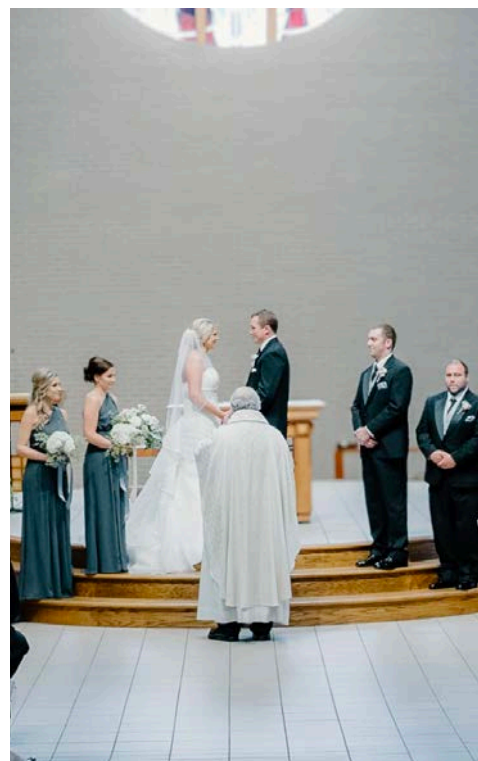
Offertory Income \$ 20,816
YTD Offertory Income \$ 104,607
YTD Budget \$ 121,250
Saint Vincent De Paul \$ 1,760

Please go to mgparish.org/mass to see weekend presider schedule.

WORSHIP

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE WEEKEND

How many years of marriage will you celebrate this year? On the weekend of Aug. 23/24, we will offer a blessing for married couples at all the St. Charles Masses. St. Charles will celebrate some special anniversary years at a luncheon on Sunday afternoon. Married couples know, however, that sometimes the most significant years of their marriage don't end in 0 or 5! The years of growth, of great joy or surviving tragedy, can be key moments of sacramental grace. Whether you are in year 2 or 17, we appreciate the witness your marriage brings to our community. *"Firmly established by the Lord, the unity of marriage will radiate from the equal personal dignity of wife and husband, a dignity acknowledged by mutual and total love."* (Gaudium et Spes, 49) If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th or 75th Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025, please contact the St. Charles office to RSVP to attend our Anniversary Luncheon on Sunday, August 24 at 11:30am in the Borromeo Room. Call the parish office at 937-434-6081 to register. We also need volunteers to serve at the St. Charles Anniversary Luncheon. If you would like to set up, decorate, prepare food, serve tables, or clean up, please contact Chris Jasek at cjasek@mgparish.org or 937-401-0097. "Celebrate Marriage" events will also be held at our St. Albert and Ascension campuses in the coming months. Stay tuned for details.



As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, this week's Words of Hope come from WWII martyr St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941): "The Immaculate will conquer, through us, the whole world and every single soul."

CONGRATULATIONS



The Mother of God Family of Parishes would like to congratulate **Sarah Archuleta** and **Miguel Davalos** on their reception of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Sunday, August 10, 2025.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

AUG 14
7 PM - ASCENSION

AUG 15
8:30 AM - ST. CHARLES
9 AM - ASCENSION
NOON - ST. ALBERT
6 PM - ST. CHARLES

NEW PARISHIONERS—WELCOME!

Joe and Maria Maloney of Beavercreek

PRAYER LIST

Maria & Robin Bachman, Barbara Blackstone, Jeff Bowling, Nicole Braun, Dennis Buechele, Jane Buechele, Ron Catanzaro, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Ron DeChant, Darlene Duke, Larry Ely, Jane Fortener, Betty Gaudion, Barbara Griffin, Carol Harris, Justin Hodge, Larry Hoffman, Lou Johnson, Martha Kauflin, Pam Kussman, John Maqsud, Ed Mykytka, Don Paul, Joseph Paul, Michael Prince, Suzanne Radcliffe, Joyce Rogers, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Jane Ryan, Ruth Schock, Mary Louise Scott, Deacon Dick Strominger, Dan Whelan, Lily Williams, 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.

OUR MINISTRIES

A WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT / UPDATES OF SOME OF OUR MINISTRIES, CLUBS, AND GROUPS

HELP PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR EAGER-TO-LEARN LITTLE ONES!

Ascension's collection of School Supplies for families served through Catholic Social Services continues throughout the year. As we prepare for the 2025-26 school year, we are running low on the following new school supplies:

- PENCIL BOXES & POUCHES
- COMPOSITION BOOKS (SOFT-BOUND, NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, PLEASE)
- PLASTIC 2-POCKET FOLDERS (NO PAPER FOLDERS, PLEASE)
- EXPO DRY ERASE MARKERS
- PINK ERASERS
- 1-INCH 3-RING BINDERS
- THIN WASHABLE MARKERS
- BLUNT-TIP SCHOOL SCISSORS FOR K-5TH GRADES
- KLEENEX BOXES
- WIDE-RULED FILLER PAPER

Donations can be placed in the collection box in the Bride's Room at Ascension, or email Tina Schlegel at dtschlegel@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

MGFP'S MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

Please come to our next monthly meeting to participate in planning this new ministry in our family of parishes that is supported by the Archdiocese. We are learning about starting this ministry and planning upcoming activities. For more information, contact Lisa Averion at laverion@catholicaoc.org.

NEW PIETRA FITNESS SATURDAY CLASS

All classes are gentle-level; just bring a mat and some water! Contact Erin at 937-344-7288 for information.

8/28

7 PM

ST. C

Borromeo Rm

8/15

8:30 AM

ST. C

Borromeo Rm

THE FAITHFUL SERVANT

BY CHRIS KREGER

Some Gospels hint or encourage and some Gospels smack you in the face. This Gospel smacks me in the face. This weekend, we are offered a long and short version from the Gospel of Luke. It is the long version of Luke 12:32-48 whose words I find particular challenging.

In the long form of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins by encouraging His followers to "sell their belongings and give alms" (Luke 12:33) versus keeping treasure for oneself. Alms are money or goods given to the poor and vulnerable.

With this beginning, Jesus offers the parable of the vigilant servant who is ready when his master returns. Jesus goes on to explain to Peter that the faithful servant is ready because he is distributing the food allowance accordingly to the other servants. The servant who does not do his master's will cares for himself only, even to the point of abusing the other servants.

In this reading, I hear Jesus reminding me how my actions matter. It matters not just how I care for my own, but also how I care for those around me. As stewards of our society, we are responsible for the way others, especially the most vulnerable, are treated.

As I read this Gospel, I couldn't help but think of a statement by the President of the US Bishop's Conference, Archbishop Broglio. Addressing the recent federal budget legislation, the Archbishop states, "The final version of the bill includes unconscionable cuts to healthcare and food assistance, tax cuts that increase inequality, immigration provisions that harm families and children, and cuts to programs that protect God's creation." (July 3, 2025 US Bishops' President Reacts to Passage of One Big Beautiful Bill Act) This sounds to me like the action of "servants" who care only for themselves and not for others around them.

The Archbishop then encourages all to respond by direct help for the poor and by advocacy for laws that provide for the well-being of those in need. Often it can be daunting to pay attention to the world around us, but today's Gospel asks us to concretely think about what we are doing when the master returns.

SAFE PARISH

With summer activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed The Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish™: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse - Arch. of Cincinnati Edition. In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprinting, and B4 form once, prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of Education licensees may have additional requirements, and school offices or athletic departments should be consulted if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins. With the school year beginning in August, please make sure you are up to date on completing the quarterly bulletins or you will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. For questions and to become SafeParish-trained, please contact one of the following:

ASCENSION

Joe Ollier
jollier@mgparish.org

ST. ALBERT

Tom Hutchinson
thutchinson@mgparish.org

ST. CHARLES

Anna Godby
agodby@mgparish.org

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE AT MGFP

Saturday, August 16
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
St. Charles Campus

Support your local blood supply and help avoid critical blood shortages when you give the most important gift of all—the gift of life!

To schedule an appointment, visit **donortime.com**.

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Looking to make a difference in the lives of young people? Our family of parishes is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to support our Junior High Youth Group. Whether you'd like to lead small group discussions, mentor students one-on-one, or help coordinate fun activities and outings, there's a meaningful role for you. Volunteering is a rewarding way to build relationships, strengthen your own faith, and positively influence the next generation. With flexible opportunities to fit your schedule and interests, now is a great time to get involved. To learn more or sign up, contact Amie Herbert at aherbert@mgparish.org or call (937) 253-5171, ext. 108—we'd love to welcome you to the team!



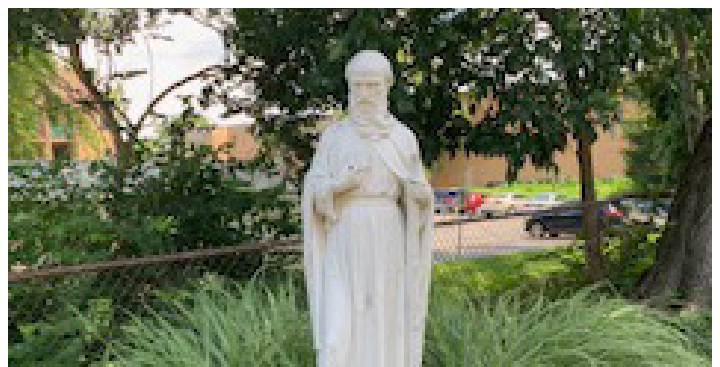
NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Exciting news! Our Knights of Columbus have been hard at work behind the St. Albert Spirit Center, bringing the Stations of the Cross project to life, assembling benches, adding plaques and images, and sprucing up the area. Special thanks to Forst Elliott and Bob Burns for their extra efforts with the project! We're thrilled to invite everyone to the Dedication and Grand Opening of the Stations of the Cross on Saturday, August 9, right after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Join us for this special moment of blessing and celebration, followed by a cookout at the Spirit Center at St. Albert! We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs, and plenty more to enjoy. We can't wait to see you there!




ST. ALBERT MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

The St. Albert Parish Monthly Food Collection for the Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV) Choice Food Pantry on W. Riverview Ave in West Dayton will take place on Aug. 9 and 10. There will be gray barrels outside the southside church entrances and also in the Gathering Space. All shelf-stable food is accepted, however hygiene items are critically needed.



OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY



**FAMILY
OF PARISHES
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SEPT 14
1 TO 5 PM
DELCO PARK
SHELTERS 2 & 3

GAMES • FOOD
BINGO • VIDEO
GAME TRUCK

BRING A CHAIR
AND EXTRA
NON-ALCOHOLIC
DRINKS

BRING A
DISH TO
SHARE!

LAST NAME:
A-G: DESSERT
H-O: SALAD
P-Z: SIDE

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8/12

4:30 PM

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CHAIR ONE FITNESS

Join us on Tuesday evenings. 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.

ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEERS

Attention Mother of God parishioners – Do you have a hobby or talent you would like to share with some eager and excited 6th-8th graders? St. Albert offers enrichment to our 6th-8th graders each quarter for 5 weeks. It takes place every Thursday from 1:20-2:30 pm. The students take a survey at the beginning of September of all the activities that will be offered throughout the school year. The purpose of this program is to expose our students to different opportunities that spark their interest. Right now, we have the following set up for this school year – cooking, running, cake decorating, engineering, leadership, SEL, Craft/rosary making, writing and board games club – in the past, we have had photography, dance, coding, business, babysitting. The following are the dates each quarter they would be offered:

1ST QUARTER:

Sept 11 · Sept 18 · Sept 25 · Oct 2

2ND QUARTER:

Oct 23 · Oct 30 · Nov 6 · Nov 14 · Nov 20

3RD QUARTER:

Jan 15 · Jan 22 · Jan 29 · Feb 5 · Feb 12

4TH QUARTER:

Mar 12 · Mar 19 · Mar 26 · Apr 2 · Apr 9

If you are interested in donating your time and talent to this great program, or for more information, please reach out to Principal Nancy Hankey at nhankey@stalbertschool.org with your name, the activity you would like to share and the time (quarter you would like to give of your talents). The commitment would be five Thursdays and SafeParish training is required (see link below). Hope to hear from you soon! <https://www.aocsafeenvironment.org>

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WWW.ADORATIONDAYTON.ORG FOR DETAILS

St. Dominic Chapel

St. Luke Parish

1440 N. Fairfield Rd.
Beavercreek, OH 45432



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CHILDREN

Registration for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for our Mother of God Family of Parishes is underway! RE at St. Albert is Sundays, 9:40-10:40 a.m. (Grades K-8) and at St. Charles is Tuesdays, 4-5:15 p.m. (Grades 1-5), and Sunday evenings, 5:30-7 p.m. (Grades 6-8). Visit mgparish.org to register!



JR. HIGH

EDGE is our Middle School Youth Ministry. We offer weekend events for middle schoolers to experience faith in action through prayer, service, and friendship, helping them grow in relationship with God, others, and their identity as beloved children of God.



HIGH SCHOOL

DOCK is our high school ministry for all teens, meeting Sunday nights at St. Charles, where we live out "faith in action" through community, service, and spiritual growth in a welcoming, come-as-you-are environment.

Find us online!

Looking to enroll your child in Religious Education?

Visit: mgparish.org/religious-education

Interested in Sacramental Preparation?

Visit: mgparish.org/sacramental-preparation

Interested in our Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry Programs and contact information?

Visit: mgparish.org/youth

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Liturgy of the Word needs your help! We're looking for enthusiastic catechists to share Scripture with our youngest parishioners during the Sunday Mass at Ascension at 11 a.m.; St. Albert at 11 a.m., and St. Charles at both 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. This is a meaningful way to make a lasting impact with a minimal time commitment. If you're interested in helping continue this wonderful program, please contact Tara at tschumaker@mgparish.org.

CHALLENGE

Calling all girls in 5th–8th grade! Are you ready for a new kind of challenge? Join us for a fun, faith-filled experience where we focus on community, mission, fun, and prayer life. Come check us out on August 27th at St. Charles in Walsh Hall from 6:30-8 p.m. Questions? Email us at challengekettering@gmail.com.

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FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole pans are available in the Narthex/Gathering Space at each campus various times each month to provide a meal for our neighbors at the St. Vincent shelters. Instructions are with each pan. Additionally, St. Albert the Great is in the 36th year of the monthly food collection, serving the Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV) Choice Food Pantry in downtown Dayton. Visit mgparish.org/food-collection for more information on what to bring and when! 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.

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AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER:

Pans due by: Aug 22

NEXT MONTH'S

Pick up pans: Sept. 6/7

(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

Pick up pans: Sept. 5

Pans due by: Sept. 13

(Deliver frozen meals to the breezeway entrance between 9-10 a.m.)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Pick up pans: Sept 7

Pans due by: Sept 14

(Deliver frozen to the Hospitality Room, 8-10:45 a.m.)

LOVE IN ACTION

AUGUST FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The next collection of items for the Ascension Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry will be held on the weekend of August 16/17. **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. 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 Neighbor-to-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 currently is for food items as opposed to toiletries or cleaning products. You may drop off your donations in the Bride's Room at Ascension or at the entrances of St. Charles and St. Albert. Thank you for your amazing generosity in supporting our neighbors in need!

SUPPORT THE NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR FOOD PANTRY AT MEIJER!

NOW–SEPTEMBER 27

Support the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry, a collaboration between Greenmont Oak Park Community Church and Ascension Campus, by participating in Meijer's Simply Give program. Purchase a \$10 Simply Give card at the Wilmington Pike Meijer checkout, or pick up one at Ascension and take it to Meijer to load with your donation. On **DOUBLE MATCH DAYS**, August 16 and September 13, Meijer will double your gift, turning a \$10 donation into \$20. Thank you for your generosity!

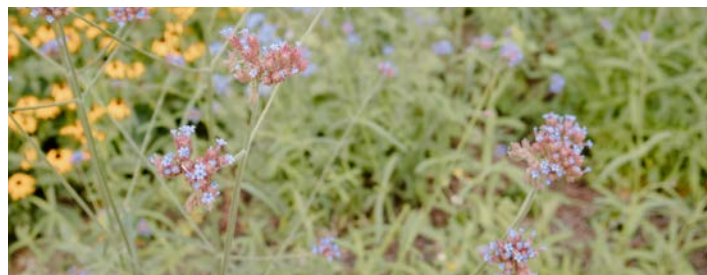
CARE FOR CREATION ECO TIP

Food waste contributes a great deal to carbon emissions, and proper storage is key to helping perishables last longer. For example, store your garlic in a dark location with good air circulation, such as inside your pantry.



ST. MICHAEL'S LENT

St. Michael's Lent starts August 15! Join 45 days of prayer, sacrifice, and brotherhood to grow in faith and strength. Scan QR Code for details or contact Deacon Chris Jasek at cjasek@mgparish.org.



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back to school + mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

10:30 AM MASS, ST. CHARLES CAMPUS

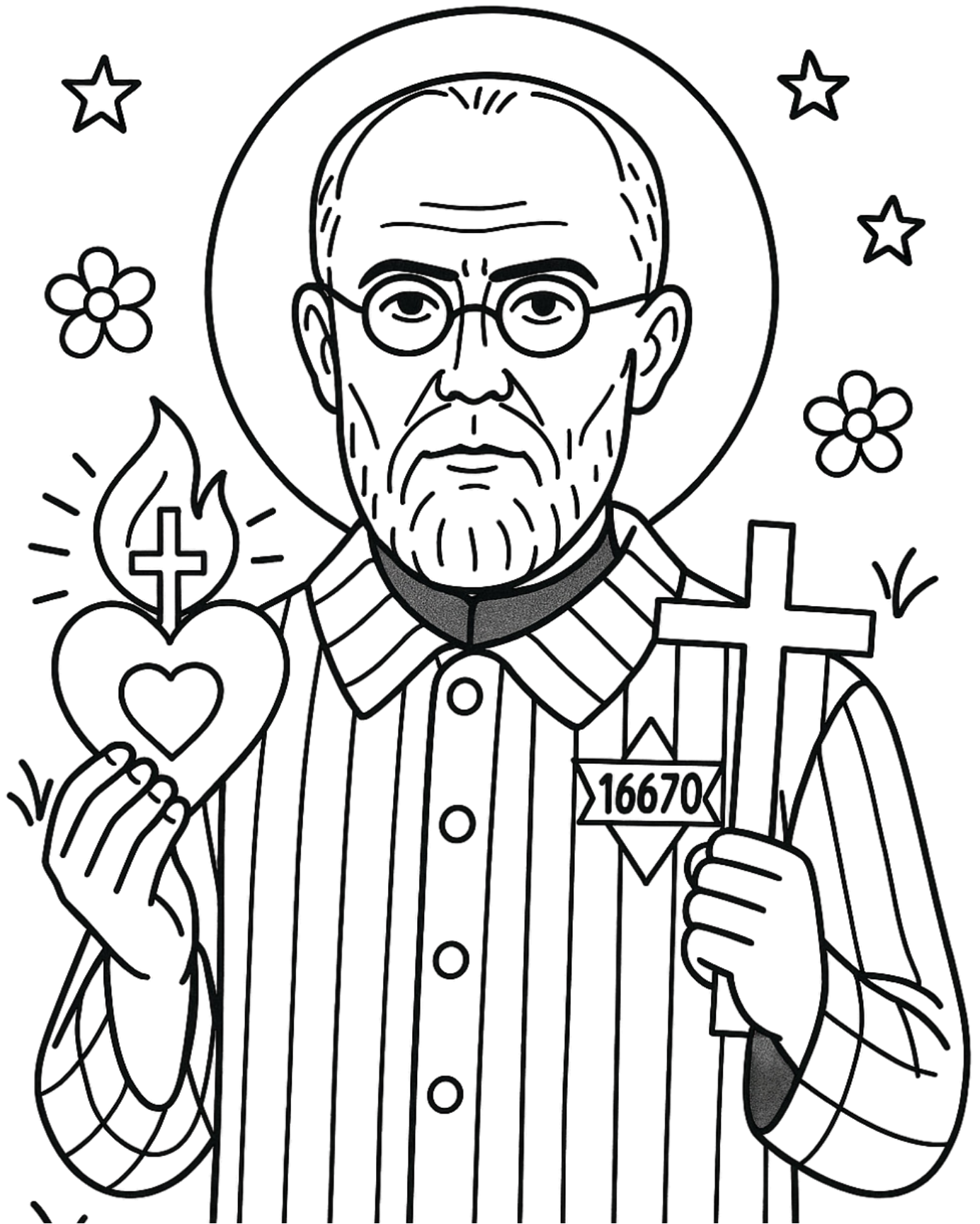
11:00 AM MASS, ST. ALBERT CAMPUS

11:00 AM MASS, ASCENSION CAMPUS

All students are welcome to join us at these Masses for a special back-to-school blessing, photo opportunities, and a treat to take home!

For more information go to mgparish.org/btsmass

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KIDS' COLORING PAGE OF THE WEEK! ST. MAX KOLBE!

Saint Maximilian Kolbe was a kind and brave Catholic priest who lived in Poland during World War II. He loved Mary, the Mother of Jesus, very much and taught others to follow her example. When he was taken to a prison camp, he showed great courage and love by offering his life to save another man. Saint Maximilian reminds us that true love means helping others, even when it is hard.

NEW NAME! SAME PRIEST!

Wonderful parishioners of the Mother of God Family of Parishes, it has been a joy getting to know all of you so far! Let's get right to the news: I have decided to return to going by Fr. Jeff. I have a number of reasons for doing so. The easiest reasons to explain is that I have been Fr. Jeff in some circles (Prison Ministry, FOCUS trips, Hope of the Poor/Mexico City, etc.) and Fr. Stegbauer (parishes mostly) in others. And, frankly, it was getting tiring/confusing to be going by different things in other circles. Like the advertisements say – "New Look! Same taste!" Therefore, "New Name! Same priest!" Thank you all for your patience with this. And let's continue to work in God's vineyard for His glory and the salvation of souls.



MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES INFO

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Deacon Jeff Hall
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BE PREPARED

Reflection on Luke 12:32-48

During his sermon a preacher asked his congregation, “who wants to go to heaven, raise your hand?” All hands went up, except for one older gentleman sitting in the front. The preacher pointed at him and said, “what about you sir, don’t you want to go to heaven?” “Sure I do,” he said, “but the way you asked the question, I thought you were getting a bus together for tonight.”

Which is really the point of this Gospel: “be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” It could be tonight, or tomorrow, and so Jesus urges us to be faithful, vigilant, and prepared.

“If you knew when the thief was coming...,” Jesus says. Which I find to be a curious metaphor, Jesus comparing himself to a thief. He did break into our world in a totally surprising way, becoming human. He did not employ force or violence, but through expressing love, mercy, and compassion, and announcing God’s Kingdom, He totally stole our hearts! A divine thief, indeed!

– Father Jay

*May your kindness, O Lord,
be upon us who have put
our hope in you.*

– Psalm 33:22

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 10, 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Monday, August 11, 2025

Saint Clare, Virgin
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Weekday
Deuteronomy 31:1-8
Deuteronomy 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Weekday
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 14, 2025

*Saint Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr*
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17
Psalm 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 15, 2025

*The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Weekday
Joshua 24:14-29
Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
Matthew 19:13-15

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SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE

Saint of the Day: August 14

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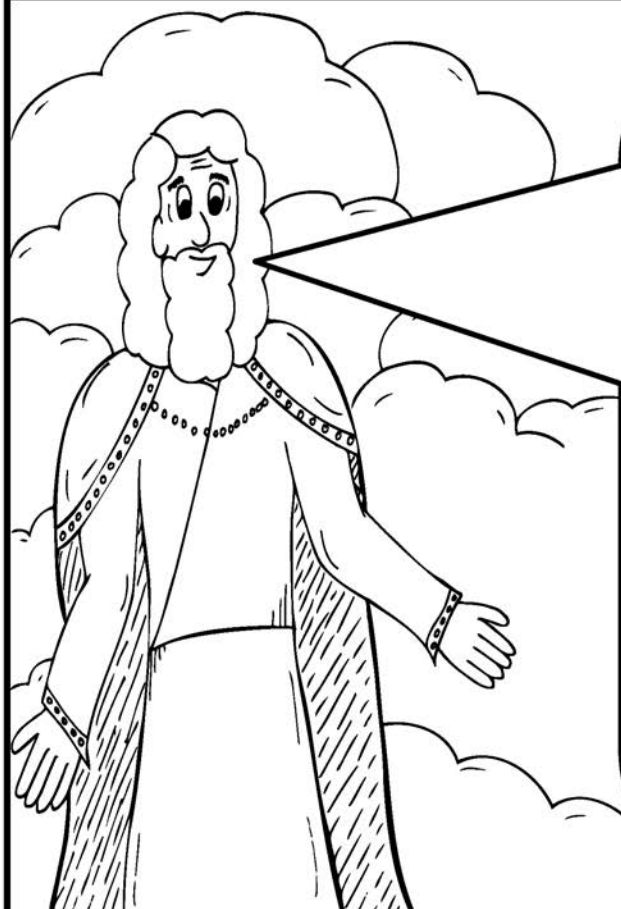
Maximilian Mary Kolbe entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lviv at 16 and became a novice.

Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded Knight of the Immaculata, a religious magazine under Mary’s protection to preach the Good News to all nations. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested. The Nazis’ purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations. A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. “This one. That one.” As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line. “I would like to take that man’s place. He has a wife and children.” “Who are you?” “A priest.”

No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the “block of death” they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.

Read the full article: “Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-maximilian-mary-kolbe/> (Accessed July 22, 2025).



You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect...

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Jesus tells a parable about servants. A good servant is always ready for his master to come home. God wants us to be like those servants and always be ready to meet Him.

Year C: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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