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

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

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue

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Friday: 9:00 a.m.-Noon

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

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Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937-434-6081

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

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ADORATION

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following Noon Mass

Daily: Church Monday: 10 am to 6pm & Tuesday to Friday: 8am to 6pm; Adoration Chapel available 24/7 (call office for code)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO 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, or visit mgparish.org/become-catholic

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 BORROMEEO

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

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Friday: After Noon Mass

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

INSTAGRAM: @mgparish_

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**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1,
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY. PLEASE JOIN US
FOR MASS AT 9 AM AT ASCENSION CAMPUS.**



You might've heard, we have a new pope. His name is Pope Leo XIV. Would you like to "meet" him from a distance? Would you like to spend time with my-Fr. Jeff's-mom? Would you like to pray with some saints of the Church—including the newly canonized St. Carlo Acutis? Have you always wanted a custom neck wallet and luggage tag?

If any of these fit your hopes and dreams, then I invite you to join me and my mom, Martha, on pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, October 20-29, 2026. The trip is being led by St. Charles Pilgrimages. More information with a link to the full trip brochure can be found at mgparish.org/pilgrimages. Registration is open! We would love for you to join us! It is looking to be a spiritually fruitful pilgrimage AND an excellent, exquisite, enjoyable excursion.

My mom is a wonderful woman, and I know you will all love getting to know her. And I am sure my mom will enjoy telling stories about my younger years. Perhaps she will share the story about how she named me after a goose?

The Pilgrimage will have so many unique, special-access opportunities to encounter the saints and the glories of Rome. I'll mention a few. On our first day in Rome, we will have a private Scavi Tour of the cemetery under St. Peter's Basilica and the bones of St. Peter the first pope! One of the other days, we will visit the other three Major Basilicas of Rome and visit Santa Croce to see relics of our Lord's Passion. We are blessed to celebrate Masses in incredible places—St. Mary Major, Sunday Mass and a private Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, St. Mary of the Angels (Assisi), and the Basilica of St. Clare. We will get to spend time with and talk with some heavy-hitting saints—Francis, Clare, Agnes, Peter, Paul, John Paul II, and so many more! This is the pilgrimage to bring your prayer intentions as we will be encountering powerhouse intercessors.

We will be seeing Pope Leo at least twice. We will see him at the Sunday Angelus and the Wednesday Papal Audience. You may not get close enough to give him a hug, but you will

receive his Apostolic Blessing—I think this might be better than a hug. We may even get to hear the Pope himself give the audience in English instead of hearing it through a translator!

I'm not sure exactly what an Umbrian dinner is, but we get four courses of it one evening! Delicious Italian wine will be flowing freely at many meals—including a visit to a winery.

Please join us—you won't regret it! It is looking to be full of spiritual graces and joy. We will encounter Christ in the churches, the Holy Father, saints, and one another. We will pray and we will laugh. Let's conquer Rome together. Registration is open and spaces are limited! Register soon to guarantee your spot!



**You can find more info in
mgparish.org/pilgrimages**

MASS TIMES

AS ASCENSION SA ST. ALBERT SC ST. CHARLES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 AM AS Tom & Marta Parkes
Marta Parkes

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 AM SC Michael Burke
Krista Burke Family

NOON SA Agnus Clarke
MC&B Jensen

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 AM SC Maria Elena Cata
Mary Catherine Plogman

9:00 AM AS Kelly Family
Kate Kelly

NOON SA The Healy Family
H&A Delaney

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 AM SC The Gutman Family
Mary & Dennis Conroy

9:00 AM AS Paul Tarlano
Special Intention

NOON SA Steven Boesch
Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 PM SC Bill Taylor
Don Homan

9:00 AM AS Celeste Beach
Dottie Woodward

NOON SA Theresa Taylor
St. Albert Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

4:30 PM SA James Gantt
Family

5:00 PM AS Frances Krupp
Joyce Wolslegel

5:00 PM SC Bill Taylor
Carolyn Taylor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 AM AS Church of the Ascension

8:30 AM SA Mary & Matthias Kuntz
Cecilia Mahle

8:30 AM SC St. Charles Borromeo Church

10:30 AM SC Grace & Joe White
John & Chris White Family

11:00 AM AS Roy Mead
Motto Family

11:00 AM SA St. Albert the Great Church

PLEASE GO TO MGPARISH.ORG/MASS TO
SEE WEEKEND PRESIDER SCHEDULE.



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.

"My child, conduct your affairs with
humility, and you will be loved more
than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself
the more, the greater you are, and
you will find favor with God."
Sirach 3:17-18

STEWARDSHIP

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

Offertory Income \$ 25,475
YTD Offertory Income \$ 218,541
YTD Budget \$ 235,800
Diakonia \$ 590

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income \$17,516
YTD Offertory Income \$204,083
YTD Budget \$192,300
St. Vincent Conference \$ 120

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income \$ 26,303
YTD Offertory Income \$ 186,077
YTD Budget \$ 194,000
Saint Vincent de Paul \$ 1,280

WORSHIP

WALK WITH MGFP IN THE HOLIDAY AT HOME PARADE!

Please join us on **September 1st** to walk with us in the Holiday at Home Parade. Begin the journey with a Mass at **Ascension** at **7 AM**, then help us decorate a 54-foot livestock trailer and walk through the parade with Father Tom as our "shepherd," collecting the "lost sheep" of Kettering! All are encouraged and welcome to come!

IS THIS YOUR TIME TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Have you wondered how to connect to God and seek a faith of practical use in your life? We invite you to search with us! Were you baptized in another faith tradition, but now are wondering what the Catholic faith might have to offer you? Come explore with us. Maybe you are ready to reconnect with the seeds of faith started in your childhood? Come and grow with us. Our family of parishes offers a wonderful process for adults and families to learn about the Catholic faith called the OCIA (Order of Initiation of Adults). Email Chris Kreger at ckreger@mgparish.org for more information and to get started. If you have been thinking about it, now is the time to reach out!



This week's Words of Hope come to us from St. Padre Pio (1887-1968), who was known for spiritual battles against the devil, and receiving the stigmata.

"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

NEW PARISHIONERS—WELCOME!

Jeffrey & Leslie Miller of Dayton

Casey Truett of Dayton

Sue Garcia of Beavercreek

Maria Silva of Dayton

WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Lily Galt, daughter of Casey Truett

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF

Roy Mead. His Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, August 29 at Church of the Ascension Campus.

WEDDING BANNS

1ST Steve Carusone and Laine Janousek

PRAYER LIST

Maria & Robin Bachman, Barbara Blackstone, Jeff Bowling, Teresa Bradley, 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, Kathy Horvath, Lou Johnson, Martha Kauflin, Judy Koehler, Pam Kussman, John Maqsud, Don Paul, Joseph Paul, Michael Prince, Suzanne Radcliffe, Joyce Rogers, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Jane Ryan, Ruth Schock, Mary Louise Scott, Patty Sorrell, Dcn. Dick Strominger, Dan Whelan, Lily Williams, Angela Woessner, Ann & Frank Weyler, 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

ST. ALBERT CHURCH RENOVATION

On August 18, Father Tom, staff members, Parish Council President, Finance Committee Chairman and renovation team members met with Jeremy Helmes of the Archdiocese Office of Divine Worship and Sacraments to discuss the concept drawings drafted to refresh the interior of the church, add a cry room and move the tabernacle to a more visible location in the sanctuary. Jeremy toured the existing church and discussed how the renovation plans will be reviewed by the Archdiocese. After the Archdiocese Review Team provides feedback on the proposed concept plans, a Town Hall meeting will be held in the fall at St. Albert the Great to review the concept plan.

9/2

9 AM

ST. CHARLES
Borromeo Rm

MOM-TO-MOM

Welcome all moms to our incredible Mom-to-Mom Ministry! Our 8-week ministry begins Sept 2 and 3, 9-10:45 a.m. at St. Charles, all moms are welcome!

9/2

4:30 PM

ASCENSION
Witzman Ctr
Rm 118

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.

9/4

8:30 AM

ST. CHARLES
Borromeo Rm

NEW PIETRA FITNESS SATURDAY CLASS

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

MOMS WHO LUNCH

Can't make it to Bible study or Mom-to-Mom? No worries! Join Moms Who Lunch, a fun, relaxed midday hangout for moms on **September 10, September 23, and October 12 at Noon**. Bring your littles, come as you are, and dive into food, laughs, and good conversation – no prep, no pressure, just friendship and fun! Stay tuned for more details.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

AMANDA ORTIZ, VISUAL DESIGN & MEDIA SPECIALIST

At Mother of God Family of Parishes, we often talk about building community. Many times, we picture only the bright side: the laughter, the joy, the friendships, and the family. But true community is more than just the good moments. As someone who moved to the U.S., I've realized that my husband and I even miss some of the "negative" parts of community life back home. Not because we long for difficulties, but because real connection grows when people share not only joys, but also frustrations and challenges. Here in Kettering, I've found myself bonding with others over little things like the weather or even city taxes in Ohio. These moments remind me that community is built when we share both the joys and the struggles. As summer winds down and the weather shifts, I am looking forward to celebrating the gift of community at our Family of Parishes Picnic on Saturday, September 14, at Delco Park. I know many of us have reasons to celebrate that day, and I would love to hear yours. If you are celebrating something around September 14, send me a note at aortiz@mgparish.org. I cannot wait to celebrate with you!

OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

SAFE PARISH

All parish and school employees and volunteers must complete SafeParish™ training, an online background check, and stay current on quarterly bulletins to work with youth. Employees also need fingerprinting and a B4 form before starting, and licensees may have extra requirements. For questions or to become SafeParish-trained, contact Joe Ollier (jollier@mgparish.org) for Ascension, Tom Hutchinson (thutchinson@mgparish.org) for St. Albert, or Anna Godby (agodby@mgparish.org) for St. Charles.

WELCOME BACK

Ascension Women's Guild is happy to get things started with our Annual Salad Supper on Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. at Ascension in the Witzman Center (basement of the church). All women of the Mother of God Family of Parishes are invited! Come meet and greet new and old friends and hear what WG has scheduled for the upcoming year. Please bring a salad dish to share along with the recipe. These will go into the yearly cookbooks given out at the Dine Out in December. WG will provide table service and drinks. Any questions, please contact Sue Graham at sgraham@ascensionkettering.org. See you there!

COFFEE & DONUTS

All are welcome to join us for Coffee & Donuts, including healthy options, after the morning Masses at Ascension on Sunday, September 7th in the Witzman Center. This event is hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 14891. All freewill offerings are donated to directly support two seminarians currently enrolled at The Pontifical College Josephinum. Come and meet more of your MGFP family and Knights for fellowship.

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary meeting will shift to Wednesday, September 3, due to Labor Day. All are welcome to visit without any obligation in St. Albert's Spirit Center, Room C, for praying the Rosary and spiritual encouragement, 6:45-8:15 p.m. On September 8th, the meeting returns to its usual Mondays, same time and place, with a Birthday Party for Our Lady to follow. Bring a dish to share. For more information, contact Ennis Dodd, 937-999-1263 cell.



TOGETHER
Sunday

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 13**

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 14**

**JOIN US AT MASS
ON
TOGETHER
SUNDAY
WEEKEND!**

BRING A FRIEND!

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PARISH-PICNIC](http://MGPARISH.ORG/PARISH-PICNIC)



**SEPTEMBER 14
1 TO 5 PM**

DELCO PARK | SHELTERS 2 & 3

**GAMES FOOD BINGO
VIDEO GAME TRUCK**

**MGPARISH.ORG
FOR MORE INFO**

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CHILDREN

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for our Mother of God Family of Parishes begins soon! RE at St. Albert is Sundays, 9:40-10:50 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). Substitute catechists are needed for both programs. Please contact Tara with any interest: tschumaker@mgparish.org



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

LifeTeen (Formerly known as 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!

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



IGNITE cookout

All MGFP parents and students in grades 6–8 are invited to the kickoff of IGNITE—our Friday night meal and ministry gathering! Join us for a fun evening featuring a cookout to launch the year. We'll provide the meat—just bring a side dish or dessert to share!

PERMISSION FORM



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,
6:00 PM –8:00 PM
ASCENSION

RSVP HERE!



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FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole pans are available in the Narthex/Gathering Space at each campus at 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.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Pick up pans: Sept. 6/7
Pans due by: Sept. 20/21

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

The St. Vincent's Casseroles program has updated their recipe for a healthy meal. Beginning in September, St. Charles volunteers will be preparing a ground turkey lasagna. The new recipe will be included with the pans in September. We will still be collecting the industrial-size cans of vegetables, bags of apples, oranges and carrots sticks and celery, washed, cut up and ready to serve. Thank you to all who generously support this ministry. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Brown at 937-416-2729.

LOVE IN ACTION

CARE FOR CREATION ECO TIP

Pick up a few Mason Jars from your local thrift shop for air-tight pantry storage. Or, rescue a few large glass jars, such as those used to package pickles and pasta sauce, from your recycling bin for reuse as storage solutions.

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 DAY, September 13, Meijer will double your gift, turning a \$10 donation into \$20. Thank you for your generosity!

BENEATH THE VICTORIOUS WOOD OF THE CROSS

AN EVENING OF HEALING PRAYER

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

DAYTON, OHIO

"BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE
HEALED"

5:00 MASS

6:00 DINNER

7:00 HEALING SERVICE

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

SEPTEMBER 2025

IMPACT

Impact this Month

Reflect on your life and ask yourself:

What is the cost of discipleship for you?

Are you ready to live as a follower of our Lord?

Will you turn away from selfishness and make your daily decisions in light of Jesus' way of self-giving love?

What does it cost to be a disciple of Jesus?

Christianity is not an organization that assesses dues once a year, like a fitness club that sends an email reminder when it is time to renew membership. And unlike joining a gym, making a commitment to live as a disciple is not about looking for the option that is the least expensive. The truth is, when we take the call of discipleship to heart, we realize that living as a follower of Jesus *costs* something. In fact, the more deeply we commit ourselves to our Lord, the greater the impact our faith will have. "It is costly because it requires a disciple for Jesus' sake to put aside the craving for domination, possession, and control, and grace because it confers true liberation and eternal life." (SDR, p. 15)

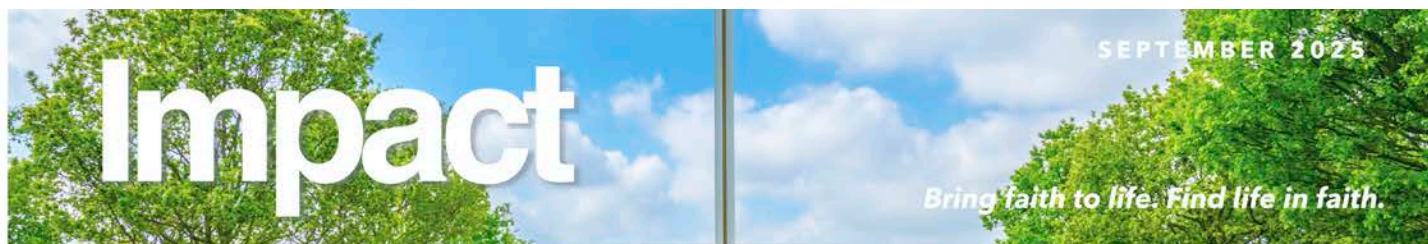
"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

—Luke 14:27

What is the cost of discipleship? Each of us responds to the Lord personally and discerns how we will respond to Christ's call to love and serve. There are common aspects of this way of life:

Disciples put God first, choosing God's and God's ways above all others. Disciples pray; make a commitment to follow Jesus and to grow in relationship with him; consider and respond to the needs of others, especially the poor and those in need of great care. Disciples go out of their way for the sake of others. Disciples sacrifice, because Jesus sacrificed himself for our salvation. Disciples turn away from the temptation to be self-centered and selfish, and instead give of themselves and their resources in order to make Christ's love known.

"Refracted through the prisms of countless individual vocations, this way of life embodies and expresses the one mission of Christ: to do God's will, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to heal the afflicted, to care for one's sisters and brothers, to give life—life to the full—as Jesus did." (Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, p. 14)



A prayer Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate

Receive the cross of Christ:

- On your forehead. Christ himself strengthens you with the sign of his love. Learn to know him and follow him.
- On your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord.
- On your eyes, that you may see the glory of God.
- On your lips, that you may respond to the word of God.
- On your chest, that Christ may dwell in your heart by faith.
- On your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
- On your hands, that Christ may be known in the work which you do.
- On your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.



AT A CROSSROADS

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated on September 14, provides a reminder that throughout our lives, in every circumstance, **we are to turn to the cross, and the love of Christ which the cross signifies.**

On the cross, Jesus gave completely of himself. He held nothing back. And as a result, we have gained everything: salvation, mercy, forgiveness, love, and hope.

We are not to be passive recipients of these great gifts! The cross boldly beckons us to take up the life of

the steward which Jesus so completely models. Having been given much, we must give greatly in return, by sharing our faith, time, resources, and talents. At times, such giving will make us uncomfortable; we may risk rejection and we will be called to sacrifice. Jesus' undying love on the cross calls each of us to give without counting the cost, to find life by holding nothing back.

Each of us bears a different cross, and bears our crosses differently. For some, the cross is the burden of loss or illness, unemployment, disappointment, or loneliness. For others, the cross is the realization of God's great love for humanity, and the recognition of how we are called to love greatly in return. At times, we take up our cross willingly, but often, our crosses are thrust upon us.

We may find ourselves at a crossroads, called to choose how we will respond to the circumstances of this particular moment in time. We must take up our cross with God's grace, understanding that Jesus freely bore his cross, and walks with us as we strive to bear ours.

The cross also reminds us that the resurrection awaits those who willingly enter into Christ's passion and death as disciples and stewards. In dying to self, we rise with Christ to new life. In giving as good stewards, we share the life and light of Christ with the world.





KIDS' COLORING PAGE OF THE WEEK — ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

St. Teresa of Calcutta showed us how to love like Jesus by caring for the poor and the sick. Her feast day is September 5—let's remember her kindness and try to share that love with others!



Stories of Our FAITH

FEATURING:  
KATE BASI KATIE WILLS

WOMEN'S RETREAT	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 9 AM-1PM ASCENSION CAMPUS	CONCERT & STORIES	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 6 PM ST. CHARLES CAMPUS
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Visit mgparish.org/events/stories-of-our-faith for more info

GOD STILL HEALS!

Join WOF on Friday mornings, Sept. 5–Dec. 19 (9:15–11:15 a.m.) at St. Charles, for a 19-week video series on *Healing Prayer: Encounter*. Talks from Fr. Mathias Thelen, Patrick Ries, Bishop Barron, Fr. James Mallon, and Fr. John Riccardo, will be featured. We'll explore renewal, mission, and healing in our parishes. All are welcome! Session 1: Pentecost is not over—The Secret of Parish Renewal.

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BULLETIN – 10 days prior to publication date

FLOCKNOTE/E-NEWS – Thursday at noon

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

MEAL TIME

Reflection on Luke 14:1, 7-14

More than any other Gospel writer, Luke portrays Jesus at meals. He eats not only with tax collectors and sinners, as in Matthew and Mark, but also with friends like Martha and Mary, and He dines frequently with Pharisees, as in today's story.

Luke, I believe, is doing three things with his emphasis on Jesus at meals. He is pointing to the centrality of the Eucharistic meal for us, where Jesus continues to instruct us and form us in our journey to the Father. He is teaching us that the Eucharist is a foretaste, a participation in, and a promise of an eternal banquet, where God is the host of a heavenly feast to which all are invited. And Luke is showing us that what we celebrate at Eucharist we must carry into our daily lives and allow to form and shape how we craft all our relationships.

Many of Jesus' most important and challenging teachings are given at these meals. Today, among other things, the virtue of humility is extolled. Humility does not mean beating one's breast and saying how awful one is, or not being allowed to admit one's worth and gifts. Rather, humility is the honest acceptance that all life is gift, and so the only proper attitude is to be grateful, rather than proud.

— Father Jay

You restored the land
when it languished;
your flock settled in it;
in your goodness, O God,

*you provided it
for the needy.*

— Psalm 68:10-11

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Monday, September 1, 2025

Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalm 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Weekday

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and
Doctor of the Church

Colossians 1:1-8

Psalm 52:10, 11

Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Weekday

Colossians 1:9-14

Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 5, 2025

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

Colossians 1:15-20

Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Weekday

Colossians 1:21-23

Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8

Luke 6:1-5

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SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Saint of the Day: September 5

Patron Saint of World Youth Day and The Missionaries of Charity

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her – the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them."

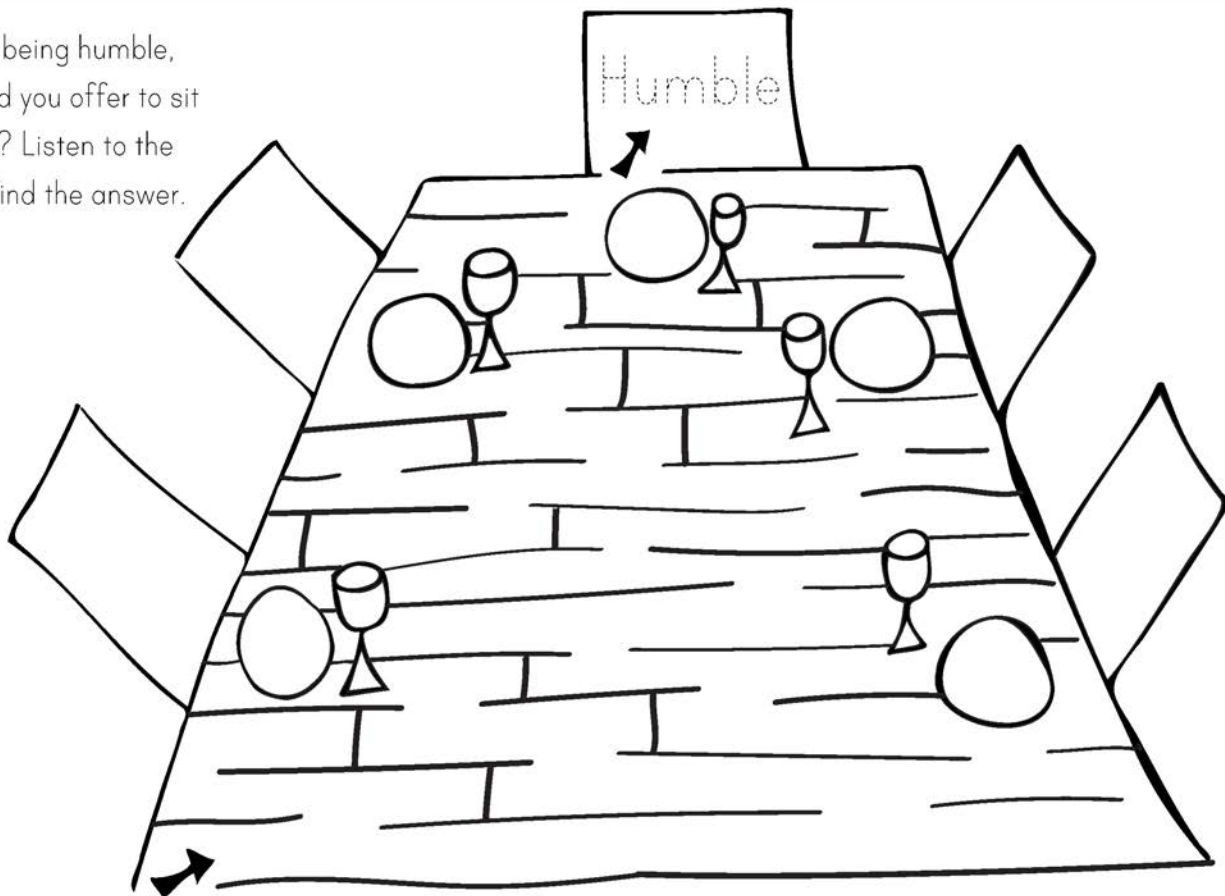
She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals – the ordinary dress of an Indian woman – she soon began getting to know her neighbors – especially the poor and sick – and getting to know their needs through visits.

In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people. For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. She crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

Read the full article: "Saint Teresa of Calcutta" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-teresa-of-calcutta/> (Accessed July 24, 2025).



If you are being humble,
where should you offer to sit
at a table? Listen to the
Gospel to find the answer.



Jesus went to dinner with the Pharisees. They all wanted to sit in the place of honor at the table. They all thought they were the most important people! Jesus told them to be humble. You can be humble by being kind and generous to your friends and family.

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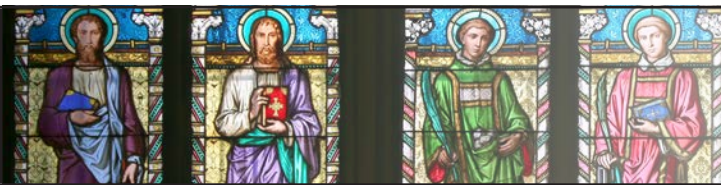
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