

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FAMILY OF PARISHES



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OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

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.

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 MGPARISH.ORG

ADORATION

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following Noon Mass

Daily: Church Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. & Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; 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, 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, 7:00 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

INSTAGRAM: @mgparish_

FACEBOOK: Mother of God Family of Parishes

YOUTUBE: Mother of God Family of Parishes

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Dear Catholic School parents,

As we are a few weeks into a new school year, while I want to thank and congratulate you on your decision to send your kids to one of our Catholic schools, I feel compelled to again reflect on the heinous tragedy at Annunciation School in Minneapolis, since it continues to be heavy on all our minds. Nothing is more important than the safety of our children, our most precious gift from God, and accordingly, our first and best efforts are directed toward their safety. In this, we regularly review our procedures and seek further guidance from the Kettering Police Department, the State of Ohio Department of Education,

the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and other experts, always in the pursuit of excellence in protecting our most-valuable possession, our children. This tragedy has further deepened our commitment to excellence in safety.

So often, the evil of one brings out the best in others. It has been consoling for me to reflect on the great character of so many of those students at Annunciation. I am especially mindful of the boy that laid over his friend to protect him from harm. How can someone so young be so courageous and loving? This is what we teach in our Catholic schools. There have been and will continue to be countless other acts of courage, compassion, consolation and

concern that we will never hear about, but life in Christ was very much present in that horrific tragedy and will carry them into the future.

Know that we move forward not in fear but in confidence, confident in the power of our prayers, in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in the love that God has for all of us and His will to protect us, especially our children. When we need God the most, we seek Him the most. When we seek God the most, we find Him the most. His presence will be our help and assurance.

Prayer and blessings,
Fr. Tom

MASS TIMES

AS ASCENSION SA ST. ALBERT SC ST. CHARLES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 AM SC Frederico Limpin
Family

9:00 AM AS For those in prison

NOON SA Ramon Canales
Sonia Canales

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 AM SC Diane Butler-Hughes
David Hughes

NOON SA Dan & Miriam Brownfield
Friends

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 AM SC Monica Chai
Janet Loy & Anna Loy

9:00 AM AS For an end to the
war in Ukraine

NOON SA The Fagan Family,
Living & Deceased
Thomas Fagan

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM SC Brooks Adkins
Payne Family

9:00 AM AS For those suffering from
mental illness or depression

NOON SA Travis Wenzler
Susan Boesch

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 AM AS For Catholic priests

NOON SA Terry Bollea

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

4:30 PM SA Bill Wager
The Wager Family

5:00 PM AS Patricia Weisbrodt
Ray Weisbrodt

5:00 PM SC Clifford Frey
Marlene Frey

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 AM AS Church of the Ascension

8:30 AM SA St. Albert the Great

8:30 AM SC St. Charles Borromeo Church

10:30 AM SC Fitz-William Taylor III
Carolyn Taylor

11:00 AM AS Pete Venditto
Clara Venditto

11:00 AM SA Ken Salyers
Phyllis

PLEASE GO TO [MGPARISH.ORG/MASS](https://mgparish.org/mass) TO
SEE THIS WEEK'S 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.

"For God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son, that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.
For God sent the Son into the world, not
to condemn the world, but that the world
might be saved through him." – John 3:16-17

STEWARDSHIP SEPT. 14

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income \$19,606
YTD Offertory Income \$239,627
YTD Budget \$266,750
St. Vincent de Paul \$839

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income \$21,689
YTD Offertory Income \$276,514
YTD Budget \$264,420
St. Vincent de Paul \$65

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income \$27,470
YTD Offertory Income \$410,121
YTD Budget \$306,300
Diakonia \$165

WORSHIP

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Our Mother of God Family of Parishes will celebrate Catechetical Sunday **this weekend**. The 2025 theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope He provides. In the same manner, Saint Peter encouraged the believers of His time, the Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect. We're grateful for all teachers, catechists, and members of our faith-teaching ministries!



MGFP FALL ANOINTING MASS

Our Family of Parishes is offering a Communal Anointing of the Sick, immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass at Ascension on Sunday, October 5, 2025. Anyone facing surgery or serious illness is invited to this sacrament.

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.

9/25

7 PM

ST. C

Borromeo Rm



Last week, we introduced Thomas Merton. This week's Words of Hope come from his most famous prayer, which focuses on knowing and doing the will of God. He ends the prayer with these beautiful words: "I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF...

Patricia Huelsman. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, September 11 at St. Charles Campus.

Robert "Bob" Hess. His Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, September 16 at St. Charles Campus.

Kathryn Wald. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. at St. Charles Campus.

BAPTISMS

Wyatt Beau Elsinger, son of James & Faithlyn (Schwandt) Elsinger.

Avery Jo Holthaus, daughter of Nathan & Kelly (Hecht) Holthaus.

Elise Danielle Nitting, daughter of Joseph & Grace (Nikolai) Nitting.

Olivia Marie Nikolai, daughter of Alex & Rebecca (Hughes) Nikolai.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Zach & Sarah MacAllister of Dayton

PRAYER LIST

Teresa Bradly, Barbara Blackstone, Carol Berus, Molly Berus, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Darlene Duke, Lienna Flach, Betty Gaudion, Carol Harris, Beverly Heithaus, Larry Hoffman, Paul Heuing, Jim & Evelyn Kelly, Jeffery Miller, Jennifer Murphy, Mike & Michele N., Don Paul, Joseph Paul, Anita & Bob Rankin, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Louise Scott, Patty Sorrell, Robin Steberl, Jack Stein, Ron Vechant, Angela Wossner, Graham Wright, Ann + Frank Wyler, MaryLu Zimmermann.

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

9/24 & 10/1

2:00-3:30 PM

ST. ALBERT

Spirit Ctr

MGFP WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

BOOK: "The Forgotten Way" by Matthew Kelly

ORDER: DynamicCatholic.com or RSVP for discount

RSVP/INFO: Kathy Zamonski, 937-304-1511 or wonderlywoman@gmail.com

Wednesdays

10/1-11/12

6:30-8:00 PM

ST. ALBERT

Spirit Ctr

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY

BOOK: "Prayer – Our Deepest Longing" (Fr. Ronald Rolheiser)

The book, study guide, and supplemental materials will be provided and distributed at the first meeting.

INFO: Julie Burt, 937-409-6035

Fridays

9/26-12/19

9:15-11:15 AM

St. Charles

Borromeo Room

HEALING PRAYER SERIES

We will watch videos from many current-day, inspirational evangelists. It is a call to arms for Catholic clergy and laity as they look at renewal visions and mission in our Catholic parishes "to transform them into the Family of God," missionary disciples. All are welcome!

MUSIC AT MASS: PARTICIPATION OR PERFORMANCE?

CHRISTIAN COSAS



One of the most common questions I hear as a music director is: "Should the choir sing so that we can listen, or should we sing so that everyone joins in?" The truth is – it's not an either/or.

The Church is clear that the "full, active, and conscious participation" of the assembly is the goal of liturgy. (Sacrosanctum Concilium 14) That means most of the sung parts of Mass – the responses, the hymns, the acclamations – are meant for all of us. When the whole congregation lifts its voice, we embody the unity of the Body of Christ in a way no solo voice ever could.

But the choir (and cantors, and instrumentalists) also has a special role: To enrich the liturgy with music that may be beyond what the assembly can sing easily. At times, the choir leads us; at other times, it offers a piece for prayerful listening. The challenge is keeping that balance – avoiding both extremes of

"choir concert" and "congregational karaoke."

So here's the question I'd invite us all to reflect on: When you hear the choir, do you see them as performers – or as fellow parishioners helping us pray? And when you sing, do you think of yourself as joining a performance – or as participating in prayer?

The answer might change the way we all experience the beauty of sung worship.

CHALLENGE FATHER/DAUGHTER AMAZING RACE

Solve clues all over town and win prizes! It's a great time for everyone! Sunday, October 19, 1-4 p.m., St. Charles Borromeo Church/Walsh Hall

behind school. Cost: \$20/family. Contact us at challengekettering@gmail.com with any questions or scan QR code to register.



CARE FOR CREATION ECO TIP

Place a halved red onion in an airtight container with your cut avocado and refrigerate. The sulfur from the onion will help prevent oxidation and preserve the green of your avocado. Another option is to place the avocado in a container near-full with water, with the flesh side down. Cover the container and place it in the fridge.

OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

BUILDING A EUCHARISTIC MARRIAGE

Mother of God Family of Parishes – Catholic Marriage Date Night and Learning

Come and join us for an ongoing series of Date Nights coupled with Marriage Enrichment Skills. These fun and informative sessions are for all married or engaged couples. This night of interaction, prayer, Catechism and Bible reflection, and activities is designed to support couples in renewing their understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage and to rediscover the one they fell in love with many years ago. We will be learning from a new and exciting 7-part Catholic marriage enrichment series titled, "Building a Eucharistic Marriage." This marriage enriching concept and curriculum will be presented by the author, Greg Schutte, MSW, LISW-S, who is also the Senior Director of Marriage Works! Ohio, which is located in Dayton, Ohio. **Classes will begin Oct. 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** and will run for seven consecutive Wednesdays (skipping Oct. 15) and will be held at Ascension Parish, 2025 Woodman Drive, Kettering, Ohio.

To sign up, please contact Sarah Archuleta-Davalos at sarchuleta@mgparish.org or 937-401-0021. Space is limited, so please call soon to make your reservations. There is a \$25 fee for books and materials. Babysitting is available for this class! If needed, please inquire about it when you call.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025 FALL CAMPAIGN

Invites participants to join a worldwide movement of prayer, fasting, and peaceful witness for an end to abortion. The vigil runs Sept. 24-Nov. 2 at the Planned Parenthood Dayton Surgical Center, with prayer times available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The Campaign begins with an Opening Rally on Sept. 21, led by Archbishop Robert Casey, and concludes with a Closing Rally on Nov. 2, featuring Ramona Treviño, a former Planned Parenthood manager who left the industry through a 40 Days Campaign. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up online or by contacting Jenny Belokonny (937-380-2229), and all are welcome to participate in prayerful witness.



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Local Jubilee Pilgrimage

Saturday
September
27
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Cathedral Basilica of
St. Peter in Chains
& Cathedral Basilica
of the Assumption**

Join us for a day pilgrimage as we travel together by charter bus to two verified Jubilee Pilgrimage sites. The day will include guided tours, Mass, opportunities for confession, and time for fellowship. Pilgrims are asked to bring a sack lunch, and coolers will be provided. This will be a meaningful opportunity to experience the beauty, history, and faith of these two great cathedrals as a parish family.



Spots are limited, please call a parish office or scan this QR code to sign up.

\$55 PER PERSON



PILGRIMAGE WITH US!

Father Jeff is leading a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi October 20–29, 2026. This 10-day pilgrimage offers a rich spiritual journey for anyone!

Father Chibueze, one of our previous Pastoral Vicars, is also leading a pilgrimage to France in September 2026.

Please visit mgparish.org/pilgrimages for more information.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CHILDREN

RE at St. Albert is Sundays, 9:40-10:50 a.m. (Grades K-8) and at St. Charles is Tuesdays, 4:00-5:15 p.m. (Grades 1-5), and Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (Grades 6-8). Substitute catechists are needed for both programs. Please contact Tara with any interest: tschumaker@mgparish.org. Go to mgparish.org/religious-education for more information.



JR. HIGH

EDGE is our Middle School Youth Ministry. We offer 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. We meet at each school every other week and we have IGNITE nights two times a month. Go to mgparish.org/edge for more information.



HIGH SCHOOL

LifeTeen is our High School Ministry for all teens, where we live out “faith in action” through community, service, and spiritual growth in a welcoming, come-as-you-are environment. We meet every Sunday during Communio Nights at St. Charles Borromeo. Go to mgparish.org/high-school for more information.



DAYTON RIGHT TO LIFE FOUNDATION PRESENTS – AN EVENING WITH MATT MAHER

Dayton Right to Life Foundation invites you to An Evening with Matt Maher on September 30, 2025 at the Arbogast Performing Arts Center in Troy, Ohio. Enjoy a powerful night of worship with the nine-time GRAMMY® nominee and three-time GMA Dove Award® winner. VIP Meet & Greet begins at 5:15 PM, doors open at 6:00 PM, and the concert starts at 7:00 PM. Get your tickets today at daytonlife.org

ASCENSION SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Ascension School is seeking applications for substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. Applicants will need to pass all background checks and be SafeParish-trained. We welcome retired teachers, but a teaching degree is not necessary. **Please contact Susan DiGiorgio, Principal at sdigiorgio@ascensionkettering.org for more information or call 937-254-5411.**

To view all youth offerings, including sacramental preparation, Challenge, altar serving, camps, NCYC, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and more visit mgparish.org/youth.

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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!**

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Pans due by: Sept. 26

(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

Pans due by: Sept. 26

Pans due by: Oct. 4

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

ST. CHARLES BORRROMEO

Pick up Pans: Oct. 5

(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. 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. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Brown at 937-416-2729.

LOVE IN ACTION

Pet Blessing!

ATTENTION ALL PETS! It's time for all of us to say "thank you" for your companionship and dedication to each of us. It's time for your pet blessing! Fr. Tony and Fr. Jeff will be blessing our pet friends on Thursday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. on the St. Charles Borromeo Plaza. Pets with no legs, two legs or four legs are most welcome. Fur, feathers or scales, you are welcome! Blessed medals will be given to any pet that has not previously received one. Join our Family of Parishes to celebrate our much-loved family members. Note that the event will take place rain or shine!

OCTOBER 2

ST. CHARLES BORRROMEO
6PM





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to our MGFP Parish Picnic last weekend to enjoy the opportunity to break bread together as one united Family of Parishes. We are so grateful for our many volunteers, and for the hands who prepared the wonderful banquet! We look forward to next year's picnic with hope and excitement.

ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, FOLLOWING THE 8:30 AM MASS AT ASCENSION IN THE WITZMAN CENTER
The Women's Guild is hosting their Annual Anniversary Brunch for all Ascension couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th Wedding Anniversary. Invitations were sent out to these couples, inviting them to join us on September 28th in the Witzman Center. There will be a special blessing for these couples at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The Mother of God Family of Parishes and the Ascension Women's Guild would like to congratulate these couples upon celebrating a Milestone Anniversary this year.

COMMUNIO NIGHTS

EVERY SUNDAY. STARTING SEPTEMBER 14

4:45 PM - 5:30 PM

Dinner Service

Saint Charles Borromeo Cafeteria

5:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Break into Groups

Nursery services offered at this time



Elementary Age



Middle School



High School



Adult

6:45 PM 7:00 PM

Prayer

Saint Charles Borromeo Church



THE DAYTON CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD
INVITES YOU TO THE

Rede Mass

*Join us for a Mass to bless public officials and
members of the legal profession
and sanctify their work for the coming year.*

3 OCTOBER 2025 | 12PM
CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

ALL ARE INVITED

LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

All Women are invited to Dayton Catholic Women's Club Day of Recollection: ANCHORED IN HOPE, with distinguished speaker, Lisa Cusmano. Saturday, October 4, 11:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., followed by 4:00 p.m. Mass (optional). Station House at St. Leonard. To register, or for more information, visit daytoncatholicwomensclub.org

Are you being called to serve the Church as a Deacon?

If you have felt the Lord prompting you to consider whether you might be called to serve the Church, you are invited to attend an evening of information for men and their wives to learn more about the vocation of Deacon.

- ❖ What is a Deacon in the Catholic Church?
- ❖ What are the qualities and requirements for a man to be a Deacon?
- ❖ What is the path to ordination?
- ❖ When does the next Deacon cohort for formation begin?
- ❖ Can I talk with current Deacons and their wives?

The Office of the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be conducting information evenings throughout the Archdiocese. To attend, please **RSVP before October 9** to Deacon Mark Machuga at deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org. Include which meeting you will attend, your name, your wife's name (if married), your home parish and your Family of Parishes.



Dates and Locations

North:

Tuesday, October 28
St. Michael Parish
33 Elm St, Fort Loramie, 45845

Dayton:

Wednesday, October 15
St. Charles Borromeo Parish
4500 Ackerman Blvd,
Kettering, 45429

Cincinnati East:

Thursday, October 16
St. Mary Parish, Hyde Park
2853 Erie Ave., Cincinnati,
45208

Cincinnati West: LOCATION CHANGE!

Thursday, October 23
St. James the Greater Parish
3565 Hubble Rd, Cincinnati,
45247

All meetings will begin at
7:00 pm and end by 8:30 pm

Office of the Diaconate
Deacon Mark Machuga, Director
(513) 263-6641



KOREAN MARTYRS

KIDS' COLORING PAGE OF THE WEEK: STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS—FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 20

St. Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean priest. He loved Jesus so much that he traveled far away to study, and then returned to help bring the Catholic faith to his people. St. Paul Chong Hasang was a married man, who also worked hard to share the love of Jesus in Korea. Many other men, women, and even children were very brave, choosing to follow Jesus even when it was difficult. Some gave their lives for their faith, and because of their courage, the Church in Korea grew strong. Today, millions of Catholics in Korea and around the world remember and honor these holy martyrs who showed such love for God.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

The MGFP Young Adult Ministry is **THRIVING** and always ready to welcome more young adults. This community is for individuals in their 20s and 30s seeking deeper faith, meaningful friendships, and opportunities for service. Rooted in the Catholic tradition and the life of the Church, this group gathers regularly for social events, small group studies, retreats, and service projects. Please see our page at mgparish.org/young-adults to join the GroupMe, see our upcoming events, and connect with Dayton area young adults.

THE CHARGER GOLF Championship

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 / 9:30 SHOTGUN

HEATHERWOODE GOLF CLUB

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CONTACT MAGGIE COLLINS

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ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CAMPUS

Parish Office: 937-434-6081

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Principal: David Bogle

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Send any items for publishing consideration to
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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.

RESOURCES

Reflection on Luke 16:1-13

In so many Gospel stories, the response to Jesus by His followers shows that they have no earthly idea what He is about. For example, Peter's wrongheaded suggestion at the mountain top of the Transfiguration to set up three booths for Elijah, Moses and Jesus.

No response is reported following this story of the dishonest manager, but I can imagine some baffled questions by Jesus' hearers. Why does a guy presented as a crook seem to get praised for even further dishonesty by someone who has just fired him? Just exactly what about this fellow's behavior does Jesus want us to imitate?

Perhaps our take-away from this story is to note that this steward musters every available bit of farsightedness and craft when it comes to working out his material fate. And he is dealing with mere earthly things. If Jesus' disciples could only be half as resourceful at promoting His kingdom as these stewards are at promoting their own selfish welfare, His kingdom would flourish.

The dance of God's grace in our lives is forever showering an abundance of resources upon us. Some of them are material blessings, but even more important are the resources of love, peace, compassion, forgiveness, perseverance. What are we doing with them all? How are we crafting our lives for God?

— Father Jay

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he *lifts* up the POOR
to SEAT them with **PRINCES**,

— Psalm 113:7-8

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 21, 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

Monday, September 22, 2025

Weekday

Ezra 1:1-6

Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Weekday

Ezra 9:5-9

Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8

Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Weekday

Haggai 1:1-8

Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 26, 2025

Weekday

Haggai 2:1-9

Psalm 43:1, 2, 3, 4

Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a

Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13

Luke 9:43b-45

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Saint of the Day: September 27

Patron Saint of Charitable Societies

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Saint Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Saint Vincent de Paul established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city."

He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Saint Vincent de Paul was by temperament a very irascible person – even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.

Read the full article: "Saint Vincent de Paul" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-vincent-de-paul/> (Accessed September 8, 2025).

Proclamation

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Offering

Holy Eucharist

Catechism

Mystery of Faith

Great Amen

Our Father

Lamb of God

Compassion

Proclamation

How Many?

Gospel

Jesus tells a parable today. Do you remember what "parable" means? It's a story that Jesus uses to teach a lesson. Today's lesson is about a man who was dishonest with money. Jesus reminds us that we should always be honest!

Year C: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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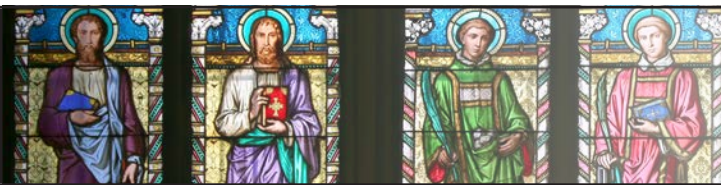
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