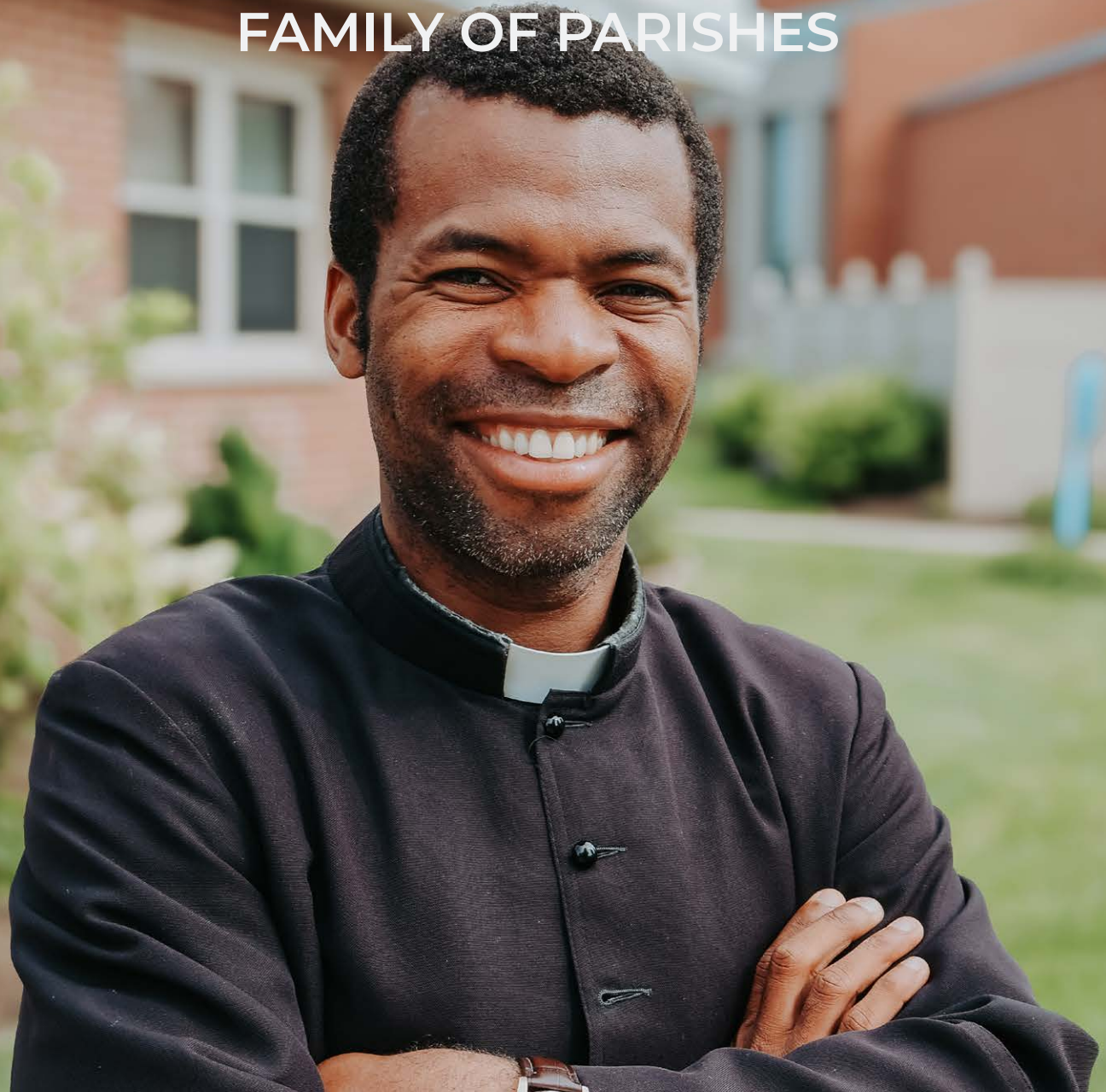


JUNE 29, 2025 | SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

MOTHER *of* GOD

FAMILY OF PARISHES



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

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WORSHIP + SACRAMENTS



BECOMING CATHOLIC

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

INFANT BAPTISM

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

ADORATION **with Exposition*

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

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



THE GRACE TO GROW TOGETHER

I grew up in a smallish Catholic family (for the 70s) – only 6 kids. I'm the second, and the oldest four were all born within a five year window. I have one brother who's not even a year younger than myself, and while we shared a room for our entire childhood, sometimes we got along and sometimes we didn't. There was a time in our late teens when we truly hated each other. There's really no other way to put it. We each had our reasons, but there was a lot of anger, bitterness, jealousy, and mistrust between us. I'm not sure what exactly changed all that – perhaps time, distance, and a great deal more maturity – but during our young adulthood, our relationship began to thaw. And as we both married and began having children, we grew closer. My brother is now one of my favorite people in the world, a man I love and respect for his kindness, integrity, creativity, and knack for always seeing the good in others. I sometimes say, "When I grow up, I want to be like my younger brother." Don't get me wrong - we are still very different people, who disagree when it comes to things like politics and religion, but we don't let those differences come between us. We celebrate each other's successes, mourn each other's losses, and truly desire the good of the other.

My brother came to mind as I was thinking about Saints Peter and Paul, whom the Church celebrates this weekend. Although both were vital leaders in the early Church, it's clear from the Acts of the Apostles and Paul's Letter to the Galatians that Peter and Paul had some serious disagreements about the best way to live and share the faith. It got so bad that they had to part ways. Driven by a desire to evangelize the Gentiles, Paul left Jerusalem and traveled extensively; Peter remained in and around Jerusalem, his attention fixed on converting the Jews. They would rarely be in the same place again until they both died in Rome at the hands of the Emperor Nero a few months apart in about the year 65. Despite their disagreements, however, their deep love for the Lord united them. They truly did celebrate each other's successes, and mourn each other's losses. They understood deeply that their differences could actually work for the good of the faith if they each respected and celebrated the fact that there are as many ways to evangelize as there are people.

May we, too, have the spirit of Peter and Paul and their love for all people – the unchurched; those in our family and neighborhood who need to hear the Gospel; and those folks in the pews next to us who need a place to belong and be loved.

JOE OLLIER

MGFP DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The MGFP Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4,
in observance of Independence Day.

WORSHIP

MASS SCHEDULE* + INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

4:30 p.m. Pete Manzo—Domenica Manzo & Family

5:00 p.m. McCreight Family—Carolyn Good

5:00 p.m. Jill Schliech—Family

Visiting Missionary Priest

Fr. Tony

Fr. Chibueze

St. Albert the Great Campus

Church of the Ascension Campus

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

8:30 a.m. Eldon & Bonnie Saintignon—
Doug & Paula Saintignon

8:30 a.m. Timothy Allen Shock—J/J Shock

8:30 a.m. St. Charles Borromeo Church

Visiting Missionary Priest

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St. Albert the Great Campus

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

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Church of the Ascension Campus

St. Albert the Great Campus

MONDAY, JUNE 30

8:30 a.m. Kay Lunne—Lois Foley

9:00 a.m. Lissa Tarlano—Paul Tarlano

Fr. Chibueze

Fr. Tony

Fr. Joe Massucci

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Church of the Ascension Campus

St. Albert the Great Campus

TUESDAY, JULY 1

8:30 a.m. Pilar Weiss—Brian Weiss

Fr. Dan

Fr. Tom

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

12:00 p.m. James Gantt—Marilyn Gantt

St. Albert the Great Campus

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

8:30 a.m. María Pérez—The Pérez Family

9:00 a.m. Albert Bruns—Daughters

Fr. Tom

Fr. Tony

Fr. Dan

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Church of the Ascension Campus

St. Albert the Great Campus

12:00 p.m. Patrick Doherty—Family

THURSDAY, JULY 3

8:30 a.m. Roberto Ines Castillo—Ed & Elena Becker

9:00 a.m. Tony Mader—Terry Scheper

Fr. Tony

Fr. Tom

Fr. Joe Massucci

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Church of the Ascension Campus

St. Albert the Great Campus

12:00 p.m. Jane Liebereth—Laura Arber

FRIDAY, JULY 4

9:00 a.m. Kathleen Galante—Jeanne Huber

Fr. Dan

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

SATURDAY, JULY 5

4:30 p.m. Tony Fromholt—Peggy Fromholt

5:00 p.m. Janet Eilerman—Koesel Family

5:00 p.m. Vern Shroyer—Ritchard Family

Fr. Tony

TBA

Fr. Tom

St. Albert the Great Campus

Church of the Ascension Campus

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

SUNDAY, JULY 6

8:30 a.m. Charles Haller—Cynthia Haller

8:30 a.m. St. Albert the Great Church

8:30 a.m. St. Charles Borromeo Church

Fr. Ken

Fr. Tony

Fr. Tom

Fr. Tom

Church of the Ascension Campus

St. Albert the Great Campus

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

10:30 a.m. Tom Nyhan, Sr.—Robert & Susan Wagner

TBA

Church of the Ascension Campus

11:00 a.m. Church of the Ascension

Fr. Tony

St. Albert the Great Campus

11:00 a.m. Rosemarie Gelm-Jones—K. Gelm

**Priest schedules are subject to change. Please note, Church of the Ascension adjusts its Mass schedule accordingly to accommodate funerals. Please check the website or call the Parish Office to confirm Mass times before attending.*

OUTDOOR ROSARY WALK

Tuesday evenings
7 PM
at Church of the
Ascension



WORSHIP

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

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

STEWARDSHIP



WEEK OF JUNE 22

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income	\$	16,692
YTD Offertory Income	\$	1,174,422
YTD Budget	\$	1,057,500
St. Vincent Conference	\$	640

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income	\$	20,509
YTD Offertory Income	\$	1,170,242
YTD Budget	\$	1,280,000
St. Vincent Conference	\$	160

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income	\$	19,459
YTD Offertory Income	\$	1,666,191
YTD Budget	\$	1,586,306
Diakonia	\$	835

MISSION APPEAL WEEKENDS

As part of the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, Fr. Francis Tandoh, CSSp, and Fr. Benoit Mukamba, CSSp, will visit St. Albert the Great and Ascension Churches on June 28-29, 2025, to speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit). To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at www.spiritans.org.

This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Archdiocese to invite parishioners to share in the mission work of the Universal Church. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in more than 60 countries throughout the world and in the United States. This weekend's speakers, Fr. Francis from Ghana and Fr. Benoit from Congo, minister in a group of parishes in Dayton.

When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth," He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life.

If you are able, please place your donation in the Second Collection Basket.

PRAYER LIST

Dan Accrocco, Ken Betcher, Jeff Bowling, Paige Brown, Ron Catanzaro, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Ron DeChant, Darlene Duke, Jane Fortener, Mary Ann Frederickson, Betty Gaudion, Carol Harris, Justin Hodge, Larry Hoffman, Martha Kauflin, John Maqsud, Ed Mykytka, Joseph Paul, Jackie Pennington, Suzanne Radcliffe, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Jane Ryan, Ruth Schock, Mary Louise Scott, Deacon Dick Strominger, Susan Trimbach, Angela Woessner, Jeff Young.

**Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added to the Prayers for the Sick in the event of acute illness, upcoming surgery/rehabilitation, etc. Names will remain for three weeks at a time unless otherwise requested.*

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

There will be no Holy Hour for Vocations in July. Please join us on Friday, August 1 for the next Holy Hour for Vocations, in the Day Chapel at St. Charles Campus.

WORSHIP

FAREWELL, FR. CHIBUEZE!

Please join us in bidding farewell to Fr. Chibueze as he prepares to begin a new chapter of ministry at a new family of parishes. We are deeply grateful for his faithful service, joyful spirit, and the many ways he has enriched our community. The remaining farewell gatherings will be held after all Masses at St. Charles Borromeo this weekend.

Let us come together to thank Fr. Chibueze for his time with us and to send him off with our prayers and blessings.



Did you used to sing in your school choir and miss singing with others? Always dreamed of singing somewhere other than your shower? Or you might be wondering, what is it like to be a part of our choir?

Ascension is offering a low-stress way to come and join us in praising God through song this summer! Open to all ability levels ages 9 and up, come join us for Summer Choir.

Where: Ascension Campus (in the church)

When: Sundays, July 13 & August 10
Meet for rehearsal at 9:30am and sing for the 11am Mass! Questions? Contact Stephanie Klein
sklein@ascensionkettering.org or 937-253-5171, ext. 111.

UPCOMING FAMILY OF PARISHES TOWN HALL MEETINGS

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

TOWN HALL MEETING DATES:

Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

Church, St. Charles Borromeo
Campus

Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m.

Witzman Center, Ascension Campus

Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m.

Church, St. Albert the Great Campus

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



SUBMIT YOUR
QUESTIONS
HERE

CATHOLIC BOOTH

The Legion of Mary will host a free Catholic information booth at the Montgomery County Fair in the air-conditioned Main Event Center, 4-H Fairgrounds, 645 Infirmary Rd, Dayton, OH. Open Sunday, July 6, from Noon to 10 p.m., and July 7-12, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., the booth will offer free rosaries, medals, literature, and more. Regular \$10 Fair admission applies, but volunteers receive free entry. For Fair details and tickets, visit www.montcofair.com. Questions? Email legionofmarystalbert@yahoo.com or call Ennis and Gloria Dodd at (937) 999-1263.



MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

INDEPENDENCE DAY
— MASS —

JULY 4, 2025

9 AM

ST. CHARLES CAMPUS

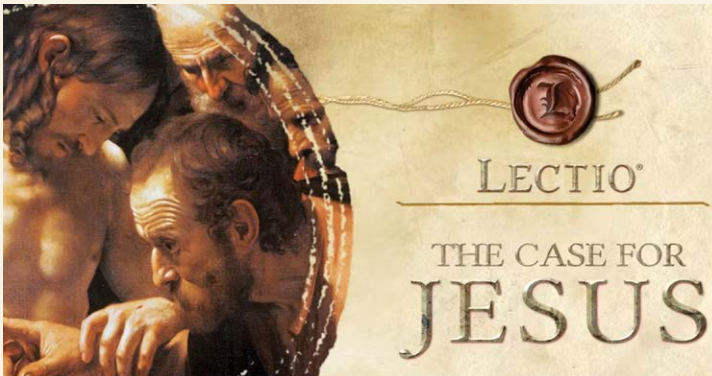
THANK YOU *for voting*



OUR NEW LOGO IS HERE THANKS TO YOU! WE'RE PROUD OF OUR COMMUNITY AND GRATEFUL FOR YOUR VOTES. THE WINNING LOGO IS A BEAUTIFUL, MODERN REMINDER OF MARY'S GENTLE AND LOVING SPIRIT.

There are so many exciting things ahead, and your vote helped guide the way. Be sure to follow our new social channels so you don't miss a thing!

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (@ ASCENSION)

Session 3: Are the Gospels Biographies? Do the Gospels tell us the truth? MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (at ASCENSION)
 Session 4: When Were the Gospels Written? Some attempt to cast doubt on the reliability of the Gospels, asserting they were written too late in the first century to provide accurate information about Jesus. All men of MGFP are invited to participate on July 12, 8-9am, Witzman Center, Room 119. Contact Mike Wager at mewager07@gmail.com or 937-361-1369.

Mom to Mom Summer Connection

July 30 9-10:45 AM in the
 Borromeo Room St. Charles
 Campus, 4500 Ackerman Blvd
 Childcare and Breakfast
 Provided!

**No registration needed:
 Just show up!**

**Questions? Contact Sarah
 at 937-401-0021 or**

sarchuleta@stcharles-kettering.org

MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

Young ADULTS Community Dinner

JULY 13
 THE SPIRIT CENTER
 4 P.M.
 ST. ALBERT THE GREAT
 CAMPUS

This month we're sharing words of Hope from some of our Catholic tradition's great Saints. This week we hear from convert and martyr Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), who died at Auschwitz in 1942:

"And when night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him."

Weekly Words of Hope



**CHECK BACK HERE NEXT WEEK
 FOR MORE HOPE!**

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

MGFP JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

JULY 21ST - 25TH

HELP SERVE THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING LUNCH! RISING 8TH GRADERS ONLY

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

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

CONTACT ANNIE WOOD AT AWOOD@ASCENSIONKETTERING WITH ANY QUESTIONS

INTEREST FORM



MGFP RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Religious Education at St. Albert runs from September through May, held between the two Sunday Masses, from 9:40 to 10:50 AM.



ST. ALBERT CATECHISTS NEEDED:

- Kindergarten
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade

Scan the QR to Register for St. Albert Campus

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



ST. CHARLES CATECHISTS NEEDED: • 4th Grade

Scan the QR to Register for St. Charles Campus

A SPECIAL NOTE TO CATHOLIC PARENTS:

- 1st graders must be baptized by the age of 7 and attend religious formation in both 1st and 2nd grade in order to make First Communion in 2nd grade.
- 7th graders must be enrolled and attend religious formation in both 7th and 8th grade to make Confirmation towards the end of their 8th grade year.

If you need help with a baptism or enrolling your child in religious education as part of sacramental preparation, please contact Tara Schumaker, Coordinator of Religious Education at 937-281-0032 or tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net at Ascension or St. Albert the Great Campuses; Erin Fanning, Pastoral Associate of Child Faith Formation at 937-434-9272 or efanning@stcharles-kettering.org at St. Charles Borromeo Campus.

Children's Liturgy OF THE WORD

NEEDS YOU!

We're seeking enthusiastic Sunday catechists to engage our youngest parishioners with Scripture. Your time and energy can create a lasting impact, with a minimal time commitment!

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

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



Freedom Tree

2025

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

June 20 – July 6

PLACED AT THE ENTRANCES OF ALL OUR MOTHER OF GOD PARISHES

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

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

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

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

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

CRITICAL NEEDS

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

BEDROOM SUPPLIES

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

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- POCKET NOTEBOOKS
- PENS

CLEANING SUPPLIES

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

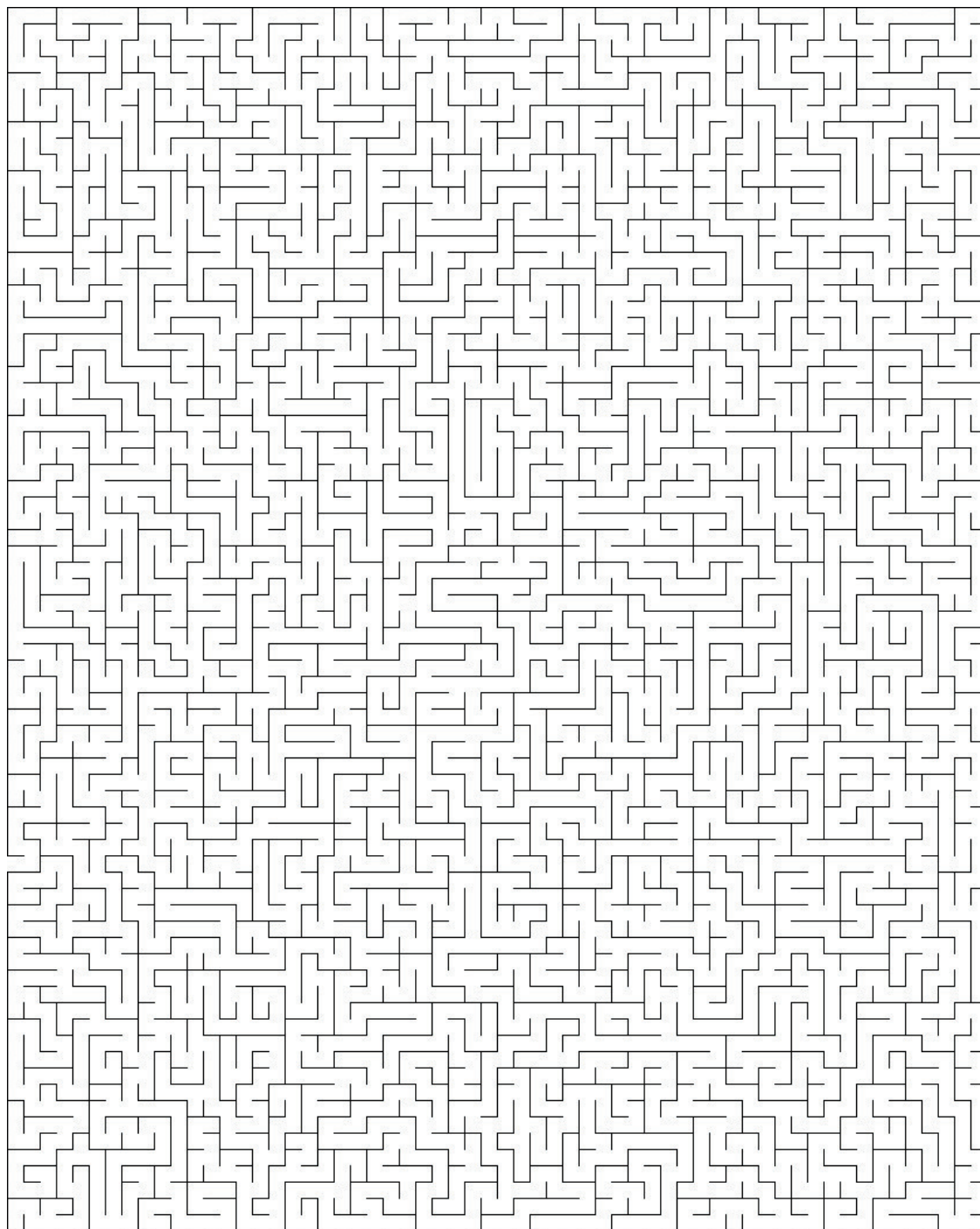
KITCHEN SUPPLIES

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

BATHROOM / PERSONAL CARE

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

Help Fr. Chibueze find his new Family of Parishes, St. Gabriel the Archangel!



LOVE IN ACTION



FEED THE HUNGRY: CASSEROLES

Casserole pans are available to provide a meal for our neighbors at the St. Vincent shelters. Instructions are with each pan. St. Charles Borromeo Campus is always in need of one-pound cans of vegetables, as well as bags of apples, oranges, and carrot sticks & celery—washed and cut up, ready to serve.

Church of the Ascension Campus

Pick up pans: July 5/6 (*in the Narthex*)

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

St. Albert the Great Campus

Pick up pans: June 27

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

St. Charles Borromeo Campus

Pick up pans: July 6

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



SPECIAL "FAREWELL FR.
CHIBUEZE" EDITION

**KOFFEE
KLATSCH**

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

BORROMEO ROOM



A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

HARVEST OF VALUES BAZAAR BASKET RAFFLES

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

PIETRA FITNESS 5-WEEK SUMMER SERIES

Thursday, July 3 at 8:30 AM,

Borromeo Room, St. Charles Campus

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

AT A GLANCE

June 29 – Koffee Klatsch, St. Charles Borromeo Campus

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

July 3 – Pietra Fitness, 8:30 AM, St. Charles

July 10 – Leisure Club Summer Picnic, Noon, Ascension

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

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

A COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITIES

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST ALBERT COUNCIL

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

TIPS FROM CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

- When traveling (or even at home!), walk whenever you can to save money, enjoy the landscape, and get some exercise after long periods of sitting while traveling.
- Contamination of recycling by things like greasy pizza boxes and dirty plastic bottles cost the industry about \$700 million per year, according to some estimates. While a little contamination is OK, please make sure your recycling is fairly clean!

PEACH TRUCK

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

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

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

LEISURE CLUB SUMMER PICNIC

All senior members of the MGFP are invited to join us for the Leisure Club Summer Picnic. Come enjoy hot dogs on the grill! Thursday, July 10 at Noon in the Witzman Center (basement of Ascension church). RSVP to sgraham@ascensionkettering.org.

Please bring a side dish to share – we will provide table service, hot dogs, chips, and lemonade. See you there!

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Flocknote/E-news – Thursday at noon

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

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COMMUNITY

Reflection on Matthew 16:13-19

Forming community is a difficult task. Choosing to let others into our space, our lives, is a risky decision, in part because it means reaching out to people who are different from us: people who think and act differently, people less fortunate or more fortunate, people with different needs and perspectives.

Jesus chose these two odd fellows – Peter and Paul – not only to belong to His community of believers, but to lead it. And they are very different characters. Look at the symbols in Scripture presented here, which concretize how very different they remained: the symbol of the race for Paul, and of the rock for Peter. Paul is always on the move, making journey after journey to extend the faith to the known world. Peter was drawn to one place, Rome, which became the center-place, the home, the rock of Christianity.

Given the state of our world and our Church, it is good for us to reflect on the question of how we find unity in our differences. How does the Lord's choice of Peter and Paul help us see differences in another person in a positive, growth-oriented, and life-giving manner?

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

Monday, June 30, 2025

Weekday

Genesis 18:16-33

Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11

Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Genesis 19:15-29

Psalm 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12

Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Weekday

Genesis 21:5, 8-20a

Psalm 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday, July 3, 2025

Saint Thomas, Apostle

Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm 117:1bc, 2

John 20:24-29

Friday, July 4, 2025

Weekday

Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67

Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5

Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, July 5, 2025

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29

Psalm 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

Matthew 9:14-17

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SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA

Saint of the Day: July 1

Patron Saint of California Missions

Born on Spain's island of Mallorca, Serra entered the Franciscan Order taking the name of Saint Francis' childlike companion, Brother Juniper. Until he was 35, he spent most of his time in the classroom – first as a student of theology and then as a professor. He also became famous for his preaching. Suddenly, he gave it all up and followed the yearning that had begun years before when he heard about the missionary work of Saint Francis Solano in South America.

Arriving by ship at Vera Cruz, Mexico, he and a companion walked the 250 miles to Mexico City. On the way, Junipero's left leg became infected by an insect bite and would remain a cross for the rest of his life. For 18 years, he worked in central Mexico and in the Baja Peninsula. He became president of the missions there.

José de Galvez persuaded Junipero to set out with him for present-day Monterey, California. The first mission founded after the 900-mile journey north was San Diego in 1769. Other missions followed: Monterey/Carmel (1770); San Antonio and San Gabriel (1771); San Luís Obispo (1772); San Francisco and San Juan Capistrano (1776); Santa Clara (1777); San Buenaventura (1782). Twelve more were founded after Serra's death.

Junipero made the long trip to Mexico City to settle great differences with the military commander. He arrived at the point of death. The outcome was substantially what Junipero sought: the famous "Regulation" protecting the Indians and the missions. It was the basis for the first significant legislation in California, a "Bill of Rights" for Native Americans.

He baptized over 6,000 people and confirmed 5,000. His travels would have circled the globe. He brought the Native Americans not only the gift of faith but also a decent standard of living. He is buried at Mission San Carlo Borromeo, Carmel, and was beatified in 1988. Pope Francis canonized him on September 23, 2015.

Read the full article: "Saint Junipero Serra" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-junipero-serra/> (Accessed June 5, 2025).

Gospel

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