

JULY 27, 2025 | 17TH 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.  
ascensionkettering.org

### 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  
stalbertthegreat.net

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

4500 Ackerman Boulevard  
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 M-F 8am to 6pm; Adoration Chapel available 24/7  
(call office for code)

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO 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

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday with key from  
parish office.

## 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: Sunday, August 3, 9:30 a.m., Parish Office Building  
at Ascension; 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@stalbertthegreat.net for St. Albert, or  
Joe Ollier, jollier@ascensionkettering.org for Ascension and  
St. Charles.

## RECONCILIATION

### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

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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## WHAT I LEARNED FROM EXODUS90, ST. MICHAEL'S LENT

*Deacon Chris Jasek*

Beginning Friday, August 15, MGFP will begin St. Michael's Lent. It is a 45-day spiritual exercise for men from Exodus90. It begins August 15 (Solemnity of the Assumption) and ends September 29 (Feast of Saint Michael and the Archangels).

I've done this program in the past. I was motivated to try it because I was tired of the bad habits in my life and I longed to break free for my spouse and family. I also wanted to build fraternity with other men of faith. Rather than dealing with "things" on my own, I knew I needed more community and wisdom from brothers in Christ in my life.

Some of the disciplines of this program looked very challenging to me - getting up to pray on Fridays at 2 a.m., fasting and taking a cold shower twice a week, and giving up

social media. It was going to be tough, but I knew I needed this!

Here is what I learned through this exercise:

- The importance of daily prayer and reflection—it made my life so much deeper and more meaningful.
- The strength, wisdom, and brotherhood that comes from being in fraternity with other Christian men. No man is an island.
- That I can do hard things (e.g., giving up social media for 45 days) and feel a sense of victory in them.
- How important fasting and rest is to a fulfilled life. Times of sacrifice and work need to be balanced with times of celebration.

Brothers in Christ, I invite you to join me, Fr. Tony, Joe Ollier,

and other MGFP men August 15 as we begin St. Michael's Lent. It is going to be a challenge, but we'll grow in fraternity with each other and be better men in the end. Let's go!

St. Michael's Lent involves following certain disciplines each day or week. Some of the key disciplines are: a weekly 60-minute meeting with your fraternity of men from MGFP, daily prayer and reflection, and weekly fasting. Read more about the details of St. Michael's Lent here: [exodus90.com/blog/st-michaels-lent-reality-unveiled/](https://exodus90.com/blog/st-michaels-lent-reality-unveiled/). There is a \$20 cost to subscribe to the Exodus90 app for 2 months.

Please sign up by Sunday, August 10, so we can organize our fraternity groups and get prepared to begin on August 15!

# MASS TIMES

## MONDAY, JULY 28

- 8:30 AM **SC** Angel Vazquez  
Family
- 9:00 AM **AS** Dennis Woodward  
Dottie Woodward
- NOON **SA** Thomas B. Kain  
Kathleen Kain

## TUESDAY, JULY 29

- 8:30 AM **SC** Theodore Schneble  
Mary Jean Schneble
- NOON **SA** John Sorgen  
D. Sorgen

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

- 8:30 AM **SC** Clifford Frey  
Marlene
- 9:00 AM **AS** John Tincu  
Bill & Ralene Zimmerman
- NOON **SA** Wanda Naudaser  
Anonymous

## THURSDAY, JULY 31

- 8:30 AM **SC** Tom Rauch  
Family
- 9:00 AM **AS** Candice Braun  
Dee Braun
- NOON **SA** Andrea Volkerding  
The Macy Family

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- 8:30 AM **SC** Suzy Pender  
Family
- 9:00 AM **AS** Margie & Dolf Biermann  
Julie Biermann
- NOON **SA** John Zamonski  
Phyllis Salyers

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- 4:30 PM **SA** Peter Helderfer  
Kay Moore
- 5:00 PM **AS** McGarvey Family  
Donna McGarvey
- 5:00 PM **SC** Lisa Mauntel  
Karen Buschmiller

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- 8:30 AM **AS** Church of the Ascension
- 8:30 AM **SA** Bob Shuler  
Jim & Mary Ann Schoen
- 8:30 AM **SC** St. Charles Borromeo Church
- 10:30 AM **SC** Jim McGraw  
Family
- 11:00 AM **AS** Olabode Olajide  
Patience Olajide
- 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](http://mgparish.org/give).

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." – Luke 11:9-10

## STEWARDSHIP

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income \$ 25,094  
YTD Offertory Income \$ 88,127  
YTD Budget \$ 88,875  
Diakonia \$ 584

### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income \$ 23,793  
YTD Offertory Income \$ 78,449  
YTD Budget \$ 72,113  
St. Vincent Conference \$ 155

### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income \$ 20,514  
YTD Offertory Income \$ 67,862  
YTD Budget \$ 72,750  
Saint Vincent De Paul \$ 773

Please go to [mgparish.org/mass](http://mgparish.org/mass) to see weekend presider schedule.

# WORSHIP



## CELEBRATE MARRIAGE WEEKEND AT ST. CHARLES

*August 23-24 at St. Charles Borromeo Campus*

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@stcharles-kettering.org](mailto:cjasek@stcharles-kettering.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.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTERS NEEDED

The Bereavement Ministry at St. Charles is looking for new members. This team of compassionate disciples helps support the family of the bereaved in planning the funeral, setting up for the visitation/funeral, and assisting during the funeral liturgy. You can volunteer for funerals that fit your schedule. Please contact Deacon Chris Jasek at [cjasek@stcharles-kettering.org](mailto:cjasek@stcharles-kettering.org) or 937-401-0097 to learn more about this important and rewarding ministry.

*This week's **Words of Hope** come from Julian of Norwich (1342-1416). A hermit for most of her life, Julian wrote extensively, and her works are the oldest surviving English language texts written by a woman. Though never officially beatified, she is often called "Blessed." Though she lived during the Black Plague, she was a woman of great hope and trust in God. "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."*

## PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF

**Peter Lanasa.** His Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, July 19 at St. Charles.

**Anita Mackey.** Her Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, August 1, 11 a.m. at St. Charles.

**Edward Gerding, Sr.** His Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, August 8, 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles.

## NEW PARISHIONERS—WELCOME!

James & Pamela Elsinger of Dayton

Kyle & Carly Knisley

Katherine Mackenzie of Oakwood

Joe Martin of Dayton

Jamie Mominee of Kettering

Denis Neza of Kettering

Wade & Regina Stout of Centerville

Nicholas & Anne Torian of Oakwood

Kaitlyn Williams of Dayton

## BAPTISM

**Elliott Finn Greaney,** son of Patrick Greaney and Shannon (Holmes) Greaney.

## PRAYER LIST

Maria & Robin Bachman, Larry Baumgardner, Barbara Blackstone, Jeff Bowling, Ron Catanzaro, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Ron DeChant, Darlene Duke, Jane Fortener, Betty Gaudion, Barbara Griffin, Carol Harris, Justin Hodge, Larry Hoffman, Martha Kauflin, Pam Kussman, John Maqsdud, Ed Mykytka, Don Paul, Joseph Paul, Jackie Pennington, Michael Prince, Suzanne Radcliffe, 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



## MOM-TO-MOM

Final Mom-to-Mom Summer Connection is Wednesday, July 30, 9-10:45 a.m. in the Borromeo Room at St. Charles Borromeo Campus. Childcare and breakfast provided! All moms welcome! Our Fall session of Mom-to-Mom starts in September, with two sessions available: Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 9-10:45 a.m. in the Borromeo Room at St. Charles Borromeo Campus. To learn more or register, visit [stcharles-kettering.org/mom-to-mom](http://stcharles-kettering.org/mom-to-mom)

## Our Father, Who Art in Heaven...

STEPHANIE KLEIN



*In reflecting upon this week's readings, I realized how often I take The Lord's Prayer for granted. Being a prayer that I recite daily, I often find myself zoning out and not focusing on what I am truly saying. By giving us The Lord's Prayer, Jesus gave us a type of template for how to pray and talk to God. It's like an "all-purpose" prayer, so to speak. While Luke's Gospel provides a slightly amended Lord's Prayer, we all know the words we were taught to pray:*

*"Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil."*

*Let's look at this prayer line by line. Our Father – The love God has for us is the all-encompassing and unconditional love of a father. We are all His sons and daughters (hence the word "our") and come to Him with childlike trust. Who art in heaven – According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, heaven "does not mean a place, but a way of being; it does not mean that God is distant but majestic." Hallowed be thy name – To be hallowed is defined as "regarded as holy; venerated; sacred." We are acknowledging God's greatness. Thy kingdom come – Not only are we asking God to fulfill His promise, but that we may be able to spread God's kingdom on earth through our love of God and others. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven – With these words, we are acknowledging that God's will is always better than our own will. Just because we ask for something doesn't mean we will receive it. Give us this day our daily bread – We are not only asking God for our daily bread, but we are trusting Him to provide for all our daily needs. We also recognize that the Father gives us Jesus in the Eucharist as our ultimate nourishment. Jesus is the daily bread that we need to feed us, to fill us, and to lead us to eternal life. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us – We ask God to forgive us for our sins, and by accepting and understanding His grace, we to learn how to forgive others. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil – Here we ask God to guide us toward His will and away from sin's temptation.*

*I challenge you this week to not just mindlessly rattle off The Lord's Prayer, but pray it attentively and from our hearts. Through this prayer, may we be reminded that God, our Father, is always there for us. I leave you with a few words from the hymn, Seek Ye First, by Karen Lafferty:*

*"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you; Alleluia. Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and you shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Alleluia."*



## LAST CALL: TOWN HALL MEETING

*Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m., Parish Center, St. Albert the Great Campus*

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the last 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. This gathering is an opportunity for open dialogue as we continue to grow together in faith and mission. Please join us for the final opportunity to attend one of these important sessions as we walk forward together in faith, unity, and shared purpose.

## STAY ACTIVE WITH FITNESS CLASSES AT MGFP!

Get ready to stretch, strengthen, and find some peace! *Pietra Fitness* is back this August with new gentle-level classes on August 2, 15, and 30 from 8:30–9:15 a.m. in the Borromeo Room at St. Charles. Bring your mat, some water, and a friend! Questions? Reach out to Erin at 937-344-7288. You won't want to miss this relaxing, faith-centered workout! Or join *Chair One Fitness* on Tuesday evenings, July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2 from 4:30–5:00 p.m. in the Witzman Center, Room 118, at Ascension Campus. No special equipment is required. For any questions, contact Alice Ernst at [alice4chaironefitness@gmail.com](mailto:alice4chaironefitness@gmail.com).



## UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES AT MGFP

Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Ascension Campus, PAC

Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., St. Charles Campus, Donor Coach

Be a hero for someone in need by giving blood! 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](http://donortime.com).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 14995 MEASURE UP CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank Fr. Tom and all parishioners that participated in the campaign held on May 31 and June 1. Because of your kindness, this campaign will result in the largest donation Council 14995 has ever been able to forward to the Catholic Social Services and Miami Valley Down Syndrome organizations.



## OUR COMMUNITY

### OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY



#### TRAVELING IMAGE OF OUR MOTHER THRICE ADMIRABLE, QUEEN, AND VICTRESS OF SCHOENSTATT

The Traveling Image of Our Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen, and Victress of Schoenstatt has been blessed to remind those who look upon it and pray before it that Mary's presence in our lives brings graces that strengthen our faith, increase our hope and enkindle our love of God and His people. The picture will rotate in the Gathering Spaces/Narthex of Mother of God Family of Parishes from August 2, 2025 to August 17, 2025. For those seeking more information about Schoenstatt, please contact Karen Waitzman at [kswaitzman@twc.com](mailto:kswaitzman@twc.com) or 937-435-4710.



# SEPT. 14, 1 TO 5 PM

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BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

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### TEXAS FLOODING RELIEF

Catholic Charities of Central Texas is providing relief services to those affected by the recent floods. If you would like to make a donation, please visit [ccctx.org](http://ccctx.org) and select "Donate to Central Texas Flood Relief." Thank you for your generosity!

**8/1**  
4-6 PM  
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#### THE PEACH TRUCK

You loved The Peach Truck so much, we had to do it one more time! The Peach Truck will be in the upper parking lot at Ascension Campus. You must preorder your peaches at [thepeachtruck.com](http://thepeachtruck.com) to reserve your box. Friday, August 1, 4-6 p.m.

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



## CHILDREN

Registration for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for our Mother of God Family of Parishes is underway! RE at St. Albert is Sundays, 9:40-10:50 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). Visit [mgparish.org](http://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.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word needs your help! We're looking for enthusiastic Sunday catechists to share Scripture with our youngest parishioners during the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses at St. Charles. 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@stalbertthegreat.net](mailto:tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net)!

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

**NOVEMBER 20-23 2025**

<https://ncyc.us/>

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Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Mother of God Family of Parishes

### ***Find us online!***

*Visit [mgparish.org/religious-education](http://mgparish.org/religious-education) to enroll your child in RE courses.*

*Interested in sacramental preparation?*

*Visit [mgparish.org/sacramental-preparation](http://mgparish.org/sacramental-preparation) for more information!*

# LOVE IN ACTION

## CARE FOR CREATION ECO TIP

If you are a coffee drinker, many cafes and diners will fill a reusable cup that you bring with you, or you can purchase one there to reuse. Some might even give you a small discount!

## LOVE-IN-ACTION WORKSHOP

Join us for “A Vision for Love in Action: Building Communities of Salt and Light” on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. at St. Luke Parish in Beavercreek. This training helps parish families explore how to strengthen and collaborate on Love in Action (LIA) ministries through guided conversation, foundational learning, and team planning. Ideal for LIA teams, parish staff, and ministry leaders. Register by August 9 at [catholicaoc.org/saltandlight](http://catholicaoc.org/saltandlight) or contact Cathy Magness at [cmagness@ascensionkettering.org](mailto:cmagness@ascensionkettering.org) by August 3.

# 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](http://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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Pick up pans: Aug 2-3 Pans due by: Aug 22 <i>(Deliver frozen meals either to the Witzman Center or drop off in the parish office by Noon on the due date.)</i>	Pick up pans: July 25 Pans due by: Aug 2 <i>(Deliver frozen meals to the breezeway entrance between 9-10 a.m.)</i>	Pick up pans: Aug 3 Pans due by: Aug 10 <i>(Deliver frozen to the Hospitality Room, 8-10:45 a.m.)</i>

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

Now–September 27

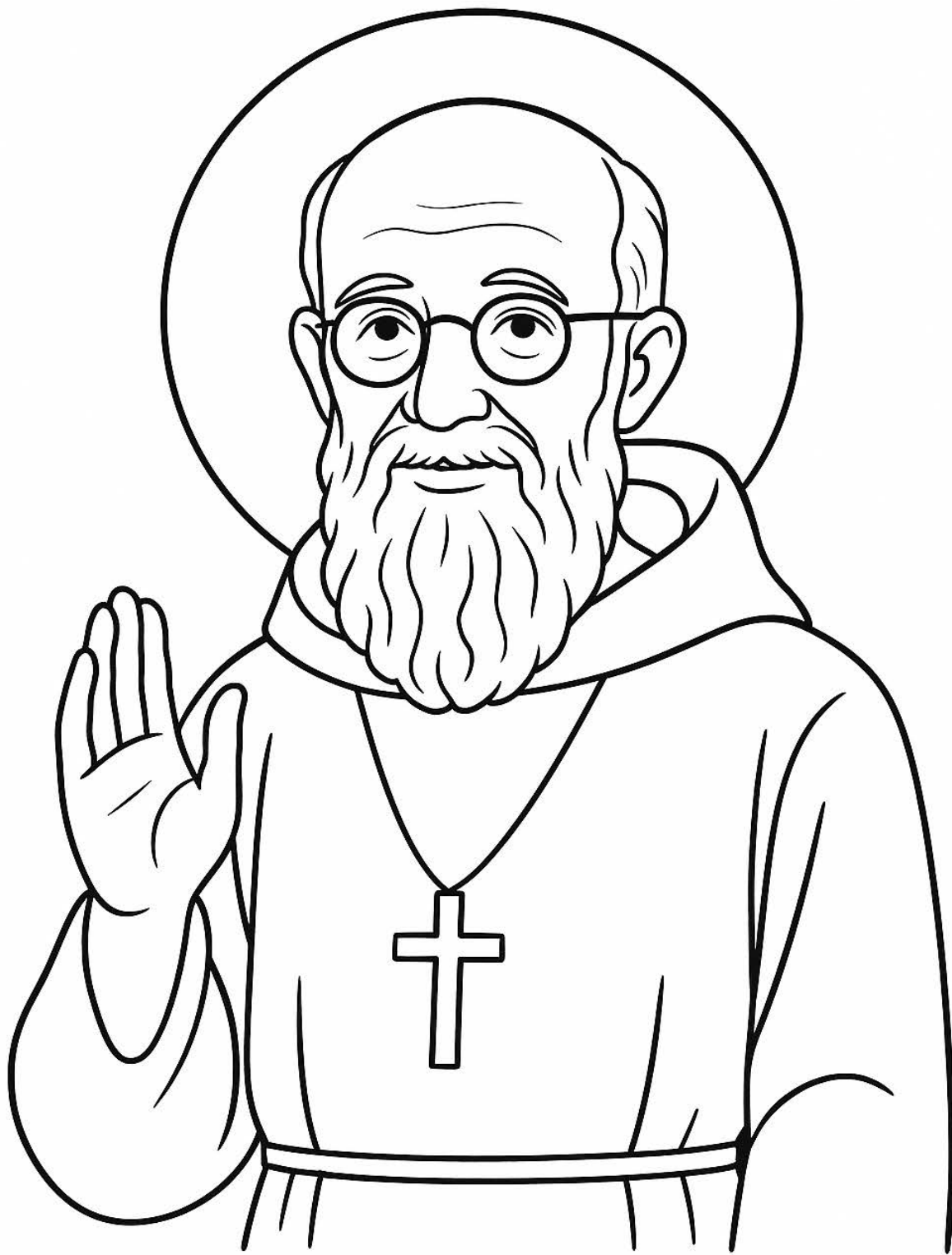
Buy a \$10 Simply Give Card when you check out at the Meijer on Wilmington Pike, or purchase one at Ascension Campus, and Meijer will donate that amount to the pantry. On DOUBLE MATCH DAYS—August 16 and September 13—Meijer triples your gift (a \$10 card becomes \$30). All donations help keep the Pantry shelves stocked—thank you for your generosity!.

## 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 and 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, and 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](mailto:dtschlegel@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.



# BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY

## **KIDS' COLORING PAGE OF THE WEEK! BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY**

Blessed Solanus Casey was a kind and humble man who loved helping others and trusted God with his whole heart. He was born in Wisconsin and grew up in a big family. Even though he had a hard time in school, he never gave up and became a Capuchin friar. People came from all over to talk to him because he listened with love, prayed with great faith, and gave simple but wise advice. He worked as a doorkeeper at a monastery in Detroit, where he greeted everyone with a smile. Kids can learn from him how to be patient, helpful, and full of trust in God—no matter what challenges come our way!

**CALLING ALL GIRLS 5<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!!!!**

## **ARE YOU READY FOR CHALLENGE?**

**WE ARE ALL ABOUT THE....**

**COMMUNITY**



**MISSION**



**FUN**



**PRAYER LIFE**



**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? CHECK US OUT!**  
**AUG 27<sup>TH</sup> ST. CHARLES -WALSH HALL 6:30-8PM**

**[Challengekettering@gmail.com](mailto:Challengekettering@gmail.com)**

## GARDEN GUILD FARMERS MARKET NOW–AUGUST 24

One of the best parts of summer is fresh, juicy produce! Stop by the Garden Guild Farmers Market on Sundays, now–August 24, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the front lawn of St. Albert the Great Campus! Shop fresh produce, homemade pickles, jams, pesto, and more—all grown and prepared by the Garden Guild. Support their efforts to help those in need in our parish community. Don't miss this summer favorite!



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### PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Send any items for publishing consideration to [sgreen@ascensionkettering.org](mailto:sgreen@ascensionkettering.org)

**BULLETIN** – 10 days prior to publication date

**FLOCKNOTE/E-NEWS** – Thursday at noon

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

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Principal: Susan DiGiorgio

### ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

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## ASK. SEEK. KNOCK.

*Reflection on Luke 11:1-13*

Ask, seek and knock, and you will receive, find, and the door will be opened to you. We have this promise directly from Jesus. We also have it directly from Jesus that if we ask God for a fish, we won't get a snake, and if we ask for an egg, we won't get a scorpion. We can go to God for the fish and egg special and be assured that we will not get something unfriendly, inedible, or poisonous instead.

One key to understanding prayer is the simple truth that what we want and what we need are two separate realities. God can see the difference, if we cannot. Prayer is going to the God who has promised to work all things to the good for those that love Him, not in any attempt to manipulate God or to change God's will, but in a sincere desire to learn God's will for us. We pray so that we might be changed.

We have all heard the warning, "Be careful what you ask for...." This is a good instruction for approaching the Lord's Prayer, because we are really asking, seeking, knocking – in these words Jesus taught us – to be changed, by our Father's Holy Name, into doers of His will.

– Father Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, July 27, 2025

*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

### Monday, July 28, 2025

*Weekday*  
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34  
Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23  
Matthew 13:31-35

### Tuesday, July 29, 2025

*Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*  
Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28  
Psalm 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

### Wednesday, July 30, 2025

*Weekday*  
Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9  
Matthew 13:44-46

### Thursday, July 31, 2025

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*  
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38  
Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11  
Matthew 13:47-53

### Friday, August 1, 2025

*Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37  
Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab  
Matthew 13:54-58

### Saturday, August 2, 2025

*Weekday*  
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17  
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8  
Matthew 14:1-12

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## SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

*Saint of the Day: July 31*

*Patron Saint of Retreats*

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Ignatius whiled away the time reading about the life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the Spiritual Exercises.

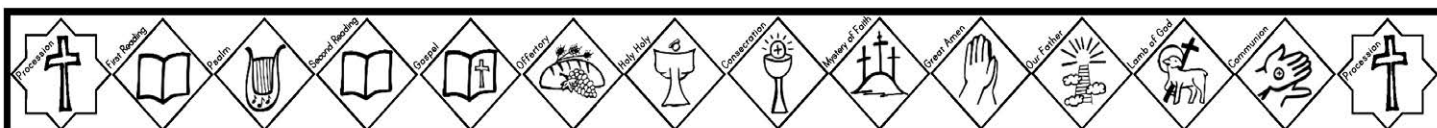
Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

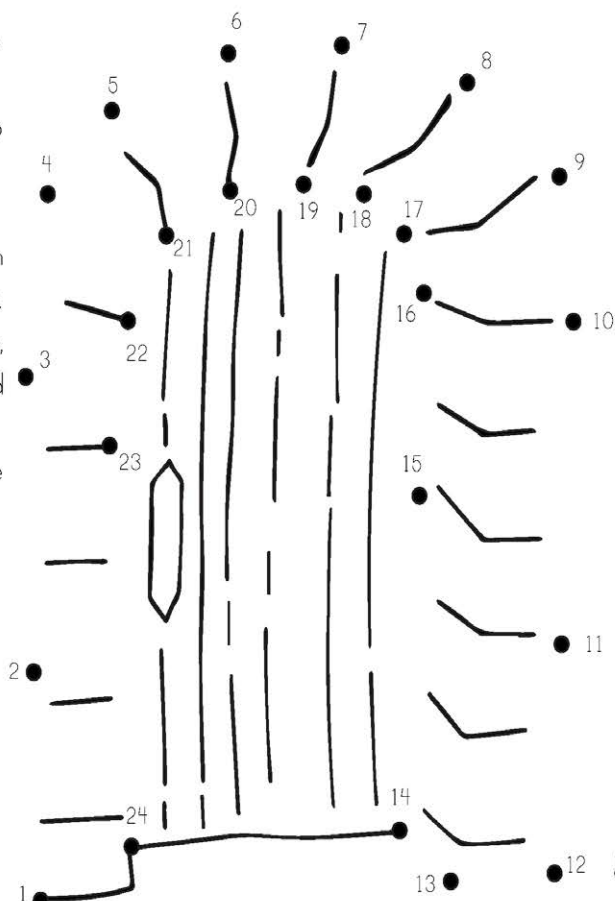
Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity – the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* – “for the greater glory of God.” In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

Read the full article: “Saint Ignatius of Loyola” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ignatius-of-loyola/> (Accessed July 14, 2025).



Jesus tells the disciples to pray as if they are knocking on God's door. Jesus says, "Knock, and the door will be opened to you."



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Circle "PRAY" in the puzzle.  
How many times can you find the word?  
Try to pray that many times today.



In today's Gospel, a disciple asks Jesus how to pray. Jesus teaches him the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father." Do you know that prayer? Pray the "Our Father" prayer during Mass today.

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