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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive
Kettering OH 45420

PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171

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

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

ascensionkettering.org

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue
Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

Friday: 9:00 a.m.- Noon

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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 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
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

8:30 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, 7:00 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.

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MEET BENJAMIN KALIS: A SON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES



Meet Benjamin Kalis: A Son of the Mother of God Family of Parishes

This summer, the Mother of God Family of Parishes is honored to welcome seminarian Benjamin Kalis—a man whose journey to the priesthood has been anything but ordinary. A member of Ascension Parish and a convert to the Catholic faith, Benjamin is now in his second year of seminary at Mount St. Mary's in Cincinnati, joyfully discerning the priesthood and actively serving his home parish family.

At 35 years old, Benjamin's story is marked by deep transformation, perseverance, and God's gentle persistence. He became Catholic 12 years ago, after a rich faith upbringing in a Christian home. Early in his Catholic journey, he discerned religious life with the Society of St. Edmund, taking preliminary vows in Vermont while completing his bachelor's degree.

Before discerning the diocesan priesthood, Benjamin was a professional chef, graduating from Sinclair with a degree in culinary arts. He worked at the Schuster Center and eventually became Head of Catering at Moraine Country Club. It was there he began to realize that the culinary world left little room for a balanced life. A moment of clarity came when he saw a chef—just a few years older—physically exhausted and emotionally distant from his children. "I didn't want that life," he recalls.

So, Benjamin joined the U.S. Army. Initially, he continued cooking, but his exceptional test scores led to selection for language school. Both of his

parents had served as linguists in the military, and Benjamin followed suit—studying Persian (Farsi) in Monterey, California. The two-year program was intense, and it was there, amid exams and long hours, that he encountered a Catholic classmate who challenged him to go to Confession every week for Lent.

That regular return to the sacraments awakened something deep within. "I was sitting in front of the Crucifix and couldn't stop thinking about it—'Come follow me,' 'I've given you everything you've asked for, now I'm asking you for something,'" Benjamin recalls. "Jesus is not happy on the cross, but it's a fulfilled place." At the time, he had a girlfriend, a job, a career path—but none of it brought peace. The call to the priesthood became undeniable.

He applied to seminary with the encouragement of a friend and a military chaplain recruiter. Despite being in year two of a six-year contract, every door that had once seemed closed miraculously opened—including a last-minute permission to leave for seminary without going AWOL. "Every obstacle was removed, but only at the last second," he said. "It felt like God was just waiting to see if I'd follow through."

Benjamin chose St. Thomas the Apostle as his Confirmation saint—"because we were both doubters." But the process of entering seminary removed all his doubts. "I don't know how I could do anything else but be a priest," he shares. "Some days class is hard, but it's not just a desire anymore—I feel like I have to be a priest."

Today, Benjamin is a 2nd

Lieutenant in the Army Reserves and a chaplain candidate. His future is likely to include three years serving in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati after Ordination, followed by five years of active duty military chaplaincy. Ultimately, the Archbishop of Cincinnati and the Archbishop for the Military Services will decide where he is needed most.

Despite the twists and turns of his journey, Benjamin is filled with hope and joy. "I have never been as happy as I am now," he says. "All of my experiences in life pale in comparison to the potential adventure of being a priest."

Benjamin chose to spend this summer back at his home parish, Ascension, and in turn serve the MGFP. "I wanted to come back to the people who prayed for vocations—I am the fruit of those prayers. Every time someone said the vocations prayer, they were unknowingly praying for me."

His presence this summer has also given him hope. "Being here gives me so much hope for the Church—especially the young Church." He remarks while talking about his time on the MGFP mission trip.

Benjamin will return to seminary on August 12, but will be back to visit during the holidays—his parents remain active parishioners in Dayton at MGFP. "The support of my parents has been huge. It wouldn't be possible without them."

Please continue to pray for Benjamin and all those discerning the priesthood. We are so proud to call him a son of the Mother of God Family of Parishes.

MASS TIMES

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30 AM **SC** Josephine Apicella
Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 AM **SC** Kathleen Galante
Jeanne Huber

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 AM **AS** Louis Ciambro
Paul Tarlano

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

NOON **SA** Frances Franchina
Tina Wingate

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 AM **AS** Armand + Pilar Perron
Debbie Rogers

NOON **SA** Bary Weaver
Joy Weaver

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

4:30 PM **SA** Dolores & Francis Mahle
Cecilia Mahle

5:00 PM **AS** Barb Gohmann
Friends

5:00 PM **SC** Tom Nyhan, Sr.
Nadine Nyhan & Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30 AM **AS** Gordon Haller
Cynthia Haller

8:30 AM **SA** Mary Agnes Phellabaum
J/J Shock

8:30 AM **SC** St. Charles Borromeo Church

10:30 AM **SC** Pat Klatt
Connie Ditzel

11:00 AM **AS** Church of the Ascension

11:00 AM **SA** St. Albert the Great Church

From August 4–7, 2025, our parish priests will be away attending the Diocesan Convocation. During these days, one daily Mass will be offered at a designated campus at its regularly scheduled time. We truly appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this special time. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Parish Office.



GIVE

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

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income \$20,562
YTD Offertory Income \$108,689
YTD Budget \$118,500
Diakonia \$458

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income \$22,007
YTD Offertory Income \$100,593
YTD Budget \$96,150
St. Vincent Conference \$50

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income \$15,929
YTD Offertory Income \$83,791
YTD Budget \$97,000
Saint Vincent de Paul \$540

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

WORSHIP



GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS

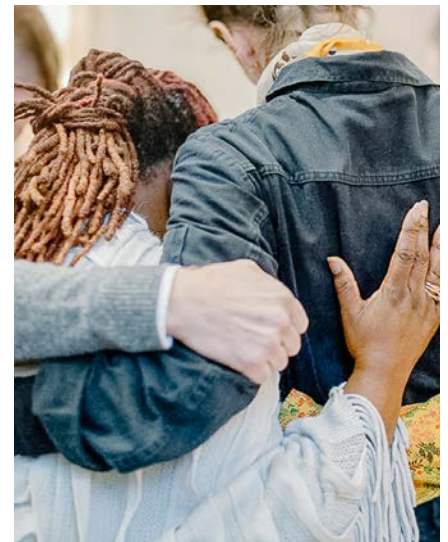
Parishioners celebrating Jubilee Anniversaries (25, 50, 55, 60, etc.) in 2025 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on Saturday, September 6, at Incarnation in Centerville or Sunday, September 7, at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Cincinnati. Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered to the Jubilarians couples. Couples should RSVP online at Golden Jubilee Masses with Archbishop – Archdiocese of Cincinnati by August 25. <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/divine-worship-and-sacraments/news/golden-jubilee-masses-with-archbishop>

CALLING ALL LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS

It is time again for liturgical volunteers to submit their availability to serve for the months of September, October, and November. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Greeters should submit their availability into Ministry Scheduler Pro by Tuesday, August 5. If you have any questions, please contact your MSP Admin.

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 (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 St. John Chrysostom (c347-407), who was known as the "golden-tongued" for his beautiful homilies: "Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness."

BAPTISMS

Elliott N. Honious, son of Christopher and Kaitlyn, on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

NEW PARISHIONERS—WELCOME!

Barbara DeLong of Bellbrook
Russell Ingram of Dayton

PRAYER LIST

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

IF A LOVED ONE BECOMES CRITICALLY ILL, PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO CALL A PRIEST. REACHING OUT EARLY HELPS ENSURE A PRIEST CAN BE THERE WHEN NEEDED MOST.

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

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.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 8/9 8-9 AM ASC

Session 5: The Kingdom of God and the Messiah. Who did Jesus claim to be? Who was He? Looking at Jesus' own words and His fulfillment of two key Old Testament prophecies in the Book of Daniel, Dr. Pitre opens up Jesus' oft repeated promise to usher in the Kingdom of God. ALL men of MGFP are invited to participate on August 9, 8:00-9:00 a.m., Witzman Center, Room 119. Contact Mike Wager, mewager07@gmail.com, 937-361-1369.

DEAR FAMILY FR. TOM NEVELS



As we get ready to start school again in this preparation-filled month of August, I hope everyone has had a refreshing and joyful June and July. Because the heat seldom bothers me, I love these hot and sunny days of summer. I sometimes joke that I should have lived before air conditioning was invented, but I still have evenings when I thank the Lord for AC.

I want to thank those who came to our Town Hall meetings. I always appreciate the thoughtful questions and insights shared by Family Members. Some discussions revolved around potential changes in the future to church layout or renovation. Change is always uncomfortable and uncertain but is always part of following the Spirit of our Lord. Change does not mean what we have been doing was wrong, and it may have been just what we needed in the past. Change just means that needs change as times change and the Holy Spirit leads us in that. Let us continue to pray for God's guidance in all of this.

As I noted in last month's article, I am going to be especially focused this year on prayer for fallen away Catholics and those never introduced to Christ. Thankfully and providentially, our Archdiocese is sponsoring another "Together Sunday" on September 14th, the day of our Family Picnic. All of us know someone who has fallen out of the practice of the faith, and that Sunday will be a great time to invite them back. They could join us at Mass and then at the picnic. I may sponsor a chipping (golf) contest at the picnic. For our family to grow, all need to be intentional about befriending and inviting someone back to church and be especially welcoming to strangers at Mass and at our picnic. Throughout August and early September, everyone will be encouraged and assisted in preparation for our "Together Again Sunday." Our Lord wants His grace to flow through us.

Unfortunately, while I was praising our new Catholic Leadership Institute Director a couple months ago, he has now resigned for another position closer to his home in Boston. So, we are on our third CLI leader since April, Kate Sell. I will be praying that she can stay through July 2027, the conclusion of our Beacons of Light initiative. All the CLI leaders they have given us have been outstanding, but it does handicap and slow down the process when the leaders change.

As always, I continue to be optimistic and confident in our future.

Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Tom

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE WEEKEND

How many years of marriage will you celebrate this year? On the weekend of August 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 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.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE AT MGFP

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**.



NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES

Get ready to stretch, strengthen, and find some peace! Pietra Fitness is back this August with new gentle-level classes on August 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, 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.



OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY



GARDEN GUILD FARMERS MARKET

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!

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 2-17, 2025. For more information about Schoenstatt, please contact Karen Waitzman at kswaitzman@twc.com or 937-435-4710.

ST. ALBERT MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

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

NAIM

Widowed recently or years ago? Why not check out NAIM, a social & religious based organization for widowed Catholics. The next meeting is Monday, August 11, at 1:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall at St. Francis of Assisi, 6245 Wilmington Pike, followed by cards. On Sunday, August 17, NAIM will attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Henry, 6696 Springboro Pike followed by Brunch at Marion's Pizza, 8991 Kingsridge Drive. Cards will follow. Want more info? Contact Sunny Hickey at 937-433-1437.



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H-O: SALAD
P-Z: SIDE

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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, 4:00-5:15 p.m. (grades 1-5), and Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (grades 6-8). Visit mgparish.org to register!



JR. HIGH

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



HIGH SCHOOL

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Liturgy of the Word needs your help! We're looking for enthusiastic catechists to share Scripture with our youngest parishioners during the Sunday Mass at Ascension at 11:00 a.m.; St. Albert at 11:00 a.m., and St. Charles at both 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses. 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

Find us online!

Looking to enroll your child in Religious Education?

Visit: mgparish.org/religious-education

Interested in Sacramental Preparation?

Visit: mgparish.org/sacramental-preparation

Interested in our Jr. High and High School youth ministry programs and contact information?

Visit: mgparish.org/youth

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Contact for More Info:
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Coordinator of Youth Ministry
ksummers@stcharles-kettering.org

<https://ncyc.us/>

CHALLENGE

Calling all girls in 5th–8th grade! Are you ready for a new kind of challenge? Join us for a fun, faith-filled experience where we focus on community, mission, fun, and prayer life. Come check us out on August 27th at St. Charles in Walsh Hall from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Questions? Email us at challengekettering@gmail.com.

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FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole pans are available in the Narthex/Gathering Space at each campus various times each month to provide a meal for our neighbors at the St. Vincent shelters. Instructions are with each pan. Additionally, St. Albert the Great is in the 36th year of the monthly food collection serving the Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV) Choice Food Pantry in downtown Dayton. Visit mgparish.org/food-collection for more information on what to bring and when! St. Charles Borromeo Campus is always in need of one-pound cans of vegetables, as well as bags of apples, oranges, and carrot sticks & celery—washed and cut up, ready to serve.

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Pick up pans: Aug 2-3

Pans due by: Aug 22

(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 9:00-10:00 a.m.)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Pick up pans: Aug 3

Pans due by: Aug 10

(Deliver frozen to the Hospitality Room, 8:00-10:45 a.m.)



LOVE IN ACTION

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 2025-2026 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 to make other arrangements.

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 or contact Cathy Magness at cmagness@ascensionkettering.org by August 3.

CARE FOR CREATION ECO TIP

Heads up! The next Styrofoam recycling event will be on Saturday, October 11, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 950 Forrer Blvd behind the Kettering Municipal Courts building.

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 one up at Ascension and take it to Meijer to load with your donation. On DOUBLE MATCH DAYS, August 16 and September 13, Meijer will double your gift, turning a \$10 donation into \$20. Thank you for your generosity!



KIDS' COLORING PAGE OF THE WEEK! ST. JOHN VIANNEY!

St. John Vianney was a kind and humble priest who lived in France a long time ago. He loved helping people grow closer to God and spent many hours each day hearing Confessions and praying for others. Even though school was hard for him, he worked very hard to become a priest because he knew that was what God wanted. He is the patron saint of parish priests, and he showed that with God's help, we can do amazing things – even when something feels difficult. His feast day is August 4th, and he reminds us to always be faithful, pray often, and love others.



back to school mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

10:30 AM MASS, ST. CHARLES CAMPUS

11:00 AM MASS, ST. ALBERT CAMPUS

11:00 AM MASS, ASCENSION CAMPUS

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

For more information go to mgparish.org/btsmass

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YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNERS WITH CITY

Our Social Action Committee, Sustainability Committee and Youth Ministry groups all collaborated with the City of Kettering to provide lunches to youth and families at the Trails of Oak Creek and VanBuren Park apartments this week. Local churches and community groups sign up for a week at a time. Our Mother of God youth, led by our new youth minister, Amie Herbert, arrived early each day this week to St. Charles to make desserts, to gather supplies and then headed over to help serve food and to play with the youth they were serving. Their joyful presence also helped to feed others spiritually as they shared the light of Christ with those they were ministering to! We are so thankful for the opportunity to grow and live in Christian community as we serve others. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, feel free to contact Amie Herbert at aherbert@ascensionkettering.org.

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STEWARDSHIP

Reflection on Luke 12:13-21

After the death of John D. Rockefeller, one curious fellow actually made an appointment with Rockefeller's financial aide and asked him, "How much did he leave behind?" Without hesitation, the aide replied, "He left all of it." We have all heard the adage, "You can't take it with you." Last Sunday we heard, "Ask, and you shall receive." Today we hear, "Hoard, and you shall lose."

This seems to be a straightforward Gospel message about the dangers of amassing material treasure; we hear this same message in other Gospel scenarios (Lazarus and the rich man; the rich young man wanting to follow Jesus; the proverbial camel before the eye of the needle). But in each case, as is true in today's Gospel, the whole "danger of wealth" warning is delivered in a larger context. And that context is stewardship.

One of the primary spiritual principles is the unmerited flow of grace into our lives, which compels the response of keeping God's grace moving by giving it all away. The idea of stewardship is grounded in the knowledge that nothing we have, or are, is truly ours, in the sense of ownership, of possession. To be "rich in what matters to God," is to extend all the graces, material and spiritual, we have received to others, especially those who are most in need.

— Father Jay

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain

wisdom of heart

— Psalm 90:12



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Monday, August 4, 2025

Saint John Vianney, Priest

Numbers 11:4b-15
Psalm 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Weekday

Numbers 12:1-13
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28b-36

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Weekday

Numbers 20:1-13
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, August 8, 2025

Saint Dominic, Priest

Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Psalm 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Weekday

Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51
Matthew 17:14-20

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Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
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SAINT DOMINIC

Saint of the Day: August 8

Patron Saint of Astronomers, Dominican Republic

Born in old Castile, Spain, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life described in Acts of the Apostles.

On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians held to two principles – one good, one evil – in the world. All matter is evil – hence they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. They were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, began itinerant preaching according to the Gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders.

His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans.

Dominic's ideal, and that of his Order, was to organically link a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the Word of God. His ideal: contemplata tradere: "to pass on the fruits of contemplation" or "to speak only of God or with God."

Read the full article: "Saint Dominic" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-dominic/> (Accessed July 18, 2025).

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First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel
Offertory
Holy Eucharist
Consecration
Ministry of Faith
Great Amen
Our Father
Lamb of God
Communion
Procession

Gospel

This rich man only thought about his treasures on Earth. He had a lot of food, oxen, and money. God told him to focus on the treasures of Heaven by praying and helping others more than himself. God doesn't look at how many cool toys you have; He looks at your heart.

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