

JULY 13, 2025 | 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

MGPARRISH.ORG

 @MGPARRISH_

 MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES

 @MGPARRISH_

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.

stcharles-kettering.org

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

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday–Thursday with key from the
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 in each season.

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: Monday, July 14, 7:00 p.m. at St. Charles; Sunday,
August 3, 9:30 a.m. at Ascension; Wednesday, September 10,
6:30 p.m. at St. Albert. For more information, 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_

FACEBOOK: Mother of God
Family of Parishes

YOU TUBE: Mother of God
Family of Parishes

TIK TOK: @mgparish_



MOMS WHO LUNCH: CASUAL CONNECTION, CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Sometimes all it takes is a lunch break to build something beautiful.

Moms Who Lunch is a new ministry launching this summer (July 24) at the Mother of God Family of Parishes. Founded by Ashleigh Bakos, a mom of one, a recent Catholic convert, and a parishioner at St. Charles Borromeo, this group is designed for moms in all seasons of life—from those trying to conceive to grandmothers with grown children—to come together, relax, and find friendship over a shared meal.

Ashleigh, who moved to Dayton a few years ago to join her husband Weston in his hometown, knows firsthand how hard it can be to build community in the busyness of motherhood. “As a full-time working mom, I always found it hard to join the traditional Mom-to-Mom groups, Bible studies, or weekday gatherings. Most things happened during the day or afternoon, when I was either working or juggling family obligations—and I started

to feel like I was missing out on getting to know other moms in our parish,” she says. “I didn’t want to start something that felt like another commitment. I just wanted to take something I’m already doing—eating lunch—and turn it into something meaningful.”

And that’s exactly what Moms Who Lunch is.

This ministry is simple by design. There’s no prep, no pressure—just a casual meetup at a local restaurant, where moms can come as they are, kids in tow if they’d like. The goal is to offer each other a bit of connection and encouragement as we each strive to live liturgically, love our families well, and make space for faith in our everyday lives.

Ashleigh, who joined the Catholic Church last year and had Bence baptized in October at St. Charles, describes her journey to faith as one led by love and guided by God’s providence. “It was really God that brought us here,” she shares. Now, Ashleigh volunteers

in the parish nursery and is excited to give back through this welcoming ministry.

All moms are welcome: new moms, expecting moms, spiritual moms, grandmas, and empty-nesters. Whether you’re deeply involved in parish life or haven’t been to Mass in a while, this is a space to belong.

Moms Who Lunch is hosting their first meeting on July 24 at noon, at Doubledays in Centerville. RSVP is recommended – please scan this QR code for more information.



MASS TIMES

AS ASCENSION
SA ST. ALBERT
SC ST. CHARLES

MONDAY, JULY 14

- 8:30 AM SC Judy Whitehead
Judy & Pete Cerar
- 9:00 AM AS Fran Franchina
Fran Bruns
- NOON SA John Paul Shock
J/J Shock

TUESDAY, JULY 15

- 8:30 AM SC Greg Mounier
Family
- NOON SA Dennis Cavanaugh
MFW

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

- 8:30 AM SC Carl Schneider
Family
- 9:00 AM AS Isabel Nash
Jack Nash
- NOON SA Pilar Perron
Debbie Rogers

THURSDAY, JULY 17

- 8:30 AM SC Anthony Rocco
Family
- 9:00 AM AS Andrea Volkerding
Fran Bruns
- NOON SA Kay Lunne
J/J Weckesser

FRIDAY, JULY 18

- 9:00 AM AS Brennan & Finley Bereda
Sandy Bereda
- NOON SA Bill Nolte
Family

SATURDAY, JULY 19

- 4:30 PM SA Jack Paul Lintz
Family
- 5:00 PM AS Jeanne Parkes
Marta Parkes
- 5:00 PM SC Tom Rauch
Mary Ellen Reinhard

SUNDAY, JULY 20

- 8:30 AM AS Church of the Ascension
- 8:30 AM SA St. Albert the Great Church
- 8:30 AM SC St. Charles Borromeo Church
- 10:30 AM SC Pat Petrin
Family
- 11:00 AM AS Patience Olajide
Special Intention
- 11:00 AM SA Nick Beyer



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.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." —Luke 10:26

STEWARDSHIP

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income \$ 24,190
YTD Offertory Income \$ 24,190
YTD Budget \$ 29,625
Diakonia \$ 599

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income \$ 32,170
YTD Offertory Income \$ 32,170
YTD Budget \$ 24,038
St. Vincent Conference \$ 115

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income \$ 24,647
YTD Offertory Income \$ 24,647
YTD Budget \$ 24,250
Saint Vincent de Paul \$ 2,451

WORSHIP



Holy Land Olive Wood Sale

July 26-27 in the Gathering Space, St. Albert the Great Campus

Olive wood carving is a sacred Christian tradition that dates back to the time of Jesus and has been passed down through generations. Today, over 80% of the Christian community in the Holy Land depends on tourism and the olive wood trade to make a living. However, ongoing hardships and a steep decline in visitors have forced many families to leave their homes in search of work.

To help support these artisans, we've spent the past 15 years bringing their handcrafted olive wood pieces to parishes across the U.S. We're grateful for the opportunity to visit St. Albert's Gathering Space on July 26 & 27, 2025. Consider supporting this community. Cash, credit cards, and checks are accepted.



Golden Jubilee Mass

September 6, 5 p.m., Church of the Incarnation in Centerville

September 7, 10 a.m., Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in Cincinnati

Are you or a couple you know celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.)? The Archdiocese of Cincinnati invites all jubilarian couples to a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Casey! Couples will receive a special

blessing during Mass, and family members are welcome to join in the celebration. Please RSVP by August 25. To register, visit the Archdiocese website.

*This week's **Words of Hope** come from St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897). Her short life has borne so much fruit that Therese, known as the "Little Flower" is a Doctor of the Church, and the Patron Saint of missionaries, even though she never left the monastery after she entered as a teenager. "God would never inspire me with dreams which cannot be realized! So in spite of my littleness, I can Hope to be a saint."*

WEDDING BANNS

2nd Nicholas Anderson and Savannah Mussari

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF

William "Bill" Wager. His Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, July 8 at St. Albert.

Sara Winegar. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, July 9 at Ascension.

J. Brooks Adkins, Jr. His Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, July 11 at St. Charles.

Michael Kelly. His Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, July 11 at Ascension.

Richard "Dick" Wemple. His Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, July 12 at St. Albert.

Peter C. "Pete" Lanasa. His Mass of Christian Burial is Saturday, July 19 at St. Charles, 11 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Luca Joseph Bonanno, son of Andrew Bonanno and Alessandra Banno.

Piper Elayne Hoffmann, daughter of Paul Hoffmann and Katherine Popp.

PRAYER LIST

Ken Betche, 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, 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, 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



Get Fit with Us!

Looking for a fun, low-impact way to move your body and refresh your spirit? You're invited to *Chair One Fitness* on Tuesday evenings July 22, from 4:30–5 p.m. in the Witzman Center, Room 118 at the Ascension Campus. No special equipment is needed—just wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and come ready to move, laugh, and feel energized! Questions? Contact Alice Ernst at alice4chaironefitness@gmail.com. We're also offering a *Pietra Fitness* summer session on Thursdays from 8:30–9 a.m., through July 31 in the Borromeo Room. Pietra Fitness blends physical movement with Catholic prayer and meditation—a beautiful way to strengthen both body and soul. All are welcome!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

There will be a Prayer Shawl Meeting at 9:15 am on Monday, July 14 in the Borromeo room. All are welcome to drop by and see what this ministry is doing for those in need.

It Is in Giving That We Receive

DCN. CHRIS JASEK, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE, ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CAMPUS



In this week's Gospel reading from St. Luke, there are a few statements made about neighbors. To paraphrase:

- After loving God with our "all," we should love our neighbors as ourselves.
- We need to be clear on who exactly our neighbor is so we can love them specifically.
- A neighbor is one who treats another with mercy

Recently, I had a "neighbor experience" I'd like to share with you. My wife and I were camping in Michigan for a week while we attended some spiritual direction training. After a few days in our campsite, we noticed our neighbor in the campsite next to us was a single woman living out of her minivan. She rarely left her car and had no camping equipment, and we assumed she might be homeless and in need. While I was praying one morning, the Lord

was nudging me that I was campsite neighbors with this woman for a reason. God put the two of us here together at the same time and that was no coincidence. I felt God was asking me to do something for her.

The next day we bought a gas card for her and in the evening we walked over and gave it to her along with some soup and a prayer card. She was surprised and graciously received our gifts. I thought we were going to just drop these things off and that would be it, but God seemed to have other plans. From speaking with her, we found out that she was an active Catholic, prayed regularly, and was in Michigan to receive ongoing medical treatments. We prayed for her healing and she promised to pray for us. We told her about the Catholic parish we were attending and invited her to check it out. We exchanged experiences about healing and various treatments which I'm sure God has a plan for in the future.

St. Francis is known for saying, "It is in giving that we receive." That was certainly true in this case, for I received much more from this encounter than I expected. It seems whenever we step out of our comfort zone and take a risk to do what God is calling us to do – it is always very good and blessed!

Now, what new neighbor in your life is God asking you to reach out to with love and mercy? Do not be afraid. Go and do so expecting God to do more than you can ask for or imagine!



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. **Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m., Witzman Center, Ascension Campus, Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m., Parish Center, 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.

FAITH & LIGHT PICNIC

You're invited to the 2025 Faith and Light Annual Picnic—an evening of great food and fellowship for adults with developmental disabilities and their family and friends. The picnic will take place on **Monday, July 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Borromeo Room at St. Charles Borromeo Campus.** Please RSVP by calling 937-401-0021. Guests with last names beginning A–P are asked to bring a side dish, and those Q–Z a dessert. We hope to see you there!



NAIM CHRISTMAS IN JULY

CHRISTMAS IN JULY is the theme for the 10 a.m. brunch where NAIM members will bring the gifts they purchased to fill needs of St. Vincent Hotel guests. On Monday, July 14, the Incarnation PAC, 55 Williamsburg Lane, will be the site for this regular meeting, followed by cards. *What is NAIM?* The social & religious organization for Widowed Catholics. To learn more, please contact Sunny Hickey, 937-433-1437.

ACTS XXIX: WE ARE BORN FOR THIS

In the early Church, the community was very unified, caring, striving to be salt and light. They were able to quickly and effectively turn their world upside down with their renewed and communal, Christian mindset. All are welcome to come and see how we can replicate the enthusiasm of the early Church today. Friday, July 18, 9:15–11 a.m. at St. Charles Campus.



OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY



MISSION APPEAL GRATITUDE

The Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit) send their thanks for the generous response by the people of the Mother of God Family of Parishes to their mission-sharing visits on June 14-15 at St. Charles and June 28-29 at Ascension and St. Albert, and for the gracious welcome given to Father Francis Tandoh, CSSp, and Fr. Benoit Mukamba, representing the Spiritans. Be assured of the prayers of the Spiritans worldwide for you, and for your intentions, and we ask for your continued prayers for us and our shared ministries to God's people everywhere.

Do please continue to keep the missions of the Church in your hearts, the work of the Spiritans in mind, and the never-ending need to proclaim and witness to the Gospel in your own lives.

JULY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The next collection for the Ascension Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry will take place the weekend of July 19/20. Due to recent federal cuts to food bank funding, local pantries—including ours—are seeing significant shortages. Many rely heavily on the Dayton Food Bank, which is now facing reduced supply. This means your donations of nonperishable food items are more important than ever. Please bring items to the Bride's Room at Ascension or the entrances of St. Charles and St. Albert. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!!

BLOOD DRIVE, ASCENSION CAMPUS

You're invited to give the gift of life at the upcoming Blood Drive hosted by Our Lady of the Light Council 14891. It will take place on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ascension Gym. To schedule your donation, visit donortime.com and enter code 1729. Your donation can make a life-saving difference—thank you for being a hero!



Mother of God Family of Parishes Picnic: Sunday, September 14, 1-5 p.m., Delco Park!

7/17

6 PM

St. LEONARD

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION SERIES AT ST. LEONARD

Jeannette Horwitz, Welcome Dayton Coordinator presents "Immigrants in the Miami Valley and Beyond" in the Franciscan Center at St. Leonard. All are welcome!

8/1

4-6 PM

ASC

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 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, 9:40-10:40 a.m. (grades K-8) and at St. Charles is Tuesdays, 4-5:15 p.m. (grades 1-5), and Sunday evenings, TBD (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.



Meet "Pete" the Dinosaur!

Say hello to Pete, named for St. Peter, of course! He'll be popping up in fun kids' events, activities and social media content throughout the year, helping to spark imagination and joy as we grow in faith. Keep an eye out for where Pete pops up next as we learn about our Catholic faith together in faith and friendship!



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 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 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!

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!

A Vision for Love in Action: Training for Families of Parishes, August 23

Parishioners and staff are invited to a special training session, A Vision for Love in Action: Building Communities of Salt and Light. This event is designed to support Families of Parishes in growing vibrant ministries rooted in charity, justice, and respect for life. This training offers:

- A foundation in LIA ministry and its role in the Church
- Examples of successful LIA efforts across our Family of Parishes.
- Opportunities to coordinate and collaborate with fellow parish leaders.
- Inspiration to better serve those in need and work for a more just world

Saturday, August 23, 2025.

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

St. Luke Parish, 1440 N. Fairfield Road, Beavercreek

To register or learn more, contact Cathy Magness at

cmagness@ascensionkettering.org

Come be part of the conversation and vision for Love in Action!

FEED THE HUNGRY

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

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: July 25

Pans due by: Aug 2

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

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Pick up pans: Aug 3

Pans due by: Aug 10

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



OUR SCHOOLS

Registration is still open at all three of our parish schools—Ascension, St. Albert the Great, and St. Charles Borromeo—for the upcoming academic year! Each of our schools offers a strong Catholic education rooted in faith, academic excellence, and a vibrant community. Whether you're new to the area or still discerning the best fit for your child, we invite you to learn more and schedule a tour. Join a school family where your child can grow in both heart and mind. Contact any of our school offices today to get started!



KID'S SAINT OF THE WEEK! SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA- FEAST DAY JULY 14

St. Kateri was a brave and faithful young woman. She was the first Native American saint! Born in 1656, Kateri had a difficult childhood. Even though life was hard, she loved Jesus deeply and prayed every day. She was known for her kindness, love of nature, and peaceful heart.

GARDEN GUILD FARMERS MARKET JULY 13–AUGUST 24

One of the best parts of summer is fresh, juicy produce! Stop by the Garden Guild Farmers Market on Sundays, July 13–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!



MOTHER OF GOD FAMILY OF PARISHES INFO

PASTOR

Fr. Tom Nevels

tnevels@stcharles-kettering.org

VICARS

Fr. Jeff Stegbauer

jstegbauer@stalbertthegreat.net

Fr. Tony Sanitato

asanitato@ascensionkettering.org

DEACONS

Dcn. Brian Campos, Dcn. Jesse Fanning,
Dcn. Jeff Hall, Dcn. Vic Hildebrand,
Dcn. Chris Jasek, Dcn. Dan Kraus,
Dcn. Tom Sipniewski, Dcn. Dave Zink

MGFP KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 14891– Ascension Campus

kofc14891@gmail.com

Council 4022 – St. Albert The Great Campus

grandKnight@kofc4022.org

Council 14995 – St. Charles Borromeo Campus

stcharlesknights14995@gmail.com

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION CAMPUS

Parish Office: 937-253-5171

Ascension School Office: 937-254-5411

Principal: Susan DiGiorgio

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

Parish Office: 937-293-1191

St. Albert School Office: 937-293-9452

Principal: Nancy Hankey

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CAMPUS

Parish Office: 937-434-6081

St. Charles School Office: 937-434-4933

Principal: David Bogle

FAMILY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor + Parochial Vicars

Cathy Magness

cmagness@ascensionkettering.org

Elizabeth Lush

elush@stcharles-kettering.org

Joe Ollier

jollier@ascensionkettering.org

Margaret Wager

mwager@ascensionkettering.org

Marie Lunne

mlunne@ascensionkettering.org

Tom Hutchinson

thutchinson@stalbertthegreat.net

MGFP FAITH FORMATION OFFICES

Ascension Campus: 937-254-0622

St. Albert Campus: 937-281-0032

St. Charles Campus: 937-434-9272

High School Youth Ministry: 937-570-1665

Jr. High Youth Ministry: 937-253-5171 x108

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Send any items for publishing consideration
to sgreen@ascensionkettering.org

BULLETIN – 10 days prior to publication date

FLOCKNOTE/E-NEWS – Thursday at noon

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

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 20-23 2025



WHAT IS NCYC?

NCYC is a three-day trip for Catholic high school students and their adult chaperones. Participants will experience prayer, community, and the transformative power of God's presence. Large group talks & worship in Lucas Oil stadium with 12,000+ other Catholics are very powerful! Teens last year said this was the best experience of their lives!



We travel as a group by bus to stay at the Westin Hotel that connects to the Convention Center. We have large group sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium in the mornings and evenings. During the days, teens are free to choose which breakout talks they want to attend in the Convention Center. Kids stay four to a room. We will have two adult chaperones for every 10 kids.



COST \$550 *Includes \$100 deposit @ registration

- Each teen participant will receive a \$100 sponsorship from the Mother of God Family of Parishes
- Each teen participant will be given thirty raffle tickets to sell at \$10 each; giving him/her a potential to raise \$300 off of their total NCYC cost
- Each teen participant is also able to write their name on any tickets they don't sell



SIGN UP TODAY!

Last year our group used 53 of the total 200 tickets available from the Archdiocese. This year we have a total of 40 Teen Tickets available. Register today to secure your spot.



**REGISTER NOW TO
RESERVE A SPOT!**

2023 RECAP VIDEO



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

Kelly Summers 937-570-1665

ksummers@stcharles-kettering.org

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Mother of God Family of Parishes

NEIGHBOR

Reflection on Luke 10:25-37

"And who is my neighbor?" Such a simple, seemingly innocent question. And yet it elicits the most familiar and loved story; a story that we have been so taken by that we have named hospitals and laws after "the good Samaritan."

In two of Jesus' greatest stories – the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son – the motivation of the main characters is compassion. The father sees his son from a distance and moved by compassion runs to welcome him. The Samaritan sees the man in the ditch and moved by compassion stops to bind his wounds and bring him to safety. Without this moment of compassion, the father remains on the hill and the Samaritan goes about his business.

The kind of love of neighbor and capacity for compassion called for in the Gospel requires cultivation, an open heart, and overcoming of the preoccupation with ourselves and our instinctive withdrawal from pain, suffering and inconvenience. For a person stripped, beaten, lying half-dead in a ditch is a gross inconvenience. Unless you love him. The only times we will find our neighbor are when we are loving and generous enough to become one.

– Father Jay

See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God,

*may your
hearts revive!*

Psalm 69:33



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 13, 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

Monday, July 14, 2025

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Exodus 1:8-14, 22

Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8

Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Exodus 2:1-15a

Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34

Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Weekday

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12

Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7

Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Weekday

Exodus 3:13-20

Psalm 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27

Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 18, 2025

Weekday

Exodus 11:10-12:14

Psalm 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18

Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Weekday

Exodus 12:37-42

Psalm 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15

Matthew 12:14-21

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINT BONAVENTURE

Saint of the Day: July 15

Patron Saint of bowel disorders

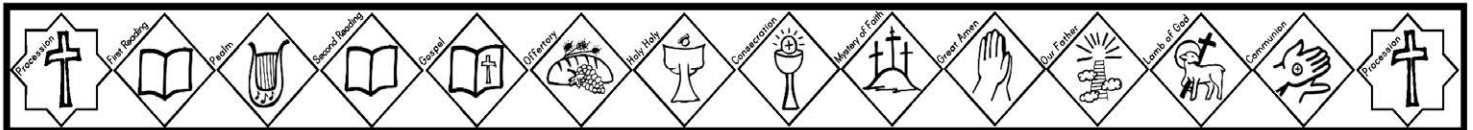
Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidenza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure's teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love – Jesus.

Read the full article: "Saint Bonaventure" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bonaventure/> (Accessed June 30, 2025).



Jesus teaches us to love our neighbors. How can you show love to your neighbors?

Write your ideas in the hearts.

Love your neighbors

Gospel

Today, we hear Jesus tell the story of the Good Samaritan.
A man was hurt, but no one would stop to help him. Listen carefully to the story to find out what happened.

Year C: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time © 2024 TJB catholickidsbulletin.com

Please Patronize Our Advertisers ... To Place an Ad, Call 1-800-292-9020

<p style="text-align: center;">Westbrock FUNERAL HOME</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>5980 Bigger Rd. Kettering, OH, 45440 937-434-6161</p> </div> <div style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>1712 Wayne Ave. Dayton, OH, 45410 937-253-6161</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">www.westbrockfuneralhome.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Bean & Davis General Dentistry Theresa Bean Davis, D.D.S.</p> <p>307 E. Stroop Rd., Kettering, OH 45429 937-299-6766 www.stroopsmiles.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dental Care for the Whole Family</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> One Lincoln Park <i>Premier Retirement Living</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">It's Your Home, Just Easier! Independent senior living meets elegance & ease.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact us today at : (937) 298-0594 Visit us at : 590 Isaac Prugh Way, Dayton, OH 45429</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO PLACE AN AD, CALL DEE PRINTING AT 614-777-8700.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">82 Magnolia Ln, Suite H Dayton, Ohio 45440 By Appointment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">maryscombsandclippers.setmore.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DAHM BROTHERS COMPANY INC. SINCE 1926</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROOFING • CONTINUOUS SPOUTING CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATE: 937-461-5627 743 VALLEY STREET CHRIS AND GINGER DAHM, PARISHIONERS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> DAYTON'S TOP FACILITY PROVIDER</p> <p style="font-size: small;">From HVAC and plumbing to electrical, fire alarm monitoring, and security, MSD Inc. provides expert solutions for all your commercial facility needs. Our team handles everything from routine maintenance to emergency repairs, ensuring your facility runs smoothly and safely 24/7.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">800-254-9455 msdinc.net</p>		



PLEASE PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS
WHO MAKE OUR BULLETIN POSSIBLE,
AT NO COST TO THE PARISH.

GIOVANNI'S
Pizzeria e Ristorante Italiano
A Fairborn Tradition
Since 1953
Dine-in or Carry-out
878-1611
215 W. Main St.

Painting • Cleaning
Lawn Care • General Maintenance
POTTERS
We do excellent work at reasonable rates!
Attendees of the Parish
Dan & Ann Potter
937-242-2603
or 937-242-2933
annpotter10@yahoo.com

MAXIM ROOFING CO.
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
R.K. "Barney" Pfeifferberger
Ascension Parishioner
937-256-4240
Over 30 Years
Experience

SLYDER'S TAVERN
EST 1948
258-1222
836 Watervliet Ave.

A NON-PROFIT 501 C (3) CORPORATION

StM
ST MARK BOOKSHOP, INC
895 SOUTH MAIN STREET
CENTERVILLE, OH 45458
MONDAY - SATURDAY
10:00AM - 3:00PM
CLOSED ON SUNDAY
AFTER HOUR APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
937.439.0227
STMARKBOOKSHOP@GMAIL.COM
STMARKBOOKSHOP.COM

CARL'S BODY SHOP
24/7 Towing • Body & Paint • Detail • Mechanical • Graphics and MUCH MORE!
1120 Wayne Avenue - Dayton
(937) 253-5166
www.CarlsBodyShop.com
CELEBRATING **OVER 95 YEARS**
Residential and Commercial
ROOF REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT
937-298-8664 • enterpriserfg.com

belmont catering
"Be a Guest at Your Own Party"
• Weddings • Corporate Functions • Cocktails Parties • Barbecues
• Banquets • Box Lunches • Showers • Reunions
Catered Wedding Receptions to be Remembered!
730 Watervliet Ave. Dayton
937-253-2197
www.belmontcatering.com

Tobias
FUNERAL HOME
252-3122
Dignity
MEMORIAL
LIFE WELL CELEBRATED
Preplanning

FERNEDING INSURANCE
294-1755

John Ferneding Dan Ferneding
Call for a quote!

Ken Hummel
Parishioner
937-286-5375

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
PAINTING
www.MyAmericanPainters.com

Centerville & Huber Heights
Burke Orthodontics
BRACES & INVISALIGN
(937) 630-3280 www.burke-ortho.com
Stephen P. Burke, D.D.S., M.S. ~ Carroll High School '84

DETMER AND SONS, INC.
OH LIC. #49642
Heating • Air Conditioning • Geothermal
Sales • Service • Installation
www.detmersons.com 937-879-2373

Compassionate Services with Competitive Prices
Routsong
— FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES
Call us at 937-293-4137
www.Routsong.com

Tommy Routsong
Owner/Operator
Funeral Director

Samuel Routsong
4th Generation
Funeral Director

3rd Generation Family Business
MR. ELECTRIC
EXPERT ELECTRICAL SERVICE
Joe McGrew Owner
Residential Electric Service
937-240-0771 • www.mrelectric.com/dayton

Walnut Creek
SENIOR LIVING CAMPUS
• Skilled Nursing Center
• Elegant Assisted Living
• Independent Living Community
• Memory Care
• Rehabilitation
• Weekly Mass
Lamme Rd. at Keystone Club Dr., Kettering
937-293-7703

VAN BUREN DENTAL
dentistry for the entire family!
• Onsite lab
• Cosmetic Dentistry
• Accept most insurance plans including Medicare plans
Jamie Shepler, D.D.S. • Morgan Fannon, D.D.S.
937-253-9115 • 1950 S. Smithville Road, Kettering

John Gazerro DDS
Family and Cosmetic Dentistry
Myrna Gazerro
MRP, AHDW, PSA
2545 Far Hills Avenue
Oakwood, OH 45419
(937) 294-6476
Realtor
(937) 212-8140

SPEAR • A • G • A • ADA • COLDWELL BANKER HERITAGE • R • H

FLOORCO FLOORING
carpet • wood • laminate • tile • vinyl
luxury vinyl planks
247-1102
"I will personally manage your project" – Dave
Dave Herlihy Joe and Terri Herlihy
Owner/ Manager Parishioners
7,000 Square Foot Showroom
430 Alexandersville Rd., Miamisburg
FloorcoFlooring.com

FRIDAY - ALL THE FISH YOU CAN EAT
Hasty Tasty
Hours:
5am-10pm
Everyday
PANCAKE HOUSE
Breakfast Special
Carryout Available
Daily Specials
3508 Linden Ave.
254-8431

Now more than ever, it's important to change your furnace filter!
For a healthy home visit us at:
Dayton Reliable Air Filter
2294 Moraine Drive, Dayton
info@reliablefilter.com
(937) 293-4611

Best meats in town
DOT'S MARKET
Old fashioned butchers since 1951
Kettering 937-253-6169
Bellbrook 937-848-6751
Centerville 937-496-5657
Shop us online at
www.dotsmarket.com
Same day home delivery service (call 253-0263)

Licensed Bonded • Insured 24 Hour Service
CENTERVILLE BEAVERCREEK PLUMBING
Chuck Quinter
433-0064 • 429-4215

STIFEL Independent Advisors
Helping you pursue your financial goals.
Dennis Brun
Independent Financial Advisor
John Woeste
Independent Financial Advisor
(937) 293-1220
Stifel Independent Advisors, LLC | Member SIPC & FINRA
A subsidiary of Stifel Financial Corp.
Home Office: 501 North Broadway
St. Louis, Missouri 63102 | (314) 342-4051

magoo's
CHICKEN TENDERS
The Filet Mignon of chicken
Centerville - 6230 Far Hills
Englewood - 9196 North Main
Tender Baskets • Sauced tenders • Salads Sandwiches • Wraps
10 different Sauces to choose from!
Free banana pudding with purchase of 3 piece meal with this ad.

Dick Ferguson
Licensed
Massage Therapy, LLC
Healing Hands Therapeutic Massage Center
3890 Indian Ripple Road
Beavercreek
Text: 937-654-1113

Ascension parishioner for 44+ years

Please Patronize Our Advertisers ... To Place an Ad, Call 1-800-292-9020

Ascension, Kettering, OH #18812-CH-6/19/25