

OCTOBER 12, 2025 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Acutis*

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OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

2025 Woodman Drive

Kettering OH 45420

PARISH OFFICE: 937-253-5171

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

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

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

3033 Far Hills Avenue

Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937-293-1191

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.- Noon

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

4500 Ackerman Boulevard

Kettering, Ohio 45429

PARISH OFFICE: 937- 434 - 6081

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

VISIT OUR NEW COMBINED WEBSITE MGPARISH.ORG

ADORATION

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CAMPUS

Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following Noon Mass

Daily: Church Monday: 10 am to 6pm & Tuesday to Friday: 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

Adoration before the tabernacle is encouraged before and after daily Mass. Contact the parish office for access to the chapel for Adoration at other times.

SACRAMENTS

BECOMING CATHOLIC

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

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office in case of serious illness or upcoming surgery. Communal anointing services are celebrated three times per year.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class, preferably before the birth of their child, to have a child under the age of 7 baptized. Classes are held monthly at rotating locations: Monday, October 13, 7 p.m. at St. Charles, Borromeo Room; Sunday, November 2, 9:30 a.m., Ascension, Parish Office Building;. For more information, and to RSVP (required), please contact Kristi Gaston, kgaston@mgparish.org for St. Albert, or Joe Ollier, jollier@mgparish.org for Ascension and St. Charles.

RECONCILIATION

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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

ST. CHARLES 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

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ST. CARLO ACUTIS: A SAINT FOR THE DIGITAL GENERATION



On September 7, 2025, the Church formally declared Carlo Acutis a saint, elevating him alongside Pier Giorgio Frassati in a joyous celebration in St. Peter's Square. As the first canonization of Pope Leo XIV's pontificate, this moment drew attention not only to St. Carlo's personal holiness, but also to the intersection of youth, technology, and evangelization in the modern age.

We now commemorate St. Carlo Acutis' Feast Day on October 12, marking the anniversary of his death in 2006. On this date, Catholics around the world remember a young man who believed deeply in the Eucharist and used the tools of our time to draw others closer to Christ. Carlo's life challenges the view that faith and technology are destined to be at odds. Instead, his witness shows how a digitally fluent generation

can be a powerful force for the Gospel.

In an era when young people often feel alienated from institutional faith, St. Carlo's example is deeply encouraging. He showed that passion, prayer, and pixels can coexist. He built a website, miracolieucaristici.org, documenting eucharistic miracles, so that curious minds around the world might see signs of God's presence. He lived simply, gave alms, stood up for bullied peers, and saw suffering as a gift for the Church. In canonizing him, the Church affirms that sanctity is within reach of every generation.

As Catholics around the world celebrate his first feast day, may we also be inspired to harness the tools of our time to grow closer to God and more deeply engaged with our faith. In the spirit of St. Carlo Acutis:

Constructive social media

uses, such as sharing short reflections, quotes from the Bible or a favorite saint, or invitations to Adoration or prayer groups.

Create or contribute to spreading the Gospel online, through a podcast, YouTube channel, or blog, by highlighting the lives of the saints, through a eucharistic devotion, or by sharing your personal Gospel witness.

Use digital resources on your own or with your family to encounter Christ. Formed, Hallow, and the Laudate app are a few trusted options. Visit mgparish.org/cool-catholic-links for more.

St. Carlo shows us a path: a life rooted in the Eucharist, carried out in the digital realm, offered for souls. May his intercession guide more hearts—young and old alike—to courage, creativity, and holiness.

MASS TIMES

AS ASCENSION SA ST. ALBERT SC ST. CHARLES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 8:30 AM SC Anita Mackey
Marlene Showalter
- 9:00 AM AS Dominic Tarlano
Paul Tarlano
- NOON SA Francis Weaver
J/J Shock

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 8:30 AM SC Sara Wie
- NOON SA Frank & Cherrie Messer
MF Walter

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 8:30 AM SC Florence Apicella
Family
- 11:00 AM AS Memorial Service
Carl Bachman
- NOON SA Robert Weaver
J/J Shock

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 8:30 AM SC Deceased & Living members of
the Koesters-Hess Families
Family
- 9:00 AM AS Mead Family
Barbara Curp
- NOON SA Jim Bruns
Linda Bruns

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 11:00 AM AS Funeral Mass
Pearl Thompson
- NOON SA Steven Boesch
Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 4:30 PM SA Jack Gaines
Family
- 5:00 PM AS Familia Antonio Mesoraca
Sofia Lamanna
- 5:00 PM SC Thomas Roddy
Carolyn Root

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 8:30 AM AS Church of the Ascension
- 8:30 AM SA Steven Spirk
Mary Ann & Jim Schoen
- 8:30 AM SC St. Charles Borromeo Church
- 10:30 AM SC Antonia Manzo
Maria Manzo & Family
- 11:00 AM AS Miracle Olajide
Patience Olajide
- 11:00 AM SA St. Albert the Great

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



GIVE

Give joyfully, build community. Your generosity powers vibrant parish life and meaningful ways for everyone to grow in faith and fellowship.

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

BAPTISM CLASS:

Mon, Oct 13 • 7 PM
St. Charles, Borromeo Rm
Info: Joe Ollier — jollier@mgparish.org

ROSARY WALK—NEW TIME!

Join us Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. by the large cross in Ascension's parking lot to pray the Rosary aloud while walking — last walk on Oct. 28. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP OCT. 5

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offerory Income \$24,435
YTD Offerory Income \$302,607
YTD Budget \$339,500
Saint Vincent de Paul \$ 2,071

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offerory Income \$21,753
YTD Offerory Income \$338,725
YTD Budget \$336,538
St. Vincent de Paul \$492

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offerory Income \$34,759
YTD Offerory Income \$484,672
YTD Budget \$386,675
Diakonia \$656

WORSHIP



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

For next weekend's World Mission Sunday collection, October 18-19, please support our sisters and brothers in 1,200 mission dioceses worldwide through the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. Many are struggling with earthquakes, armed conflicts, and destruction of church facilities. Your support also helps to educate seminarians, novices, and catechists as well as to maintain hospitals, clinics, and schools to build their self-sustainability. Thank you for your generous gift that enables God's love and hope to come alive. If you wish more information about supporting missionary work or about becoming a missionary yourself, please visit the website for Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office: <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/mission-and-pontifical-mission-societies>



Later this week, the Church will celebrate St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church. Her most famous prayer is full of Hope:

*Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away: God never changes.
Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*

WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Owen Michael Hinkebein, son of Jason & Bridget (Malesko) Hinkebein

Kamryn Kelly Sullivan, daughter of Brandon Sullivan and Kelly (Drayton) Sullivan

Charlotte Faye Bukiewicz, daughter of Austin & Lexi (Cogan) Bukiewicz

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF...

Martha Kauflin. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, October 8, at St. Leonard Chapel.

Carol Brinkman. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, October 8 at St. Charles.

Dr. Thomas Connair. His Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, October 10 at St. Charles.

Carl Bachman. His Memorial Service will be Wednesday, October 15, at Ascension Church.

Pearl Thompson. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, October 17, at Ascension.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Nicholas Ferreri & Hailey Payne of Kettering

PRAYER LIST

Melanie Abfalter, Barbara Blackstone, Carol Berus, Molly Berus, Holly Brown, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Catherine Crowley, Darlene Duke, Sue Falter, Lienna Flach, Betty Gaudion, Carol Harris, Beverly Heithaus, Paul Heuing, Mary Ann Hickey, Larry Hoffman, Norbert Kahle, Jim & Evelyn Kelly, Jeffery Miller, Jennifer Murphy, Mike & Michele N., Don Paul, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Louise Scott, Robin Steberl, Jack Stein, Mary Stuart, Ron Vechant, Angela Woessner, Graham Wright, MaryLu Zimmermann.

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

OUR MINISTRIES

A WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT / UPDATES OF SOME OF OUR MINISTRIES, CLUBS, AND GROUPS



CATECHISTS & SUBSTITUTES NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Mother of God Family of Parishes is looking for volunteers to serve as catechists and substitutes for Children's Liturgy of the Word, with particular need at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Albert and the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Charles. The time commitment is just one Sunday Mass per month, and training will be provided. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Tara Schumaker (tschumaker@mgparish.org) for Ascension and St. Albert, or Sarah Price (sprice@mgparish.org) for St. Charles.

NEW BAPTISM ASSISTANT MINISTRY AT ST. CHARLES

We are initiating a new Baptism Assistant ministry at St. Charles. Responsibilities would include helping the priests and deacons with the setup and cleanup for baptisms, especially those that take place after the 10:30 Mass. Baptisms begin by Noon and are usually finished by 12:30 p.m. Ideally, these volunteers would commit to one Sunday a month, but we can be very flexible, as any help is appreciated! Training will be provided. If you'd like to serve our young families in this vital ministry, please contact Joe Ollier at jollier@mgparish.org.

STAFF REFLECTION

TARA SCHUMAKER

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Our Mother of God Family of Parishes is blessed to have more than 100 young men and women preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be held in May of 2026. We ask that you keep them in your daily prayers.

Throughout the month of October, candles and prayer cards will be available at the entrances of our churches. We invite you to take one and pray intentionally for a specific student as they continue their journey of faith, prepare to strengthen the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and grow as living witnesses of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire them with wisdom, courage, and joy as they embrace this important step in their discipleship.

Come Holy Spirit, Come:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

10/14
4:30 PM
ASCENSION
Witzman Ctr
Rm 118

CHAIR ONE FITNESS

No special equipment is required. Just wear some comfy clothes and shoes and come with a mind and body open to having fun and being energized. For any questions, contact Alice Ernst at alice4chaironefitness@gmail.com.

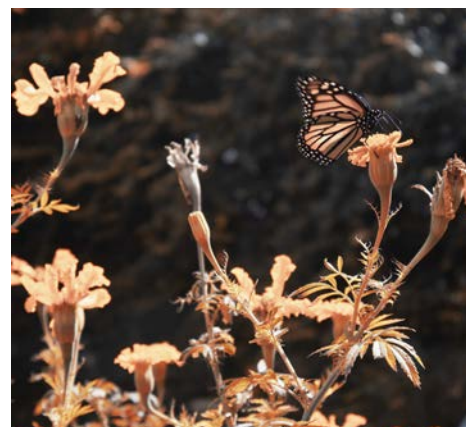


LIFE: OUR SIGN OF HOPE

This is the theme of Respect Life Month this year, as designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Through the gift of Baptism, we are called to be members of His body, a sign of our dignity and an invitation to be witnesses of hope. During this month, Catholics are encouraged to take time to pray and learn to better understand and evangelize the Church teachings on the gift and sacredness of human life and how you can help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. Please heed this important invitation to learn and check the bulletin and parish displays for resources and information on local opportunities. For information on the local 40 Days for Life effort, please see: <http://40daysforlife.com/Dayton>

WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

Ladies of the Mother of God Family of Parishes are invited to a Women's Evening of Reflection on Wednesday, October 15, in the Hospitality Room at St. Charles, from 7:00-8:30 PM. The theme is: "Rooted in Prayer: United with God through Vulnerability and Trust." Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Barbette Whelan at 937-293-1438. Sponsored by Regnum Christi.



ASCENSION PTO'S TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT

Friday, October 24 • 6-7 PM
Ascension Parking Lot
Hosted by Ascension School's PTO
Family Friendly Event!

Parishioners are invited to help support this event with individually wrapped store-bought candy. Drop off boxes will be in Ascension Church's Narthex after Masses on **Oct. 11-12**, or at the school office through Oct. 20. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Check our Ascension PTO or School Facebook page for more details!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 14891

The Knights of Columbus is an International Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in an everchanging world. Our Lady of the Light Council 14891 will be holding a member invitation drive at Ascension Campus in the Narthex at all Masses on the weekend of October 18th and 19th. As a

member of our Council, you will find that K of C membership brings Catholic men and their families together in a powerful way. Members of Our Lady of the Light Council will be available at the end of all Mass to provide more information and answer any questions. Our Deputy Grand Knight/Membership Director can be reached at KofC14891@gmail.com. Additional information is also available on the parish website at: <https://www.mgparish.org/koc>

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CHILDREN

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



JR. HIGH

EDGE is our Middle School Youth Ministry. We offer events for middle schoolers to experience faith in action through prayer, service, and friendship, helping them grow in relationship with God, others, and their identity as beloved children of God. We meet at each school every other week and we have IGNITE nights two times a month. Go to mgparish.org/edge for more information.



HIGH SCHOOL

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



Challenge
OCT 19
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH
WALSH HALL BEHIND SCHOOL

2025 MGFP FATHER-DAUGHTER AMAZING RACE

What: A father-daughter scavenger hunt around the city for girls in grades 4-8. Any father figure can participate (grandfather, uncle, etc.)

Theme: Create Your Own Superheroes
For additional team points, fathers and daughters are encouraged to dress up as their unique superheroes!

THERE WILL BE AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT 3:30PM ALONG WITH PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS!



QUESTIONS?
EMAIL OR SCAN QR CODE
[CHALLENGEKETTERING@GMAIL.COM](mailto:challengekettering@gmail.com)

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



AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ST. CHARLES CAMPUS

19 OCT
5:30 PM



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FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole pans are available in the Narthex/Gathering Space at each campus at various times each month to provide a meal for our neighbors at the St. Vincent shelters. Instructions are with each pan. **Visit mgparish.org/food-collection for more information on what to bring and when!**

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Pans due by: October 24

(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 by: October 24

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

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Pans due by: October 12

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



LOVE IN ACTION

OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The next collection of items for the Ascension Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry will be held on the weekend of October 18/19. **UPDATE ON DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRIES:** As you may have heard, the federal government has cut millions of dollars from US food banks effective immediately. This means hundreds of trucks full of food headed to food banks will go undelivered. This is affecting the Dayton Food Bank and the many local pantries it serves, as well as farmers who are paid to provide their crops to US food banks. Approximately 50-75% of the food that most pantries in the Miami Valley receive is from the Dayton Food Bank, including the Catholic Social Services Pantry and the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Pantry, run by Ascension and Greenmont-Oak Park Church. This means, for the foreseeable future, the pantries will be dependent on donations of nonperishable food items from people like you. The primary need currently is for food items as opposed to toiletries or cleaning products. You may drop off your donations in the bride's room at Ascension or at the entrances of St. Charles and St. Albert. Thank you for your amazing generosity in supporting our neighbors in need!

WINTER COAT COLLECTION

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE...

Especially for our brothers and sisters who have little clothing. The Ascension Welcome and Hospitality Committee is collecting coats, hats, gloves/mittens for all ages for refugees through Catholic Social Services. Many of the people come from equatorial Africa where they have never experienced winter. Due to language and transportation issues, they have difficulty accessing other means of acquiring winter clothing. Children and adult clothing are needed. Items can be new or gently used (but clean). Drop-off bins will be placed at Ascension in the Narthex and South entrance on the weekends of October 11-12 through Oct 25-26. You can also drop off at the Ascension Parish Office. The Mother of God Family of Parishes is known throughout the community for our generosity. Let's make this one more great example!

CARE OF GOD'S CREATION ECO TIP

Enough plastic is produced in the United States each year to shrink wrap Texas. BUT one ton of recycled plastic saves: 5,774 kW of electricity, 652 gallons of oil, and 30 cubic yards of landfill space.

ONE CHURCH | ONE FAMILY

CATHOLIC PUBLIC WITNESS FOR IMMIGRANTS

October 22 & November 13
Across the United States



This summer, some parishioners and members of the Social Action Committee attended a Solidarity Walk for Immigrant Justice hosted by the Bread of Life Family of Parishes at Holy Angels Church. In addition to prayer and music, there were powerful stories.

Imagine fleeing with your family in the middle of the night because a gang threatened to force your teenage son to become a member.

Imagine being born as a minority in a land where the violence against your race was so hostile you were forced to flee for your life.

Imagine watching an ongoing war ravage your town, your home, and your country as you continue to move your family seeking someplace safe to land.

These were stories of actual people who have immigrated and settled in the Dayton area seeking a stable place to live. Unfortunately, this past year has brought increasingly difficult and fearful times for many of our migrant brothers and sisters.

Recently, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio (see mgparish.org) issued a letter expressing solidarity with and offering prayers for those displaced from their home countries who reside in Ohio, particularly those under Temporary Protected Status or on humanitarian parole.

In a letter to Archdiocese of Cincinnati priests, Archbishop Casey reminds all that “as faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we are duty-bound to pray for unity and to seek enduring immigration solutions that align with Catholic teachings.” For details on Church teaching, please see “Immigration and the Catholic Church,” a flyer compiled by the Ohio Bishops. (MG website).

According to the Bishops, some practical implications of Church teaching on immigration would be that we must reject policy which, among other things,

- Dehumanizes immigrants through rhetoric
- Detains immigrants indefinitely or deprives them of fundamental human rights while in custody
- Separates families, especially children from parents
- Deploys disproportionate tactics or resources against immigrants without criminal histories.

One important way which Catholics can show compassion and respect for the life of our neighbor and practically seek sound immigration solutions is to advocate to our elected officials. Just as in other matters, it is important that we speak up and let our officials know the just and compassionate society which we want our communities to be.

The Mother of God Social Action Committee is sponsoring a letter-writing/call-in campaign in conjunction with the national effort ONE CHURCH/ONE FAMILY Catholic Public Witness for Immigrants during the weeks of October 22 and November 13. There will be information available at all three campus on how you can contact your elected officials and urge them to uphold the dignity of migrants in our country. We encourage you to stop by our information tables or check out the website and speak up for your neighbor during these special weeks.

SOUP-ER SATURDAY

Hosted by Ascension

**OCTOBER 25
AFTER 5PM MASS**

Witzman Center, Room 114-118

**BRING YOUR BEST SOUP OR CHILI IN A CROCKPOT FOR
A FUN TASTING EVENT! EVERYONE SAMPLES, VOTES,
AND THE TOP 3 SOUPS WIN PRIZES!**

ADMISSION: \$2/PERSON OR \$5/FAMILY

**(FREE FOR SOUP CONTRIBUTORS!)
RSVP BY OCTOBER 20 IF YOU'RE BRINGING A SOUP**

 **937-253-5171**

St. Vincent de Paul Community Store, in cooperation with St. Albert the Great, is holding a



Bundle SUNDAY

**OCTOBER 18-19
8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

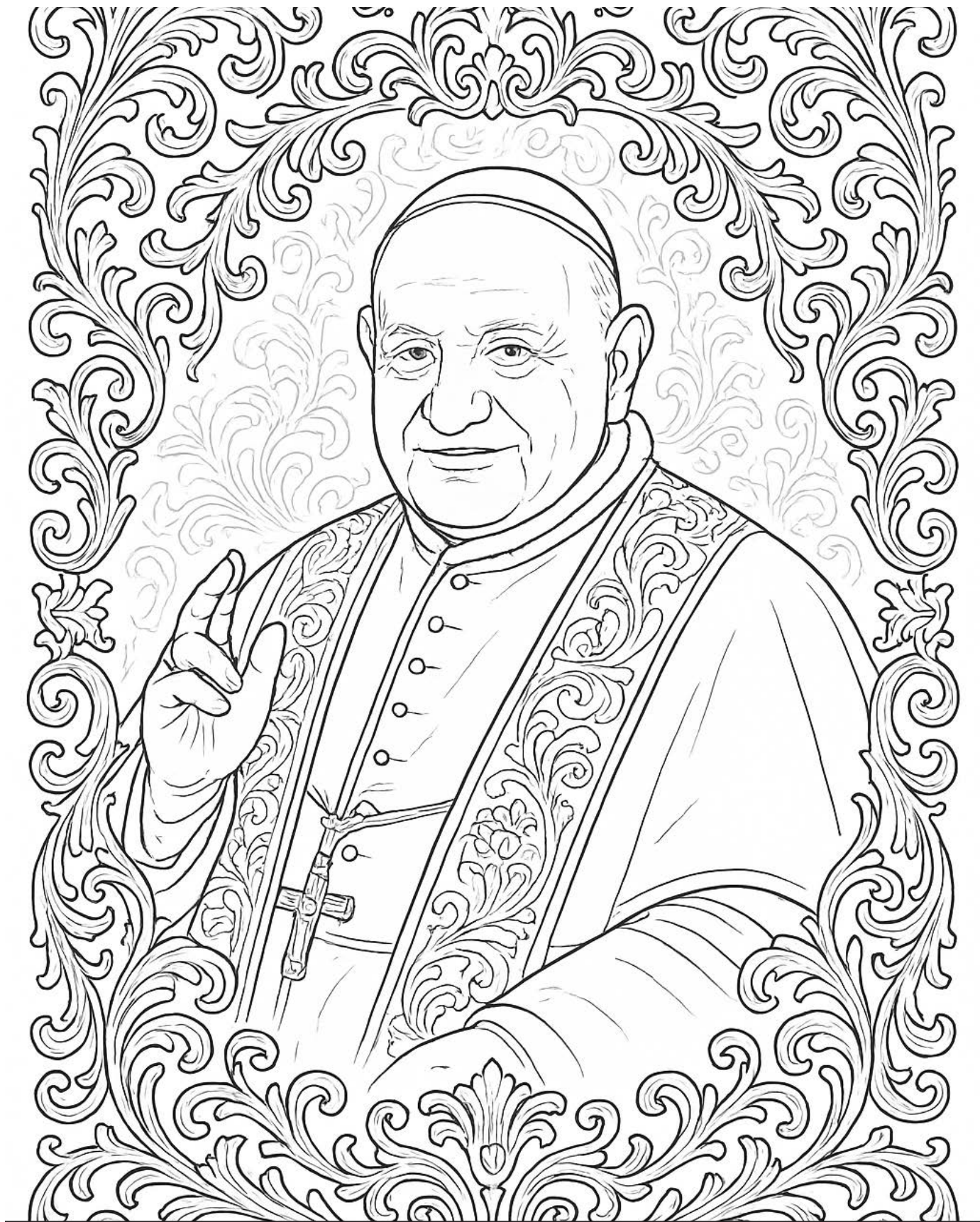
**ST ALBERT THE GREAT
PARKING LOT**

A large St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be provided to your church for the purpose of collecting your clean, usable clothing, linens and household items. (All items donated must be bagged or boxed.) Proceeds are used to improve the lives of those in need - helping to end poverty and homelessness one person at a time.

LAUDATO SI

October 4 was the Feast Day of St. Francis, our patron saint of the environment. This is a good time to reflect on how the Mother of God Family of Parishes addresses the theme of Catholic Social teaching that states that we have a responsibility to practice sustainability and show care for God's creation. In 2015, Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'* – On Care of Our Common Home - was published. In it, he encouraged us to practice behaviors that sustain and protect our environment. In 2018, St. Charles became a member of the charter class of *Laudato Si'* parishes. Since the beginning of the Mother of God Family of parishes, those members who share the same interests in social action and sustainability have come together and developed a collaborative group dedicated to promoting and acting on these values. The group decided to turn a potentially significant source of pollution into an actual

positive for the environment. Learning from each other, they accepted the challenge of providing lunches and refreshments at parish sponsored events into a "waste-free event." By using materials that are designed to be biodegradable, everything left after an event can be turned into compost. These materials are collected and taken to the Food Bank where the compost is to be made and used to enrich the soil for its vegetable garden. Since January 2025, 566.4 pounds of materials have been taken to the Food Bank. Many church activities have been involved, and the leftovers from our most recent summer children's lunch program at the Chimneys of Oak Creek and Van Buren Park have alone amounted to 58.4 pounds of compostable material. This will continue to be a positive example of our Mother of God Family of Parishes commitment to live the Catholic value of showing care for earth our common home by way of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."



KIDS' COLORING PAGE OF THE WEEK: POPE JOHN XXIII
FEAST DAY OCTOBER 11

Pope John XXIII was the leader of the Catholic Church from 1958 to 1963. He is famous for calling the Second Vatican Council, which helped the Church grow and change with the times. People remember him as kind, cheerful, and caring for everyone.



RAFFLE TICKET SALE

Basket raffle tickets for the Harvest of Values Bazaar in November will be available to purchase throughout the month of October and into November leading up to the Bazaar on Saturday, November 8. Tickets are \$1 per ticket; \$5 for 6 tickets; \$10 for 12 tickets.

WHEN AND WHERE TO GET TICKETS:

- **OCTOBER 12:** Coffee & Donuts at Ascension
- **NOVEMBER 1 / 2:** After all Masses at Ascension
- **NOVEMBER 5:** Women's Guild Meeting at Ascension in the Witzman Center, Rm. 114

Tickets will also be available to purchase in the Ascension Parish Office during office hours throughout the month of October and November leading up to the Bazaar. Baskets will be on display on the parish website at mgparish.org/bazaar. Winners will be drawn at 2:30 p.m. on November 8. You do not have to be present to win. Questions? Call Diane Borchers at 937-231-3373.

**EXPLORE THE
BAZAAR PAGE
NOW!**



PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Send any items for publishing consideration to
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BULLETIN – 10 days prior to publication date

FLOCKNOTE/E-NEWS – Thursday at Noon

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

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Principal: Nancy Hankey

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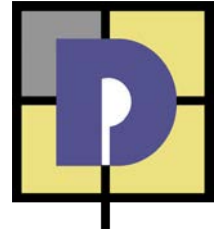
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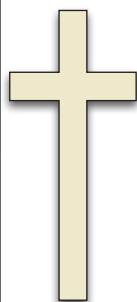
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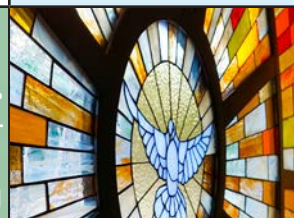


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