

The Great Gazette

The Stories of Saint Albert the Great Parishioners

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Dear Saint Albert the Great Parishioners,



The official Prayer Book of the Roman Catholic Church is the **Roman Missal**. It contains texts that are used for the authentic celebration of the Holy Mass. This book is placed on the altar and is used when Mass is celebrated. The missal contains all the different structures of the Mass, including words sung and spoken by the congregation. For nearly forty years, church scholars have been devoting their expertise to develop an English translation of the Roman Missal that is closer to the original Latin text.

The time has come to update the English translation to reflect this more precise translation that will give Catholics a better sense of the richness of the Latin text. Saint Albert the Great Parish will introduce this new English translation of the Roman Missal on November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent.

The structure and the order of the Mass is not changing, but the changes in the wording of many of the prayers and responses of the liturgy will be quite noticeable. For a time most Catholics will no longer be able to walk into Church on Sunday and automatically recite the *Gloria*, the Creed, and other parts of the Mass from memory.

Please regard the enclosed materials as spiritual educational aids to familiarize oneself with the updated translations. These materials will explain the changes for the congregation, changes in the music and changes for the priests.

We hope that the extensive work of Catholic scholars on the translations and the efforts of our staff on implementation of the changes will bear abundant fruit in the vibrant and authentic worship life of our parish.

In Christ,

Fr. Tom Meyer
Fr. Ned Brown
Parish Pastoral Staff

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Resources for the New Roman Missal

FROM OUR PARISH

Bible Study offered by Adult Faith

5-week Bible Study titled, "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" Sundays: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, and Nov. 6, from 9:15—10:45 in the cafeteria of the school. Contact Dick Strominger, RCIA / Adult Faith Coordinator, 937-298-1122 x216.

Borrow or Purchase "A Biblical Walk through the Mass"

148 pages. Explores the Order of the Mass with the changes to the People's Parts. You may borrow or purchase the book for \$14.00. Call the Rectory Office for information at 293-1191.

FAQs Booklet and Pew Card

This question-and-answer booklet addresses the important changes taking place in the Liturgy. The new responses of the Mass are laid out in an easy-to-follow format, while questions about the reasons for the changes and the effect they will have are answered and explained. This booklet will be mailed to all registered parishioners soon.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

The New Roman Missal: An evening of information and reflection

Sr. Kathleen Harmon, SNDdeN, Ph.

Wednesday October 5 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
St. Charles Borromeo, 4500 Ackerman Blvd.

Thursday November 10 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
St. Henry, 6696 Springboro Road, Miamisburg

Admission is free. No advance registration required.

ON THE WEB

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.usccb.org/romanmissal/index.shtml

Archdiocese of Cincinnati

www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/the-new-roman-missal

Catholic Information Service Online Courses

www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/index.html

The K of C now offers two online courses: the Luke E. Hart Series, and the Veritas Series, for study through this website. Both courses explore Catholicism and its underlying beliefs.

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Visit our Website!

www.stalbertthegreat.net

Why do Catholics do that?

STANDING

Standing is a sign of respect and honor, so we stand as the celebrant who *represents* Christ enters and leaves the assembly. From the earliest days of the Church, this posture has been understood as the stance of those who have risen with Christ and seek the things that are above.

KNEELING

In the early Church, kneeling signified penance. More recently, this posture has come to signify *adoration*, especially before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

SITTING

Sitting is the posture of listening and meditation, so the congregation sits for the pre-Gospel readings, and the homily. We should strive to assume a seated posture during the Mass that is attentive rather than merely at rest.

PROCESSION

When the celebrant and ministers process in at the beginning of the Liturgy, they represent the *whole body* of the congregation, for “Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” (New Roman Missal—Invitation to Communion).



St. Albert the Great Archive Photo

SIGN OF THE CROSS—Prayer in Action

We begin and end Mass making the Sign of the Cross. We trace the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts at the beginning of the Gospel, praying that the Word of God may always be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. It is more than a profession of faith; it is a prayer in action of thanksgiving and blessing.

BOWING

Bowing in front of the altar signifies reverence, respect, and gratitude. In the Creed, we bow at the words that commemorate the Incarnation. We also bow as a sign of reverence before we receive communion.

GENUFLECTING

We genuflect by bringing our right knee to the floor. Genuflecting is a sign of reverence toward the Blessed Sacrament present in the Tabernacle. The priest also genuflects in adoration after he shows the Body and Blood of Christ to the congregation after consecration and again before inviting the people to Holy Communion.

SINGING

As we raise our voices as one in the prayers, dialogues, and chants of the Mass, most especially in the Eucharistic Prayer, we each join in with the *Choirs of Heaven* lifting our hearts and voices praising and giving thanks to the Triune God.

PRAYING IN UNISON—One Voice, One Body

In the Mass, the worshipping assembly *prays* in one voice, speaking or singing together the words of the prayers. By saying the same words at the same time, we act as what we truly are—one Body united in Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

BEING SILENT—Sacred Action

We gather in silence, taking time to separate ourselves from our daily lives and concerns of the world and enter into the *sacred action*. We reflect on the readings in silence. These times of silence are not merely times when nothing happens, they are opportunities for us to enter more deeply in what God is doing in the Mass and in our hearts.

How our Parish is Preparing for the Changes in the Mass

OCTOBER

Novena for a Fuller Participation in the Sacrament of the Eucharist

Novena: noun. In the Roman Catholic Church, the recitation of prayers for nine consecutive days to achieve a specific purpose.

Pray this special novena, which is excerpted from the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. Contact the Involvement Office for a copy, 298-1122, ext. 283.

Liturgical Music for the School

The School children will begin practicing the new *Holy Holy Holy* and *Mystery of Faith* at the all-school Mass on Sept. 14th and continue learning and singing as many new parts as learned or add one new per week.

The Music Department

All Choirs will begin practicing the new *Holy Holy Holy* and *Mystery of Faith* with the congregation before every Mass on the weekend of Oct. 2.

Rectory Office

The Rectory Office ordered Sacramentary, additional missalettes, Pew Cards, and FAQs booklet for congregation.

Mailer to all Parishioners

The Involvement Office designed and mailed this issue of the Great Gazette including New Roman Missal materials.

New Website

Look to our new website for details about the New Roman Missal at www.stalbertthegreat.net

The Gathering Space

The Gathering Space will have a display of the Order of the Mass with the new People's Parts

Worship Commission

The Worship Commission will be handing out materials to all Ministry Leaders. Q & A Session scheduled.



St. Albert the Great Church

Speakers for the Community

October 5: Sr. Kathy Harmon presents "Changes to the NRM" at St. Charles Parish. 7:00-8:30 pm. Admission is Free. No registration required. Will be repeated on November 10 at St. Henry's Parish.

NOVEMBER

Pulpit Announcements will begin

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Look for Bulletin Inserts provided by the United States Catholic Bishops Office

The New Roman Missal will be introduced on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27.

Great Things are Happening on our Website!

Visit www.stalbertthegreat.net

We are pleased to share with you a behind-the-scenes project we've been working on for the last few months. St. Albert the Great parish has a new website! We hope it reflects the heart and soul of our community as well as presents the most sought-after information on our home page, for both new and return visitors.

We hope that you'll find your way around easily, although we know that it may take a few visits before you find all the things you normally could find with your eyes closed. We now have a scrolling "Headlines" feature, where you'll find several relevant topics. On the right-hand column, you'll find quick links to the Parish bulletin, calendar, online giving, and Great Gazette newsletter. Below are useful links, with today's events and Mass times to the left. When the Mass time is clicked, it takes you to the ChurchCast website, where you can watch live or recorded St. Albert the Great Masses.



Take a tour around the site and let us know what you think. As time goes on, we'll be adding a variety of new information, and electronic forms, so come back often and stay a while! Welcome and enjoy!

Thanks,
The St. Albert the Great Parish Web Team



ChurchCast

St. Albert the Great Parish Now Offers Online Masses



St. Albert the Great Parish is now able to reach parishioners who are ill and unavailable to physically make it to daily Mass, but who still want to stay in touch with our church. The founders of ChurchCast offer a continuously updated portal, not only for this audience, but for those abroad, so they never have to lose touch with their home parish and the words of their parish priests.

Masses for our parish are streamed live and archived each and every day on our website: www.stalbertthegreat.net. The archives are kept for one week. Special events such as First Communion and Confirmation will be recorded and you can purchase a DVD through ChurchCast. This will also include any speakers held in church.

A Perfect Day for a Pep Rally



What a way to end the first week back to school! St. Albert the Great Church was filled with green and gold clad students as they celebrated Mass with their families and friends. Fr. Tom Meyer blessed all the children at the end of Mass reminding them to respectfully obey their coaches, teachers and parents and to be good stewards of St. Albert the Great both on and off the field.

Excitement was in the air as emcee Dan Feucht kicked-off the Fall Pep Rally on STAG Field. The cheerleaders, under the direction of Hope Caulfield and Joan Trick, performed a dance and several cheers to get the crowd going! Dan introduced the Fall golf and soccer teams and the students participated in the annual Ball Toss Competition.

We'll continue the fun at the Winter Pep Rally on Saturday, January 28, 2012.
GO STAGS!!



University of Dayton "Summer Laureate"

This unique 1-week summer program is where promising young scholars in grades 3-8 have the opportunity to expand their knowledge within a university setting. Several of our St. Albert students were selected to attend for their superior achievement in academics. *Congratulations!*

Grill the Priest



On Friday, July 22 this summer, some of the St. Albert the Great staff and commission and council members joined together to enjoy *Grill the Priest*.

Fr. Ned grilled all of the food for the guests. Then, following dinner, he invited any questions about our Catholic faith.

He started this new program at St. Albert with the school children with "Ask the Priest" where the students were able to ask Fr. Ned questions.

It was an evening of fun, laughter, and learning.

Thank you Fr. Ned!



October 2011



St. Albert the Great Parish

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 St. Vincent de Paul Hotel Casserole Drop-off 9-10am (Place on truck)
2  SAYM Dog Wash 12 Noon -1:30pm Blessing of the Pets 1:30pm	3 Early Dismissal 1:45 St. Albert the Great Child Protection 7-8:30pm Chapel	4	5 Children's Mass 8:30am NRM Talk 7pm St. Charles	6	7	8 Food Collection 8am-1pm
9   Food Collection	10 <i>Columbus Day</i> Athletic Assn 7 - 9:30pm Spirit Ctr Rm D PTO 7 - 8:30pm Teachers Lounge	11	12 Children's Mass 8:30am	13 Education Commission Mtg 7-8:30pm Rectory Meeting Room	14	15
16  	17	18	19 Children's Mass 8:30am	20 Worship Commission Mtg 7-8pm Rectory Mt Room	21 1st Quarter Ends St. Albert the Great School	22 Father Daughter Dance Parish Center Confirmation Spirit Day
23  Legacy Luncheon 11am Mass 	24 Finance Mtg 7:30-9pm Rectory Meeting Room	25	26 Children's Mass 8:30am	27 Parish Council Mtg 7:30-8:30pm Rectory Meeting Room	28 School Spirit Day 	29 Mass of Remembrance 4:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Hotel Casserole Recipe Pick-Up In Gathering Space
30   Anointing of the Sick 12 Noon	31 <i>Halloween</i> All Saints Day Eve Mass 4:30pm	 Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship in Cafeteria after the 8 & 9:30 Masses  Bible Study: A Biblical Walk through the Mass 9:15-10:45 Classroom Adjacent to Cafeteria 2. Dick Strominger 298-1122 x216  Fingerprinting Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-12am, 1-3pm; RE Office (School Rm 16) Joan Bayer 499-1310				

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 <p>Fingerprinting Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-12am & 1-3pm; RE Office (School Rm 16) Joan Bayer 499-1310</p>		<p>1 <i>All Saints Day</i> Holy Day of Obligation 7am, 10am 12 Noon, 6pm Mass</p>	<p>2 <i>All Souls Day</i> No Children's Mass Today Parent/Teacher Conferences</p>	<p>3 No School St. Albert the Great Parent/Teacher Conferences</p>	<p>4 No School St. Albert the Great</p>	<p>5 St. Vincent de Paul Hotel Casserole Drop-off 9-10am (Place on truck)</p>
<p>6 Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> 	<p>7 Child Protection Class 7-8:30pm Chapel</p>	<p>8 Election Day Also in Parish Center</p>	<p>9 Children's Mass 8:30am Early Dismissal St. Albert the Great School 1:45</p>	<p>10 NRM Talk 7pm St. Henry Ed Comm Mtg 7-8:30pm Rectory Mtg Room</p>	<p>11 <i>Veteran's Day</i></p>	<p>12 Art & Craft Fest 9am-2pm Parish Center Food Collection 8am-1pm</p>
<p>13 Confirmation Enrollment Mass 11:00 am  DD </p>	<p>14 Speaker: Fr. Jim Manning 7-8pm Church Athletic Assn 7 - 8:30pm</p>	<p>15 St. Albert the Great Feast Day Children's Mass 8:30am Reconciliation Practice 7pm</p>	<p>16 No Children's Mass Today moved to Tuesday</p>	<p>17 National Youth Conference 1st Reconciliation 7pm Church Worship Commission Mtg 7-8pm</p>	<p>18 Canned Food Drive School Spirit Day </p>	<p>19 RCIA Rite of Reception Church</p>
<p>20  DD </p>	<p>21 PTO 7-9:30pm Teachers Lounge 11/14</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 No Children's Mass Today No School Today St. Albert the Great</p>	<p>24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> All Offices and Buildings Closed No School Today St. Albert the Great</p>	<p>25 No School Today St. Albert the Great</p>	<p>26 St. Vincent de Paul Hotel Casserole Recipe Pick-Up In Gathering Space</p>
<p>27 First Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>28 Finance Mtg 7:30-9pm Rectory Meeting Room</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Children's Mass 8:30am</p>	<p> Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship in Cafeteria after the 8 & 9:30 Masses</p> <hr/> <p>DD  Digging Deeper into the Word: Adult Faith Formation 9:30-10:30 Cafeteria Rm 31. Sign-up or Drop-in ! Dick Strominger 298-1122 x216</p>		