



DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT **Upcoming Changes in the Kettering Catholic Community**

Archbishop Schnurr's letter released on Pentecost Sunday, at the implementation of our new parish family, referenced "hard decisions will have to be made involving sacrifice and loss, but will bear great fruit in the future"

As we move forward in our pastoral planning, we are thankful for our blessings but recognize we will have to make difficult decisions. We are blessed to have our pastor, parochial vicars, retired priests and deacons to serve and guide us in our parish family. In regards to sacrifice and loss, Mass time changes figure prominently in such decisions.

Effective September 1 the Thursday 7:00 pm Mass at St. Charles will be discontinued, and the Saturday 8:30 am Mass (with confessions following) at St. Albert will be discontinued. There will be an additional time for confessions at St. Albert on Saturday afternoons at 3:15 to 4:00 prior to the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass.

It is important to remember that our priests must be available for funerals, weddings, school Masses, nursing home Masses, school events, archdiocesan meetings and retreats, emergency calls, hospital/hospice anointings, other sacramental needs and administrative duties. Archdiocesan policy also requires that priests receive time off for proper self-care.

All are encouraged to attend daily and weekend Masses at any of our three Kettering Catholic Parishes. This is our call as a parish family. Check the websites of area parishes, within our family or those close by, for scheduled Mass times.

Thank you for your understanding.

Father Ed, Father Tom and Father Chibueze