



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: WE JOYFULLY PROCLAIM, CELEBRATE, WITNESS, AND SERVE JESUS CHRIST

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OCTOBER 29, 2017

Priesthood Sunday

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
11:45 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday:
6:45 a.m., 12:00 noon
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 6:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:15 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

1st Thursday of the Month:
6:30 p.m.

ROSARY

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 6:20 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office
or website for information and
scheduling

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact one of
the parish priests at least six
months prior to the wedding
date

Annulments: Contact Fr. Tom or
Fr. Michael

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday:
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

THANK GOD FOR OUR PRIESTS!

OCTOBER 29TH IS PRIEST APPRECIATION SUNDAY!

THIS IS THE DAY OF THE YEAR THAT WE EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE
FOR OUR PRIESTS EVEN MORE THAN WE DO THE OTHER 364 DAYS OF THE YEAR!

"He calls them to lead your holy people in love, nourish them by your word and strengthen them through the sacraments. Father, they are to give their lives in your service and for the salvation of your people as they strive to grow in the likeness of Christ and honor you by their courageous witness of faith and love."

From Chrism Mass



The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true
friendship,
We seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them,
And the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness;
Their dignity stands all alone;

And when we are tempted and wander,
To pathways of shame and of sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve
us,
Not once, but again and again.

And when we are taking life's partner,
Other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite us
Is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy,
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better
Than to ask Him to guide thee and
bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us,
May our courage and strength be
increased,
By seeing raised over us in blessing
The beautiful hands of a priest.

THANKS FOR THE PAST!!! PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE!!!

**Give 'em a high five or fist bump when you see them and say
thanks! Their greatest wish is to pray for more vocations!**

Happy Priest Appreciation!

Pray! Invite! Encourage! Affirm!

There are vocations...



...which manifest themselves. They must be fostered.

... which are not conscious of themselves. They must be awakened.

... which do not dare manifest themselves. They must be found and encouraged.

... which are in fear of being lost. They must be reassured.



... which meet with opposition. They must be strengthened.

... which are paralyzed by poverty. They must be helped financially.

Look around you.

How many men and women in our parish are caring and compassionate individuals who are good listeners, articulate speakers, and loving enthusiastic Catholics?



How many of these special, gifted people have ever been invited to consider becoming a priest, sister, brother, permanent deacon, or full-time lay minister?

Statistics show that 80% of the 18-30 year olds in the United States and Canada have never been asked to consider a Church Vocation. Ask!!!

WE LOVE OUR PRIESTS!

Pray for them and vocations!

ASCENSION THIS WEEK

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 29

Priest Appreciation Day, Gathering Area, All Day
 Donuts, Parish Hall, After 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses
 Sunday Scripture, St. Luke Rm., 9:15AM
 K4C Classes, 10:00AM
 One Life KC Celebrating All Life, Offsite, 12:30PM
 Baptisms, Church, 1:00PM
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 1:00PM
 MOYC Children's Halloween Party, Parish Hall, 3:00PM
 Al Anon Mtg., St. John Rm., 4:00PM
 Fathers of St. Joseph, Conf. Rm., 6:30PM
 S&L, Youth Ctr., 6:30PM
 Year I, 6:30PM
 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, Offsite, 7:00PM

Monday, October 30

RCIA, St. Mark Rm., 6:00PM
 Read, Study & Apply the Bible, St. Luke Rm., 7:00PM
 School of Faith Christianity, Church, 7:00PM
 Men's Basketball Age 21+, Gym, 8:30PM

Tuesday, October 31

Consoling the Heart of Jesus, St. Luke Rm., 9:30AM
 Financial Peace University, St. John Rm., 7:00PM
 True Reformers, St. Mark Rm., 7:00PM
 Consoling the Heart of Jesus, St. Luke Rm., 7:30PM
 Fathers of St. Joseph, St. Mark Rm., 8:30PM

Wednesday, November 1 All Saints Day

Fathers of St. Joseph, Church, 6:00AM
 Fathers of St. Joseph, St. Mark Rm., 6:30AM
 ACS Living Communion of Saints Mass, Church, 8:00AM
 Zoom-HS Youth, Youth Ctr., 6:00PM
 Catholic Divorced Survival Group, Conf. Rm., 7:00PM
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 7:00PM
 Men's Basketball Age 21+, Gym, 8:30PM

Thursday, November 2

Jesus, Java, and Juice, Church, 6:45AM
 Catholicism 101, St. Mark Rm., 9:30AM
 All Souls Memorial Mass, Church, 6:00PM
 Catholicism 101, St. Mark Rm., 7:00PM
 MOYC Monthly Mtg., Parish Hall, 7:00PM
 The Call to Love Again, St. Luke Rm., 7:00PM

Friday, November 3

Men of Ascension, St. Luke Rm., 6:00AM
 Read, Study & Apply the Bible, St. Luke Rm., 10:30AM

Saturday, November 4

Coat Drive, Gathering Area, All Day
 Legion of Mary, St. Luke Rm., 6:15AM
 Public Square Rosary, Parking Lot, Noon

Sunday, November 5

Coat Drive, Gathering Area, All Day
 Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet, Parish Hall, 9:00AM-Noon
 Sunday Scripture, St. Luke Rm., 9:15AM
 K4C Classes, 10:00AM
 Baptisms, Church, 1:00PM
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 1:00PM
 Al Anon Mtg., St. John Rm., 4:00PM
 Chelsea Pratt Farewell Gathering, Parish Hall, 6:00PM
 S&L, Youth Ctr., 6:30PM
 Year I, Parish Hall, 6:30PM
 Face to Face, Church 7:00PM
 Natural Family Planning for Engaged Couples,
 St. Mark Rm., 7:00PM

STEWARDSHIP

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind."
 Matthew 22:37*

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it is not too late to put God first in your life in all things.

Weekly Offertory: October 22	\$ 71,766.30
Monthly Autodebit: September	\$198,713.26
680 Families on Autodebit	
Fiscal YTD: September, 2017	\$1,453,399.92
Registered Families	3,178

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY - October 28-29

Today is Priesthood Sunday. We invite you to write a short note to Father Tom and Father Michael this weekend. Notecards are available in the gathering area that begin with "I am thankful for you because..." There will be a locked box for each priest available for you to drop your note in. In addition, you can offer rosaries, adoration, and other prayers for them. Your prayers and gestures of appreciation will mean a great deal to them.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN (MOYC) HALLOWEEN PARTY October 29, 3:00PM Parish Hall

Please see Page 14 for additional information.

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION October 29, 7:00PM Holy Cross Lutheran Church Overland Park, KS.

You are invited to attend! This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. In commemoration of this anniversary, Lutherans and Catholics are encouraged to mark a special moment in the journey from conflict to communion.

Monsignor Thomas Tank, Pastor, Church of the Ascension, and the Rev. Dr. Michael Peck, Pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, will lead a service of Common Prayer at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (7851 W. 119th Street) on Sunday, October 29, at 7:00pm. Please join us!

ASCENSION THIS WEEK (Continued)

ALL SAINTS DAY November 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass times are: 6:45am, 8:00am, Noon and 7:00pm.

ACS LIVING COMMUNION OF SAINTS MASS November 1, 8:00AM Church

Please see Page 15 for additional information.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION No Class on November 1

There will be no Youth Faith Formation or Family Formation on November 1, All Saints Day. (Attend Mass in place of class).

ZOOM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP November 1, 6:00PM Youth Ctr.

Zoom (high school youth group) is Wednesday, November 1. All high school students are invited to attend! This week we will be celebrating All Saints and All Souls Day with a Day of the Dead party! The night will begin with a light dinner and traditional Mexican pastries! All high school students are welcome!

JESUS, JAVA, AND JUICE November 2, 6:45AM, Beginning with Mass Church

Jesus, Java, and Juice is for all high school students! We begin with 6:45am Mass, and then will have breakfast in the youth center!

JUDGEMENT, HEAVEN, HELL, PURGATORY

November 2, 9:30AM or 7:00PM
St. Mark Rm.

All are welcome! Free!
No registration required

Adults - Join us this week in Catholicism 101 as we watch a DVD and explore the Catholic faith. Each week's session stands alone so you can come whenever it works for you. Each session is 1 1/2 hours. Stop by and check it out. Bring a friend!



ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS November 2, 6:00PM Church



A Memorial Mass is scheduled for 6:00pm on All Soul's Day (November 2). We will remember all the parishioners who have died this past year, as well as family members and friends of parishioners who have died. It is a beautiful celebration of life and memories and eternal life. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Jean in the office at jhinman@kcascension.org or 913-681-3348, if you wish to participate in the entry procession prior to Mass or you would like a candle in memory of your loved one. Families are welcome to participate. (We process in with candles and call out your loved ones names in a moving ceremony). There will be a small gathering afterwards with coffee and snacks.



WEEKLY FAMILY ROSARY Cancelled on November 2

There will be no weekly family rosary this week due to the Memorial Mass at 6:00pm on Thursday.

THE CALL TO LOVE AGAIN November 2, 7:00PM St. Luke Rm.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN MEETING November 2, 7:00PM Parish Hall

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY November 4, Noon Ascension Parking Lot

COAT DRIVE November 4-5, All Day Gathering Area



Whatsoever you do to the least of My people, that you do unto me. "I was naked and you clothed me" Mt 25:36

Drop off will be all day on November 4-5 for new and "gently used" coats. All sizes needed, from baby to adult. Scarves, gloves, mittens and hats also! Coat racks will be in the gathering area for your donations. This benefits the Johnson County Christmas Bureau (they collect gifts so needy families can "shop" for free for their own gifts to give).



Catholicism 101-Refresher Course-Ongoing

Adults-Please drop in to one (or all!) of our weekly classes.



Are you new to your faith? Has it been a while since you have refreshed your knowledge of the Catholic faith? Are you up-to-date but looking for more? If you answer yes to any of these questions, this course is for you! Utilizing the Symbolon DVD series, we will explore the Catholic faith. Each week's session stands alone so you do not have to worry if you miss a class! This course runs now until January 18, 2018, on Thursdays from 9:30am-11:00am or 7:00pm-8:30pm. (class does not run 11/23, 12/21 or 12/28). Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

This week we will be showing Judgement, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory?
Location is in the St. Mark room. **All are welcome! Free! No registration required.**
Each session is 1 ½ hours. Stop by and check it out. Bring a friend!

A Taste of Evangelization Workshop

Come light your heart on fire for how to spread the love of Christ to your family and friends!

November 12, 3:00PM
RSVP by November 6
St. Matthew Rm.

Please join us for an afternoon of learning how to discover Jesus in your own life as well as help others grow their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The workshop, "A Taste of Evangelization", will be conducted by the School of Faith and will include dinner. It will be Sunday, November 12, from 3:00pm-7:00pm in the St. Matthew Room.

There is no cost to attend but RSVP's are required by Monday, November 6.

Direct any questions and RSVP to Liz Willman at lwillman@kcascension.org or 913-681-3348.

**"Being a disciple means
being constantly ready
to bring the love of Jesus to
others, and this can happen
unexpectedly and in any place."**
~ Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*

UPCOMING EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET (All Are Invited!) November 5, 9:00AM-Noon Parish Hall

Please see Page 14 for additional information.

FAREWELL TO CHELSEA PRATT November 5, 6:00PM Parish Hall

Please join us in wishing well and saying goodbye to Chelsea Pratt, one of our youth ministers for the last 13 years! We will meet in the parish hall right after 5:00pm Mass. Light snacks, fun dips and chips and lemonade will be served, and you will have an opportunity to thank Chelsea for all she has done for so many families through the years. Then it would mean the world to Chelsea if all would attend Face-to-Face immediately after this celebration. Face-to-Face is from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Church.

FACE TO FACE November 5, 7:00PM Church

Face to Face is our monthly family Holy Hour for all families. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this powerful hour of prayer with praise and worship!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) FOR ENGAGED COUPLES November 5, 7:00PM St. Mark Rm.

ATTACHED TO JESUS (A2J) November 7, 5:30PM Youth Ctr.

Attached to Jesus (A2J) is for all 6th and 7th grade students. We meet first and third Tuesday of each month from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the youth center. Pizza and a message are provided along with quality time with your friends!

CATHOLIC MOVIE NIGHT November 7, 7:00PM Youth Ctr.

We still have space! Please join us in the youth center which you can enter from the school gym doors. There are signs outside directing you to the youth center. Contact Denise Greene with any questions or to register at dgreene@kcascension.org.

ASCENSION BOOK CLUB November 8, 1:00PM Conference Rm.

Our book for November is The Little Paris Book Shop by Nina George. We will meet on Wednesday, November 8, at 1:00pm in the conference room. For details call Linda Cook at 913-897-3201. Come join our discussion!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION FAMILY FORMATION November 8, 6:00PM Classrooms/Parish Hall

Family Formation will meet on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:00pm (kids in the classrooms and parents in the parish hall).

VETERAN'S DAY MASS November 10, 8:00AM Church



Ascension Catholic School will celebrate Veteran's Day with an all-school Mass on Friday, November 10 at 8:00am. All veterans are invited to attend! We would like to recognize these heroes by name at our celebration. If you or someone you know is attending, please RSVP using the link: <https://goo.gl/forms/gNgYVomDVd0ZAqU62> or email acsveteransday@gmail.com. Please include the military branch and rank if possible. Thank you!

NEW BRIDGE GROUP FORMING (5 Card Major) Beginning November 15, 12:30PM St. Mark Rm.

Have you always wanted to learn how to play bridge or have not played in a while? We have just the bridge group for you! Join us on November 15 after the 12:00pm noon Mass to 3:00pm in the St. Matthew/St. Mark room for an afternoon of playing bridge and meeting new folks! This newly created bridge group will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month and you are sure to have a good time! Contact Patty Schmitt at 402-618-7569 with questions.

APPLAUSE ASCENSION November 17, 7:00PM Parish Hall

Applause Ascension is Friday, November 17, at 7:00pm in the parish hall! By attending and bringing your Mardi Gras monetary or gift donation of a suggested value of \$50.00 per couple, you will be entered for a drawing to win a Festive and "Spirited" Gift Basket! Enjoy a date night that includes snacks, spirits and socializing while enjoying timeless entertainment by our own parishioners! To help us plan, please go to: <http://kcascension.org/applause-ascension/> to RSVP or to donate to Mardi Gras by using your credit card. RSVP forms can also be found in the gathering space and parish office. We hope you will join us at Applause Ascension!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ DINNER AT OUR HOUSE All Are Invited! November 19, 6:00PM-8:00PM Parish Hall

Please see Page 14 for additional information.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



APPLAUSE ASCENSION

Friday, November 17~7pm

**A Parish-wide Mardi Gras Gift Gathering Event
in the Parish Hall**

An Adult Evening with Snacks, Spirits & Entertainment Provided by our own Talented Parishioners!

To help us plan, RSVP by Wednesday, November 8th and to donate by credit card, visit our website at kcascension.org or Complete the Form Below!

APPLAUSE ASCENSION ~ RSVP

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 8th to the Box in the Gathering Area or to the Parish Office.

Bring your Mardi Gras monetary or gift donation (suggested value of \$50 per couple) to APPLAUSE ASCENSION and enjoy an adult evening of entertainment, appetizers & spirits!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Number Attending: _____ **Donation Amount w/ RSVP \$** _____ **Cash** **Check #** _____
Will Bring Monetary or Gift Donation that Evening # _____

Can't Make APPLAUSE ASCENSION? You can donate and buy Raffle Tickets on our website at kcascension.org using your credit card or come by the church office!

Unable to attend _____ **Please accept my donation of \$** _____ **Cash** **Check #** _____

I would like # _____ **Raffle Tickets! (1 for \$50 3 for \$100)** **Cash** **Check #** _____

Office Use Only: Received: _____ **Processed/Deposited:** _____ **Initials:** _____



2017 RSVP

Thursday, November 30 @ 6:30pm

Parish Hall

Donation: \$20 per person

Reservation Deadline Wednesday, 11/15/17.

For additional information, please contact:

Mary Connor at marykconnor@yahoo.com or 913-579-3287

Please return RSVP form with cash/check payment to :
The Parish Office or Gathering Space Mailbox.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Number Attending*: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Cash Check # _____

* Please use separate RSVP form(s) for additional guests and attach.

_____ Based on availability, I would like to reserve a table for up to 10.

_____ Table Host Name

*Attached are respective RSVP form(s) for additional guests. Please list the names of the other table guests here

Have a "Mary" Christmas



Office Use Only: Received: _____ Processed/Deposited: _____ Initials: _____

ORDER NOW



ADVENT CANDLES

PRE-SALE ONLY

order by 11/20/17

PICK-UP AFTER all MASSES

BEHIND WELCOME DESK

WEEKEND OF

NOVEMBER 25 & 26

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Your name: _____

	# of boxes	cost per box	total
Box of 4 Advent Candles	<input type="text"/>	\$6.00	\$ _____

Mail to: Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213, or drop off in parish office by November 20th



SPIRITS & SAINTS

By Ray Martin

Halloween is almost here and kids start being scared of ghosts, but parents can confidently say there is no such thing as ghosts because we are organisms that developed over time from other species, but wait that is evolution...and the bible says God created us, but there are also bible stories about angels and they are ok, but when we die we die...except for the saints who went to heaven and we pray for their help...but they are not ghosts...I am so confused!

Learn More About Saints

- **Saint of the Day by Franciscan Media features daily articles and recordings about the saints. Find a link on our Parish website/app.**
- **Celebrate All Saints Day with us on November 1st at 6:45am, 8:00am, Noon, or 7:00pm.**

Creation Vs. Evolution

In Step four of *The Choice Wine*, Steve Bollman focuses attention on the conflict of science and reason versus religion and spirituality. Charles Darwin's writing in the late 1800's on evolution are notably accepted as an explanation of how life developed on earth over millions of years, but this is not at odds with the creation story in Genesis. Unlike the other animals and things created before, God both *made and created man whom he "formed out of dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life."* Dr. John C. Eccles is credited with our current understanding of the brain and how thoughts travel across neurotransmitters. We have a brain full of tiny paths, but the electrical currents traveling across those paths which are our thoughts come from our mind. The brain is physical, but the mind is spiritual. We can be made up of physical matter which evolved over time, and also be spiritual creations formed by a spiritual being, God.

Communion of Saints

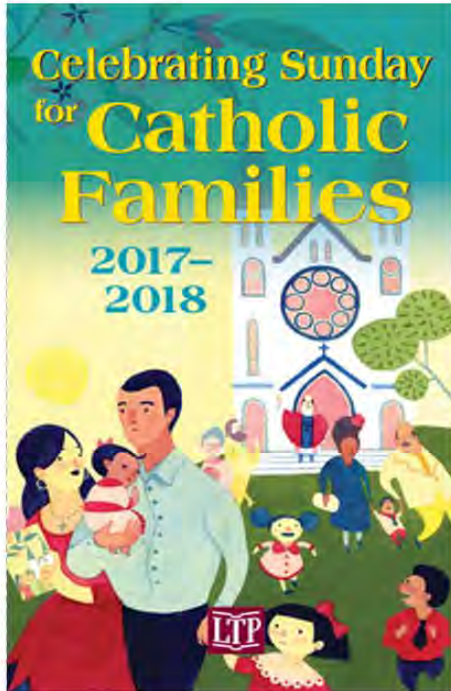
We proclaim that we believe in the communion of saints. St. Paul taught that we are one body in Christ both the living and the dead and so as Catholics we believe our spirits are in union with the spirits of those who are no longer living on earth. So if you can accept that we are more than biology, that we have a brain and a mind, and that even when our brain dies that our spirit continues to exist, then it is not so hard to believe that there are other people who have died, but lived such virtuous lives that we know without a doubt that they have gone to heaven. Those people are the saints of the Church. Their lives are examples to us of how to live the Christian virtues in our faith journey and our minds currently co-exist in a spiritual realm with theirs. Hopefully this is clearing up some of the confusion!

All Saints Day

We celebrate All Saints Day on November 1st. We will have Masses throughout the day and I highly encourage you and your family to celebrate this rich history of heroic people who lived here on earth leaving an incredible witness of how follow Christ to heaven.

Resources: *The Choice Wine* by Steve Bollman of Paradisus Dei

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION



FAMILY LIFE PARISH GIFT

Attention Parish Families— Ascension Catholic School and Youth Faith Formation will be sending home a copy of *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families* by Kerstin Keber Smith from our Family Life Ministry for you and your children to use as a weekend Mass companion! We hope you will keep it in your car or somewhere prominent to be used to talk about the liturgy each week.

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2017–2018 includes:

- The Gospel from Weekend Mass
- Short reflections on the Weekend Gospel
- Prompts for conversation before and after Mass
- Suggested family activities
- Index of everyday family prayers

Extra copies will be available in the gathering space the weekend of October 29, 2017 for any families we may have missed.

Please contact Ray Martin in the Family Life office at 913-681-3348 or rmartin@kcascension.org with questions.

COMING TO YOUR HOME SOON!

Look for the new 2017-2018 Parish Directory & Resource Guide coming soon to your home!



PERPETUAL ADORATION

These Holy Hours need partners:

Sunday	6:00pm
Thursday	7:00am
Friday	10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm and 11:00pm
Saturday	11:00am, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm*, 7:00pm, 8:00pm and 9:00pm

*Needed ASAP

Please visit Jesus in our beautiful chapel any time!

Please contact Debbie Engel at deborasuzanne@gmail.com or 913-485-8918 for more information. If you can assist weekly at one of the these Holy Hours, please let me know. Also, please go to our website kcascension.org and go to "Quick Links/Current Volunteer Sign Ups," on the Home Page to substitute for an hour.

JUAN ANA COFFEE

Direct Trade is a term used by coffee roasters who buy straight from the growers, thus cutting out the middle man. Buyers can work together with the growers to directly control the quality of the coffee, and in many cases, social and environmental issues that are related. Direct Trade is similar in many ways to Fair Trade, including that both ensure producers earn a fair price for their product, and are treated with respect and dignity. Most importantly, they are both about building and fostering relationships over the long term.

We know many families benefit from our daily cup of Juan Ana Coffee. We know that the farmers were paid a fair price for their coffee crop, and that only the highest quality coffee was produced and bought. We also know that by supporting Juan Ana Coffee we are keeping with the pillars of Catholic Social Teaching!

Juan Anna Coffee is available for purchase (\$10.00/lb.), anytime in the parish office. We use Juan Ana Coffee for parish meetings, classes, lunches and gatherings. Please contact Jean at jhinman@kcascension.org for questions.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Mass Intentions For The Week



NOTE: Please let us know when your loved one is better. Names are removed after six months. Contact Jean with questions or to return name to sick list jhinman@kcascension.org.

Monday 6:45AM 12:00PM	October 30 +LaVina Kane by Family +Ann Latora by Pam & Ralph LoBosco
Tuesday 6:15AM 6:45AM 11:30AM 12:00PM	October 31 Reconciliation +Dan Kane by Family Reconciliation +Jim Jennison, +Chad Stoddard by Rick & Molly Peterson
Wednesday 6:45AM 8:00AM 12:00PM 7:00PM	November 1 All Saints Day +Deceased Legion of Mary Members +Bobby Fairchild by Mitchell Family +Matthew Kale by Nancy Kale Elaine O'Connor by Beth Belton
Thursday 6:45AM 12:00PM 6:00PM	November 2 Alan & Theresa Doty by Catholic Cemeteries +Joe Krizman, +Porch Family All Souls Memorial Mass
Friday 6:45AM 12:00PM	November 3 +James Daley, +Irvin Arens, +Robert Willenbring by Knights of Columbus +Bob Parker, +Marvin Van Hercke by Joan Johnson
Saturday 8:00AM 8:30AM 3:15PM 4:30PM	November 4 Weekly Rosary +Joan Bunker, +Ed Humphrey, by Bunker Family Reconciliation +Florence Frieburghouse Fr. Michael
Sunday 8:15AM 9:30AM 10:00AM 11:45AM 5:00PM	November 5 +Royal E. Jenks Fr. Michael by Family Weekly Rosary +Jeanne Caraver Fr. Tom by Chuck & Diane Jansen +Richard & Mary Sutton Fr. Michael by Family Ascension Parishioners Fr. Tom

Please let us know when your loved one is better!
Parishioners:
Kathleen Baldwin, Millie Bock, Jamie Boos, Jerry Brown, Joyce Burns, Heather Cardin, Roseann Copeland, Vince Costello, Bill Culpepper, Hunter Cussigh, Chelsea Dalbey, Mike Delaney, Bryan Dickerson, Toni Dillane, Bob and Mary Dinneen, Stephanie Dolak, Rick Doran, Randy Edwards, Karen Elliott, Maggie Fiddes, Doug Geck, Jack Gessler, Sharon Gilworth, Scott Graham, Phyllis Grieder, Virginia Hermes, Jackson Hirt, Barb Hughes, JoAnn Jeannet, Jeff, Dave Jones, Dorothy Kapler, Carrie Kilgore, Jerry & Pat Klimas, August Larson, Mary Lausten, Butch Lawrence, David Long, Joann Mader, Dale Marti, Jose Martinez, Kelly Mayer, Jim McAuliffe, Lynne Minelli, Forrest Mistler, Mike Mullen, Mary Nail, John O'Donnell, Jeff Palmer, Lisa Palmer, Wayne Parsons, Carmen Porterfield, Anna Punswick, Kay Raab, Charlie Regan, Karen Schemmel, Chris Schmidt, Celeste Sharp, Mary Shriver, George Shore, Elisa Smith, Jill Smith, Ana Sosa de Alonzo, Patricia Spinler, Wanda Stepanich, Sheila Strecker, Carol Stump, Fr. Tom Tank, Cindy Taylor, Mary Tira, Ron Ullmann, Hilde Virgilio, Dolores Wadawik, Collin Warrender, Dave Watson, Griffin Weyforth.

Relatives & Friends of Parishioners:
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Unforeseen circumstances may require a change in the priest schedule.


WEEKLY PRAYER

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Diamond Rule

When I hear the line from the first reading about not molesting or oppressing an alien, I think of the movie E.T., in which the children help the extraterrestrial just because he needs help. What the reading calls aliens are immigrants or newcomers. They lived among the Hebrews but were not Jews themselves. The Lord reminds the people that they were once aliens themselves. They should not make the same mistake the Egyptians did when they mistreated the Israelites. God uses the same logic in commanding them to take care of widows and orphans. Treat them like family, or else your own wives and children will be in the same situation. Immigrants, widows, orphans, borrowers--all must be treated with compassion. The reason for such compassion should be deeper than just fear of punishment. "Do to others as you would have them do to you," Jesus said (Luke 6:31). Today's Gospel has a similar saying: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). Jesus called this the second commandment. The first is to love God wholly and completely, heart, mind, and soul. If the second commandment is the Golden Rule, the first might be called the Diamond Rule. If you think about it, in order to keep the first commandment, you have to be keeping the second as well.

Jesus said that whatever you do for the poor, the homeless, the sick, or prisoners, you do for him (Matthew 25:31-46). Mother Teresa could see Jesus in the poorest of the poor. Jesus himself showed compassion even to sinners. We can't really say we love God if we don't love the people God created. So that gives us two reasons to love our neighbor. First, because God lives in other people, so loving God means loving God wherever God is found. Second, God loves them, so if we are to be holy, we must be like God. What does that mean? Remember the saying that "charity begins at home"? That is only true because it is easier to love family and friends, but charity doesn't end there. If we truly love God, we will extend our charity to those outside our homes. People are probably still rebuilding after the earthquakes in Japan, tornadoes in America, floods in India, and other disasters, and every city has some kind of homeless shelters. You say you love God? Let's see you love your neighbor.

Please pray for our active duty service members:



Lance Corporal Jonathan Scavuzzo USMC.
Lt. Jake Morin, USAF; LCDR TJ Dierks, USN
Larry Homan; 1st Lt Stephen Cuff, Army
Airborne; Corporal Luke Talken, USMC
Tech Sergeant Gregory Jeffery, USAF
Cpt. Brian Knipp, US Army

Contact Jean in the office jhinman@kcascension.org to add your loved ones names to the active duty prayer list.

Baptisms

Owen Kramer Knight
Henry Fernholz
Taylin Dobbeleare

Together for Life

Heather Morgan and Justin Walberg

Banns of Matrimony

Allie Flaspohler and A. J. Frederes
Stephanie Ngo and Sinh Van Truong
Shaelyn Hamel and Adam Hutchison

From Death to New Life

Thomas Poppe, Father of David
Rev. James Lantsberger, Brother of Mary Ann Lane
Helen Hoit, Aunt of Sally Virgo
Daniel Vierthaler, Brother of Sheila Strecker
Ed Godar, Brother of Jane Godar Kreiter

October 30 - November 5

- Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
- Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday: Mal 1:14b -- 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

MINISTRY NEWS

KINDRED SPIRITS

Are you looking for something new, or do you need a change? Kindred Spirits just may be your answer. Kindred Spirits, a new name, a new face, a new agenda, but with the same objectives; to be a ministry to Ascension adults through informative luncheons and adventurous outings. These gatherings will inspire a kindred spirit in you in this motivated group. Kindred Spirits will meet once a month. Why not give Kindred Spirits a try? Open to all adults, family and neighbors.



November 8 - Lunch and learn with Liz Willman, Director of Adult Faith & RCIA, after noon Mass in the St. Mark Room.

December 9 - Dinner at Longview Mansion. Time to be determined.

November 7 and 28 we also invite you to free Catholic movie nights at 7:00pm in the youth center. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Sign up by emailing Denise at: DGreene@kcascension.org, or calling her at 913-681-3348.

MINISTRY OF CARE

Respect Life Corner

No Late Abortions

On October 5, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 1922) was formally introduced in the U.S. Senate. The legislation provides common sense protections for unborn children at 20 weeks after fertilization, a point at which there is significant scientific evidence that abortion inflicts tremendous pain on the unborn child. (Previously, on October 3, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Pain-Capable legislation by a vote of 237-189). The United States is one of only 7 countries in the world (including China and North Korea) that allow abortions after 5 months. As the bill sponsor said: "...The United States should not be in that club. ...America is at her best when she's standing up for the least among us and the sooner we pass this legislation into law, the better...."

In a letter to all U.S. Senators, Cardinal Timothy Dolan (NY) urged support and a vote on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act without any weakening amendments. The Cardinal stated the Church's teaching on abortion are well known. The Church holds that every child, from conception onward, deserves love and the protection of law. The Church believes that no person or government has the right to take the life of an innocent human being. He went on to emphasize that: "Although we want, and will continue to work for, protections in law for human life from the beginning of its existence, for several reasons we think the proposed ban on abortion at 20 weeks after fertilization is a place to begin uniting Americans..."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal organization open to all Catholic men ages 18 and over. Interested in joining the Knights? Contact Desi O'Grady at desiogrady@yahoo.com or 913-485-1114.

The Knights will be serving a breakfast buffet Sunday, November 5, from 9:00am to noon in the parish hall. Pancakes, sausage, hash brown potatoes, cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice will be served. There is no cost however we will be accepting donations to help local charities supported by the Knights. Volunteers please sign up on our website at www.ascensionkofc.com or contact Scott Troester at rsjatroester@gmail.com.

Villa St. Francis "Clean-up" is scheduled for Saturday, November 4. We will meet at the Cracker Barrel at 8:00am. Volunteers needed! Please sign up on our website at www.ascensionkofc.com or contact Ken Jennison for more details!

"Sunday Dinner At Our House" is coming Sunday evening November 19, as the Knights will be hosting a BBQ dinner. We will be serving Kansas City BBQ favorites: pork ribs, pulled pork, sausage, beans, cheesy corn, and cole slaw as well as libations from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the parish hall. The cost is \$9.50 for adults 12 and over; \$5.00 for children 5 to 11; and free for children 4 and under. Cash, checks, credit and debit cards are welcome. All net proceeds go to support various Ascension and community charities. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up on our website at: www.ascensionkofc.com or contact Scott Troester at rsjatroester@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the October:

Knight of the Month – Frank Colletti

Family of the Month – Rick and Beth Lane Family

UPCOMING EVENTS (Sign up on our website www.ascensionkofc.com for activities)

- Knights Mass each Friday morning 6:45am.

- Villa St. Francis "Clean-up" Saturday, November 4.

- Breakfast Buffet - Sunday, November 5, from 9:00am to noon in the parish hall.

- Officers Meeting - Sunday, November 5, at 6:00pm in the Knights Room.

- Villa St. Francis "Bingo" Thursday, November 9.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

October 29 from 3:00pm-5:00pm will be the Children's Halloween Party in the parish hall. Join us today for a "Boo"-tastic Halloween party. We will have snacks, games and activities. Cannot wait to see all the kids' amazing Halloween costumes.

November 2 at 7:00pm in the parish hall will be MOYC's monthly meeting with host speaker Melissa Ely from Parents as Teachers.

Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) provides expectant moms through moms with second grade age children spiritual enrichment and fellowship. For more information, please contact Anna Schuster at 785-541-1154 or ksu_rock@hotmail.com. It is not too late to join!

A View of Ascension Catholic School

This is why we do Catholic school

CATHOLIC - ACADEMIC - COMMUNITY

Please join Ascension Catholic School for
All Saints Day Mass at 8:00am on November 1st.

See a living Communion of the Saints



Each year, our 8th graders complete a full research project on a saint. This includes weeks of study, writing and presentation boards, as well as finding connections to other saints and reflection of the saint in their own lives. These efforts cumulate in a community celebration at Mass and the Saints Museum, where eighth graders share their saint with younger students.

Ascension Catholic School builds faith, academics and community.

THIS is why you should consider Ascension Catholic School.

Share our HOPE to build the kingdom of God, one child at a time.

Ascension Catholic School invites all families to explore what our school offers.

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ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

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MINISTRY NEWS (Cont'd.)**OUR COMMON HOME MINISTRY**

Pope Francis in *Laudato Si mi' Signore* ("Praise be to you, my Lord"): "The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the...once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish. (This is) closely linked to a throwaway culture which...quickly reduces things to rubbish." One significant aspect of this cultural attitude is the issue of waste [food, water, fuel, etc.]!



Water

Some Areas of Waste

- ◆ Americans now use 127 percent more water than we did in 1950.
- ◆ 7 billion gallons wasted per day.
- ◆ About 95 percent of the water entering our homes goes down the drain.
- ◆ Running the tap while brushing your teeth can waste 4 gallons of water; extended showers can waste even more.
- ◆ Older toilets can use 3 gallons of clean water with every flush, while new toilets use as little as 1 gallon.
- ◆ Leaky faucets/toilets/sprinkler systems [one drip/minute = 34 gallons in a year].

Some Consequences

- ◆ Shortages lead to restricted usage.
- ◆ Food [meat/fruit/produce] shortages lead to inflated costs and/or absence of products.

Possible Solutions

- ◆ Brush teeth without water running.
- ◆ Shorter showers.
- ◆ Check/fix leaks in faucets/toilets/sprinkler systems; turn off sprinkler systems after beneficial rains.
- ◆ Replace old toilets with efficient ones.

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

K4C at 10:00am each Sunday.

Year I at 6:30pm will meet in the parish hall.

Year II at 6:30pm will meet in the youth center

COMMUNITY NEWS**PREFERENTIAL SHOPPING EVENT**

November 10, 6:00PM-8:00PM

GIFT GALLERY

November 11, 9:00AM-4:00PM

Cure of Ars Catholic School, Leawood, KS.

The 15th Annual Gift Gallery will be held on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00am to 4:00pm - with a New Preferential Shopping event on Friday, November 10, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This one-of-a-kind shopping event, hosted at Curé of Ars Catholic School (9401 Mission Road., Leawood, Kansas), brings together over 40 artisans and vendors selling unique items that are perfect for gifts, your home, and yourself. Gift Gallery is presented by the Curé of Ars Mothers of Young Children in partnership with Country Club Bank. Admission is \$5.00 at the door/\$20.00 for the Preferential Shopping Event, and proceeds benefit various local children's charities and scholarships. Visit www.giftgallerykc.com for more information and advance online ticket purchases.

CARING FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

November 11, 9:00AM

Savior Pastoral Center, Kansas City, KS.

Do you have a heart to help local children and families in crisis? Want to engage in bridging the gap between those who are vulnerable and their needs. Join others from churches and parishes across Kansas City to learn, listen, discuss and collaborate to launch or develop sustainable ministry on behalf of children and families on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00am-5:00pm at Savior Pastoral Center. More Details and Registration: <https://mygoproject.missionsconnex.com/gridkc17>

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

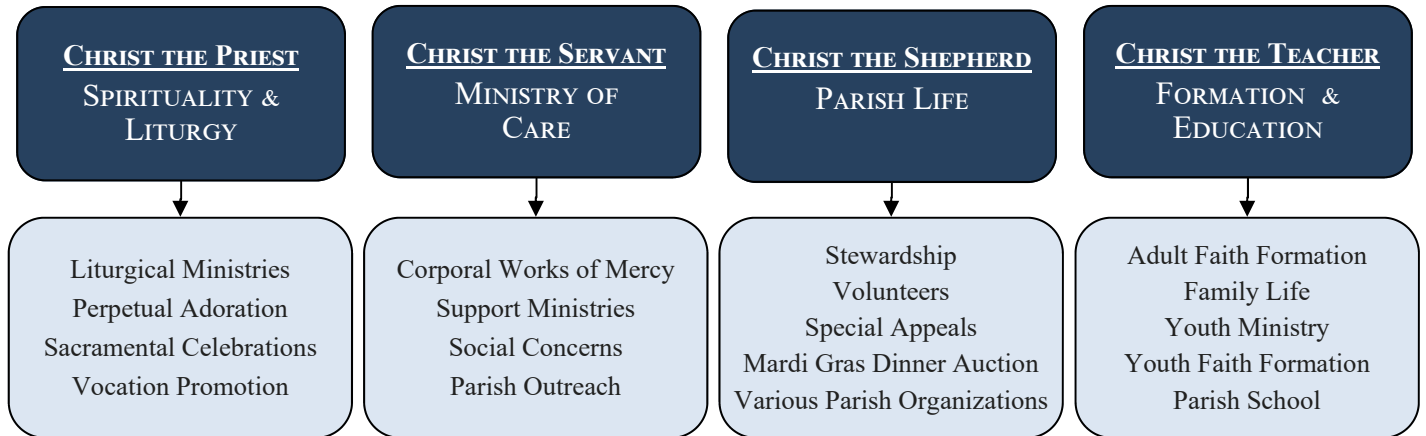
January 26, 2018

Union Station, Kansas City, MO.

How can you support the priesthood and seminarians while having an enjoyable evening? Attend the 25th annual "Support Our Seminarians" benefit dinner at beautiful Union Station. It is Friday, January 26, 2018, and will include speakers Archbishop Emeritus James Keleher, Fr. Jerry Arano-Ponce, and a seminarian. There is a marketplace, delicious Conception baked goods, and wonderful meal. Tickets are \$175.00 each and can be purchased at www.supportourseminarians.com or by emailing Martha Hodes at mmmhsos512@gmail.com. Proceeds go to each diocese's seminarian education fund, and to fund scholarships at Conception Seminary College.

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