



# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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JANUARY 31, 2016

*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Be it known to all who enter our schools that  
CHRIST  
is the reason for these schools,  
the unseen but ever present teacher  
in our classes,  
the model of our faculty,  
the inspiration of our students.**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



### 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:* 3:30 p.m.

### OFFICE HOURS

*Monday-Friday:*  
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

### ROSARY

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

MARDI GRAS



Mardi Gras 2016 Puppy!

“PUP” FRANCIS

AN ADORABLE FEMALE GOLDEN RETRIEVER

Will be one of the Live Auction Items at Mardi Gras!

Golden Retrievers are loved for their sweet, gentle and friendly disposition and are easily trained. “PUP” FRANCIS will be an ideal “new member” of your family!



Looking for that Special Gift?

Check out the “BUY NOW” Mardi Gras Items on our Website at [www.kcascension.org](http://www.kcascension.org)!



FR. NATHAN 2016 SELFIE CALENDAR

KC ROYALS ITEMS



KC CHIEFS

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BEAUTIFUL MINK STROLLER COAT



Questions? Contact Dawnlee Maurer at 681-3348 or via email at [dmaurer@kcascension.org](mailto:dmaurer@kcascension.org)

# *Mardi Gras 2016*

## *Saturday, February 6*



### *SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

*4:30pm - Mass      5:30pm - Doors Open      6:25pm - Dinner Seating*

*6:30pm - Welcome & Opening Prayer by Father Tom Followed by Dinner*

*6:50pm - Oral Auction followed by DJ & Dancing*

*10:00pm—All Silent Auction Rooms Close*

*Oral & Finest Auction Items—Just to Name a Few!*

*Vacation Destinations including Ireland, Lake Tahoe, Orlando & Las Vegas  
Framed Ascension Crucifix \* Patio Wicker Set \* Ultimate Trailergating  
Sporting Event Tickets & Packages for KC Royals, KC Chiefs & Sporting KC*



## *MARDI GRAS (Continued)*



To Make Mardi Gras 2016 a Success,  
we need more VOLUNTEERS like you!

If interested in joining the fun and supporting Mardi Gras 2016, **sign up with a friend or family member** on our parish website at [www.kcascension.org](http://www.kcascension.org) under Mardi Gras.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- \*Thursday & Friday Set Up
- \*Table Servers   \*Wine Servers
- \*Raffle   \*Registration/Check In & Check Out
- \*Oral Auction Spotters   \*Auction Room Monitors
- \*Clean UP   \*Office Help

# Mardi Gras 2016 Raffle

## Grand Prize \$5,000

*Seller of Winning Ticket Wins \$1,000*

**Drawing will be held February 6, 2016 during the Oral Auction!**

*Tickets available at the Parish Office, at Parish Events and the evening of Mardi Gras.*

Suggested donation is \$50 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$100.

Need not be present to win.

No purchase necessary. Proceeds benefit Church of the Ascension.

## ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Ascension Catholic School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 5



**Sunday: Celebrating Ascension Parish**

-CSW Student Led Mass 11:45 AM/Open House and New Parent Meeting 1:00PM-2:00PM

**Monday: Celebrating Volunteers**

-Special Thank You Notes to Our Volunteers/ Mixed Up Monday Dress Day

**Tuesday: Celebrating Vocations**

-All School Mass 8:00AM Priest Appreciation Day \*Happy Birthday Father Tom\*

**Wednesday: Celebrating Community**

-Living Rosary 8:00AM and Community Outreach

**Thursday: Celebrating Students**

-Mikey Needleman Band 2:05PM-3:05PM and Treats for Students!

**Friday: Celebrating Families**

-Special Thank You Notes to Our Families and School Family Activity

**FAITH • ACADEMICS • COMMUNITY**



*ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL (Continued)*



**Why Not Choose Ascension Catholic School?**

To Educate, Celebrate, and Serve in the Spirit of Christ

We will provide a curriculum that fosters Catholic values and faith development. This innovative curriculum will respect the student's individual differences, nurture the whole child, and prepare the students to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

**"Take A Look Tuesdays"**



Join an Ascension Catholic School Administrator or Staff Member after any Tuesday All School Mass for an Informational Tour of Our Remarkable School.

Please call the School's Office to set up your tour now!

913-851-2531

**New Family Meeting**

Sunday, January 31, 2016, 1:00PM-2:00PM

School Library

- Presentation
- Tours
- New Family Packets



## ASCENSION THIS WEEK

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, January 31**

Catholic Charities Food Drive, Parking Lot, Before All Masses  
 K of C Breakfast Buffet, Parish Hall, 8:00AM-Noon  
 Sunday Scripture, Conf. Rm., 9:15AM  
 K4C Classes, 10:00AM  
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 1:00PM  
 Baptisms, Church, 1:00PM  
 Ascension Catholic School New Family Mtg., Library, 1:00PM  
 Ascension Catholic School Parent Mtg., Church, 3:00PM  
 Al Anon Mtg., St. John Rm., 4:00PM  
 SOR, Year 1, 6:30PM  
 S & L, Youth Rm., 6:30PM

**Monday, February 1**

RCIA, St. Matthew Rm., 6:00PM  
 Parish Council Mtg., Conf. Rm., 7:00PM  
 Men's Basketball, Age 21+, Gym, 8:30PM

**Tuesday, February 2**

Ignatian Book Club, St. John Rm., 1:30PM  
 Ascension Catholic School Parent Mtg., Church, 6:00PM  
 Women of Ascension, Offsite, 7:00PM

**Wednesday, February 3**

SOR, 5:30PM  
 Zoom-HS Youth, Youth Rm., 6:00PM  
 Family Formation, Parish Hall, 6:00PM  
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 7:00PM  
 Men's Basketball, Age 21+, Gym, 8:30PM

**Thursday, February 4**

Addicted to Jesus, (A2J) Offsite, 5:30PM  
 MOYC Mtg., Library, 7:00PM

**Friday, February 5**

Challenge Girls Group, Library/Youth Rm. 5:00PM

**Saturday, February 6**

Public Square Rosary, Parking Lot, 12:00PM  
 Mardi Gras, 5:30PM

**Sunday, February 7**

K4C Classes, 10:00AM  
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 1:00PM  
 Baptisms, Church, 1:00PM  
 SOR, Youth Rm., 1:00PM  
 SOR Candidate/Sponsor Mtg., Gym, 1:00PM or 3:00PM  
 Al Anon Mtg., St. John Rm., 4:00PM  
 Face to Face, Church, 7:00PM

### STEWARDSHIP

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous.” (1 Corinthians 13:4)*

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less self-centered and more God-centered.

#### Financial Update

Weekly Offertory:	\$ 56,226.53
January 24, 2016	
Monthly Autodebit: December	\$ 180,456.57
628 Families on Autodebit	
Fiscal YTD: December, 2015	\$ 3,191,404.43
Registered Families	2,950

### ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

#### January 31 - February 5

Please see Page 5 for additional information.

### ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEW FAMILY MEETING

**January 31, 1:00PM**  
**Library**

Please see Page 6 for additional information.

### ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT MEETING

**January 31, 3:00PM**  
**Church**  
**OR**  
**February 2, 6:00PM**  
**Church**

## ASCENSION THIS WEEK (Continued)

### Coming to Ascension this Lent.....

Matthew Kelly's newest book Rediscover Jesus!



Matthew Kelly will take you on a 40 day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—the most amazing friend who is going to help you answer life's tough questions.

Ascension is providing **one free copy** of this book to each parish family. They will be distributed after all Masses the first weekend in February.

Read on your own, as a family or adults ...

**Sign up to discuss this book in a Lent Small Group at Ascension!** Groups will be offered both daytime and evening, at Ascension and

in parishioner's homes. They will begin the week of Ash Wednesday.

To sign up for the day and time most convenient for you, go to:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044FABAA29A75-lent](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044FABAA29A75-lent)

or go to [kcascension.org](http://kcascension.org) and look under What's Happening.

Please sign up by **February 1, 2016. Groups start week of February 8th.**

If you would like assistance in signing up, please call Denise Greene at:

913-681-3348 ext. 142 Monday- Friday from 8:30AM-11:30AM

*After Lent, we are asking you to pass the book on to someone else as our parish "evangelizes" to our community!*

Questions? Contact, Liz Willman, Director of Adult Faith at:

913-681-3348 ext. 139 or [lwillman@kcascension.org](mailto:lwillman@kcascension.org)



## *ASCENSION THIS WEEK (Continued)*

### **ZOOM**

**February 3, 6:00PM**  
Youth Rm.

All high school students are invited to join us for Zoom (food, fellowship, and small groups) in the Youth Room. Dinner starts at 6:00pm. Event runs until 8:00pm.

### **ADDICTED TO JESUS (A2J)**

**February 4, 5:30PM**  
Offsite

Calling all 6th and 7th grade Jr. High Youth to join A2J at Cosmic Jump February 4 at 5:30pm for fun and fellowship. The cost is \$10.00, and you are welcome to bring food to share as we are all family! See you there! Check our website for more detailed information. Scholarships available if needed.

### **MOYC MONTHLY MEETING**

**February 4, 7:00PM**  
Library

### **COVERED IN PRAYER AND SICK AND CAREGIVERS SUPPORT MINISTRY**

**February 4**  
Cancelled

There will be no Covered in Prayer or Sick and Caregivers Support Ministry on February 4 due to Mardi Gras set up. The next meeting will be on March 3. See everyone in March!

### **CHALLENGE GIRLS GROUP**

**February 5, 5:00PM**  
Library/Youth Rm.

The Challenge group is meeting from 5:00pm to 6:30pm this Friday, February 5. All 5th and 6th grade girls meet in the Library in the school, and 7th and 8th graders meet in the Youth Room. For more information about Challenge, contact Angela Nosworthy at [anosworthy5@gmail.com](mailto:anosworthy5@gmail.com).

### **PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY**

**February 6, Noon**  
Parking Lot

### **ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN**

**Pans Available February 6-7**  
**February 12, Drop-off by 8:30AM**  
Parish Hall

Please leave your donation of either fried chicken or garden salad in the lower level of the church. Fried chicken should be fully cooked and salad prepared without dressing. Pans will be available in the gathering area next weekend, February 6-7. Food should be delivered no later than 8:30am in the morning on Friday, February 12. For questions, please contact Dee Winters at 913-681-6112. To sign up please go to our website: [kcascension.org/Quick Links/Current Volunteer Sign-up](http://kcascension.org/Quick Links/Current Volunteer Sign-up).

### **NURSERY CLOSED**

**February 7**

The nursery will be closed Sunday, February 7, due to Mardi Gras clean up.

### **FACE TO FACE**

**February 7, 7:00PM**  
Church

Join us in our beautiful Sacred Space for an hour of family prayer time with live praise music and worship as well as Eucharistic Adoration and a student-led meditation. This is an all-ages event! Come and go as needed.

### **MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE**

**Sign Up Today**  
**Renew by March 4**

If you would like to renew your subscription or join the parish bulk order, you can find an envelope in the gathering area. Please fill out and return the envelope in the wooden box, or return to the parish office with your check made out to Church of the Ascension (\$25.00 per subscription) by March 4. Your first issue will arrive in May. Magazines can be picked up at the back of the church each month.

### **KAIROS RETREAT**

**Sign Up Today!**

**March 12-13**

**Offsite**

Please sign up for the upcoming Kairos Retreat. Find all forms and information at [www.kcascension.org/kairos](http://www.kcascension.org/kairos).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MEETING

**February 8, 7:30PM**  
**St. Luke Rm**

*Work of Mercy:*  
*Shelter the Homeless...*

*Feed the Hungry, Comfort the Afflicted*

Please attend this meeting if you have been thinking about or are planning to attend the mission trip this summer. We are going to Guatemala on May 30 through June 6. If you are wanting to go to Guatemala with our Parish Mission Trip and are unable to attend the meeting on February 8, please call Jean in the office at 913-681-3348.

This support ministry meets the second Monday of every month at 7:30pm. We have a sister Parish in Guatemala (Our Lady of Guadalupe in Xecocol), and we help support the refugees in Jordan, who are escaping the persecution in Iraq and Iran, through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Join us as we learn how best to use our resources.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

**February 10**  
**MASS TIMES ARE:**  
**6:45AM, 8:00AM, Noon**  
**5:00PM and 7:00PM**



### ASCENSION BOOK CLUB

**February 10, 1:00PM**  
**St. Monica Rm.**

Our book for February is A History of Loneliness by John Boyne. We will meet on Wednesday, February 10, at 1:00pm. Please note we are meeting in the St. Monica Room or "Cry Room" this month. For details call Linda Cook at 913-897-3201. Come join our discussion!

### MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**February 11, 6:30PM**  
**Church**

We will celebrate Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please join us if you wish to receive the Sacrament or provide prayerful support to those who are ill in our parish and beyond.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) NEED VOLUNTEERS

The Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name and leads them out. Are you being called to listen to God with the children?

CGS classes are currently being offered to kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders at Ascension Catholic School and also to kindergarten and preschool students through our SOR Program on Wednesday nights. We are in need of more trained catechists for our program to continue growing in our parish. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry and how you can help impact the youth of our parish, please contact Karen Newkirk at [knewkirk231@gmail.com](mailto:knewkirk231@gmail.com) or 913-814-9009.

### WANT TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT? Training Begins February 2

The need is great! Take the Tips-Mapp class, February 2 to April 21. The class is free and Ascension will help with childcare costs. Join us at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 12501 West 137th Overland Park, KS. Contact Jean in the office for questions, [jhinman@kcascension.org](mailto:jhinman@kcascension.org) or visit: [www.colonialkc.org](http://www.colonialkc.org).

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**Sign Up for an Hour Today!**

*Come to Jesus*

"Jesus: You transform our heart. You make us more beautiful. You show us the truth. You make our faces radiant. You remind us what really counts. You are a treasure chest of love..." --- Eucharistic Prayer

Holy hours needing weekly adorers are:

Sunday at 1:00pm and 6:00pm

Tuesday at 5:00am\*\*and 11:00am

Wednesday at 9:00am

Friday at 5:00pm

Saturday at 7:00pm, 9:00pm\*\* and 10:00pm\*\*

\*\*Asterisked Hours need the most and soonest help!

Contact Debbie at [deborasuzanne@gmail.com](mailto:deborasuzanne@gmail.com) or 913-485-8918 to help out! I can always add you on to any other Hour as well.



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

*You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.*

*Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.*

*Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,  
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
"If you knew the gift of God!"*

*You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.*

*You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after,  
loved, and forgiven by God.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

## WEEKLY PRAYER

# Mass Intentions For The Week



**NOTE:**

Please be sure to let us know when your loved one is better. Email Jean Hinman at: [jhinman@kcascension.org](mailto:jhinman@kcascension.org) or call the Parish Office 913-681-3348. Thank you.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 1</b>	
6:45AM	+Ken Bergeron	
12:00PM	+Mike Barthol by Wally Foote	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 2</b>	
<b>6:15AM</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
6:45AM	Grant Baalman by Dennis and Marjorie Levell	
8:00AM	+Ila Martin by Family	
<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
12:00PM	+John Cunningham by Family	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 3</b>	
6:45AM	+Peter Werkowitch	
12:00PM	+Evelyn Harbourne by Linda Harbourne	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 4</b>	
6:45AM	+Margaret Clark	
12:00PM	+Mary Dorothy Barnhorn by Jody and Dick Ong	
<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Weekly Rosary</b>	
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 5</b>	
6:45AM	+Charles B. Handy, +J. J. Pawlowski,	
	+Patricia Dors by Knights of Columbus	
12:00PM	+Martha Fretty by Wally Foote	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 6</b>	
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Weekly Rosary</b>	
8:30AM	+Gene Elliot, +Pamela Poe	
<b>3:30PM</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30PM	Ascension Parishioners                      Fr. Alessandro	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 7</b>	
8:15AM	+Paul Larson                                      Fr. Nathan	
	by Ascension Couples Bridge Club	
<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Weekly Rosary</b>	
10:00AM	+Marion Staab                                      Fr. Tom	
	by Kilgore Family	
11:45AM	+Jo Kellerman                                      Fr. Tom	
	by Mike and Diane Schmidt	
5:00PM	+Angelo and Linda Micheletto      Fr. Alessandro	
	by Daughters	

**Please let us know when your loved one is better!**

**Parishioners:**  
 Kathleen Baldwin, Joannie Basler, Janine Bensman, Jerry Blume, Emily Bono, Jamie Boos, Bill Borst, Heather Cardin, Jim Carey, Sun Hwa Colletti, Vince Costello, Hunter Cussigh, Chelsea Dalbey, Mike Delaney, Gary Denning, Bob and Mary Dinneen, Janet Dodd, Daniel Doherty, Rick Doran, Dave Dostal, Joe Esposito, Vinnie Fasone, Leona Fladung, Jennifer Fontana, Jack Gessler, George Gilbertson, Robert Gilworth, Galen Graham, Scott Graham, Mary Pat Harpenau, Laura Harris, Marsha Hatfield-Baker, Virginia Hermes, Burry Hinman, Lois Hochstatter, Barb Hughes, Wade Johnson, Helen Klimas, Trudy Larson, Marlene Maher, Bob Martinez, Jose Martinez, Lynne Minelli, Joe Montgomery, Mary Nail, Charles Nutt, Tom Oxley, Jeff Palmer, Lisa Palmer, Allison Policky, Kay Raab, Chandra Reynolds, Joyce Santinllan, Sarah Schaefer, Martha Schofield, Rosalie Schreiber, Deidre Sechi, Peggy Sharp, George Shore, Elisa Smith, Ana Sosa de Alonzo, Fr. Tom Tank, Nikki Toon, Dave Watson, Jack Weiss.

**Relatives & Friends of Parishioners:**  
 Rick Alvarez, Warren Allred, Vincent Ambrosechia, Irvin Arens, Julie Azinger, Sandy Bagni, Colleen Barbour, Salvadore Benavidez-Quirarte, Trudy Bergren, Rania Bouzahzah, Connor Boden, Becky Bove, Marla Bowers, Sandy Bugni, Cameron Burroughs, Tami Cross, Paula Darling, Daphe, Jim Davis, Marjorie Dempsey, Nolan Dombrowski, Joann Eaken, Daniel Ellis, Vinnie Fasone, Mike Fultz, Martha Gazley, Frederico Guillen, Delores Graves, Ann Gress, Trevor Gundlach, Bill Hamilton, Mary Ann Halsey, David Hartig, Jean Hartnett, Billy Heim, Wayne Jenicke, Claudia Roche, Kay, Bill Kehoe, Jessica Korte, Steve Kreiter, Ann Latora, Dean Leach, Diane Lechy, John Lichiello, Rhyan Loos, Leta Lorenzan, Stanley Malnar, Dale Marti, Debbie McGuffey, Tom McIntyre, John McKenzie, Nancy McQueeny, Mary Miller, Susan Miller, Ella Moore, Jim Murray, Eric Myers, Melinda Nedbelek, Beth Nelson, Sally Nixon, Coleen Oberle, Kevin O’Grady, Geraldine Ortmeier, Bridgann and Fred Overman, Lynda Peart, Ruth Plymire, Bob Potter, Julianna Quickel, Donna Ragan, Barbara Ramsey, Carol Reilly, George Rider, Lydia Rose Riggs, Patrick Ruelle, Lucca Sachse, Jon Sander, Julie Schlegel, Kristin Gunter Schwartz, Michael Schwarz, Sylvia Sims, Marie Vandelac, Matt Visi, Janice Weast, Joan Weis, Michael Wellinghoff, Eileen Werner, Rob Wilkins, David Wiltgen, Steve Williams, Shirley Wood, Karen Zegunis.

Unforeseen circumstances may require a change in the priest schedule.

**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Love Never Fails**

Of all the lines in the second reading, Paul's famous description of love, I think the one that says it all is "Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8). Out of context it sounds like the name of a hokey soap opera. Instead, Paul compares love to other gifts of the Spirit. He shows that love is the greatest gift and the reason for all gifts. First, he speaks of gifts without love. If someone was a great speaker, but without love, it would be self-serving. We've all heard politicians who make stirring speeches, not to move us to become better citizens, but to convince us that they are the best choice in an election. The same goes for other gifts, such as prophecy, knowledge, or faith. Without love, they become spectacles that draw attention to the one with the gift. They accomplish nothing more than to boost his or her ego, just more spiritual bling. Even self-sacrifice, without love, becomes an attention grabber. Suicide-bombers are an extreme example of this, but more a common one the person who says something like, "I gave up everything to be with you and what thanks do I get?" Next, Paul tells us everything that love is not (1 Corinthians 13:4-6). If the first part was gifts without love, this section could be called feelings without love. The feelings Paul mentions, such as jealousy, pride, brooding, and anger, usually come from thinking that everything should go my way. You can read the list yourself, but if you find anything that sounds familiar, it's a part of your personality that makes it difficult to love. The last section is about the permanence of love. We're not talking about romantic love here. Human love at best is "till death do us part." But God's love is only partially experienced in this life. Even the gifts of the Spirit are meant to carry us forward and lead others to eternal life. When we are finally united completely with God, faith will be unnecessary and hope will be realized. What remains is perfect love.

**New Parishioners**

Mrs. Mary Dearborn  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Gander and Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Halastik and Family  
Mrs. Eunice McLellan  
Mr. & Mrs. Tyson Thedinger and Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Vu and Family

**Banns of Matrimony**


Ashley Washburn and Nicholas Rudolph  
Laura Talken and Tyler Higginbotham


**From Death to New Life**

Patricia Dors, Wife of Don and Mother of Patrick  
Jean Kascak

**Baptisms**

Nathaniel McLellan  
Zechariah McLellan  
Gabriel McLellan

 **Prayer Partners Intention**  
Voicemail Number  
1-888-684-6555  
Thank you!

 If you have a relative or friend serving in the Armed Forces whom you would like for us to pray for, please add him/her to the list located in the gathering area. God Bless our soldiers!

**February 1-February 7**

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

## MINISTRY NEWS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization open to all Catholic men ages 18 and over. See the Knights' website [www.ascensionkofc.com](http://www.ascensionkofc.com) for more information.

Interested in joining the Knights? Contact Danny Walker at [walk6400@gmail.com](mailto:walk6400@gmail.com) 913-638-4024 or David Whitaker at [dwhitaker416@gmail.com](mailto:dwhitaker416@gmail.com) 913-626-2676.

Breakfast Buffet will be Sunday, January 31, from 8:00am-Noon. Please sign up on the Knights website. Contact Bill Fredrickson at [bilfred4949@yahoo.com](mailto:bilfred4949@yahoo.com) or 913-909-4492.

Fish Fry Season begins on Friday, February 12, and runs six consecutive Fridays through March 18. We need volunteers for all positions and all shifts. Please sign up on the Knights website. Contact Ralph LoBosco at [ralphlobosco@gmail.com](mailto:ralphlobosco@gmail.com) or 913-568-4566.

Fish Fry Desserts please consider making or buying desserts for the fish fries. The first Fish Fry begins on Friday, February 12, and runs for six consecutive Fridays through March 18. All fish fry desserts need to be dropped off in the lower level Knights room on Fridays between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Please contact Johnette Martin at [Johnette@johnettesmail.com](mailto:Johnette@johnettesmail.com) or 913-481-8663.

Calling All Future Knights! This is your opportunity to join the Knights of Columbus. Become a fellow member of the Knight's brotherhood. First degree installation will be Monday, February 22, at 6:30pm in the lower level. Please report at 6:15pm to complete paperwork. For additional information please contact Danny Walker at [walk6400@gmail.com](mailto:walk6400@gmail.com) 913-638-4024 or David Whitaker at [dwhitaker416@gmail.com](mailto:dwhitaker416@gmail.com) 913-626-2676.

Knights' Mass - We have designated the Friday, 6:45am Mass as the Knights Mass, and would like to encourage all Knights to attend and wear their Knights' shirt. The group normally sits on the left side, as you enter the Church, down towards the front.

Interested in joining the Knights Choir? Contact Dan Tira at [TiraD@umkc.edu](mailto:TiraD@umkc.edu) 913-451-2341.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Sign up on our website [www.ascensionkofc.com](http://www.ascensionkofc.com) for activities).

Knights' Mass each Friday morning 6:45am.  
Breakfast Buffet Sunday, Jan. 31, from 8:00am-noon.  
Officers' Meeting Monday, Feb. 8, at 6:30pm in the Knights room.

Fish Fry Fridays: 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11 and 3/18.  
Men Under Construction Saturday, Feb. 13.

February Council Meeting Monday, Feb. 22, 7:00pm,  
Rosary 6:30pm.

First Degree Monday, Feb. 22, 6:30pm, arrive at 6:15pm for paperwork.



### MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) provides expectant moms through moms with second grade age children spiritual enrichment and fellowship. To join, or if you have any questions, please contact Jamie Kahm at: [jamiakahm@gmail.com](mailto:jamiakahm@gmail.com) or 913-226-1776.

#### Upcoming Activities:

January 31 - New member social at 7:00pm at Talk of the Town (119th & Quivira).

February 4 - Monthly meeting at 7:00pm in the Ascension Library.

Please contact Danielle Reed at [dmr08c@my.fsu.edu](mailto:dmr08c@my.fsu.edu) to drop off any Mardi Gras donations! Thank you for your help!!

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Family Formation will meet Wednesday, February 3, at 6:00pm (parents in the parish hall and kids in classrooms).

Year I Confirmation - On February 7 we will have an alternative meeting time. It will be from 1:00pm to 2:00pm in the Youth Room. Enter the door from the outside that goes to the gym. If your child is not able to attend at 1:00pm they can attend the Face-to-Face from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the church (we will have a sign-in sheet there).

Year II Confirmation Candidates - Sunday, February 7, we will have our third Candidate/Sponsor Session at 1:00pm or 3:00pm. No S&L in the evening as a result. The letter to the Archbishop is due on that date (check your read folder for further details).

On Wednesday, February 10 we are asking all families of traditional SOR to attend Mass in place of class. Mass times are in the bulletin and on the website. No traditional SOR at 5:30pm on Wednesday, February 10.

Summer SOR Enrichment Session will be on Sunday, February 21. All will gather in the parish hall at 3:30pm (students and parents).

#### Mark Your Calendars

Vacation Bible School will be June 6-10.

Summer SOR will be June 20-30 from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

**COMMUNITY NEWS****HOMEMADE PASTA DINNER TO  
BENEFIT THE SISTERS SERVANTS OF  
MARY****February 7, 11:00AM****St. Patrick's Parish Center, Kansas City, KS.**

The Annual Pasta Dinner helps to fund the Sisters Servants of Mary who care for the sick and dying in our community by providing overnight nursing care at no cost to the family. St. Patrick's Parish Center is located at 9400 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for children under 10. The dinner includes: pasta, Italian sausage, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, coffee and tea. Carry out available for you to enjoy at home.

**RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM****February 17, Noon****Kansas State Capitol Building, Topeka, KS.**

The Catholic Bishops of Kansas and others concerned about the future of religious freedom will be hosting a Rally for Religious Freedom inside the Kansas State Capitol Building under the dome. A large turnout is needed to demonstrate to Kansas lawmakers that support for religious freedom in Kansas is strong. Let us make this as successful as the rally in 2012, which garnered national attention and was broadcast live on EWTN. We will have outstanding speakers including Ryan Anderson of the Heritage Foundation. For more information please visit [www.kscathconf.org](http://www.kscathconf.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: LIVING IN TRUTH  
KANSAS CITY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE****April 9, 7:30AM****Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, KS.**

Join women throughout the Kansas City area for a morning of prayer and inspiration from two internationally acclaimed Catholic speakers: Danielle Bean, a successful author, talk show host, and publisher/editor of Catholic Digest magazine; and Kelly Walhquist, an inspiring author, speaker, and assistant director for the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute in the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis. Archbishop Naumann will begin the conference by offering Holy Mass. Register and see full event details at this link: <http://livingintruthkc.com>.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE****Saturday – Feb 6 - 4:30PM**

Greeters: B &amp; A Fisher, T Creal

Sacristan: N &amp; S Huddlestun

Servers: J Minnis, M Newkirk, A Newkirk

Ushers: C Verville, J Krizman, C Jacobs, R Schwind, D Sosna, D Long

Lec/Com: Dierks, Billinger

E.M: N &amp; S Huddlestun, B Reed, J Spangler, P Sykes,

K &amp; S Talken, C Thorendahl, G Whyte, D Wille, K &amp; S Winkler,

C Arnold, R Commodore, B Dierks, K Farnan, C Geiger

**Sunday – Feb 7 - 8:15AM**

Greeters: D &amp; R Sumple, D &amp; K Schemmel

Sacristan: D &amp; K Schemmel

Servers: K Rempel, C Scheibel, L Staus

Ushers: T Ingram, A Flucke, J Flucke, S Gengler, P Healy,

R Kneib, D Levell, R Vosters

Lec/Com: Jennison, J Holmes

E.M: D &amp; K Schemmel, M &amp; T Severino, D Sumple, J Wagner,

J Walrod, G Wilferth, C Yorke, S Andra, G Arnone, B Bibler,

E Blaise, J &amp; P Blakeney, C Cure, R Doran

**Sunday – Feb 7 - 10:00AM**

Greeters: J &amp; T Baldwin

Sacristan: A &amp; R Lenertz

Servers: K Muckerman, M Muckerman, J Muckerman

Ushers: W Parsons, D Geck, E Kelly, J Kennedy, D Lisak,

J Searle, M Stolte, D Vater, J Woodruff

Lec/Com: Kenertz, Schmitz

E.M: A &amp; R Lenertz, K &amp; P Murphy, K O'Brien, M Peterson,

S Penn, J Pottier, A Rickert, K Rock, C Sroor, A Steenson,

L Stevens, C &amp; R Stump, J &amp; V Totta, K Weyforth

**Sunday – Feb 7 - 11:45AM**

Greeters: Scouts

Sacristan: N &amp; T (S) Bunker

Servers: A Thomas, F Bunker, I Cardin

Ushers: T Lehr, L Estrada, N Gould, F Montalvo, T Warriner,

G Sailer, J Sailer

Lec/Com: Boy Scout, Boy Scout

E.M: N Bunker, K Sutton, R Ullmann, D Urkevich, N Volz,

K Werkowitch, G &amp; T Anthone, M Anthone, M Brown,

K Fitzgerald

**Sunday – Feb 7 - 5:00PM**

Greeters: G Ruttman

Sacristan: D Rodriguez, A Weaver

Servers: E Lyon, D Minnis, J Shepherd

Ushers: B Shea, B Gilworth, K Shea, B Shea, N Shea, C Cardin,

I Cardin

Lec/Com: Rodriguez, Noon

E.M: D Rodriguez, A Weaver, C &amp; R Shaw, B Soukup, M Stuppy,

K Uebelhart, D &amp; D Warlick, M White, S Williams, M Winters,

E Bellamy, C Boudreaux, R Cotter

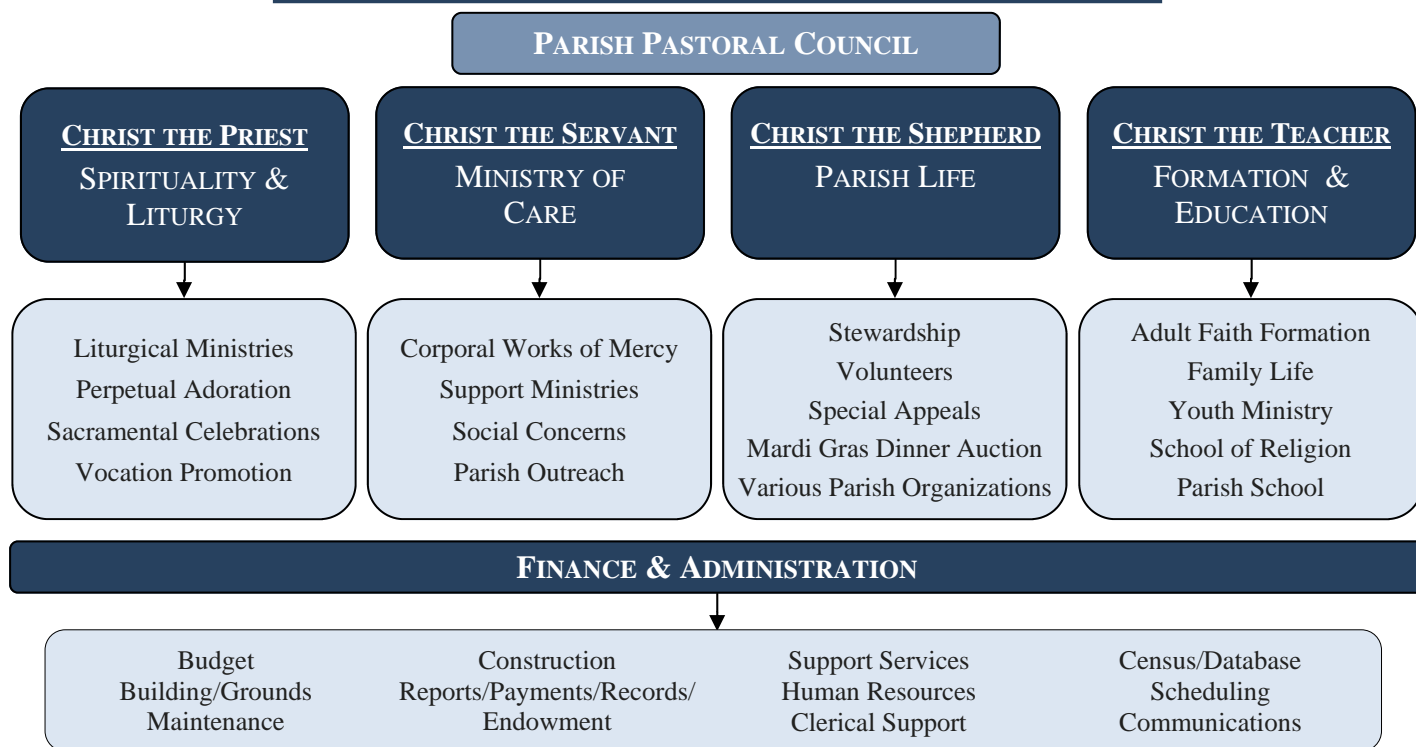
**Counters: Feb 8:** N Huddlestun, A Kernan, J & J Monty, J Riscoe

## FEBRUARY, 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>7 Scout Sunday-All Day K4C Classes-10AM Candidate/Sponsor Mtg., 1PM or 3PM SOR Year 1-1PM Baptisms-1PM AA-1PM; AI Anon-4PM Face-to-Face-7PM</p>	<p>1 RCIA-6PM Parish Council Mtg.-7PM Men's Basketball Age 21+-8:30PM</p>	<p>2 ACS All School Mass-8AM Ignatian Book Club-1:30PM ACS Parent Mtg.,-6PM Women of Ascension-7PM</p>	<p>3 SOR-5:30PM Family Formation-6PM Zoom-6PM AA-7PM Men's Basketball Age 21+-8:30PM</p>	<p>4 Addicted to Jesus-(A2J)-5:30PM MOYC Mtg.,-7PM</p>	<p>5 Challenge Girls Group-5PM</p>	<p>6 Public Square Rosary-12PM Mardi Gras-5:30PM</p>
<p>14 Donuts After 8:15AM &amp; 10AM Masses New Parishioner Mtg., 11:15AM Baptism Class-1PM MOYC Children's Valentine's Party-1PM AA-1PM; AI Anon-4PM</p>	<p>8 RCIA-6PM International Missions Mtg.,-7:30PM Men's Basketball Age 21+-8:30PM</p>	<p>9 Guadalupe House deliver desserts by 4:30PM Liturgy Committee Mtg.,-7PM</p>	<p>10 ASH WEDNESDAY Mass Times: 6:45AM, 8AM, Noon, 5PM and 7PM Book Club-1PM Zoom-6PM AA-7PM Men's Basketball Age 21+-8:30PM</p>	<p>11 Matthew Course 9:30AM and 7PM Legion of Mary-12:45PM Shalom House deliver desserts by 3PM American Heritage Girls-6PM Mass &amp; Anointing of the Sick-6:30PM</p>	<p>12 Men of Ascension-6AM St. Mary's Food Kitchen Deliver Food by 8:30AM Challenge Girls Group-5PM K of C Fish Fry-5PM-7:30PM Stations of the Cross-7PM</p>	<p>13 Men Under Construction.</p>
<p>21 Men's CRHP Weekend Len(ts) Get Personal-All Day Sunday Scripture-9:15AM K4C Classes-10AM AA-1PM; AI Anon-4PM Summer SOR Enrichment Session-3:30PM S&amp;L-6:30PM NFP for Engaged Couples-7PM</p>	<p>15 RCIA-6PM Men's Basketball Age 21+-8:30PM</p>	<p>16 Ignatian Book Club-1:30PM ACS Project Genesis-6PM</p>	<p>17 ACS All School Mass-8AM 55+ Fellowship-12:45PM SOR-5:30PM Zoom-6PM AA-7PM Men's Basketball Age 21+-8:30PM</p>	<p>18 Matthew Course 9:30AM and 7PM Legion of Mary-12:45PM Addicted to Jesus (A2J)-5:30PM</p>	<p>19 Men of Ascension-6AM Challenge Girls Group-5PM K of C Fish Fry-5PM-7:30PM Stations of the Cross-7PM</p>	<p>20 Men's CRHP Weekend-All Day Len(ts) Get Personal-All Day Bereavement Support Mtg.,-9AM</p>
<p>28 Len(ts) Get Personal-All Day Marriage Vow Renewals-During All Masses Donuts After 8:15AM &amp; 10AM Masses Sunday Scripture-9:15AM K4C Classes-10AM AA-1PM; AI Anon-4:00PM S&amp;L-6:30PM; SOR Year 1-6:30PM Year of Mercy Mission-7PM</p>	<p>22 Ladies Bridge-12:30PM Finance Council Mtg.-5:45PM RCIA-6PM Faith in Action Mtg.-6PM Men's Basketball Age 21+-8:30PM</p>	<p>23 ACS 5-8 Grade Mass-8AM Shalom House deliver desserts by 3PM ACS Project Genesis-6PM</p>	<p>24 ACS K-4 Grade Mass-8AM Guadalupe House-deliver desserts by 4:30PM SOR-5:30PM Zoom-6PM AA-7PM Men's Basketball Age 21+-8:30PM</p>	<p>25 Matthew Course 9:30AM and 7PM Legion of Mary-12:45PM</p>	<p>26 Men of Ascension-6AM Challenge Girls Group-5PM K of C Fish Fry-5PM-7:30PM Stations of the Cross-6PM Lenien Concert-7PM</p>	<p>27 Len(ts) Get Personal-All Day Hope-Faith Homeless Breakfast-7:30AM Family Retreat-9AM Marriage Vow Renewals-During 4:30PM Mass</p>



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