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

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JANUARY 15, 2017

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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.

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. Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the parish office or website for information and scheduling

MARRIAGE

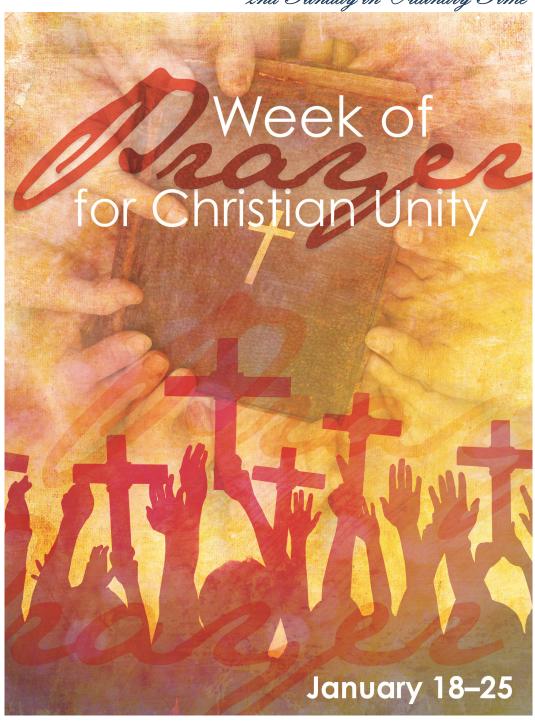
Couples should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to the wedding date

Annulments: Contact Fr. Tom or Fr. Regie

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MARDI GRAS



MARDI GRAS (Continued)



Mardi Gras 2017



Needs You!

If interested in supporting Mardi Gras 2017 through **Volunteer** efforts, look for the "**Volunteer Sign Up**" coming soon on our parish website under Mardi Gras!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

*Thursday & Friday Set Up *Table Servers *Wine Servers *Raffle

*Registration/Check In & Check Out *Oral Auction Spotters

*Auction Room Monitors *Clean Up *Office Help

Contact Dawnlee Maurer at dmaurer@kcascension.org with questions!

Mardi Gras 2017 Raffle

Grand Prize \$5,000

Seller of Winning Ticket Wins \$1,000

Drawing will be held February 25, 2017 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.

MARDI GRAS (Continued)

Attention All Parishioners!

Got a Gift Card for Christmas you won't use?....Donate it!

Mardi Gras Donations & Gift Cards Are Wanted!

Looking for

Tickets to Sporting Events * Airline and Hotel Points or Vouchers
Concert Tickets * Vacation Destination Accommodations

And Silent Auction Items for

Sports & Leisure * Home & Garden * Religious Items
His & Her Pamper Yourself Items * Children's Items

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Your donations are greatly appreciated for Mardi Gras 2017!

Questions? Contact Dawnlee Maurer at 681-3348 or via email at dmaurer@kcascension.org

****Looking for a Special Gift for that Special Person?

Check out the Mardi Gras page on our website at kcascension.org for BUY NOW Items!****









Mərdi Grəs Səturdəy, February 25 2017 Təble Sponsorships

Among the benefits you will enjoy: *Table Extraordinaire for 10 Guests for Event:

- *Premiere Seating Location
- *Dedicated wait staff
- *Special Gift for each Guest at your Table
- *Advertisement in Event Catalog
- *A Listing on Sponsorship Page of Event Catalog
- *Recognition on the Big Screens during the Auction
- *Acknowledgement on the Website with Hyperlink
- *First-in-line Checkout Service!
- *Carryout Service for all your purchases!

For more information on how your business can support the parish & be a corporate sponsor, please contact

Julie Stoll at 913-269-7124 or Julie@juliestoll.net



JOIN US FOR DINNER AT OUR HOUSE!!!

<u>"SUNDAY DINNER AT OUR HOUSE"</u>

Ascension Parish Dinner Sunday, January 15, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Mamma Mia! Thatsa Italian!!

MENU

Spaghetti, Rigatoni, with three sauces (Meat with homemade Italian Sausage, Marinara, or Alfredo)

Gourmet Pizzas

Italian Salad

Bosco or Italian Garlic Cheese Bread
Lemonade, Iced tea, Coffee, Water, Adult beverages
Ghiradelli Chocolate Brownie Sundaes

What a deal!!

Adults-12 & over-\$8.00 Children-5-11 (new lower price)-\$3.00 Children-4 & under-Free

Cash, Checks, Credit & debit cards Welcome

Net proceeds help support various Ascension & Community charities

Prepared and served by Ascension Knights of Columbus

SIGN UP TODAY!

Women's Retreat

"What do you want me to do for you?"

Presenters:

- * Fr. Alessandro
- * Dr. Joyce Grashoff
- * Mona Snider (Spiritual Director)
- * Susan Friedrichsen (Spiritual Director)

Savior Pastoral Center January 24, 9:00AM - Start time January 25, 4:30PM - End time

Transportation to and from Savior Pastoral Center to be provided.

Contact Laverne ONeill lavernetoneill@gmail.com or Deloris Moore nannyshouse@att.net with questions.

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT (Sign up today!!!)

One Flesh

Church of the Ascension February 4, 2017 9am-6:30pm Adult Faith - Parish Hall

A One Day Marriage Enrichment Retreat for Married Couples With Fr. Alessandro

Highlights Include:

- God's Marriage Mission
- Communication & Prayer as a Couple
- Forgiveness & Reconciliation
- Private Mass Followed by a Candlelight Dinner

Cost: \$50/Couple
Includes Registration, Light Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner

Contact Ray Martin with questions: rmartin@kcascension.org

One flesh REGISTRATION - RSVP By January 15, 2017		
Please return with cash or check payable to Church of the Ascension to Parish Office or Gathering Space Lock Box		
NAMES:		
Email Address(es):		
Phone:		
Comments/Special Dietary Accommodations:		

THE JOYFUL MARRIAGE PROJECT





The Joyful Marriage Project is an initiative created to fulfill the Archbishop's vision of inviting each couple to commit to marriage enrichment. This invitation will be made in February of 2017. The initiative is to help couples experience a joyful marriage which is a true "dream home" for which they can plan and build.



Online: www.kcascension.org/joyful-marriage Contact: Ray Martin rmartin@kcascension.org

Ascension Marriage & Family Enrichment

These are many of the enrichments that Ascension parishioners may commit to in 2017:

- Attend weekly Mass together
- One Flesh—One Day Retreat with Fr. Alessandro 2/4/17
- Holy Hour for Marriages on World Marriage Day 2/12/17 at 3pm
- Everyday in Love— Saturday Morning Speaker Series Lent, 2017
- Intro. to NFP with Ashley Stoll of FertilityCare Centers of KC Feb, May, Sept, 2017
- The Choice Wine Small Groups (Groups now forming)
- Families of Character—Do it yourself home program
- Face to Face— Adoration 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm
- School of Love—Date Nights 1st Thursday of the month
- Amoris Laetitia Email Retreat
- Marriage Encounter or Living in Love Retreats
- Volunteer as a mentor or marriage prep couple

More To Be Announced!

ASCENSION THIS WEEK

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 15

Baby Bottle Boomerang, Gathering Area, All Day Roses for Life, Gathering Area, After All Masses Donuts, Parish Hall, After 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses Confirmation Retreat, Offsite, 9:00AM Sunday Scripture, Conf. Rm., 9:15AM Kids for Christ, (K4C), 10:00AM New Parishioner Informational Mtg., St. Matthew Rm., 11:15AM Baptisms, Church, 1:00PM AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 1:00PM AI Anon Mtg., St. John Rm., 4:00PM K of C Italian Dinner, Parish Hall, 6:00PM-7:30PM Year-1, Youth Faith Formation, 6:30PM

Monday, January 16

NET Zoom Winter Retreat, Youth Ctr., 8:30AM Legion of Mary, St. Luke Rm., 10:30AM RCIA Class, St. Matthew Rm., 6:00PM Demo Mass with Father Tom, Church, 7:00PM St. Dismas Prison Ministry Mtg., St. Luke Rm.,7:00PM Men's Basketball Age 21+, Gym, 8:30PM

Tuesday, January 17

Consoling the Heart, St. Luke Rm., 9:30AM Holy Conversation Book Club, St. John Rm., 10:45AM Attached to Jesus (A2J), Youth Ctr., 5:30PM Consoling the Heart, St. Luke Rm., 7:00PM

Wednesday, January 18

Fathers of St. Joseph, Church, 6:00AM Fathers of St. Joseph, St. Matthew Rm., 6:30AM Youth Faith Formation, (YFF), 5:30PM First Holy Communion Parent Mtg., Parish Hall, 5:30PM Zoom-HS Youth, Youth Ctr., 6:00PM AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 7:00PM

Thursday, January 19

Epic, St. Matthew Rm. 9:30AM Epic, St. Matthew Rm., 7:00PM Lector Social, St. John Rm., 7:00PM

Friday, January 20

Men of Ascension, St. Luke Rm., 6:00AM

Saturday, January 21

What's That Pack n Play For?, Gathering Area, All Day Altar Server Training, Church, 9:30AM

Sunday, January 22

What's That Pack n Play For?, Gathering Area, All Day Donuts, Parish Hall, After 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses Sunday Scripture, Conf. Rm., 9:15AM Rose Procession, Church, During 10:00AM & 5:00PM Masses Kids for Christ, (K4C), 10:00AM AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 1:00PM Al Anon Mtg., St. John Rm., 4:00PM First Holy Communion Parent Mtg., Parish Hall, 6:30PM Year-1, Youth Faith Formation, 6:30PM Year-2, S&L, Gym, 6:30PM Joint Prayer Service with Lutherans, Church, 7:00PM

STEWARDSHIP

Financial Update

Weekly Offertory: Jan. 8 \$43,501.62 Monthly Autodebit: December \$190,236.17

677 Families on Autodebit

Fiscal YTD: December, 2016 \$3,239,725.86 Registered Families 3,104

ROSES FOR LIFE - SIGN A ROSE January 15-16

On January 22, we have a procession of roses brought to the altar at 10:00am and 5:00pm Mass to remember and pray for all the babies who have been aborted legally in the US since Roe v Wade was decided. We remember and pray for the moms and dads and families affected by this decision. Our archdiocese has programs to help with understanding and forgiveness if you have been involved in an abortion. Please see kcascension.org, Find Support/Respect Life/Project Rachel or Project Joseph.

Today we also "sign a rose" to give to our legislators as a visible sign of our support of life! If you missed signing a rose, take a minute and do so this week in the office. The legislators are quite impressed with the display!!!

BABY BOTTLES WANTED Return by January 22

Please return your baby bottles (even if empty, from the "Boomerang" so we can return to Advice and Aid). If you were unable to fill them this year, we will consider them "filled with prayers!" Bring them to the gathering space and place in the basket or drop off to the parish office.

NET ZOOM WINTER RETREAT January 16, 8:30AM Youth Ctr.

It is not too late to come to the Zoom Winter Retreat. The NET (National Evangelization Team) will be providing a one -day retreat entitled "Fully Alive" for all high school students. Cost is \$65.00 at the door. Please bring a snack to share. Contact Joe/Chelsea at findithere@gmail.com for more information.

WOMEN OF ASCENSION "Cookbook Library" Recipes Due by January 16

Share your favorite appetizer recipes today by emailing to m.keane@aol.com or drop in the wooden WOA box in the vestibule of the church. Please include your name, a contact number and a little bit about your family or the origination of the recipe. Recipe submission deadline is Monday, January 16. Contact Madeline Keane at 913-634-6656 for any questions or assistance!

ASCENSION THIS WEEK (Continued)

FATHER TOM DEMONSTRATION MASS January 16, 7:00PM Church

Come join Father Tom in the Church for a Demonstration Mass. Father will walk through each portion of the Mass and explain where the tradition comes from and why we do it. This is not a full Mass, as there will not be a consecration of the Eucharist, rather, it is an instructional Mass. Come find out more about our rich tradition of the Mass!

ST. DISMAS PRISON MINISTRY MEETING **January 16, 7:00PM** St. Luke Rm.

ATTACHED TO JESUS (A2J) January 17, 5:30PM Youth Ctr.

All 6th and 7th grade students are invited to join us for youth group. Pizza, games, small groups, and a short message will be provided. Check it out and feel free to bring a friend!

ZOOM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH **January 18, 6:00PM** Youth Ctr.

Zoom (high school youth group) is Wednesday, January 18. This month's series is about LIFE with a big movie night event on January 25! Join us for dinner at 6:00pm and guest speakers from Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center to follow. All 9th-12th graders are invited! Contact Chelsea/Joe for more information at findithere@gmail.com or 913-681-7683.

LECTOR SOCIAL **January 19, 7:00PM** St. John Rm.

Lector fellowship and fun! To all those who serve on the Lector Ministry....come join in meeting your fellow lectors for food, fun and fellowship on Thursday, January 19, from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the St. John room. Please RSVP to Tricia Baldwin at tbaldwin@acseagles.org so we can get an accurate headcount.

WHAT'S THAT PACK N' PLAY FOR? January 21-29, All day **Gathering Area**



Respect Life Ministry, along with the Knights of Columbus, are out to help stock Advice and Aid and Wyandotte Pregnancy Centers, where girls or women can go who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Giving hope sometimes looks like: crib sheets, baby clothes, onesies, jammies, "wearable" blankets, diapers, wipes, anything for a newborn up to age 1. Drop off in the gathering area January 21 through the 29.

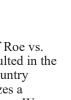
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING **January 21, 9:30AM** Church

Altar server training for boys and girls entering 6th grade and above, who have not previously served or who need refresher training, will be Saturday, January 21, 9:30am to 11:30am, in the church. There will be a short meeting for parents at the beginning of the training. Please call or email Jim or Michelle Maxwell with questions, 913-302-7180, or email: memaxgam@gmail.com, jpmaxsr@gmail.com. Thank you.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Beginning January 22, 9:15AM Conference Rm.

Come join us! Beginning Sunday, January 22, following the 8:15am Mass in the conference room. We will be looking at the short book entitled Jesus of Nazareth, The Infancy Narratives, by Pope Benedict XVI. Bring your own book and join us in the journey to a deeper understanding of our faith. For questions call Keith Rickert 913-735-5247.

ROE VS. WADE ROSE PROCESSION Sign Up Today! January 22, During 10:00AM And 5:00PM Masses Church



January 22, 2017 will mark the 44th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade which made abortion legal and has since resulted in the deaths of over 50 million unborn children in our country alone. Each year the Respect Life Ministry organizes a procession during Masses on Sanctity of Life Sunday. We are in need of a lot of young helpers to represent each year of life chosen since Roe vs. Wade. We especially need teens and adults. If you or any of your children are able to participate in one of the Masses, please go to our website keascension.org and click on "Quick Links/Current Volunteer Sign Ups," on the Home Page to sign up.

ASCENSION THIS WEEK (Continued)

JOINT PRAYER SERVICE WITH HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH January 22, 7:00PM Church



Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us

2017 marks the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation. This year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) emphasizes our hope for the ecumenical commemoration of this event that has resulted in deep divisions within Christ's church.

On January 22 at 7:00pm, Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Church of the Ascension will mark the beginning of this commemoration year with a joint service of prayer and conversation that will help us begin to grapple with our differences and to lean into the unity which is ours in Christ. Following the service of prayer, there will be a social and a question and answer hosted by Pastor Mike and Father Tom. What is something you have always wondered about Lutherans? What have you always wanted to ask a Catholic priest? What does this commemoration mean for the Church?

7:00 pm-7:30pm - Prayer service at Ascension (in the church). 7:30pm-8:30pm - Social and "Question and Answer" (St. Matthew Room).

If you would like to submit a question for the Q & A portion, please email it to: lwillman@kcascension.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP January 27, 7:30PM Gym

The Knight of Columbus would like to invite all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 to participate in our annual Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship. The event will be held on Friday, January 27, from 7:30pm-9:30pm in the school gym. Winners of each age group will progress through local, district, and state competitions.

In previous years over 344,000 kids have participated in over 4,700 events. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. All contestants will need to be able to show proof of age and turn in an entry form. You can get one by clicking on the Knights of Columbus website or emailing edbellamy17@hotmail.com.

At Ascension the Knights of Columbus are proud of the service we provide in volunteering man hours, money, and resources to our church, council, communities, families and our youth. We hope that you can find the time to participate in this fun event.

FREE ROSARY REPAIR

There is a "good neighbor" who repairs rosaries for free. We can use any extra rosaries or spare parts for the hospitals and assisted living facilities. If you need this service or have extra rosaries or parts to donate, please contact Jean in the office at 913-681-3348.

ALL ARE INVITED! KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINE TASTING EVENT January 28, 6:00PM Offsite

All parishioners, please join us for a wine tasting event to benefit Villa St. Francis, a catholic non-profit skilled nursing facility. The event will be held Saturday, January 28, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at Talk of the Town, 135th & Nall. A four-course prime rib dinner with a sampling of wines will be served. The cost is \$40.00 per person or \$75.00 a couple payable at the door. Cash, checks, credit and debit cards welcome. We do ask that you sign up on the Knights website http://ascensionkofc.com/event/villa-st-frances-wine-tasting/or contact Bob Ruthig at: rruthig24786@everestkc.net or 913-239-9731.

2017-2018 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAPPENING SOON! NEW FAMILY MEETING January 29, 1:00PM Library

Ascension Catholic School is a Great Choice! 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. Please call the school office for more information 913-851-2531.

- FAITH
- ACADEMICS
- COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED / GENERAL INFORMATION



Couples Needed To Lead In-Home Small Groups!



Groups can meet on their own timeline. Contact Ray Martin rmartin@kcascension.org for more information or by calling the parish office 913-681-3348.

REMEMBER CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION IN YOUR PLANNED GIVING

Church of the Ascension invites you to leave a lasting legacy to the parish. Planned Giving is a means to thoughtfully transfer resources to the next generation and helps the church gather the funds necessary for its mission and ministry. Examples of Planned Giving include: Last Will and Testament, Revocable Trust, Charitable Gift Annuities and Memorial Gifts. If you have questions or you need more information about including Church of the Ascension in your Planned Giving, please contact Dawnlee Maurer at dmaurer@kcascension.org or call the church office at 913-681-3348.

PERPETUAL ADORATION Join Jesus in our beautiful Chapel downstairs! The following Holy Hours need Help:

Sunday at noon and 1:00pm

Tuesday at 1:00am

Wednesday at 9:00am
Friday at 4:00pm and 11:00pm
Saturday at 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm and 10:00pm
Please contact Debbie Engel at debora.suzanne@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.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Mass Intentions For The Week

January 16 Monday +David Rinkemeyer by Kelly Mayer 6:45AM 12:00PM +Gary Ray Denning by Pat & Dotty Healy January 17 **Tuesday** Reconciliation 6:15AM Maureen Davis by Catholic Cemeteries 6:45AM +Thomas Brady by Baska Family 8:00AM 11:30AM Reconciliation 12:00PM +Lyle Dreibelbis by Kay Lampe Wednesday January 18 +Mary Kluesner by Bill & Clarita Culpepper 6:45AM 12:00PM +Florence Freiburghouse by Carole & George Beaumont **Thursday** January 19 6:45AM +Reuben Aguayo by Diane Rash 12:00PM +David William Stobie by the Kwapiszeski Family 6:30PM Weekly Rosary 7:00PM Reconciliation **Friday** January 20 6:45AM +Bradley Gregson, +Jean Hartnet, +Alex Graham, + Mauricio Montalvo by Knights of Columbus 12:00PM +Gary Denning by Ray & Joan Hamilton Saturday January 21 8:00AM Weekly Rosary +Pat Dors, +Richard Casey, +Doug Campbell 8:30AM 3:30PM Reconciliation 4:30PM +Raymond Pierron Fr. Regie by Dianne Karis Sunday January 22 8:15AM Ascension Parishioners Fr. Regie 9:30AM Weekly Rosary 10:00AM +Florence Freiburghouse Fr. Tom by Michaela & Jack Brady 11:45AM +Judith Herron Fr. Alessandro by Anthony Gengenbach

Unforeseen circumstances may require a change in the priest schedule.

& Lisa Ragan & Family

+Robert Miller

5:00PM

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.

Please let us know when your loved one is better! Parishioners:

Millie Astuto, Kathleen Baldwin, Janine Bensman, Millie Bock, Jamie Boos, Bill Borst, Heather Cardin, Vince Costello, Hunter Cussigh, Chelsea Dalbey, Mike Delaney, Bryan Dickerson, Toni Dillane, Bob and Mary Dinneen, Stephanie Dolak, Rick Doran, Joe Esposito, Vinnie Fasone, Molly Foltz, Jennifer Fontana, Doug Geck, Jack Gessler, George Gilbertson, Robert Gilworth, Roger Goodrich, Scott Graham, Mary Pat Harpenau, Virginia Hermes, Burry Hinman, Barb Hughes, Jeff, David Long, Joann Mader, Dale Marti, Jose Martinez, Jim McAuliffe, Lynne Minelli, Deloris Moore, Mary Nail, Jeff Palmer, Lisa Palmer, Carmen Porterfield, Kay Raab, Dolores Rodriguez, Martha Schofield, Deidre Sechi, Mary Shriver, George Shore, Mary, Elisa Smith, Jill Smith, Ana Sosa de Alonzo, Patricia Spinler, Wanda Stepanich, Sheila Strecker, Carol Stump, Fr. Tom Tank, Hilde Virgilio, Collin Warrender, Dave Watson.

Relatives & Friends of Parishioners:

Fr. Larry Albertson, Lyla Aldredge, Keith Anderson, Alex, Angee, Gaby Beckstrom, Colleen Barbour, Richard Bins, Brett Blanchard, Bob Bozek, Marie Brancato, Suezanne Brito, Aaron Brotman, Gabriel Brown, Verona Brown, Gladice Budlong, Cameron Burroughs, Bob Butters, Major Jason Caranta, Brian Cavanaugh, Kayla Chranz, Jerry Christiansen, Herschel Clark, Linea Colwell, Paula Darling, Daphe, Vinnie DeCarlo, Ken Denesia, Sister Frances Dillman, Rose DiTeresi, Anne Dykes, Aaron Erickson, Catherine Gasser, Betty Godar, Fred Godar, Erik Gregory, Emma Gibbar, Fr. Jim Giglotti, Delores Graves, Carol Ingram, Debbie Hayes, Terrance Heeney, Geri Henning, Kristin Hlavacek, Jack, Joe, Michael Kauffman, Terry Kauffman, Father Tom Kearns, Jessica Korte, Ann Latora, Scott Leahy, John Lichiello, Rebecca Locke, Barbara Lockhart, Jack Maher, Todd Martin, Mohan, Ella Moore, Nancy Newman, Pam Nolan, Tammi Nordmeyer, Elaine O'Connor, Darrell Odle, Kevin O'Grady, Geraldine Ortmeier, Glenda Palazzolo, Dan Peterson, Jacque Pfeifer-Moffitt, Carol Reilly, Claudia Roche, Carl Roemmele, Cindy Romito, Lucca Sachse, Bert Scholz, Susan Spears, Kristen Spiecker, Tanner Strathman, Joel Sydzyik, Michele Vigil, Michael Ward, Michael Wellinghoff, Helen Wiedle, Eileen Williams, Justin Williams, Bob Wilson, David Wiltgen.



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

Fr. Tom

WEEKLY PRAYER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Behold the Lamb of God

I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. Did they associate that name with the paschal lamb whose blood protected the Israelites from the Angel of Death? After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus, yet he trusts God's revelation that Jesus would "baptize with the Holy Spirit" (John 1:33). We also may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through him. Originally John baptized others as sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel" (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be. What looks like failure to us can be success in God's eyes. John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. While that sounds obvious to us, it took courage to say that to people who would have thought it blasphemy. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it, and even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others. As we point out the Lamb of God to those who don't know him, we get to know him better ourselves.

Please pray for our active duty service members:



Major Jason Caranta, Lt. Jake Morin, USAF; LCDR TJ Dierks, USN; Larry Homan; 1st Lt Stephen Cuff, Army Airborne; Lt Corporal Luke Talken, USMC., Lance Corporal Jonathan Scavuzzo, USMC.

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

Baptisms

Emily Jean Rubik Nora Kim Holler

From Death to New Life

Carolyn Endsley, Sister of Bill Lucy Meyer, Aunt of Laverne O'Neill

January 16 - 22

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23 -- 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

A HOLY RIDDLE

Can you answer all seven of the following questions with the same word?

- 1. The word has seven letters...
- 2. Preceded God...
- 3. Greater than God...
- 4. More evil than the devil...
- 5. All poor people have it...
- 6. Wealthy people need it...
- 7. If you eat it, you will die.

Answer on Page 16.

MINISTRY NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

<u>The Knights of Columbus</u> is a Catholic Men's Fraternal organization open to all Catholic men ages 18 and over. Interested in joining the Knights? Contact Bill Fredrickson at <u>billfred4949@yahoo.com</u> or 913-909-4492 for more information.

Family Italian Dinner on Sunday, January 15, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the parish hall. Spaghetti, rigatoni, with three sauces (meat with homemade Italian Sausage, marinara, or alfredo) gourmet pizzas, Italian salad, Bosco or Italian garlic cheese bread, lemonade, iced tea, coffee, water, adult beverages, Ghirardelli chocolate brownie sundaes. Adults-12 & over-\$8.00, Children-5-11 (new lower price)-\$3.00, Children-4 & under-free. Cash, checks, credit and debit cards welcome. Net proceeds help support various Ascension and community charities. Volunteers please sign up on the Knight's website www.ascensionkofc.com or contact Frank Colletti at frankcolletti@att.net or call 913-406-2995.

Meeting reminder - the next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, at 7:00pm in the parish hall. Rosary is at 6:30pm in the church, First Degree at 6:30pm.

The Knight of Columbus would like to invite all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 to participate in our annual Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship. The event will be held on Friday, January 27, from 7:30pm-9:30pm in the school gym. Winners of each age group will progress through local, district, and state competitions.

In previous years over 344,000 kids have participated in over 4,700 events. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. All contestants will need to be able to show proof of age and turn in an entry form. You can get one by clicking on the Knights of Columbus website or emailing edbellamy17@hotmail.com.

At Ascension the Knights of Columbus are proud of the service we provide in volunteering man hours, money, and resources to our church, council, communities, families and our youth. We hope that you can find the time to participate in this fun event

All parishioners, please join us for a wine tasting event to benefit Villa St. Francis, a catholic non-profit skilled nursing facility. The event will be held Saturday, January 28, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at Talk of the Town, 135th & Nall. A four-course prime rib dinner with a sampling of wines will be served. The cost is \$40.00 per person or \$75.00 a couple payable at the door. Cash, checks, credit and debit cards welcome. We do ask that you sign up on the Knights website http://ascensionkofc.com/event/villa-st-frances-wine-tasting/or contact Bob Ruthig at: rruthig24786@everestkc.net or 913-239-9731.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u> (Sign up on our website www.ascensionkofc.com for activities). Knights Mass each Friday morning 6:45am. Family Italian Dinner Sunday, January 15. January Council Meeting Monday, January 23, in the parish hall at 7:00pm, 6:30pm Rosary in the church. First Degree Monday, January 23, 6:30pm. Villa St Francis Wine Tasting Saturday, January 28, at Talk of the Town at 6:00pm.

MINISTRY OF CARE

Respect Life Corner January 14-15

A Sad Anniversary

January 22, 2017, marks the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our country. Since the Court's 7-2 decision, over 55+ million lives have been ended by abortion. The impact of this disregard for the most innocent in our society is immeasurable, but is reflected in the actions of people toward one another, from rampant murder in our streets to the advance of euthanasia. Into this caldron of darkness, the Respect Life Community through the grace of God brings the light of hope. During this Sanctity of Life Month, Ascension parishioners are coordinating: The Baby Bottle Boomerang, Roses for Life, Crosses on the Lawn, and a Rose Procession on the 22nd. Acting on the directives of St. Pope John Paul II who tells us it our duty to defend and promote life, we are called to participate and persevere in the defense of the most innocent until our land is free of this curse.

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 Meghan McEvoy at meghan.j.meevoy@gmail.com or 913-475-1026.

The email list for sending event information was updated based on submitted enrollment forms. If you are not receiving weekly emails or want to enroll, contact Meghan.

Upcoming Activities:

January 26 - Rosary for unborn and miscarried babies at 8:00pm at Colleen Carmody's house. See weekly email for address

February 2 - Children's outing at 11:00am at Chick-fil-a for lunch then open gym at Blue Valley Recreation from 12:00pm-1:00pm.

February 2 - Monthly meeting at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- K4C today at 10:00am.
- Year I meetings at 6:30pm in their classrooms.
- Year I parent meeting in the church.
- No Year II (S&L) due to Confirmation retreat.
- Traditional Youth Faith Formation at 5:30pm on January 18.



First Holy Communion Parents Meetings
Attend 1 of the following: Wednesday
January 18, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm or
Sunday, January 22, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm
in the parish hall.

ASCENSION CATHOIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL



We are pleased to announce the Ascension Catholic Preschool will be open in August of 2017! We are thrilled to have Mrs. Lynette Rempel as our director and two part-time aides as we begin this new adventure for our school. The philosophy of Ascension's early childhood program is to provide a loving and nurturing environment that fosters Catholic values and faith development while growing in knowledge. At Ascension, we nurture the development of the whole child, understanding that intelligence is only one aspect of development. We believe that each child is unique, and the child's individuality must be respected throughout the educational process. It is our goal to recognize each child's strengths and to guide the child spiritually, academically, and socially, including by instilling skills that will help the child reach his or her full potential. Preschool enrollment protocol will be a random lottery system. For more information about enrollment, please call the school office at 913-851-2531.

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- Registration fee for all students of \$75.00 per year.
- Activity fee for all students of \$50.00 per year.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS FILM SERIES Beginning January 15, 6:30PM Nativity, 3800 W. 119th Street, Leawood, KS.

Make it a new year's resolution to grow in your faith! Join Church of the Nativity, 3800 W. 119th Street, for this sixpart film series beginning January 15 at 6:30pm that will focus on great Saints, artists, mystics, and scholars in our Catholic tradition.

"Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" is a multi-part film series that illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. Join us at Nativity for this six-part series Sundays at 6:30pm in the St. Joseph room. All are welcome. For more information, contact Sonya Salazar in the parish office at sonya@kcnativity.org or 913-491-5017. Class schedule for Pivotal Players by Bishop Robert Barron:

Jan. 15 St. Francis:

Jan. 22 St. Thomas Aquinas

Jan. 29 Blessed John Henry Newman

Feb. 5 St. Catherine of Siena

Feb. 12 G. K. Chesterton

Feb. 19 Michelangelo

43RD ANNUAL SNOW BALL **January 21, 6:00PM Overland Park Convention Center** 6000 College Blvd. Overland Park, KS. 66211

Benefiting Catholic Charities Foundation of Northeast Kansas. Register online at https://catholiccharitiesks.org/ special-events/snow-ball/registration/.

iCARE MASS January 28, 6:00PM Queen of the Holy Rosary, Overland Park, KS.

Mass will be followed by a social with refreshments. Queen of the Holy Rosary Church is located at 7023 W. 71st Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66204. iCare Masses provide adapted liturgies for persons of all ages with developmental disabilities. All are welcome. For more information visit our website: www.icarenek.org.

8TH GRADE PRO-LIFE ESSAY AND DIGITAL MEDIA CONTEST **Due by February 1**

8th grade Pro-life essay and digital media contest! Theme: "We are the #Prolife generation 500 word or less Essay Digital media creation: imovie, cartoon, commercial, poem, photography, original art cash prizes! More information visit: www.archkck.org/prolife or email Alli Donohue at: adonohue@archkck.org.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday – January 21 - 4:30PM Greeters: Melecki Family Sacristan: N & S Huddlestun

Servers: A O'Neill, T Koettker, C Koettker

Ushers: D Moorman, J Cutter, L Harpenau, R LoBosco, S Malecki, G

Merlotti, M Short, S Troester Lec/Com:B Davis, D Kearney

E.M: N & S Huddlestun, A Rudolph, R Washburn, G Whyte, C Arnold, B Cook, K Davis, B Dierks, K Farnan, M Freking, G Grimaldi, D & W S Happer, J Hinman, D & T Kearney

Sunday – January 22 - 8:15AM

Greeters: Wasinger Family Sacristan: J Smith, E Cotter (S) Servers: B Joerger, G Joerger, A Grace

Ushers: S Korte, J Belek, R Denesia, M Goodman, L Henderson,

J Rode, J Rottinghaus, H Schafer Lec/Com:J Stanley, S Stanley

E.M. J Smith, T Ahrens, S Andra, G Arnone, B & M Bibler, E Blaise, J & P Blakeney, E Copeland, C Cure, R Dora, L Endsley, J & K Finnegan, G & K Flax

Sunday - January 22 - 10:00AM

Greeters: Hampton Family Sacristan: P Brownback, J A Colt Servers: A Martinez, M Smith, I McKeag

Ushers: C Winger, T Chudy, J Ekedahl, J Mayerle, T Moloney, T

Roberts, P Murphy, D Walker Lec/Com:K Kuckleman, R Ross

E.M: P Brownback, J A Colt, D & L Cuff, K Del Popolo, J & T Ekedahl, J Fischer, S Fry, S Govea, J Hampton, K Hatfield-Baker, E Herman, J Hogan, B Jackson, G Jones, M Keane, K Kuckelman

Sunday - January 22 - 11:45AM

Greeters: TBD

Sacristan: N & T (S)Bunker

Servers: D Church, NEEDED, NEEDED

Ushers: G Gilbertson, F Colletti, J Honn, R Howard, P Rupp

Lec/Com:M Lewandowski, B Gregson

E.M: N Bunker, E Hollenback, S Leary, T Leese, B Martinez, B Mason, A & S Montalvo, E Ragan, C Rephlo, C Scheier

Sunday - January 22 - 5:00PM

Greeters: G Ruttman

Sacristan: Debbie Brazen, A Weaver

Servers: TBD Ushers: TBD

Lec/Com:J Blakeney, S Noon

E.M: Debbie Brazen, A Weaver, C Dodson, S Giess, A & B Kernan, M King, W Leon-Ryan, S Mowery, M Noack, T Radke, A Shulfer, S, A, Smeltzer, B Soukup

Donuts: January 22 - TBD

Counters: January 23 - D Healy, B Jones, S Sasenick, B Wilson

A HOLY RIDDLE ANSWER

(From Page 13)

The answer is "Nothing," which has seven letters. Nothing preceded God, nothing is greater than God, nothing is more evil than the devil, the poor have nothing, the wealthy need nothing, and if you eat nothing, you will die.

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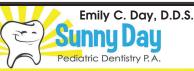


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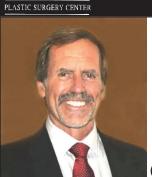
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