

# Mardi Gras 2015



*What a wonderful way to spend  
an evening with your Sweetheart.....*

*Saturday, February 14*

*4:30pm - Mass*

*5:30pm - Doors Open*

## Mardi Gras 2015 RSVP Card

Reservations: \$85 per person (includes a hand-painted wine glass and \$35 is tax deductible) by 1/26/15.  
After 1/26, based on availability: \$100 per person. Reservations only—No Walk-in's. Cocktail Attire.  
For additional information, please call: 681-3348. Please return RSVP card with cash/check payment to the  
Parish Office or Gathering Space Mailbox.

*(Please Note: Credit card payments are accepted the night of Mardi Gras for purchases.)*

Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Based on availability, I would like to reserve a table for up to 10. \*Attached are respective RSVP card(s) for additional guests.  
Please list the names of the other table guests here:

Unable to attend, please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to buy # \_\_\_\_\_ Raffle Tickets! (1 for \$50 3 for \$100 ) Cash/Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to buy # \_\_\_\_\_ Hand-Painted Glasses! (1 for \$30 4 for \$100 6 for \$150 8 for \$200) Cash/Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only: Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Processed/Deposited: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



## Looking for that Special Gift?

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



**NEW**

### Fr. Nathan 2015 Selfie Desk Calendar

Only 100 Available! Get Yours Today!

Plus - Hand-painted Glasses,  
Sporting KC, Chiefs & Royals Items

All items can be purchased in the Parish Office!



## Mardi Gras 2015 Needs You!

Come Join The Fun!

Below is a listing of Volunteer Opportunities!

If interested in joining the fun and supporting Mardi Gras 2015, sign up  
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 2015 RAFFLE!

## GRAND PRIZE WINNER

### 2-Year Lease on a New 2015 Toyota Corolla LE



## Or \$5,000

Made Possible by Legends Toyota and Legends Honda  
Steve & Tina Kurtz and Friends of the Parish

**Drawing will be held February 14, 2015 during the Oral Auction!**

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.

**Visit our Parish Office for tickets!**

Contact Susan Baska at [sbaska@acseagles.org](mailto:sbaska@acseagles.org) or  
Dawnlee Maurer at [dmaurer@kccascension.org](mailto:dmaurer@kccascension.org) or call 681-3348.

***ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE*****EDUCATING NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE****January 25, 1:00PM****Ascension Catholic School Library**

We want to invite all parish families of prospective kindergartners and/or first through seventh graders interested in enrolling at Ascension Catholic School to attend our Open House on Sunday, January 25. Please join us in the library at 1:00pm for an informational session. We will have guided tours following the meeting. We look forward to sharing our community, our excellence in academics, and the Catholic faith we infuse into our rigorous curriculum. Please call the school office (913-851-2531) to RSVP or if you have any questions. You may also email Becky Wright at [bwright@acseagles.org](mailto:bwright@acseagles.org).

***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - January 25-31***  
***Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service***

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week. Schools typically observe National Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open house and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Ascension Catholic School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week with activities that celebrate our faith, knowledge, and service to our parish and community. On Sunday, the students will be assisting with the liturgy of the 11:45am Mass. On Monday, the students will be participating in a service activity with their school families. On Tuesday, at 8:00am, we will be celebrating Mass together. On Wednesday, at 8:00am, we will be praying together as a Living Rosary. On Thursday, the students will be enjoying time together in faith and fellowship in an all-school assembly with the Mikey Needleman Band. Finally, on Friday, the teachers and staff will be enriching their faith by participating in a School of Faith in-service.

The students, teachers, and staff of Ascension Catholic School want to express their heartfelt appreciation to all members of the parish for their support of Catholic education. We want to welcome you to attend the Sunday 11:45am Mass, the Tuesday 8:00am Mass, and the Wednesday 8:00am Living Rosary. Thank you for all of your prayers and support.

**ASCENSION THIS WEEK**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 25**

Donuts, Parish Hall After 8:15AM & 10:00AM Masses  
 Sunday Scripture, Conf. Rm. 9:15AM  
 K4C Classes 10:00AM  
 AA Meeting, St. John Rm. 1:00PM  
 Ascension Catholic School Open House, Library 1:00PM  
 K of C Free Throw Contest, Gym 1:00PM  
 First Communion Parent Meeting, Parish Hall 3:45PM  
 Al Anon Meeting, St. John Rm. 4:00PM  
 SOR Year 1 6:30PM  
 NFP for Engaged Couples, St. Matthew Rm. 7:00PM

**Monday, January 26**

Ladies Bridge, St. John Rm. 12:30PM  
 Finance Council Meeting, Conf. Rm. 5:45PM  
 RCIA Class, St. Matthew Rm. 6:00PM  
 SALT, Offsite 7:30PM  
 Men's Basketball Age 21+, Gym 8:15PM

**Tuesday, January 27**

Safe Home Leaving at 5:30PM  
 Shalom House Dinners Deliver before 5:45PM

**Wednesday, January 28**

SOR 5:30PM  
 Legion of Mary, St. Luke Rm. 5:30PM  
 Zoom, Youth Rm. 6:00PM  
 AA Meeting, St. John Rm. 7:00PM  
 Men's Basketball Age 21+, Gym 8:15PM

**Thursday, January 29**

Bible Timeline Class, St. Mark Rm. 9:30AM  
 Weekly Rosary, Church 6:30PM  
 Bible Timeline Class, St. Mark Rm. 7:00PM  
 Men of Ascension, (Godfather's Pizza) 7:30PM

**Friday, January 30**

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

**Saturday January 31**

Hope-Faith Homeless Breakfast Deliver before 7:30AM

**Sunday, February 1**

Donuts, Parish Hall After 8:15AM & 10:00AM Masses  
 Juan/Ana Coffee Sales After 8:15AM & 10:00AM Masses  
 Parish Hall  
 Sunday Scripture, Conf. Rm. 9:15AM  
 K4C Classes 10:00AM  
 SOR Year 1 and S & L, Parish Hall 1:00PM  
 AA Meeting, Conf. Rm. 1:00PM  
 Al Anon Meeting, St. John Rm. 4:00PM  
 Face to Face, Youth Rm. 7:00PM

**STEWARDSHIP**



*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."  
 Mark 1:17*

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! Jesus asks us to help Him build his church on earth by generously sharing all our gifts of prayer, talent and treasure. Remember, Jesus calls us to generously develop and share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose.

***My Gift of Treasure***

**Financial Update**

Weekly Offertory: Jan. 18-19	\$ 70,722.99
Monthly Autodebit: December 613 Families on Autodebit	\$ 169,343.80
YTD: December, 2014	\$3,154,309.90
Registered Families	3,198

**MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE**

**Please Complete Your Subscription by  
 February 27**

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 February 27. Your first issue will arrive in May. Magazines are picked up at the back of the church each month.

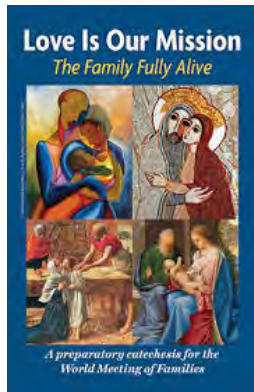
## *ASCENSION THIS WEEK (Continued)*



Pope Francis will be making a visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families in September. As a parish we wish to prepare for this meeting by praying for this event & studying the preparatory catechesis for "Love Is Our Mission, The Family Fully Alive."

We need volunteers to help lead small group studies. Our goal is to have small groups meet shortly after Easter every two weeks through early August.

If interested in leading a small group, please contact Ray Martin in the parish office or via email: [rmartin@kcascension.org](mailto:rmartin@kcascension.org).



### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST**

**January 25, 1:00PM**  
**School Gym**

This annual event will be held on January 25 at 1:00pm in the school gym and is open to all children of Ascension Parishioners that are between the ages of 9-14. You must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to verify their age. Contact Todd Gomez at [tagomez@kc.surewest.net](mailto:tagomez@kc.surewest.net).

### **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) FOR ENGAGED COUPLES**

**January 25, 7:00PM**  
**St. Matthew Rm.**

### **SALT (ASCENSION'S NEW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP)**

**January 26, 7:30PM**  
**Offsite**

The fourth Monday of each month, please join us for Adoration - Trust One Greater at Little Sisters of the Lamb at 36 S. Boeke Street, Kansas City, Kansas. For questions about the new ministry email Father Nathan at [frnathan@kcascension.org](mailto:frnathan@kcascension.org).

### **SHALOM HOUSE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**January 27**  
**Please deliver food by 5:45PM**  
**to the Parish Hall**

We serve and bake desserts for our homeless brothers at Shalom House on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. To sign up to help, please go to our website [kcascension.org](http://kcascension.org), Get Involved/Service Opportunities/Scroll down to Feed the Hungry/Shalom House or call Jean 681-3348.

### **ZOOM** **January 28, 6:00PM** **Youth Rm.**

All high school students are invited to join us for Zoom (food, fellowship, & small groups) in the YR from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Food will be provided.



### **HOPE FAITH**

**January 31, Leave from Ascension at 7:45AM**

Our date for cooking and serving breakfast at Hope Faith Ministries is the last Saturday of the month. (Jan 31). Please go to Ascension website and sign up to serve (great family activity) or you can cook a few casseroles or bring some of the other items we use. For more information, or to sign up, please go to our website [kcascension.org](http://kcascension.org), Get Involved/Service Opportunities/Scroll down to Feed the Hungry/Hope Faith Ministries or call Ed 897-0062.

### **FACE TO FACE (Family Adoration)** **February 1, 7:00PM** **Youth Rm.**

Join us for a time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Reflections, signs and music will guide you into prayer and help you to experience how beautiful it is to spend time with Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. This is an all-ages event! Come and go as needed.

### **KAIROS RETREAT** **Sign-up now!!!** **March 6-8**

Our next KAIROS retreat for Juniors and Seniors in high school is March 6-8. Registration forms will be available at [www.kcascension.org/youth](http://www.kcascension.org/youth).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **INFORMATION ON ANNULMENTS**

**February 3, 7:00PM**  
**St. Martha Rm.**

Father Tom will host an information meeting on the process of pursuing a declaration of nullity on Tuesday evening, February 3, at 7:00pm in the St. Martha Room (the ministry room). This meeting is for anyone who has been civilly divorced, and now wishes to determine the sacramental validity or invalidity of the marriage. Divorce is a painful experience and Christ and the Church want people to know healing and hope as they move forward in their lives. If you cannot attend on February 3 and want to find out more about the annulment process, please just contact one of the priests for an appointment.

### **ROSARY & ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**February 5, 6:30PM**  
**Church**

### **ILLNESS & CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

**February 5, 7:00PM**  
**Conference Rm.**

### **COVERED IN PRAYER**

**February 5, 7:00PM**  
**St. Luke Rm.**

### **TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are seeking volunteers to help record video during weekend Masses. Please contact Ray Martin at the parish office or [rmartin@kcascension.org](mailto:rmartin@kcascension.org) to set up training. Our goal is to have a tech team of volunteers available so that we can share video recordings of Masses, special events and homilies on our website and social media channels.

### **SEEKING SUNDAY EVENING MUSICIANS**

The Heart of Worship music ministry which leads Mass each Sunday evening is looking for more musicians for our ensemble. Experience or ability to fit praise and worship in the style of bands such as Hillsong & Passion is important. Priorities are: electric guitar, keys and bass. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm, leading into worship that evening. Please contact Ray Martin in the parish office or [rmartin@kcascension.org](mailto:rmartin@kcascension.org) to set up an audition.

### **LENTEN TREE ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**

**February 8, 6:15PM**  
**Parish Hall**

Interested in participating in a Lenten Tree Ornament Exchange? A Lenten Tree Exchange is very similar to a Jesse Tree Exchange. The Lenten Tree devotion consists of placing 41 symbols on a Lenten Tree (one for each day in Lent from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday (omitting the Sundays in Lent)). An optional devotional book gives devotions for both adults and children for each day. Each participant chooses 1 symbol and makes 42 of that symbol to exchange with the other participants in the ornament exchange. Each person will receive a full set of 41 different ornaments for each symbol signed up for. We will also be donating a full set to Mardi Gras (that's why we make 42 ornaments, but only take home 41). Our exchange will be on Sunday, February 8th, at 6:15pm in the parish hall. If you are not able to make it to the exchange, we can make arrangements to get your ornaments from you prior to the exchange and get a full set to you after the exchange. Feel free to forward this to others that may be interested. To sign up, please go to the following link:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044daca82fa64-lenten2>

### **INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MEETING**

**February 9, 7:00PM**  
**Parish Hall**

### **THANK YOU FROM THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY!**

We made it through our busy weekend! We wanted to send out a HUGE thank you to all who were able to help with the various activities and for everyone's prayers that all went smoothly. We truly believe all activities went very well!

We were so blessed to have the beautiful weather for setting up the **Crosses on the Lawn**. We had a great turnout and had them up in less than an hour!

**The Roses for Life** campaign was a HUGE hit! We RAN OUT OF ROSES!!! This is our third year to participate in this campaign. The previous two years we had many left over, so we are so excited to see this happen! We feel it is a combination of more awareness about the campaign as well as so many volunteers helping out!

John and Melissa Joerger (Co chairs, Respect Life)

**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 Jean at the Parish Office 681-3348. Thank you.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 26</b>		
6:45AM	+Winifred Hardie by Ascension Choir		
12:00PM	+Billy Kilgore by Family		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 27</b>		
<b>6:15AM</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>		
6:45AM	+Joanie Raab by Raab Family		
8:00AM	Julie Aracki by Helen Kalinowski		
<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>		
12:00PM	Fr. Tom Tank		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 28</b>		
6:45AM	Julie Aracki by Helen Kalinowski		
12:00PM	+Tom, Larry and Betty DeCelles by Tom and Pam Jacobson		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 29</b>		
6:45AM	+Mike Vargon, Jr. by Jim and Sherry McAuliffe		
12:00PM	Fr. Tom Tank		
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 30</b>		
6:45AM	+Kay Kornhaus by Tom Kornhaus		
12:00PM	+Regina Poettgen		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 31</b>		
8:30AM	+Marge Stevens, +Marie Moley, +Don Brewer +Lloyd Johnson		
<b>3:30PM</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>		
4:30PM	Ascension Parishioners	Fr. Nathan	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 1</b>		
8:15AM	+Billy Kilgore by Ebeling Family	Fr. Nathan	
10:00AM	+Loren Foltz by Kit and Barb Bergman	Fr. Alessandro	
11:45AM	+Beverly Simpson by Terry and Terri Miller	Fr. Tom	
5:00PM	+Chuck Blankenship by Mike White	Fr. Alessandro	

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

Pete Arnold, Charles Arrambide, Margaret Augustine, Kathleen Baldwin, Joannie Basler, Jamie Boos, Jim Carey, Hunter Cussigh, Chelsea Dalbey, Mike Delaney, Bob and Mary Dinneen, Janet Dodd, Rick Doran, Patricia Dors, Karen Elliott, Joe Esposito, Leona Fladung, Jack Gessler, Robert Gilworth, Scott Graham, Mary Pat Harpenau, Virginia Hermes, Barb Hughes, Alice Isom, Amy Johannes, Louise Larson, Trudy Larson, John Laws, Helen Legleiter, John Nelson, Charles Nutt, Tom Oxley, Luke Punswick, Kay Raab, Guadalupe Saucedo, Martha Schofield, Cindy Scott, Deidre Sechi, George Shore, Jill Smith, Ana Sosa de Alonzo, Sheila Strecker, Fran Struble, Fr. Tom Tank, Jack Thesing, Rose Marie Walker, Dave Watson.

**Relatives & Friends of Parishioners:**

Ruth Adams, Sandy Beer, Bill Bins, Karen Boeringa, Sherry Burge, Cameron Burroughs, Sister Mary Concetta Cardinale, Amy Cornell, Chris Cross, Paula Darling, Daphne, David Daniels, Kim Dunn, Dean Edson, Charlie Futhy, Grant Haden, Willie Hayne, Andrew Heckey, Carol Ingram, Carmen Juasi, Chris Kiker, Jim and Tom Kinerk, Mary Kurt, Anne Latora, Mary Ann Leach, Scott Leahy, Mark Lindstrom, Carlos Lopez, James McGinnis, Leslie Morley, Annie Murray, Tim Niemann, Michael P., Linda Pearson, Jill Pechacek, Carol Reilly, Jackie Rogers, Jason Ross, Patrick Ruelle, Joan Russo, Lucca Sachse, Jamie Scheibach, Robert Schmidt, Connie Schneeberger, Kim Scholz, Bonnie Schrick, Elle Schwartz, Frank Simon, Caren Smith, Claude Snyder, Kay Snyder, Jacob Sprinkle, Monica Vance, Michael Wellinghoff, Noah Wilson.



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1-888-684-6555  
Thank you!

Unforeseen circumstances may require  
a change in the priest schedule.



**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
A New Way, A New World**

In the reading from Jonah, God told him to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. When the whole city repented the very first day, they showed it by wearing sackcloth and fasting from food. Sometimes we might think that way: That repenting means punishing ourselves or feeling sorry. Jesus sees things differently.

He preached repentance that was a change of heart, a new way of looking at things, a new way of acting. In the gospel today, we see an example. The first people he calls to be disciples were fisherman. They would have considered their family, their partners, and their boat as the most important things in their lives. You need all of them to be a successful fisherman. One man sitting on a dock with a pole could barely keep himself fed, much less support a family.

Yet the disciples don't even hesitate when called by Jesus. They leave behind their boats, their nets, even their father, to follow Jesus. They don't worry about what they will do, or look back at what they are leaving behind. Now they are fishers of men. Their "repentance" was more than just giving up sins. They were beginning a new life and a new way of looking at the world.

Saint Paul refers to this as a new world. By following Jesus, we put the values of the present world behind us and look forward to a new one. His examples could apply today as much as in his time. Marriages, joy, sadness, buying property are still considered important to worldly people. Paul doesn't expect everyone to stop doing those things. When he talks about not using the world fully, he means not fully engaged in the world, but looking to a better one, where God is more important than any passing pleasure or pain. Is your marriage an example of God's love for your friends and relatives? When you are rejoicing, do you give thanks to God? When weeping, do you ask for his help? When you are shopping, do you buy what you really need, or what you think will make you happy? Jesus calls us all to this new way of living. With Jesus, we can make a new world.

**Banns of Matrimony**

Julie Strick and Scott Havens  
Claire Markey and Andreas Orjuela

**Together for Life**

Haley Hutchinson and Andrew Quick

**From Death to New Life**

Robert Lawrence Bezek, Father of Patty Petzold

**January 26 - February 1**

- Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**FREE ROSARY REPAIR**

There is a "good neighbor" who repairs rosaries for free. If you need this service, please contact Jean in the office. Also, if you have extra rosaries or rosary parts, we can use these for the hospitals and assisted living centers.



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!

## **MINISTRY NEWS**

### **55+ FELLOWSHIP**

The February meeting will be on Feb. 4, due to a conflict with Mardi Gras following the 12:00pm Mass. Join your friends for a travelogue and educational movie taking us through Rome, France and Israel. There will be pizza and popcorn. Cost is \$5.00, please sign up in the parish office by Feb. 2. For questions, please contact Laverne O'Neill at 913-766-3011.

### **MINISTRY OF CARE**

“Whatsoever you do to the least of My people,  
that you do unto Me.”



#### **JOB MINISTRY**

Have you lost your job? Been “downsized”? Looking to get back in the market? We help people who are unemployed and looking for work. Our ministry helps with networking, occasional job openings and resume writing.

#### **RESPITE CARE**

Are you caring for a loved one at home? We have parishioners who want to help and who are trained in Respite Care and would love to give you a break! (and the one you care for a break from you)!

#### **PRISON MINISTRY**

We provide weekly access to Communion Services, Catechesis or Scripture Study, the ministry of presence and facilitate regular access to Sacrament of Reconciliation to all persons incarcerated. We participate in Mentor for Success through the State Prisons. Kids can participate (and adults) by making cards with pictures with Bible verses, messages of hope, etc., using card stock, construction paper, magic markers or colored pencils (no crayons please) and first names only. Please send your cards into the Ascension office. Visit our website at [www.sdpo.org](http://www.sdpo.org). This is an Ascension Ministry in conjunction with other parishes. All are welcome and needed! Contact Jean in the office for more details.

### **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 becoming a Knight and becoming a member of the largest men’s fraternity in the world? We have a First Degree Initiation scheduled for Monday, Jan. 26, at 6:30pm. Plan to arrive no later than 6:15pm to register, pay your dues and initiation fee. For information regarding membership contact either Greg Wuller at 913-484-1026 or David Whitaker at 913-626-2676.

Congratulations to Art Pope and Greg Yakshaw for completing their Second and Third Degrees in the Knights. Both were knighted this past weekend in Paola.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Knights Clothing and Toiletries Drive for the Franciscan Servants of the Poor of Jesus Christ. We delivered them on Monday, January 19. The Sisters mission is to serve the homeless. If you are interested in learning more about the Sisters and their mission or donating to them, you can go to [www.gofundme.com/helpthesisters](http://www.gofundme.com/helpthesisters).

Knights Free Throw Contest - This annual event will be held on January 25 at 1:00pm in the school gym, and is open to all children of Ascension Parishioners that are between the ages of 9-14. You must bring a copy of the child’s birth certificate to verify their age. Contact Todd Gomez at [tagomez@kc.surewest.net](mailto:tagomez@kc.surewest.net).

Ready your taste buds! The Knights will begin to hold their Fish Fry’s on Friday evenings beginning Feb. 20. Be sure to let all your friends and neighbors know as they will not want to miss the “best” Fish Fry in town. Mac ‘n Cheese has been added to the menu for this year.

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

January 24-Annual Snow Ball Dance to support Catholic Charities.

January 25-1:00pm Annual Free Throw Contest in the School gym.

January 26-Membership meeting in the parish hall. Rosary at 6:30pm upstairs. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

February 21-Men Under Construction will be held at Ascension. Details for signing up or volunteering to serve lunch will be forthcoming.

March 9-March for Life in Washington, DC.

## *MINISTRY NEWS (Continued)*

### 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, contact Stefanie Spencer stefaniemspencer@gmail.com or phone 913-461-9410.

#### February Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 5, at 7:00pm in the parish hall. Our speaker will discuss natural remedies for children for colds and flu. Mark your calendars!

#### Spring Book Study

This spring, we will be reading Made for More by Curtis Martin, and discussing it at the monthly meetings. Books are for sale on the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Gathering Space or contact Anna Schuster at ksu\_rock@hotmail.com to purchase a book for \$4.00.

#### Moms at Mass

Come join us on the first Friday of every month at noon Mass. It's a great way to expose our little ones to Mass! We will be sitting either in the cry room or the pews directly in front.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Holy hours needing weekly prayer partners are:

Sunday at 1:00pm  
 Wednesday at 6:00am  
 Friday at 5:00am and 4:00pm  
 Saturday at 4:00pm

Also, if you can sub for others that are away, please go to the list at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a44aba7238-adoration> and sign up for an hour.

Contact Debbie at debora.suzanne@gmail.com or 913-485-8918 if you need a substitute, can take a permanent Holy Hour, or have questions.



**SCHOOL OF RELIGION**  
**Office hours: Monday - Thursday**  
**9:00AM - 4:00PM**  
**681-7683**

First Holy Communion Parent Meetings this afternoon:  
 Sunday, January 25, at 3:45pm in the parish hall.

Year I Confirmation Class tonight, January 25, at 6:30pm. There will be no Year II (S&L) because of yesterday's retreat.

Sunday, February 1  
 K4C at 10:00am

Year I and Year II Class is to attend either the 1:00pm - 2:00pm in the parish hall or 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Youth Rm.

We will have sign-in's at both events.

New Year's Resolution: Is one of your resolutions to get more involved in the parish? Would you pray and consider being a catechist this Summer in June (15-26) or in the Fall? The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Please call William at 913-681-7683 for more information.

### WOMEN OF ASCENSION

#### Ascension's Annual Mardi Gras February 14

Mardi Gras is less than a month away, so don't forget to register if you plan to attend. For more information and to register, please go to the Ascension website at [www.kcascension.org](http://www.kcascension.org).

If you are not planning to attend as a guest, we would appreciate your help. Lots of volunteers are needed to make this a successful event so please consider giving a couple hours of your time to this great cause.

This year's Mardi Gras falls on Valentine's Day which means that it will be a bit more challenging, finding volunteers. High-school students are encouraged to sign up as well, and can earn service hours for their time.

Help is needed: setting up, cleaning up, serving the food, checking out etc. To volunteer please go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4da4aa2a1-ascension4>

**COMMUNITY NEWS****COPING WITH LIFE ALONE****Begins February 2, 6:30PM****Holy Cross Church, Overland Park, KS.**

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" is a Beginning Experience Christ-centered grief support program that meets each week for 7-8 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. For additional information, or to register, please call Cathy at 816-540-4644.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS****February 8, 2:00PM****Cure of Ars Parish, Leawood, KS.**

All married couples are invited to come celebrate their Sacrament of Marriage at the Sixth Annual World Marriage Day Mass, Sunday, February 8, 2:00pm, at Cure of Ars Parish in Leawood. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph Naumann and Bishop Robert Finn. A gift will be given to the couple married for the shortest and longest period of time. Reception to follow. Children and families are welcome.

**ANNUAL MASS OF HEALING PROFESSIONS****February 14, 10:30AM****St. Michael the Archangel Church, Leawood, KS.**

The Catholic Medical Association of Kansas City announces The Annual Mass for the Healing Professions at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Nall Ave. & 143rd Street, Leawood, Kansas, on Saturday, February 14, at 10:30am. The Most Rev. James D. Conley, D.D. S.T.L., Bishop of Lincoln will be the Homilist. Reception following, please RSVP to Secretary@catholicmedkc.org or call (913) 647-0350

**JOB OPENINGS****ST. AGNES CHILD CARE FACILITY**

St. Agnes Child Care is currently looking to fill one full-time and several part-time positions. The work would be between the hours of 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. The right candidate will need to be at least 18 years old, be physically able to meet the demands of working with young children. A High School Diploma or GED is required and previous experience in a Kansas licensed child care facility or early education college course work is a plus. Email your resume to Neona Russ, Director of St. Agnes Early Education Center, russ.neona@stagneskc.org, or call 913-262-1689.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE****Saturday – January 31 - 4:30PM**

Greeters: W Curie, T Creal

Sacristan: K &amp; M Enlow

Servers: A O'Neil, M Payne, M Rode

Ushers: D Moorman, S Chubb, J Cutter, R LoBosco, S Malecki, S Troester, G Wuller

Lec/Com: Schier, Spangler

E.M: K &amp; M Enlow, B Cook, B Dierks, K Farnan, C Geiger,

J Godar Kreiter, G Grimaldi, C Rager, K Hane, W S Happer,

C Kisinger, K Koettker, P Lauer, J A Loughran, D Lyle, D Porch

**Sunday – February 1 - 8:15AM**

Greeters: J &amp; L Walrod, C &amp; K Ward

Sacristan: J &amp; K Finnegan

Servers: S Hall, L Hottovy, R Lipp

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

R Kneib, D Levell, R Vosters

Lec/Com: Hodel, Jennison

E.M: J &amp; K Finnegan, R &amp; T Herting, MB Hare, J Hicks,

P Highstrom, P Hittle, J Huber, K Huppe, K Jennison, L Jennison,

T Kershaw, C Koski, B, J, &amp; M Krebs

**Sunday – February 1 - 10:00AM**

Greeters: Heying Family

Sacristan: J Hogan, B Hornung (Sac)

Servers: A Whitehead, J Whitehead, C Hanrakan

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

J Searle, M Stolte, D Vater, J Woodruff

Lec/Com: Nicholson, Rickert

E.M: J Hogan, B Bergman, M Byrd, J Calovich, JA Colt, D Cuff,

A Cushenbery, K Del Popolo, K &amp; K Dubbert, J &amp; T Ekedahl, S Fry,

S Govea, H Harper, K Hatfield-Baker, E Herman, B Jackson

**Sunday – February 1 - 11:45AM**

Greeters: Bruegger Family

Sacristan: F Esposito, B Scruggs

Servers: A Montalvo, S Montalvo, S O'Dell

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

G Sailor, J Sailor

Lec/Com: Lewandowski, Martinez

E.M: F Esposito, B Scruggs, K Werkowitch, K Sutton,

G &amp; T Anthone, M Anthone, M Brown, T Cook, K Fitzgerald,

J Gillikin

**Sunday – February 1 - 5:00PM**

Greeters: Moore Family

Sacristan: D &amp; D Warlick

Servers: I Mowery, E O'Donnell, N Weaver

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

I Cardin

Lec/Com: Smeltzer, Rodriguez

E.M: D &amp; D Warlick, L Curran, B &amp; S Dickerson, C &amp; S Ehart,

B Fredrickson, A Gengenbach, S Giess, J Holbrook, E &amp; M King,

B &amp; F Kwapiszeski

**Donuts: 8:15AM – A Bowling, S Streitwieser****10:00AM – K & M Amundsen, J & V Gasparovich****Counters: February 2: D Healy, B Jones, A Mellard, S Sassenick, B Wilson**

## PARISH STAFF

### PARISH OFFICE: Phone 681-3348; Fax 681-3517

Monsignor Thomas Tank Pastor  
 Father Nathan Haverland Parochial Vicar  
 Father Alessandro Borraccia Parochial Vicar  
 Dorothy Brandwein Music Director  
 Virgil Crumpton Maintenance/Head Custodian  
 Denise Greene Adult Faith and RCIA Secretary  
 Jean Hinman Ministry of Care Director  
 Ray Martin Social Media and Family Life Director  
 Dawnlee Maurer Parish Life Coordinator  
 Jan Montalvo Receptionist  
 Sharon Weems Parish Administrator  
 Liz Willman Adult Faith and RCIA Director  
 Maggie Wright Communications Coordinator

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION 681-7683; Fax 681-7634

William O'Leary Director  
 Tricia Baldwin Administrative Assistant

### YOUTH MINISTRIES 681-7683; Fax 681-7634

Joe Passantino High School Youth Director  
 Chelsea Pratt High School Youth Director  
 Heath Cole Jr. High Youth Coordinator

### ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL 851-2531

Fax Number 851-2518  
 Becky Wright Principal  
 Andrew Legler Assistant Principal  
 Janet Eckert Administrative Assistant  
 Karen Kellerman Administrative Assistant

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Please see Parish Registration info. on our website.

### VISITS FOR THE HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL VISITS

Please contact Jean Hinman to schedule.

### BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office for class information and scheduling.

### MATRIMONY

Please contact one or our priests six months prior to wedding.

### WEDDING COORDINATORS

Dorothy Long - 681-1289; Karen Pierpoint - 558-3403

### ANNULMENTS

Contact Father Tom or Father Nathan

## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

<b>55+ FELLOWSHIP</b>	Laverne O'Neill	766-3011
<b>ADDICTION SUPPORT</b>	George Crossland	451-3296
<b>ADULT FAITH LIBRARY</b>	Kim Sutton	897-6593
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>		
<b>TRAINING</b>	Bryan Didier	705-0266
<b>SCHEDULING</b>	Jeremy Didier	908-2566
<b>ARTS &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>	Sarah Devore	851-9406
<b>ATHLETIC DIR. (CYO)</b>	Tim Davidson	685-5877
<b>BASKETBALL MEN'S</b>	Rob Spaedy	816-506-3706
<b>BEREAVEMENT GROUP</b>	Denny & Karen Schemmel	897-5079
<b>BOOK CLUB</b>	Linda Cook	897-3201
<b>BRIDGE: COUPLES</b>	John & Kathleen Hlavacek	897-0495
<b>LADIES DAYTIME</b>	Sue Reed	940-0978
<b>LADIES EVENING</b>	Louise Kramer	766-0973
<b>CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD</b>		
	Karen Newkirk	814-9009
<b>CHILDREN'S MINISTERS</b>	Heather Kuo	681-3698
<b>OF THE WORD</b>		
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	Diane Triano	839-3997
<b>COVERED IN PRAYER</b>	Susan Wolfgang	910-3099
<b>DONUT COORDINATOR</b>	Nila Henderson	481-8608
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY</b>	Craig & Judy Arnold	685-9305
<b>SCHEDULING</b>	Mike Smoots	685-0118
<b>FINANCE COUNCIL</b>	Sharon Weems	681-3348
<b>GREETERS</b>	LeeAnn Cure	488-4761
<b>GYM COORDINATOR</b>	Casey Coutray	814-9958
<b>HELP FOR PARISHIONERS</b>	Jean Hinman	681-3348
<b>HOMEBOUND EUCCHARISTIC</b>		
<b>MINISTRY</b>	Jean Hinman	681-3348
<b>ILLNESS &amp; CAREGIVERS</b>	Marina Carrizosa-Ramos	416-0355
<b>SUPPORT GROUP</b>	Cathy Oxley	681-9982
<b>INTL. MISSIONS</b>	Ed Herman	897-0082
<b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b>	Mark Short	653-6814
<b>LECTORS</b>	Jean Brower	768-9011
<b>LEGION OF MARY</b>	Dick Kane	484-7402
<b>LINEN CARE</b>	Mary Jo Doherty	685-8313
<b>LITURGY</b>	Russ Engel	469-1918

<b>MARDI GRAS</b>	Dawnlee Maurer	681-3348
<b>MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER</b>	Denny & Karen Schemmel	897-5079
<b>MARRIAGE &amp; FAMILY ENRICHMENT</b>		
	Liz Willman	681-3348
<b>MARRIAGE PREP/NFP</b>	Bruce & Mona Snider	851-1231
<b>MEN OF ASCENSION</b>	Mike Fischbach	469-5325
<b>MOYC</b>	Abby Walter	839-9403
<b>MUSIC FOR LITURGY</b>	Dorothy Brandwein	681-3348
<b>NEWLY MARRIEDS</b>	Ignacio & Kate Contreras	714-335-8775
<b>NURSERY</b>	Carol Rephlo	897-3377
<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>	Father Tom	681-3348
<b>PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE</b>	Dawnlee Maurer	681-3348
<b>PERPETUAL ADORATION</b>	Debbie Engel	485-8918
<b>PRAYER PARTNERS</b>	Matt Wasko	749-3442
	Sherry McAuliffe	681-6824
<b>PRISON MINISTRY</b>	John Stanley	685-0351
<b>RCIA</b>	Liz Willman	681-3348
<b>RETROUVILLE</b>	Joe & Danette Searle	681-2040
<b>RESPECT LIFE</b>	John & Melissa Joerger	549-4406
<b>RESPIRE CARE</b>	Mary Ann Woodward	897-3298
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Scott & Nancy Huddlestun	269-6288
<b>SOCIAL CONCERNS</b>	John Kratofil	768-8379
<b>ST. LUKES SOUTH EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY</b>		
	Marguerite Enlow	897-5623
<b>USHERS</b>	Jeff Frederes	681-2195
<b>WEEKLY FAMILY ROSARY</b>	Jean Hinman	681-3348
<b>WELCOMING</b>	Dawnlee Maurer	681-3348
<b>WOMEN OF ASCENSION</b>	Teresa Davis	526-4570