



# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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

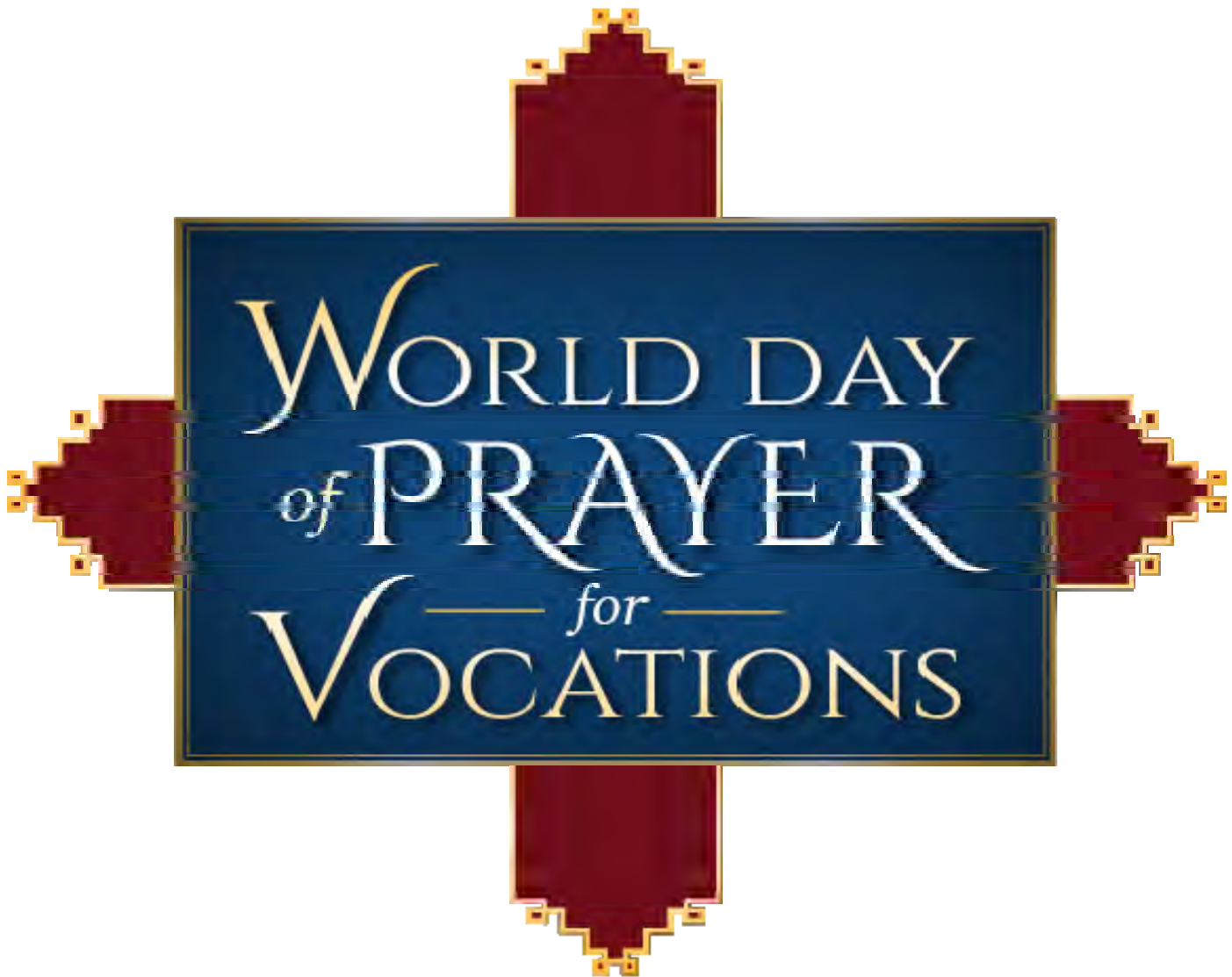
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APRIL 22, 2018

*4th Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations*



## SUNDAY MASSES

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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

## RECONCILIATION

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

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

## ROSARY

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

# 2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations.

- Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?
- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



**ASCENSION THIS WEEK**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 22**

K of C Breakfast Buffet, Parish Hall, 9:00AM-Noon  
 Sunday Scripture, St. Luke Rm., 9:15AM  
 K4C, 10:00AM  
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 1:00PM  
 Al Anon Mtg., St. John Rm., 4:00PM  
 S&L, Youth Ctr., 6:30PM  
 Year I, Parish Hall, 6:30PM

**Monday, April 23**

Ladies Bridge, St. Luke Rm., 12:30PM  
 Finance Council Mtg., Conf. Rm., 5:45PM  
 RCIA Class, St. Mark Rm., 6:00PM  
 Men's Basketball Age 21+, Gym, 8:30PM

**Tuesday, April 24**

33 Days to Merciful Love, St. Luke Rm., 9:30AM  
 Shalom House Dinners, Parish Hall, Deliver desserts before 3:00PM  
 33 Days to Merciful Love, St. Luke Rm., 7:00PM

**Wednesday, April 25**

Guadalupe Home Dinners, Parish Hall,  
 Deliver desserts before 4:30PM  
 Youth Faith Formation, Parish Hall, 5:30PM  
 Zoom-HS Youth Group, Youth Ctr., 6:00PM  
 Divorced/Separated Support Ministry, Conf. Rm., 7:00PM  
 Forgiveness Talk, St. Mark Rm., 7:00PM  
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 7:00PM  
 Men's Basketball, Age 21+, Gym, 8:30PM

**Thursday, April 26**

Jesus, Java, and Juice, Church, 6:45AM  
 American Heritage Girls, Parish Hall, 6:15PM  
 Covered in Prayer, St. Luke Rm., 7:00PM

**Friday, April 27**

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

**Saturday, April 28**

Legion of Mary, St. Luke Rm., 6:15AM  
 Hope-Faith Homeless Breakfast, Offsite,  
 Deliver food before 7:30AM  
 Jesus Day, Youth Faith Formation, Youth Ctr., 9:00AM

**Sunday, April 29**

Donuts, Parish Hall, After 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses  
 Sunday Scripture, St. Luke Rm., 9:15AM  
 K4C, 10:00AM  
 Baptisms, Church, 1:00PM  
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 1:00PM  
 Al Anon Mtg., St. John Rm., 4:00PM  
 Fathers of St. Joseph, Conf. Rm., 6:30PM  
 S&L, Youth Ctr., 6:30PM  
 Year I, School, 6:30PM

**PARISH COUNCIL  
 LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

The nominating committee for new members for our Parish Council is receiving names of those interested in serving on the Council. Its purpose is to assist Father Tom in envisioning and planning for our parish. Membership is with a three-year commitment. If interested, contact Heath Hawk at email address [hthhawk@gmail.com](mailto:hthhawk@gmail.com).


**STEWARDSHIP**

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." – John 10:14-16*

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

Weekly Offertory: April 14-15	\$ 60,398.93
Monthly Autodebit: March 690 Families on Autodebit	\$201,816.59
Fiscal YTD: March, 2018	\$4,873,846.74
Registered Families	3,210

**HONOR YOUR MOTHERS**  
**Cards Available Now!**  
**Return Completed Envelopes**  
**by May 10**



Ascension is doing a very special celebration on Sunday, May 13. Cards are available in the gathering area for Mothers both living and deceased. The cards will be directed to support Pro-Life, a suggested donation of \$5.00 is requested. We hope that this will be a wonderful way to show your love and appreciation on this important day. The priests will include all Mothers in their silent personal intentions at the Mass; however, the names will not be included in the bulletin. Thank you.

**ZOOM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**  
**April 25, 6:00PM**  
**Youth Ctr.**

Zoom (high school youth group) is for all high school students and is this Wednesday, April 25! Our theme for the week is Ablaze! You can bet this youth group is going to be "lit". We will start off with dinner at 6:00pm and start the fire from there.

**JESUS, JAVA AND JUICE**  
**April 26, 6:45AM**  
**Church**

Jesus, Java, and Juice, (JJJ), is for all high school students! We will start with Mass and Morning Prayer at 6:45am and then finish with breakfast in the youth center after!

## *ASCENSION THIS WEEK (Continued)*

### **FORGIVENESS ONE-NIGHT PRESENTATION**

**with Chuck Jansen**

**April 25, 7:00PM**

**St. Mark Rm.**

Forgiveness is at the heart of the Gospel, and so much a part of human relations. All of us have someone to forgive. Please consider spending an evening reflecting on the PROCESS of Forgiveness. The POWER of Divine Mercy. Chuck is an interesting and entertaining story teller, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, hopes to offer some insights into the PROCESS of Forgiveness. Scripture, DVD, and story telling will all be used.

Be sure and prayerfully consider inviting or bringing a friend. No need to register. For questions, contact Liz Willman, Director of Adult Faith at 913-681-3348 or email: [lwillman@kcascension.org](mailto:lwillman@kcascension.org).



### **AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS**

**April 26, 6:15PM**

**Parish Hall**

### **COVERED IN PRAYER**

**April 26, 7:00PM**

**St. Luke Rm.**

Covered in Prayer is the “blanket making” ministry of Church of the Ascension. We gather one time a month (on the fourth Thursday of the month) to make blankets, talk and generally enjoy each other while we sew. Bring your machine or use one of ours! You can come and just get material and take it home or you can learn how to make the blankets! We have people willing to teach you! We send over 150 blankets a year to our parishioners who are ill or hurting, along with friends and family members of parishioners, so we need lots of sewers!!! You do not have to be an expert sewer (they let me come!). If you are looking for a family or “kid friendly” activity, we also need flannel blankets that we supply to troubled youth who have to be admitted for services.

Contact Jean in the office at 913-681-3348 or [jhinman@kcascension.org](mailto:jhinman@kcascension.org) if you have questions or you know someone who could use a “Covered in Prayer” blanket.



### **HOPE-FAITH HOMELESS BREAKFAST**

**April 28**

**Deliver Food Before 7:30AM**

**Hallway by St. John Rm.**

Our date for cooking and serving breakfast at Hope Faith Ministry is the last Saturday of the month. Servers leave around 7:30am on Saturday. We will be done in about 90 minutes. Food and paper goods providers, drop off your items so the servers can bring down. For more information and to sign up go to: [kcascension.org/Get Involved/Service Opportunities/Feed the Hungry/Hope Faith Ministries](http://kcascension.org/Get Involved/Service Opportunities/Feed the Hungry/Hope Faith Ministries). For questions, please call Ed at 913-897-0062 or Jean in the office 913-681-3348.



### **CITY UNION MISSION**

**Sign Up Today!**

**May 1, By 2:00PM**

**Hallway by St. John Rm.**

We are serving dinner and providing desserts for the City Union Mission Family Shelter on Tuesday, May 1. Desserts need to be here by the St. John room by 2:00pm. Please go to our website [kcascension.org](http://kcascension.org) then Quick Links/Current Volunteer Signups. The shopping and prep of desserts can be used for service hours!





**Vacation Bible School: June 4-8**

- Who: Pre-School 3 year olds-5th Grade
- Morning and Afternoon Sessions (Pre-school track in the morning only)
- See front page of parish website, kcascension.org, to register both participants and volunteers (either by clicking on the slider or going to the bottom of the front page under Events).
- Non-parishioners can register beginning May 1.

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION TWO-WEEK SUMMER PROGRAM**

**June 18-28  
Registration Has Started!!!**

Did you know Ascension has a Summer Intensive Faith Formation Program for kids entering 1st & 3rd-6th grades? This has been a great option for those who have a busy yearly schedule. These two weeks are a mix of classroom learning and other formation experiences. By signing-up students are required to attend all 9 days from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Also parents commit to the Enrichment sessions during the year (two on-site and two other assignments done on your own). Registrations have begun - go the front page of the website to register (under Events at the bottom of the website front page and click "Summer Youth Faith Formation" or see one of the sliders for information). Call our office with any questions 913-681-7683.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - We have so many faith-filled parishioners who desire to live their faith in the world around them. Would you prayerfully consider being a catechist or an aide in our Summer Youth Faith Formation Program from June 18-28 from 8:30am to 12:30pm. We need catechists for 1st grade, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. This program can not happen without faith-filled individuals who would be willing to share our Catholic faith with our young parishioners. Please call for more information 913-681-7683.

## UPCOMING EVENTS / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### ASCENSION BOOK CLUB

**May 9, 1:00PM**  
Conference Room

Our book for May is [A Gentleman in Moscow](#), by Amor Towles. We will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at 1:00pm in the conference room. For details call Linda Cook at 913-897-3201. Come join our discussion!

### INTERESETD IN CUB SCOUTS?

**May 10, 7:00PM**  
Parish Hall

Please join us for our end of the year pack meeting on May 10 at 7:00pm in the parish hall. We will have an exciting magic show for the boys. All incoming kindergarten through 5th graders for the 2018-2019 school year are welcome. The Cub Scouts are introducing the new Lion program for kindergartners. Bring the family and the leaders will be available to talk to the parents during the show. Please contact David Hanks at [hanks.davidg@gmail.com](mailto:hanks.davidg@gmail.com) for questions or additional information.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY 20 EVENT

Pentecost - We are many parts but all one body!! So let us celebrate Ascension's amazing variety of cultures in our parish...together as one body! If you are interested in serving on this committee to help plan this new event, scheduled for May 20, please email Tricia Baldwin at [tbaldwin@acseagles.org](mailto:tbaldwin@acseagles.org). There will be more details out soon (potluck luncheon, music, tables representing various cultures, etc.).

### GARAGE SALE COMING IN JUNE!!!

**June 10-12 Item Drop Off**  
**June 13-16 Garage Sale**  
Parish Grounds

Spring is here and while you clean up and clean out, save all furniture, clothes, books, pictures and all your treasures for the Annual Ascension Garage Sale! The garage sale helps to fund the many ministries we serve at and beyond our parish. So clean out a corner of the garage and store everything until drop off June 10-12. Lots of volunteers are needed from June 10-16, so check your calendars and plan your week! More information will be coming soon in the bulletin and on the website. Contact Jean in the office with questions or for more information at 913-681-3348 or [jhinman@kcascension.org](mailto:jhinman@kcascension.org).



### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY National Right to Life Convention June 28-30

**Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park, KS.**



You are invited to attend the National Right to Life Convention. The convention will be held in Kansas for the first time ever on June 28-30 at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park. It is for adults and college students, but will also feature a teen track. The 72 workshops to choose from will feature medical, legal and inspirational speakers designed for anyone interested in learning how to help restore the culture of life in America. Whether you are a pro-life leader, counselor, first-time March for Life attendee, or just an interested party, there is something for everyone! Support this important event by attending, volunteering, and/or buying an ad or memorial in the convention yearbook.

In addition to the 72 workshops, there will be 5 general sessions, 2 special events, a prayer breakfast (\$40.00), featuring our own Archbishop Joseph Naumann, and a closing banquet (\$60.00), featuring a national speaker yet to be announced. The 3-day inclusive early bird prices include: teens \$50.00 (includes \$20.00 in food coupons), college students \$65.00, adults \$120.00, couples \$200.00, seniors (65 & over) \$85.00. Single-day price is \$75.00. Babysitting cost is \$50.00. Register online now at: [nrlconvention.com](http://nrlconvention.com). For questions contact local hosts: Kansans for Life at [kansansforlife@aol.com](mailto:kansansforlife@aol.com) or 913-642-5433.

Volunteers are needed. How exciting and what an honor. 178 speakers will be coming. Pray to see if you are called to be a volunteer in some capacity. Call or email Chuck Jansen at 913-710-2597 or [chuckjansen@kw.com](mailto:chuckjansen@kw.com).



### WELCOMING MINISTRY LOOKING TO "WELCOME" ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS!

Do you enjoy meeting new people and making them feel welcome? Do you like sharing about the wonderful opportunities our parish has to offer? If so, the Welcoming Ministry is looking to "Welcome" new volunteers just like you! Members of the Welcoming Ministry have the opportunity to volunteer once a month by hosting at a New Parishioner Informational Meeting or providing information to those wanting to learn more about our parish community at the Welcome Desk after weekend Masses. For more information and to join, contact Dawnlee Maurer at [dmaurer@kcascension.org](mailto:dmaurer@kcascension.org) or call the church office.

## STEPS to COME BACK to the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome to Ascension Catholic Church! Has it been awhile since you have been to Mass? We are glad you are here and invite you to come back.

- If it has been a few months, you have made the best step by being here today. We look forward to you joining us each weekend at Mass.
- If it has been longer, we invite you to visit with one of our priests or a staff person on the steps most comfortable for you to take in becoming active again.

Feel free to contact any of the following in the parish office at 913-681-3348 or by email:

Fr. Tom at [frtom@kcascension.org](mailto:frtom@kcascension.org)  
 Fr. Michael at [frmichael@kcascension.org](mailto:frmichael@kcascension.org)  
 Liz Willman at [lwillman@kcascension.org](mailto:lwillman@kcascension.org)



## STEPS to LEARN MORE ABOUT the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you or someone you know, interested in looking into the Catholic Faith? If so, we invite you to explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Go to our church website to view a short (5 minute) video on the process. It will also tell you the “next steps”:

[www.kcascension.org](http://www.kcascension.org)

Scroll to the very bottom of the Home page to “Quick Links.” Click on “RCIA”

For more information contact: Liz Willman, RCIA Director at 913-681-3348 or [lwillman@kcascension.org](mailto:lwillman@kcascension.org)

Hope to hear from you!



## WEEKLY PRAYER

### Mass Intentions For The Week



<b>Monday</b> 6:45AM 12:00PM	<b>April 23</b> +Frances Kramer by Fr. Tom Tank +Joe Esposito by Shirley & Bob Chenoweth
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>6:15AM</b> 6:45AM 8:00AM  <b>11:30AM</b> 12:00PM	<b>April 24</b> <b>Reconciliation</b> +Thomas Kramer by Catholic Cemeteries +George Lipari by Mrs. Hand's First Grade Class <b>Reconciliation</b> +Deidre Sechi by Kwapiszeski Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:45AM 12:00PM	<b>April 25</b> +Janice Pickering by Tim Owens +William R. Snow by James Bessler
<b>Thursday</b> 6:45AM 12:00PM <b>6:30PM</b> <b>7:00PM</b>	<b>April 26</b> +Margaret Maley by Catholic Cemeteries +Jim Spencer by Family <b>Weekly Rosary</b> <b>Reconciliation</b>
<b>Friday</b> 6:45AM  12:00PM	<b>April 27</b> +Rosemary Swick, +David Slater, +Virginia Baker by Knights of Columbus +Joe Esposito by John & Connie Stanley
<b>Saturday</b> <b>8:00AM</b> 8:30AM <b>3:15PM</b> 4:30PM	<b>April 28</b> <b>Weekly Rosary</b> +Burry Hinman by Fran Esposito <b>Reconciliation</b> +A.D. & Jerry Lynch                      Fr. Michael by Mark & Kelly Mayer
<b>Sunday</b> 8:15AM  <b>9:30AM</b> 10:00AM  11:45AM 5:00PM	<b>April 29</b> +Patrick Clune                              Fr. Michael by Mary & Jess Jennings <b>Weekly Rosary</b> +Ray & Bessie Letourneau              Fr. Tom by Family Ascension Parishioners                  Fr. Michael +Marcella McDowell                      Fr. Tom by Robert & Sally Ann James

Unforeseen circumstances may require a change in the priest schedule.

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](mailto:jhinman@kcascension.org).

#### Parishioners:

Jeff Bailey, Kathleen Baldwin, Sharon Beilharz, Millie Bock, Jamie Boos, Chloe Boudreaux, Joyce Burns, Lynn Butzen, Heather Cardin, Donna Clark, Roseann Copeland, Vince Costello, Bill Culpepper, Hunter Cussigh, Chelsea Dalbey, Gerry Daly, Mike Delaney, Bryan Dickerson, Toni Dillane, Bob Dinneen, Stephanie Dolak, Karen Elliott, Tim Elliot, Maggie Fiddes, Doug Geck, Lynn George, Jack Gessler, Scott Graham, Phyllis Grieder, Ray Hamilton, Virginia Hermes, Jackson Hirt, Tom Hodes, Barb Hughes, Corky & Kathi Jacobs, JoAnn Jeannet, Jeff, Dorothy Kapler, Carrie Kilgore, Sue Klein, Jerry & Pat Klimas, August Larson, Mary Lausten, Butch Lawrence, David Long, Joann Mader, Dale Marti, Kelly Mayer, Lynne Minelli, Mary Nail, John O'Donnell, Tom Oxley, Jeff Palmer, Lisa Palmer, Wayne Parsons, Carmen Porterfield, Anna Punswick, Kay Raab, Charlie Regan, Karen Schemmel, Celeste Sharp, Mary Shriver, Elisa Smith, Jill Smith, Rosemary Smith, Ana Sosa de Alonzo, Patricia Spinler, Sheila Strecker, Carol Stump, Fr. Tom Tank, Cindy Taylor, Mary Tira, Ron Ullmann, Jane Vandewalle, Hilde Virgilio, Dolores Wadawik, Danny Walker, Collin Warrender, Dave Watson, Bridget Weeks, Griffin Weyforth, Becky Wright.

#### Relatives & Friends of Parishioners:

David Akins, Demetra Arvanitakas, Gaby Beckstrom, Gretchen Bell, Chloe Boudreaux, Stacey Boyle, Betsy Brothers, Jim Bunck, Sheri Burge, Cameron Burroughs, Bob Butters, Ann Castrop, Larry Combs, Beth Blessington Conrad, Olivia Connealy, Lisa Copen, Tim Curtis, Don Dalton, Paula Darling, Daphe, Corry DeRee, Wayne Dillard, Mary Nell Donoho, Mary Ann Dougherty, Blair Dryden, Sandy Eddy, Jessica Eggleston, Walter Feuerborn, Jan Frahm, Helen Franken, Kathleen Fredrickson, Tom Fry, Andy Geohagan, Emma Gibbar, Michael Glover, Cindy Goe, Jim Gottardi, Jack Graham, Delores Graves, Connor Green, Federico Guillen, Greg Gundlach, Beth Harrison, Lori Hatton, Henry and Tyler and Laura Higginbotham, Nancy Hisle, Fern Holder, Linda Hopfinger, Rosy Jose, Sherry Kane, Michael Lielman, Virginia Kierl, Dona King, Beth Kneib, Kyle Kraft, Wes Kurre, Han Liong Lao, Marisa Leonardelli, John Lichiello, Bob Long, Lisa, Pat Mahoney, Ana Sofia Martin, Jim Martucci, Paschal Mascaux, Cheryl Conrad McGee, Avery Grace Meyer, Matt Miskin, Lynn Morton, Jay Muller, Kathy and Dale Neal, Kevin O'Grady, Demetrio Ontiveros, Louise Pachelli, Mike Peters, Jason Pfannenstiel, Jacque Pfeifer-Moffitt, Jim Quinn, Bobby Reed, John Reedy, Carol Reilly, Bob Reynolds, Michael Rief, Jean Riley, Claudia Roche, Marc Rottinghaus, Rafaela Rodriguez, Ed Russell, Nancy Seberger, Presley Shelman, Ron Sitzmann, Ann Snyder, Pat Sonnenschein, Bob & T Stockman, Theresa Strader, Jason Sturdevant, Frank Tripicchio, Gary VanLeeuwen, Michele Vigil, Beverly Virgo, Katelyn Walser, Michael Ward, Hope Wellinghoff, Michael Wellinghoff, Rebecca Wenner, Helen Wiedle, David Wiltgen, Jim Wilson.



**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
The Rejected Savior**

In the reading from Acts, Peter explains to the leaders of Israel how they cured a crippled man. They probably expected Peter to take credit for the cure, so they were waiting for him to hang himself by his words. Peter, of course, gives the credit to Jesus and then makes two important points.

First he calls Jesus the "stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." This quote from Psalm 118 was used often by the early Christians to show that Jesus was rejected by fellow Jews when he was crucified, but was actually doing God's will when he gave his life on the cross. Thus he became not just a martyr, but the savior of the world. This gave comfort to those who had expected the leaders of Israel to follow Jesus and recognize him as the Messiah. It also told those leaders that they could be forgiven for crucifying Jesus if they would simply repent.

The second point made by Peter was that Jesus is the one and only savior of the world. In those days, the Roman emperor was considered to be a god and was called a savior. Peter says this to the leaders because they had to obey the emperor and his appointed rulers over Israel. While we no longer look to politicians to be saviors, we need to remember that Jesus is the Savior: he forgives our sins, shows us how to love God and our neighbors, and hears our prayers. He lives in us to support us when the answer to our prayers is "no." And in the end, he is with us when we die to bring us to eternal life. When we love others (and are loved by others) we experience a taste of God's love. Now the choice is yours: to reject the Savior or make Him the cornerstone of your life.

**Please pray for our active duty service members:**



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

Contact Jean in the office [jhinman@kcascension.org](mailto:jhinman@kcascension.org) to add your loved ones names to the active duty prayer list.



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

**New Parishioners**

Mr. & Mrs. James Ryan  
Mr. John Murphy  
Ms. Jennifer Weathermon

**Together for Life**

Helen Kasra and Thomas Rohleder

**Banns of Matrimony**

Kristina Grandon and Matthew Baldwin  
Maxine Sampaio de Wolf and Brandon Cascio  
Maria Shalini and Adrian Dsouza  
Marissa Rittorf and Cory Bell

**From Death to New Life**

Jess Patterson, Aunt of Patrick Kershaw  
George Shore, Husband of Janet  
Frances Stockman

**April 23 - April 29**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;  
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

## MINISTRY NEWS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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

All of the proceeds from the various Knight fundraising activities support local, national, and international Catholic Charities; Church of the Ascension; and four of our Seminarians. Your support and participation in these social, parish activities are very much appreciated.

The Ascension Council 10932 of the Knights of Columbus will once again be offering scholarships to young men and women who are entering Freshman year of high school or college. Eligibility includes the children or grandchildren of active or deceased Knights of Columbus of Ascension Council 10932. High school applicants must be planning to attend an area Catholic high school. College applicants must plan to attend any accredited private, community, vocational, or public college as a full-time student. Applications can be found on the Ascension Knights website at: [www.ascensionkofc.com](http://www.ascensionkofc.com). Deadline for submittal of scholarship applications is April 22.

Are you a 3rd degree Knight? Consider becoming a 4th degree Knight and join our very own 4th degree Assembly at Ascension. On April 28 in Eudora the 4th Degree Exemplification will be held. The ceremony and banquet is only a 28-minute drive from here to Eudora. As you know, the 4th degree is the Patriotic degree and highest one a Knight can attain. Six Knights from the Ascension Council have already confirmed they will be participating in the exemplification. Contact Sir Knight Paul Surles at [psurles@gmail.com](mailto:psurles@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Congratulations to the:

Knight of the Month - George Winkler  
Family of the Month - Dave and Patty Whitaker

Knights Choir - Contact Dan Tira at [tirad@umkc.edu](mailto:tirad@umkc.edu) or 913-451-2341 if you are interested in joining.

For council members' convenience, you can now pay your dues online at <http://www.ascensionkofc.com>.

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

- Knights Mass each Friday morning at 6:45am.
- Scholarship applications are due April 22.
- Membership meeting, Monday, April 23, at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

### MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The next Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) monthly meeting will be held on May 3 at 7:00pm in the parish hall. This will be the last MOYC monthly meeting until the fall. Join us and enjoy fellowship, prayer and strengthen in your faith. Questions? Contact Anna Schuster at 785-541-1154 or [ksu\\_rock@hotmail.com](mailto:ksu_rock@hotmail.com).

### OUR COMMON HOME MINISTRY



Take the challenge, Ascension! Last weekend, Our Common Home Ministry handed out reusable grocery bags in partnership with the Catholic Climate Covenant's effort to help us say no to single use plastics and counteract what Pope Francis calls "the throw away culture." If Ascension parishioners use the 1,500 bags once a week for the 16 weeks of the challenge, 24,000 plastic grocery bags will be diverted from the landfill! Keep the bag in your car, and commit to using it. We can do it, Ascension!



### PERPETUAL ADORATION

These Holy Hours need some weekly prayer assistance:

Sunday	10:00am* (high need), 1:00pm and 6:00pm
Monday	3:00pm
Tuesday	2:00am* (high need) and 10:00pm
Thursday	7:00am and 10:00am
Friday	10:00am, 3:00pm and 11:00pm
Saturday	7:00am, 11:00am, 3:00pm, 5:00pm and 9:00pm* (high need)

If you prefer to sub, you can go to this link (even without an account!) and see what's open: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a44aba7238-adoration>

Please drop in to the Chapel, quietly, at any time! Contact Debbie Engel at [deborasuzanne@gmail.com](mailto:deborasuzanne@gmail.com) or 913-485-8918 for more information. If you can assist weekly at one of these Holy Hours, please let me know. Also, please go to our website [kcasension.org](http://kcasension.org) and go to "Quick Links/Current Volunteer Sign Ups," on the Home Page to substitute for an hour.

### CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE

We love to see families in church, however, we know that little ones occasionally have bad days.

Ascension has a nursery available during 8:15am and 10:00am Masses for walking-age children free of charge.

Also, there is a cry room located in the back of the Church.

*MINISTRY NEWS (Continued)*

# Ascension Catholic School & Preschool

**CATHOLIC – COMMUNITY – ACADEMIC**

**Think about the school you want for your child.  
Ascension Catholic School & Preschool students...**

 <p><b>Learn &amp; Create</b></p>	 <p><b>Show Kindness</b></p>	 <p><b>Pray</b></p>
 <p><b>Laugh often</b></p>	 <p><b>Gather as families</b></p>	 <p><b>Play</b></p>

**Giving glory to God in all we do!**

**Consider Ascension Catholic School today.**

**Schedule a tour – 913-851-2531**

**Our spaces are filling fast.**

**MINISTRY NEWS (Continued)****RESPECT LIFE**

The Developing Baby--My Heart Is Beating

Recall we recently celebrated the Solemnity of the Annunciation when our Blessed Mother conceived our Lord Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Now consider all the children conceived since that time. Many of these children will be threatened by abortion. How do we protect them? The Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen suggested spiritually adopting an unborn child who is in danger of being aborted. Let us all commit to this short daily prayer until Christmas for the child each of us has spiritually adopted: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

Now what is the status of a baby recently conceived in late March. That baby has been quite active over the past month. Already that baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. By the 20th day, the baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through her own circulatory system. During the next month this baby is most vulnerable to being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of all mothers to give their babies the most precious gift of all—the gift of life. Always remember "Jeremiah 1:5-Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you."

(Source: Archdiocese of Baltimore).

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

Youth Faith Formation News

Sunday, April 22

- \* K4C at 10:00am in the classrooms.
- \* Year I at 6:30pm in the parish hall.
- \* Year II (S&L) at 6:30pm in the youth center.

Upcoming Dates

- \* Jesus Day for 2nd graders is April 28, begin by entering through gym entrance and go to the youth center.
- \* K4C concludes for the year on April 29.
- \* Year I concludes for the year on May 6.
- \* Year II (S&L) concludes for the year on April 29.
- \* Youth Faith Formation concludes for the year on May 9.

**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 or [jhinman@kcascension.org](mailto:jhinman@kcascension.org).

**COMMUNITY NEWS****THE 34TH ANNUAL POLSKI DAY CELEBRATION**

**May 5, 11:00AM**

**All Saints (Our Sister Parish)**

**Kansas City, KS.**

The 34th Annual Polski Day celebration will be held, from 11:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday, May 5, at All Saints Parish on the St. Joseph Church grounds, at 8th & Vermont, Kansas City, Kansas. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the Volunteer tab on [www.polskiday.com](http://www.polskiday.com) or email Elaine Karhut Web Volunteer Coordinator, at [info@polskiday.com](mailto:info@polskiday.com). Profits from Polski Day supports the upkeep for All Saints parish. Thank you for your continued support.

**2ND ANNUAL VILLA ST. FRANCIS FAITH IN BLOOM BENEFIT LUNCHEON**

**May 9, 11:30AM**

**Olathe Conference Center, Olathe, KS.**

Join friends and colleagues from throughout the Archdiocese on Wednesday, May 9, from 11:30am-1:00pm for the 2nd Annual Villa St. Francis Faith in Bloom Benefit Luncheon. Villa St. Francis is the Archdiocesan-sponsored skilled nursing community whose mission is to embrace Christ's love for all people, providing care to those in need with compassion, excellence, and dignity, with a special concern for the poor. The Villa is one of the largest Medicaid providers in the state, and one of the only communities in the area providing care to those considered Medicaid-pending, making it the only option for many of our community's most vulnerable.

This year's luncheon will celebrate not only the exciting updates being made at Villa St. Francis thanks to the community's support, but will also honor Archbishop Emeritus James Patrick Keleher's 60 years of service to the Church.

Individual tickets are \$100.00 each and can be purchased online at [www.FaithInBloomLuncheon.com](http://www.FaithInBloomLuncheon.com). For sponsorship information or to reserve a table, contact Villa St. Francis Director of Community Relations, Tiffany Howell-Clair at [howell@villasf.org](mailto:howell@villasf.org).

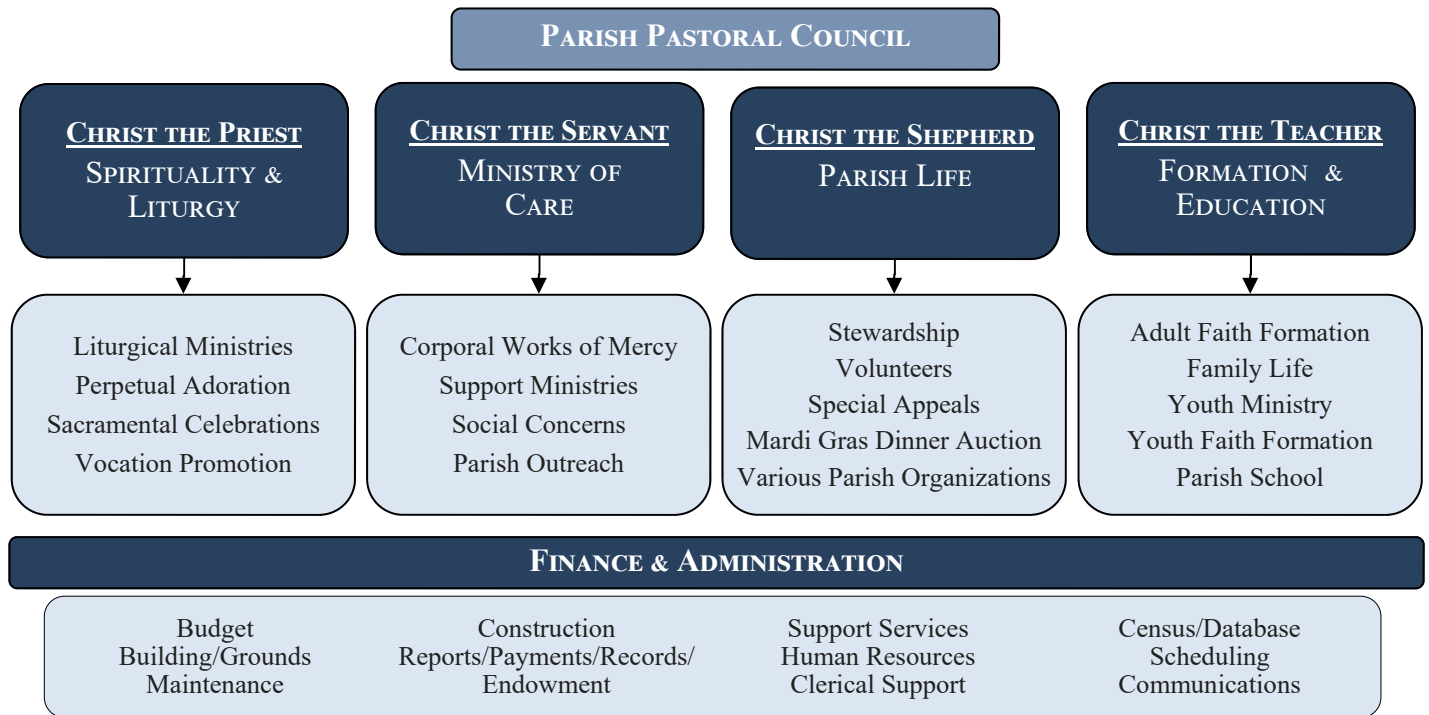
**RETRouvaille WEEKEND**

**June 8-10**

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team at 800-470-2230 or visit our website [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

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