



# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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

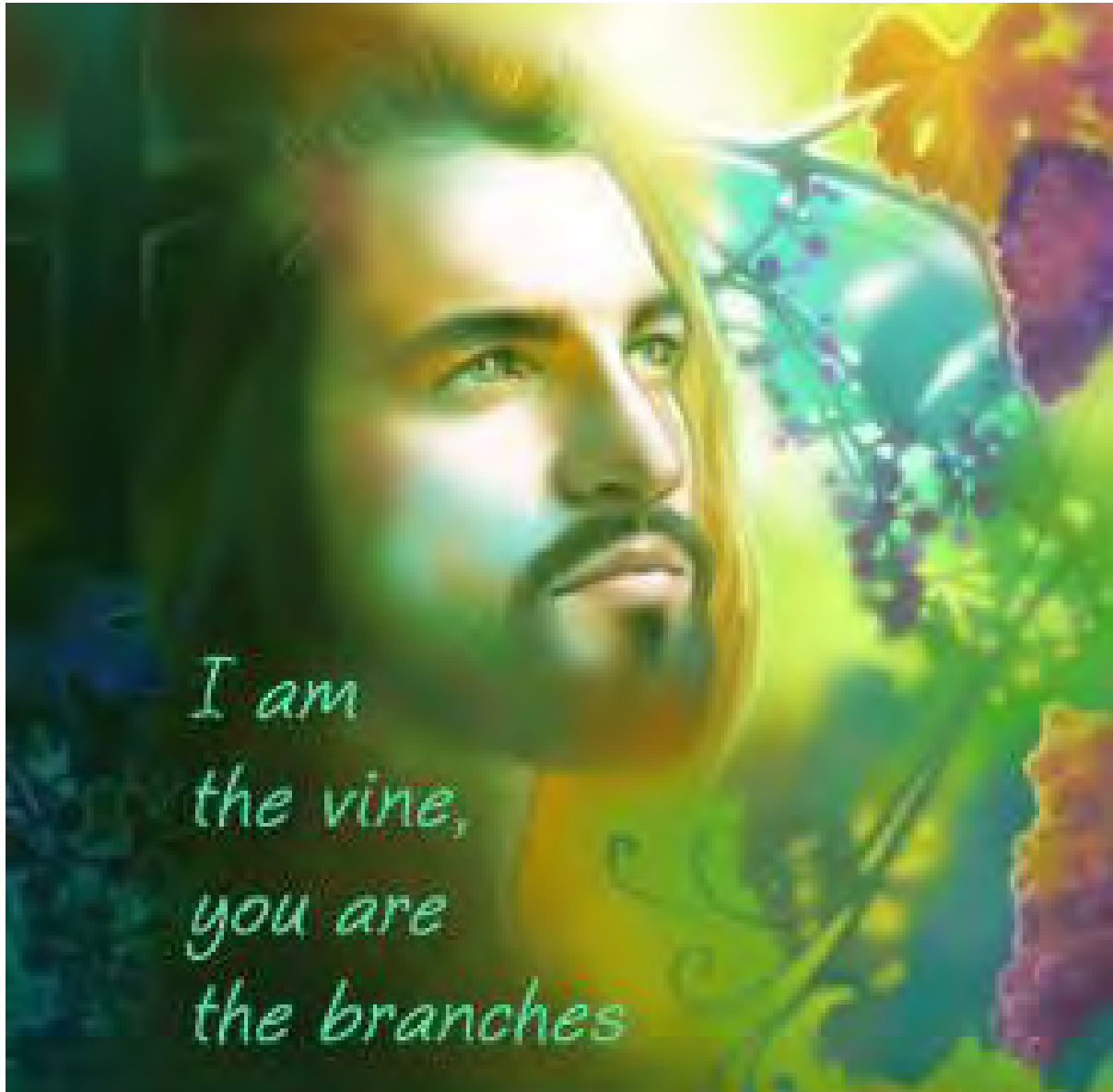
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APRIL 29, 2018

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



*I am  
the vine,  
you are  
the branches*

## 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.

**ASCENSION THIS WEEK**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**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

**Monday, April 30**

RCIA Class, St. Mark Rm., 6:00PM  
 Men's Basketball Age 21+, Gym, 8:30PM

**Tuesday, May 1**

33 Days to Merciful Love, St. Luke Rm., 9:30AM  
 City Union Mission, Deliver desserts by St. John Rm., 2:00PM  
 Attached to Jesus (A2J), Youth Ctr., 5:30PM  
 Project Genesis, School, Rm. 1 or 4, 7:00PM  
 33 Days to Merciful Love, St. Luke Rm., 7:00PM  
 Fathers of St. Joseph, St. Luke Rm., 8:30PM

**Wednesday, May 2**

Fathers of St. Joseph, Church, 6:00AM  
 Fathers of St. Joseph, Conf. Rm., 6:30AM  
 Youth Faith Formation, School, 5:30PM  
 Family Formation, Parish Hall, 6:00PM  
 Zoom-HS Youth Group, Youth Ctr., 6:00PM  
 Divorced/Separated Support Ministry, Conf. Rm., 7:00PM  
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 7:00PM  
 Men's Basketball, Age 21+, Gym, 8:30PM

**Thursday, May 3**

Jesus, Java, and Juice, Church, 6:45AM  
 Rosary & Anointing of the Sick, Church, 6:30PM  
 Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) Monthly Mtg.,  
 St. Matthew Rm., 7:00PM

**Friday, May 4**

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

**Saturday, May 5**

Legion of Mary, St. Luke Rm., 6:15AM  
 First Communion Practice, Parish Hall, 9:00AM  
 First Communion Practice, Parish Hall, 10:15AM  
 Baptisms, Church, 11:30AM  
 Public Square Rosary, Parking Lot, 12:00PM  
 First Communion Mass, Church, 6:30PM

**Sunday, May 6**

Donuts, Parish Hall, After 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses  
 Sunday Scripture, St. Luke Rm., 9:15AM  
 K4C, 10:00AM  
 AA Mtg., St. John Rm., 1:00PM  
 First Communion Mass, Church, 2:00PM  
 Al Anon Mtg., St. John Rm., 4:00PM  
 Year I, School, 6:30PM  
 Face to Face, Church, 7:00PM


**STEWARDSHIP**

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." – 1 John 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it is not too late to start!

Weekly Offertory: April 21-22	\$ 44,494.54
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.

**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 [kascension.org](http://kascension.org) then Quick Links/Current Volunteer Signups. The shopping and prep of desserts can be used for service hours!

## ASCENSION THIS WEEK (Continued) / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### ATTACHED TO JESUS

**May 1, 5:30PM**  
Youth Ctr.

Attached to Jesus (A2J) is our youth group for all 6th and 7th grade students! Come hang out with Lee, Joe, and Anna! Grab some pizza and learn a bit about Jesus!

### PROJECT GENESIS MEETING

**May 1, 7:00PM**  
School, Lower Level Rm. 1 or 4

What is Project Genesis? Our Archdiocesan program for education in Human Sexuality and Chastity.

Who are these programs for? All parish 5th and 6th grade boys and girls with parents.

Where/When are the presentations?

Boys, (Rm. 4, school lower level)  
Girls, (Rm. 1, school lower level)

Questions? Email Becky Wright, Ascension Catholic School Principal [bwright@acseagles.org](mailto:bwright@acseagles.org) or 913-851-2531, ext. 101.



### ZOOM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**May 2, 6:00PM**  
Youth Ctr.

Zoom (high school youth group) is Wednesday, May 2! Come kick off our new series, The A Team! This week's theme is Getting off the B Team. We are breaking down friendship and what it means today. Dinner starts at 6:00pm and activities flow from there!

### JESUS, JAVA AND JUICE

**May 3, 6:45AM**  
Church

Jesus, Java, and Juice, (JJJ), is the best way to start your Thursday! Come receive Jesus in the Eucharist and then have some breakfast!

### ROSARY & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**May 3, 6:30PM**  
Church

### MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN (MOYC)

#### MONTHLY MEETING

**May 3, 7:00PM**  
St. Matthew Rm.

Please see Page 10 for additional information.

### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

**May 5, Noon**  
Parking Lot

### FACE TO FACE

**May 6, 7:00PM**  
Church

Face to Face is our family holy hour with Eucharistic Adoration and live worship music! Come pray about unconditional love! Bring your friends, family, neighbors, kids, aunts, uncles, grandparents, grandkids and anyone else you can think of!

### PENTECOST CULTURAL

#### LUNCHEON

**Volunteers Needed**  
**May 20, 12:30PM**  
Parish Hall



We are many parts, and all one body! Come join in our First annual Pentecost Cultural Luncheon! There will be a potluck style lunch with cuisine from all the many heritages that make up our wonderful Ascension community including: Russian, Vietnamese, Polish, Mexican, Portuguese, Dioula and Gouro just to name a few, and, of course American! There will also be various booths with displays from some of these countries with fun décor, art, jewelry, etc. There is no cost for the luncheon.

If you can help by bringing a dish from your country of origin, or host a booth to share other fun things from your country, please go to [kcascension.org](http://kcascension.org) then Quick Links/ Current Volunteer Signups. If you sign up to bring a dish, be sure to say what the dish is and where it is from.

Contact Tricia Baldwin if you want to help as well at [tbaldwin@acseagles.org](mailto:tbaldwin@acseagles.org). We will need help setting up the food, booths, etc. Women of Ascension will be serving the food during the event!

### 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**OUR COMMON HOME  
MINISTRY MEETING  
May 7, 7:00PM  
St. Luke Rm.**

Please see Page 10 for additional information.

**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!

**INTERESTED 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 [hanks.davidg@gmail.com](mailto:hanks.davidg@gmail.com) for questions or additional information.

**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@kcascention.org](mailto:jhinman@kcascention.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).



**GIVING AND RECEIVING**



It is important to know when we can give attention and when we need attention. Often we are inclined to give, give, and give without ever asking anything in return. We may think this is a sign of generosity or even heroism. But it might be little else than a proud attitude that says: "I don't need help from others. I only want to give." When we keep giving without receiving we burn out quickly. Only when we pay careful attention to our physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs can we be, and remain joyful givers.

There is a time to give and a time to receive. We need equal time for both if we want to live healthy lives.

Henri' Nouwen

SUMMER ADULT FAITH COURSES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Hail, Holy Queen

Come see a fresh and enlightening new perspective on Mary, Mother of God, and her central importance in the Christian faith. Dr. Scott Hahn presents a new look at the Marian doctrines: Her Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity, Assumption, and Coronation. As he guides modern-day readers through passages filled with mysteries and poetry, Hahn helps them rediscover the ancient art and science of reading the

Scriptures and gain a more profound understanding of their truthfulness and relevance to faith and the practice of religion in the contemporary world.

The Participant Workbook, The Bible and the Virgin Mary, will serve as your companion for the duration of the series, helping you better retain what you have learned so that it can more easily be applied to your daily life. Course includes a book and a workbook.

12 - Week Course and DVD Series

AM Session - Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00AM

PM Session - Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30PM

Start date: May 22, 2018 (class skips July 3 and last class is August 14)

Facilitator: Dick Kane, Location: St. Luke Room

Oremus – Let Us Pray!

This Guide to Catholic Prayer teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how to place yourself in the presence of God. Following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life.



8 - Week Course and DVD Series

AM Session - Thursdays, 10:00-11:30AM, Location: St. Matthew Room, Facilitator: Kim Sutton

PM Session - Thursdays, 7:00-8:30PM, Location: St. Matthew Room, Facilitator: Katie Kuckelman

Start date: June 21, 2018 (class skips July 5 and last class is August 16)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please circle choice and turn into parish office with payment for materials.

Hail, Holy Queen.....AM Session PM Session Cost of Materials \$30.00

Oremus– Let Us Pray!.....AM Session PM Session Cost of Materials \$15.00

Please submit course registration to parish office by May 21 for Hail, Holy Queen

Please submit course registration to parish office by June 11 for Oremus

For questions, please contact Liz Willman at 913-681-3348 ext. 139



**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](http://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!!!**

Our Summer Intensive Faith Formation Program for kids entering 1st & 3rd-6th grades is now registering participants? 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 to 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.



# Women of Ascension



## Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm

**Come join us for a Ladies Night Out!  
Dinner, Wine, Socializing and Painting with *Thirsty Palette!***

Where: Ascension Parish Hall

When: Promptly at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall (Doors open at 5:45)

We will provide wine, but feel free to bring a bottle of wine to share with your table.  
We will also be collecting art supplies for Learning Club.

\* Only \$30 for Dinner and Painting Canvas \*

RSVP by Monday, May 28th

On our website at [www.kcascension.org](http://www.kcascension.org) under: *Get Involved/Ministry Directory/Women of Ascension*

### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION KNIGHTS ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT September 17, Tee off at 1:30PM Ironhorse Golf Club, Leawood, Kansas

**Open to all at beautiful Ironhorse Golf Club  
Located at 15400 Mission Road, Leawood, Kansas**

Format is a four-person scramble  
\$125.00 per golfer, Teams - \$500.00

Includes golf, cart, refreshments on the course, BBQ buffet dinner afterwards with more refreshments, awards presentation

Tee off position are age graded for fairness

Three men's flights and one women's flight, Three places per flight

Additional on-course games and contests

**For registration form, contact David Whitaker at [dwhitaker416@gmail.com](mailto:dwhitaker416@gmail.com)  
Corporate sponsorships available - contact Joe Walrod at [jwalrod@cpfirms.com](mailto:jwalrod@cpfirms.com)**



WEEKLY PRAYER

Mass Intentions For The Week



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

Monday April 30
6:45AM +Peter Dougherty by Tom Hodes
12:00PM + Ed & Edith Gast by Mark & Glenda Gast

Tuesday May 1
6:15AM Reconciliation
6:45AM +Adeline Punswick by Hawk Family
8:00AM +Rose Guastello by Fran Esposito
11:30AM Reconciliation
12:00PM +Philip Rauhen, +Andy McCullagh

Wednesday May 2
6:45AM +Donald R. McCarter, Sr., by Don McCarter
12:00PM +Carmen Rodriguez by Tettambel Family

Thursday May 3
6:45AM +Gilbert Koelzer by Joe & Linda Walrod
12:00PM +Carol Jones by Vayo Family
6:30PM Rosary & Anointing of the Sick
7:00PM Reconciliation

Friday May 4
6:45AM +Theresa Strader by Knights of Columbus
12:00PM +Dan Pope by Mary Pope

Saturday May 5
8:00AM Weekly Rosary
8:30AM +Draga Tokic, +Pauline Janssen,
+Greg Mowery, +Patrick Clune
3:15PM Reconciliation
4:30PM +Adele Sykes Fr. Tom
by Porch Family
6:30PM First Communion Mass Fr. Tom
Fr. Michael

Sunday May 6
8:15AM +Patrick Dold Fr. Tom
by Dian Dold Pauly
9:30AM Weekly Rosary
10:00AM +Carl Specht Fr. Michael
11:45AM +Eduardo Martinez Fr. Tom
by Reeves Family
2:00PM First Communion Mass Fr. Tom
Fr. Michael
5:00PM Ascension Parishioners Fr. Michael

Unforeseen circumstances may require a change in the priest schedule.

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 Coplen, 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, 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, Evelyn Overlease, Louise Pachelli, Mike Peters, Jason Pffannenstiel, 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, Mike Smith, Ann Snyder, Pat Sonnenschein, Bob & T Stockman, 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**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Living in Shame?**

In the reading from St. John's first letter, he talks about our hearts condemning us. (1 John 3:20) He is referring to the shame we feel when we do something sinful. When he says God is greater than our hearts he means that even when we know we have sinned, even if we feel unworthy to be forgiven, God is still a forgiving God, who doesn't wait for us to be "worthy." He patiently waits for us to ask for his mercy, to want his forgiveness. So when we confess our sins, we need not doubt that we are forgiven.

But sometimes we feel shame when we have done nothing wrong. It may be something simple, like sneezing in the quiet part of a symphony. Or perhaps something more serious, such as when you accidentally hurt someone. That is when it is good to remember that God knows what happened and still loves us.

The best way to remember this is by living as God commands, by loving God and our neighbor. If you believe in Jesus, you love God, because you trust that God sent his Son to save us. So we know that God forgives us even before we ask him to. If you love your neighbor, then you reach out to the person you hurt, instead of hiding in shame, and try to help them.

When we stop living in shame and start living in love, we know that the Lord lives in us. And as both the second reading and the gospel point out, we can ask for whatever we need and receive it. For when God lives in us and we live in him, we won't ask for anything trivial or selfish. His Spirit teaches us how to pray with confidence and faith. We pray as Jesus taught in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy will be done." Our love and trust in God will help us to accept whatever God sends our way.

**Baptisms**

Xander R. Ditto  
Theodore Joseph Beck  
Mia Grace Sullivan  
Kinsley Mae Grace

**Together for Life**

Kristina Grandon and Matthew Baldwin  
Maxine Sampaio de Wolf and Brandon Cascio


**Banns of Matrimony**

Maria Shalini and Adrian Dsouza  
Marissa Rittorf and Cory Bell  
Lauren Juarez and Francisco Cruz  
Lauren Brown and Chase Waltman

**From Death to New Life**


Bob Baldwin, Father of Jim  
Theresa Strader, Sister of Ed Maschler  
Neil Hall, Brother of Patti Brownback  
Kyle Geaslin, Brother of Kathie Hahn

**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!

**April 30 - May 6**

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial)  
Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;  
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17  
or Jn 17:11b-19

## 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.

#### 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.
- Officers meeting, Sunday, May 6, at 6:00pm in the Knights Room.

### MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The next Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) monthly meeting will be held on May 3 at 7:00pm in the St. Matthew room. 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

Our Common Home Ministry will meet on Monday, May 7, at 7:00pm in the St. Luke room (lower level). We will be reviewing the efforts we are making this month to kick off a new and improved recycling system in the school cafeteria, as well as our Earth Day "Say No to Single Use Plastics" awareness drive. We will also review a list of initiatives taken by the parish to date in helping to increase our energy efficiency and reduce our carbon footprint. This will help us understand what projects have already been undertaken as we continue to look at future improvements.

### 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 [debra.suzanne@gmail.com](mailto:debra.suzanne@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.

### RESPECT LIFE

#### False Blessings

On January 29, 2018, the same day that the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, a bill to prohibit abortions at 20 weeks and beyond, was filibustered in the US Senate, four Christian pastors and a rabbi gathered at an infamous Maryland abortion facility to pray for and bless the abortion clinic and staff. The clergy then sprinkled water throughout the clinic and in the parking lot as another minister said: "We sanctify this space and we honor this as holy." Sadly this was not the first time pro-abortion clergy have given religious cover to abortion clinics. In January 2017, ministers from 20 religious sects gathered to bless Planned Parenthood's (PP) newly opened mega-clinic in Washington, D.C. At the time, the CEO of the facility proclaimed, "This confirms the sacredness of the work we do." Sadly pro-abortion clergy gatherings have also occurred in Ft. Worth and Cleveland. Pope Francis has said: "The religious person knows that among the greatest blasphemies is to invoke God as the justification for one's own sins and crimes." Lawrence Grayson comments: "These ministers should pay heed to the admonition of Isaiah: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness." Grayson continued: "If our nation is to revere life at all stages, it will take God working through us. Pray for our nation. Urge the nation's leaders to hold PP and other abortion providers accountable for laws they may have broken and the atrocities they have conducted. Be a public witness to end abortion and uphold the sanctity of life."

(Source: From Butchery to Blasphemy, Our Sunday Visitor, April 1, 2018)

### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

#### Youth Faith Formation News

#### Sunday, April 29

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

#### Upcoming Dates

- \* K4C concludes on Sunday, (April 29).
- \* Year I concludes for the year on May 6.
- \* Year II (S&L) concludes for the year on April 29, (but we encourage your family to attend Face to Face on May 6).
- \* First Communion practice will be on Saturday, May 5, at 9:00am for those receiving on May 5 and 10:15am for those receiving on May 6. We ask a parent and their child to meet in the parish hall at those times.
- \* Weekly Youth Faith Formation concludes for the year on May 9 (inviting parents and students the last half hour of class for snow cones out near the Rosary Garden).

*MINISTRY NEWS (Continued)*

# Ascension Catholic School & Preschool

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**Learn & Create**



**Show Kindness**



**Pray**



**Laugh often**



**Gather as families**



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

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**Schedule a tour – 913-851-2531**

**Our spaces are filling fast.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

#### Submit Names Now!

If you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in the year 2018 and would like to take part in the Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration fax your names to 913-721-1577 or email [flifesecc@archkck.org](mailto:flifesecc@archkck.org) or call Mary Anne at 913-647-0345 as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

### SCHOOL OF LOVE DATE NIGHT

**May 3, 6:30PM**

**Classic Cup, Kansas City, MO.**

Hundreds of couples, of all ages, from both KC dioceses have joined us (and now re-join us) for date night! We want you to do the same! We kick off your date with a happy (half) hour, appetizers, and a brief talk on faith+marriage+family... then you go finish your date together alone. It is a great and meaningful (and fun) way to kick-start your date. Join us on the Plaza at Classic Cup (Cellar) on Thursday May 3, from 6:30pm-7:30pm to kick-off your date night! Date night is a School of Love event. Check it out online: [www.schooloflovekc.com/datenight](http://www.schooloflovekc.com/datenight).

### 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 [thowell@villasf.org](mailto:thowell@villasf.org).

### 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.

### THE RELIGIOUS ALLIANCE AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY (RAAP)

**Parents, Kids, and Porn Webinars**

**May 15, 11:00AM, and May 22, 7:00PM**

The Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) is providing two national webinars entitled "Parents, Kids and Porn: The Conversation" on May 15 at 11:00am and May 22 at 7:00pm. The webinar will address how to initiate age-appropriate discussion, free of fear and shame, how to approach technology, social media and pornography, and ultimately how to create an atmosphere of openness and honesty in homes where parents are the go-to person for their children. Registration and more information is available at [www.religiousalliance.org](http://www.religiousalliance.org).

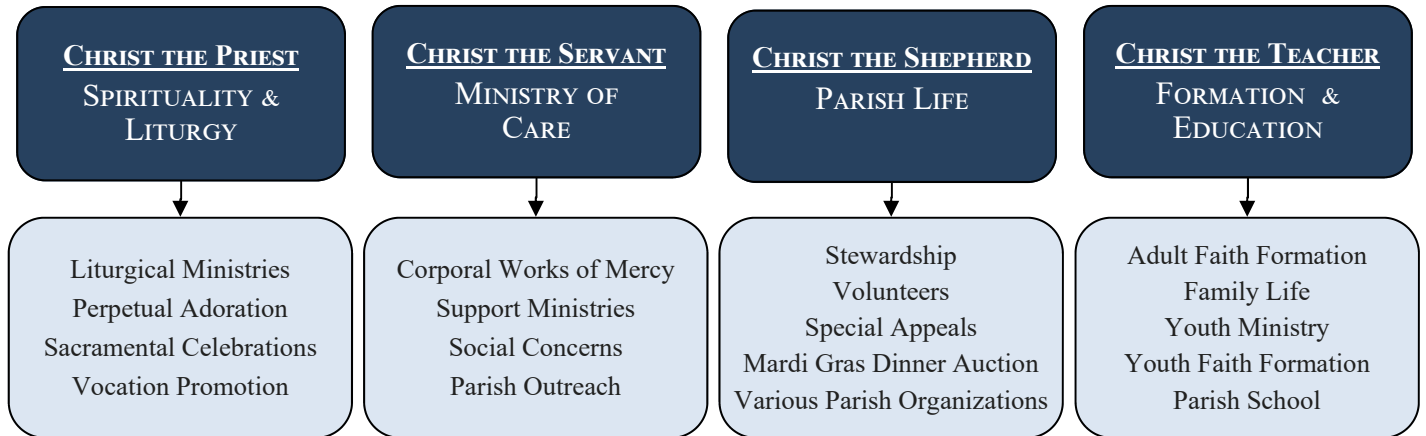
### RETRouvaille WEEKEND

**June 8-10**

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. 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).

# PARISH ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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