SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

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

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

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

ANOINTING
OF THE SICK
1st Thursday of the Month: 6:30 p.m.

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

BAPTISMS
For information and scheduling please contact the parish office or view the website.

MARRIAGE
Couples should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to the wedding date.
Annulments: Contact Fr. Tom or Fr. Nathan.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
ASCENSION THIS WEEK

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 13
- Dress for Success, Gathering Area All Day
- Men’s CRHP Retreat All Day
- Sunday Scripture, Conf. Rm. 9:15AM
- K4C Classes 10:00AM
- AA Mtg., Conf. Rm. 1:00PM
- Al Anon Mtg., Conf. Rm. 4:00PM
- SOR, Year I 6:30PM
- SOR Year I Parent Mtg., Parish Hall 6:30PM
- Men’s Basketball, Age 21+, Gym 8:30PM

Monday, September 14
- Blood Drive, Parish Hall 1:00PM-5:30PM
- Women of Ascension Membership Mtg., Library 6:30PM
- The Grief Journey, St. Luke Rm. 7:00PM
- Social Media Speaker, Parish Hall 7:00PM
- International Missions Mtg., Conf. Rm. 7:30PM
- Men’s Basketball, Age 21+, Gym 8:30PM

Tuesday, September 15
- Confirmation Parent Mtg., Parish Hall 6:30PM
- S & L 6:30PM
- Year 1 SOR 6:30PM
- Al Anon Mtg., St. John Rm. 4:00PM
- First Reconciliation Parent Mtg., Parish Hall 3:45PM
- Baptisms, Church 1:00PM
- K4C Classes 10:00AM
- Sunday Scripture, Conf. Rm. 9:15AM
- Confirmation Parent Mtg., Parish Hall 6:30PM

Wednesday, September 16
- SOR 5:30PM
- Zoom HS Youth, Youth Rm. 6:00PM
- AA Mtg., St. John Rm. 7:00PM
- Men’s Basketball, Age 21+, Gym 8:30PM

Thursday, September 17
- Matthew: The King & His Kingdom, St. Matthew Rm. 9:30AM
- Newly Marrieds, Offsite 6:30PM
- Matthew: The King & His Kingdom, St. Matthew Rm. 7:00PM
- Legion of Mary, St. John Rm. 7:00PM
- Lector Training, Church 7:00PM

Friday, September 18
- Men of Ascension, St. Luke Rm. 6:00AM
- Walking With Christ, St. John Rm. 9:30AM

Saturday, September 19
- Lector Training, Church 10:00AM
- Parish Picnic 5:30PM-8:00PM

Sunday, September 20
- Sunday Scripture, Conf. Rm. 9:15AM
- Donuts, Parish Hall After 8:15AM & 10:00AM Masses
- K4C Classes 10:00AM
- Baptisms, Church 1:00PM
- AA Mtg., St. John Rm. 1:00PM
- First Reconciliation Parent Mtg., Parish Hall 3:45PM
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)
FOR ENGAGED COUPLES
September 13, 7:00PM
St. Matthew Rm.

STEWARDSHIP

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

My Gift of Treasure

Financial Update

Weekly Offertory:
Sept. 5-6 $ 52,266.82

Monthly Autodebit: August $ 180,471.81
620 Families on Autodebit

Fiscal YTD: August, 2015 $ 916,553.78

Registered Families 2,915

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

September 12-13
Gathering Area

Items needed include: suits, slacks, blouses/shirts, scarves, ties, briefcases, undergarments, blazers, skirts, dress shoes, jewelry, purses, new hosiery and makeup. All items need to be interview appropriate, in excellent condition and clean. Please launder or dry clean the clothing and place on hangers. Items that are seasonal in nature are requested, as space is limited. There will be a Spring/Summer drive also. This drive assists people in dressing for interviews and jobs.

2015-2016 MINISTRY GUIDES

2015-2016 Ministry Guides are available in the gathering area that provides details of the many ministries our parish has to offer. A signup form is included in this year’s guide and once completed, it can be placed in the wooden box in the gathering space.
ATTENTION: PARENTS & PARISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS

“IT WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST EYE OPENING EXPERIENCES YOU WILL EVER HAVE.”
- Dwayne Peace - Retired Police Officer, V.P. of Dare to Care Inc.

PUBLIC & PERMANENT:
Promote Responsible Use of Technology & Prevent Digital Abuse!

Date: Sept. 14, 2015
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

WHO:
Ascension Parents and Community Members

WHERE:
Ascension Catholic Elementary School Cafeteria

KEEPCING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE ONLINE:
WHAT EVERY PERSON SHOULD KNOW

You are invited to a special Live Event!

All attendees will obtain the solution for preventing:
• Cyber Bullying
• Inappropriate photos
• Irresponsible Use of Apps
• Poor Social Media Behaviors
• Many Other Current & Future Cyber Issues

This multi-award winning program provides greater awareness of negative, irresponsible, and malicious digital behaviors and trends and the method to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a cyber-crime, cyberbullying, and digital exploitation.

Richard Guerry is the author of multiple cyber safety and citizenship books and has been a featured speaker at numerous national & international conferences.

He has also appeared as an expert on Radio Disney, CNN and MTV’s Thin Line Campaign, as well as in Parade Magazine and in local, regional, and international publications.

This Program Received the 2010 & 2011 Exemplary School Safety Program Award by the School Safety Advocacy Council

* Richard’s books will be available for a donation to his nonprofit.

Learn more at www.IROC2.org
LOVE IS OUR MISSION
The Family Fully Alive


God and Father of us all, In Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church. May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world. Be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel. May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me.”

BLOOD DRIVE - WE NEED DONORS!
Be a “LIFE SAVER”
Be a Hero and Give the Gift of LIFE this Fall
September 14, 1:00PM-5:30PM
Parish Hall

A 2007 University of Minnesota study estimated that about one third of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood. However, the number of people who actually choose to donate is far fewer. Currently, the Kansas City-based Community Blood Center, which provides 70 area hospitals with 3,600 units of blood each week, describes its supply as critical; meaning the supply for hospitals and patients is stretched thin. This limits elective surgery and can postpone life-saving treatments. Go to Quick Links in the lower portion of our website to sign up. If you have questions, please email Jean at jhinman@kcascension.org.

WOMEN OF ASCENSION MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 14, 6:30PM
Library

Please see Page 13 for details.

THE GRIEF JOURNEY
September 14, 7:00PM
St. Luke Rm.
BRING YOUR FAMILY & INVITE A FRIEND!!!

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Saturday, September 19, 2015
5:30PM ~ 8:00PM

YOUNG & OLD
JOIN IN THE FUN!

*bingo
*more face painters *more balloon artists
*caricature artist *new inflatables

Entertainment by our own Sunday Night
Praise & Worship Ensemble!

Plus
ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SOCCER CHALLENGE

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs w/ All the Fixin’s

Provided and Served by Knights of Columbus & Women of Ascension

SIGN UP ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE
UNDER * WHAT’S HAPPENING*/PARISH PICNIC
FOR DONATIONS, SERVICE HOURS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Donations Appreciated for:
Cake Walk—Cakes & Cookies *Cakes should be placed in disposable tins with covers
Ring Pop Toss—2 Liter Bottles of Pop
Deliver items to Lower Level on Friday, 9/18 between 2:30pm and 3:30pm

& TO RSVP TO THE PARISH PICNIC BY SEPTEMBER 14

Fantastic Food & Fun For All Ages!
Admission Price: Free Will Offering!
Questions: Dawnlee Maurer 681-3348
UPCOMING EVENTS AND SIGN UP NOW!!!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
September 21, 6:00PM-8:00PM
Adult Faith Rooms

Are you or someone you know interested in looking into becoming Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received the other sacraments? If so, explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) at Ascension!

RCIA Classes begin MONDAY, September 21 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Adult Faith Rooms. Enter the main church front doors and then look towards your left. Head down the main staircase to the landing which leads you to the Adult Faith Rooms. To register for RCIA please contact: Liz Willman, RCIA Director at 681-3348 ext. 139 or please email: lwillman@kcascension.org prior to September 21.

RENEWING OUR CALL TO MERCY
BRINGING CHRIST TO THE SICK
September 22, 7:00PM
Church

This is an evening of renewal scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Church for the Ascension outreach EMHCs who bring Holy Communion to the patients at St. Luke's South Hospital, the area Assisted Living/Nursing Home facilities and the Homebound.

The evening will be dedicated to those who answer the Lord's Call to this work of mercy. The agenda will include personal witness from several outreach EMHCs, an inspirational presentation from Father Tom, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer and recommissioning. Afterwards, in the spirit of community and communion, there will be refreshments and time for visiting with the other outreach EMHCs.

USED BOOK DRIVE
September 27 - October 4
Gathering Space

Do you have books that have been collecting dust on your shelves? Please bring in any used infant, children, and adult soft-covered books to donate to Ascension's Used Book Drive. Books will be donated to St. Dismas Prison Outreach Ministry, Respect for Life, and Ascension's “sister school,” an inner-city preschool and our library.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WOMEN’S RENEWAL WEEKEND
September 26-27
Sign up today!!!

CRHP is a program designed to bring Parish members together in Christ and emphasizes your continued growth in Catholic Christian life. During a retreat weekend held at the parish you will have the opportunity to:

♦ Make new friendships in our parish.
♦ Relax, pray and rethink priorities.
♦ Hear Christ's call to you in a relaxed setting.
♦ Respond to His call to a closer relationship with God.

REGISTER EARLY (Space is Limited)

HAVE QUESTIONS?
Dianne Kelly 913-681-6258
or diannekelly@kc.rr.com.

HOSEA PRAYER GROUP
“Come back to Me…with all your heart…”
No Meetings Just Prayers!

Do you have family/friends that have fallen away from the church? Do you know someone who may be lukewarm in their practicing of the faith? The power of prayer is a powerful tool to help! Please join a new prayer group called Hosea, organized by a few members of the church staff. We will pray for fallen away or lukewarm Catholics. We will pray every Friday afternoon at 3:00pm. The best part is that all members of this group will pray from wherever they are at 3:00pm on Fridays! We will watch the Holy Spirit stir the hearts of the wonderful people we are praying for! If interested in being a part of this prayer group, please email Tricia Baldwin at tbaldwin@acseagles.org.
To combat temptation, many sports teams in the past have enlisted the aid of unofficial chaplains to be available for the players. Teams have also allowed religious services in the clubhouse. The New York Mets, for example, had a priest celebrate Mass for the Catholic players before the team played a Sunday game.

Role modeling by players and managers was also recognized to be vitally important. Who can forget the great example of the late Dodger great Gil Hodges? His example on the field and off, as well as his regular presence at Mass, in Brooklyn, inspired his team and the entire Borough. As a player and manager Gil’s Christian example was a guide for the team and for their youthful fans. It acted as a deterrent to poor behavior.

Professional athletes involved in murders, domestic abuse, criminal conspiracies et. al. are not the kind of role models Americans want for the youth of today.

Almost fifty years ago, The Monkee’s sang in the lyrics to Mrs. Brown, “Where have you gone Joe DiMaggio?” Perhaps today our plaintive cry should be “Where have you gone Gil Hodges?”

There is a group of Catholic athletes who want to fill the void for young athletes left by Gil and others like him. Ray McKenna, a Washington lawyer, created an organization to do just this. He formed the Catholic Athletes for Christ, (CAC) in 2006. Ray wanted Catholic athletes to have another choice other than self-indulgent behavior. He was interested in pros becoming more like Crispin than Caligula.

Specifically, he wanted to:

- To provide solid Catholic role models
- To work with the Church leadership and Catholic organizations
- To minister to Catholic athletes, coaches and staff
- To reverse the moral crisis in sports today
- To create a network of Catholic athletes, coaches and staff
- To organize sports conferences, pilgrimages, retreats and days of reflection

Catholicism is not always welcome in the popular culture - and professional sports are a major part of the popular culture. Athletes need positive role models to help reverse the moral crisis that exists in sports. CAC works with athletes at all levels of sports in an effort to promote a Catholic sports culture. It has, for example, established Chapter programs in many Catholic high schools in the United States. Its members are sometimes referred to as Catheletes.

CAC wants to help Catholic athletes to live their faith. By doing so maybe the nightly news ‘films at eleven’ will show more pro sports figures praying than perp walking, more acts of domestic compassion and less acts of domestic abuse.

Because Gil Hodges was so respected as a role model, he had the support of the entire Catholic community, in Brooklyn. For example, when he was in a batting slump, the priest asked everyone at Sunday Mass to pray for him. The prayers worked, he got a hit that very afternoon. Just imagine how much good can come from CAC! Good example and prayers for Catholic athletes can go a long way for all of us.
**WEEKLY PRAYER**

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

**Church of the Ascension**
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
**September 13, 2015**

**Weekly Rosary**
- September 11
- September 12

**Relatives & Friends of Parishioners:**
**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Faith or Works?**

Sometimes we think the argument of faith vs. works started with the Reformation. But the second reading shows that it was already being debated in New Testament times. The simplified version of the debate has the Reformers saying that faith alone is all we need to be saved, while the Catholic side says we have to do good to be saved. Actually, they are both right.

The idea of works being necessary for salvation probably goes back to the Old Covenant emphasis on the law and the commandments. The Jews believed that keeping the law showed their holiness. They avoided anything or anyone that was unclean. They believed that their religious practices set them apart from the pagans around them.

Then Jesus came to show that only God is Holy. Our holiness comes from loving God and loving others. Because Jesus is the Son of God, he is the best way to know God. So believing in Jesus is not just believing that he exists, (like those who believe in Santa Claus or UFO’s.) It means we believe in Love, the love Jesus showed by his life and death. We believe in a Person who loves us and showed us that God is not our boss or judge; he is our Father. He gives us life and protects us; he supports us and also lets us learn from our mistakes. Then he forgives us, showing that he loves us even when we turn away from him.

So if we truly believe in Jesus we believe in what he said and did. We follow his commandment of love, not because we want to avoid evil, but because we love him so much we want to be just like him. We help others, not to make us look good, but to show them how good God is. So you cannot truly believe in Jesus without wanting to help others to know and love him too. Jesus’ way of saying that in today’s gospel was to take up our cross and follow him. That is truly a work of faith.

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**Togetherness for Life**

Lauren Winslow and David Parker

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**Banns of Matrimony**

Cassie Brock and Mackenzie Smith
Laura Eckert and Cory Kiesling
Jenna DeGennaro and Ryan Bob
Mindy Flacks and Steven Kohnle
Kendall Knott and Mark Hays
Kierin Ellman and Joe Manzari

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**From Death to New Life**

Robert Gengler, Father of Steve
Michael Greenwood, Son of Richard and Barbara

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**September 14 - September 20**

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men’s Fraternal organization open to all Catholic men ages 18 and over. See the Knights’ website www.ascensionkofc.com for more information.

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Event to be held on the Ascension Field behind Church. No need to pre-register, just show up during the parish picnic on Saturday, September 19. Come join in the fun and show your stuff!! For additional information, please contact JD Martin at jd@kcdent.com or 913-636-9977.

The Knights Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 25 at Falcon Ridge Golf Course. The cost is $140.00 per player or $560.00 per foursome. Women are also encouraged to sign-up and participate. The tournament is open to anyone interested in playing. Corporate sponsors are needed to help make this a successful tournament. For questions, contact David Whitaker, (Chairperson), at dwhitaker416@gmail.com or 913-626-2676, or Joe Walrod at 913-205-5655. All profits go to various charities.

“Ascending Smoke” BBQ Contest - The Ascension Knights will be hosting a BBQ contest the weekend of October 16 and 17 here at Ascension. Details can be found on the website. This is an Open BBQ Contest, and is open to all regardless of Church affiliation, etc. Contact Terry Pellant at tjpellant@gmail.com or 913-827-8389 for more information.

Interested in joining the Knights? Contact Danny Walker at walk6400@gmail.com or David Whitaker at 913-626-2676.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Sign up on our website www.ascensionkofc.com for activities).

Knights’ Mass each Friday morning at 6:45am.
Men’s CRHP September 12 and 13.
Officers’ meeting September 13 at 6:30pm.
Knights’ Golf Tournament will be held on September 25 at Falcon Ridge Golf Course.
Council meeting on September 28 at 7:00pm, Rosary at 6:30pm.

DO YOU LOVE DONUTS?

We are looking for someone to help coordinate the Sunday Donut Ministry for the parish. (It does not require being present to serve donuts every week). For information about the role, please contact Nila Henderson at NilaHenderson@gmail.com or 913-481-8608. Thank you.

MINISTRY OF CARE

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

Contact Jean jhinman@kcascension.org for more information on these support ministries and other available resources.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

HELP with BIGGSteps Toward Cancer Prevention!
Our own parishioners, Nate and Kelly Bukaty, run this fun, family friendly morning to honor a friend who died of cancer. Please grab a friend and join us on September 20, races begin at 8:30am at KU Edwards Campus (127th & Quivira). Ascension Social Concerns is helping out this wonderful cause in honor of all our parishioners who have died from, or are living with some form of cancer. Go to Quick Links in the lower portion of our website to sign up. Please email Jean at jhinman@kcascension.org for questions or additional information.

Blue Valley “STREAKS”
Special Olympics Team “BOWL-A-THON!!!!
Social Concerns is a proud sponsor and volunteer provider for the main fundraiser for Blue Valley Special Olympians! This funds the purchasing of uniforms, equipment, awards and entry fees when the “Olympians” participate in local, regional and state events. November 7 is the date of the event, at AMF College Lanes with bowlers invited to get sponsors and bowl during the day. We have a silent auction and loads of door prizes! Great family activity to attend and/or volunteer for! Please contact Jean in the office for more information jhinman@kcascension.org or go to “Quick Links” on the website to help or register to bowl.
MINISTRY OF CARE  
(Cont’d.)

Care Portal Ministry

What if I told you that our church has an opportunity to understand the needs of struggling families in the community? Would you want to know?

The Care Portal Ministry is designed to facilitate local church awareness of community needs. Through partnerships with respective state child welfare agencies, (foster kids, adoption hopefuls) social workers, nurses and caseworkers are communicating the needs of struggling families to Care Portal enrolled churches. This is the medium by which needs vetted by independent, reliable sources is now being easily passed to our church and many other churches in the Kansas City area. They send out an email, with the needs of the family explained, and we can HELP by clicking on the email. I will be emailing out the requests that I think we can help with. Examples are: some material requests: beds, baby items, kitchen table, washer and dryer, etc. If you can help with transporting things to the needy families, I would love to have your name!!!!

One social worker from Jackson County, Missouri, recently quoted, “I have never seen such willingness to reach out with kindness to meet the needs of our struggling families and children. The response time is incredibly prompt and timely. Thank you with all my heart.”

Contact Jean in the office if you want to help or for more information at jhinman@kcascension.org.

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

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

Did you miss our first monthly meeting last week? It is not too late to join! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00pm for fellowship and enrichment. Play groups, moms’ night out, and children’s activities will all be starting up soon, and we would love to have you join us for any or all of it!

Mom’s Night Out
Join us September 17 at 7:30pm at Dream Dinners. Prep some quick, tasty meals for your freezer while enjoying the company of other Super Moms! Wine and appetizers are welcome! A registration email should be sent soon; if you do not receive it please contact Jamie Kahm at email: jamiekahm@gmail.com to be added to the distribution list.
MINISTRY NEWS (Continued) - RESPECT LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES
SEPTEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 1

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies

From September 23 – November 1, our community will join with hundreds of other cities participating in 40 Days for Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:

- Prayer & Fasting
- Community Outreach
- Peaceful Vigil

40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort made up of more than 625,000 volunteers in 558 cities across 24 nations.

With God’s help, 40 Days for Life has seen proven results: 10,331 babies spared from abortion, 118 abortion worker conversions, and 60 closed abortion centers.

Get involved, and you can help save lives!

Overland Park, Kansas
40 DAYS FOR LIFE:
Vigil Location: Center for Women’s Health (abortion center) at 4840 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66211
Vigil Hours: 7 AM – 7 PM every day
Local Contact:
Wendy Curtis, 816-765-9477
40daysforlife@gmail.com
Learn More & Get Involved:
40daysforlife.com/overlandpark
Today, September 13, K4C Sunday morning begins at 10:00am.

Year I Confirmation begins for students. Parent meeting in the parish hall, both at 6:30pm.

Year II In-Service for all our small group leaders and teen leaders will meet in the Youth Room at 6:30pm.

All 2nd Grade Parents - First Reconciliation Parent Meetings, please attend one of the following: September 20 at 3:45pm, or September 23 at 5:30pm both in the parish hall.

Confirmation Year II parents and students September 20 Year II Confirmation: all 8th graders in Youth Room and parents in parish hall at 6:30pm.

Attention Summer SOR Parents and Students - Enrichment Session for all Summer SOR students and parents at 3:30pm on September 27. Students meet in the classroom you were in this summer and parents meet in the parish hall.

We have a two-year program for all students preparing for First Holy Communion (need to be in 1st grade before receiving in 2nd grade), and we have a two-year Confirmation Preparation Program. Please call the SOR office for more information.

POPE FRANCIS
ENCOURAGES A BALANCE FOR SPORTS

Pope Francis when speaking earlier this year to athletes warned them, that they should not become absorbed in sports to the detriment of other aspects of life. Specifically, he mentioned that some young competitors begin to miss Mass or religious-education classes because of practice. “This is not a good sign,” the Pontiff said. “It means that the person has lost the balance in his life.”

WOMEN OF ASCENSION

To glorify God by promoting spiritual growth, stewardship, fellowship and friendship among all women of the parish.

If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, please contact Teresa Davis at 913-526-4570 or tdavis12120@kc.rr.com.

General Membership Meeting
Monday, September 14, Beginning at 6:30pm Rosary Ascension School Library
7:00pm Catholic Charities Speaker
7:45pm Social Time
The evenings topic will be, “Catholic Charities Serving Our Community.” Donda McLaughlin and Michelle Carlstedt will join us to discuss the many programs. Catholic Charities offers that serve our 21 counties of NE Kansas and, the grant they received for the new Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative. They will also tell us about Catholic Charities volunteer opportunities.

Parish Picnic
Saturday, September 19, 5:30pm-8:00pm Volunteers needed - food set-up, keep food stocked and light clean-up. If you are able to help, contact Teresa Davis at tdavis12120@kc.rr.com.

Mark Your Calendars!
Women of Ascension’s 2nd Annual Advent by Candlelight will be on Thursday, December 3, at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

More details and table hostess sign-up in the coming weeks. For additional information and questions, please contact Teresa Davis at tdavis12120@kc.rr.com or 913-526-4570.

DID YOU KNOW???

Liturgy Schedules & Bulletins on Website
All liturgy schedules are posted on our website: kcascension.org. Please click on Get Involved/Liturgy/Liturgy Volunteer Schedules. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!

The last four (4) Bulletins are on our website: kcascension.org, under the Bulletin tab.
COMMUNITY NEWS

SAINT PAUL’S OUTREACH
September 16, 5:30PM
9711 W. 104th Terrace, Overland Park, KS.

"Saint Paul’s Outreach (SPO) invites you to "Meet-the-Missionaries" Wednesday, September 16! SPO actively invites college students and young adults into faith-filled environments locally in Kansas City. The event will be held at the SPO Young Adult Men's Household at 9711 W. 104th Terr. Overland Park, KS 66212 from 5:30pm-7:00pm. All are welcome!"

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO VOLUNTEER
September 22, 7:00PM
3404 W. 132nd Street, Leawood, KS. 66209

We will have a Ladies of Charity Prospective New Member Wine and Cheese Night on September 22 at the home of Karen Leimer, 3404 W. 132nd Street, Leawood, KS. 66209. Please email or call the number below if you would like to attend this lovely evening. It will be an information night of wine, snacks and fellowship. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in finding out more about Ladies of Charity, what we do, and the charities we serve. Please email Diane Frerker if interested in attending diane.frerker@kc.rr.com or 913-814-0985.

FAMILY DAY AT PRAIRIE STAR RANCH
September 27
Prairie Star Ranch, Williamsburg, KS.

Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch includes: climbing tower, horseback riding, canoeing, adventures in prayer, Holy Mass (Sunday obligation), Games, and more on September 27 at Prairie Star Ranch for only $5.00 per person! Our retreat team joyfully invites you to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a day of natural beauty, prayer, and adventure activities. Families, friends, and communities are welcome to come at their leisure and spend the day bonding and building relationships. Let us grow closer to Christ together on this day of Christocentric adventure and fun! For further inquiries and to register, please go to www.archkck.org/ranch. For questions please email psrministry@archkck.org or call 785-746-5693.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday – Sept. 19 - 4:30PM
Greeters: B & A Fisher, B Dierks
Sacristan: K Newkirk, M Gress
Servers: C McCormick, J Minnis, M Newkirk
Lec/Com: Brown, Marino

Sunday – Sept. 20 - 8:15AM
Greeters: Wasinger Family
Sacristan: L Endsley, K Jennison
Servers: H Schaefer, M Schaefer, S Schaefer
Ushers: J Frederes, J Auslander, M Beggs, M Gwynn, J Maxwell, D O’Grady, D Sandvig
Lec/Com: Blaise, Holmes
E.M: L Endsley, K Jennison, P Highstrom, P Hittle, J Huber, K Huppe, L Jennison, T Kershaw, B & M Krebs, K & R Lane, J Lipp, T Long, F Mader, M Maurer, T O’Connor

Sunday – Sept. 20 - 10:00AM
Greeters: Hampton Family
Sacristan: B Hornung (Sac), G Bono
Servers: S O’Brien, R Penn, T Penn
Ushers: J Pater, M Fraser, J Hogan, T Lenz, M Rottinghaus, L Simons, M Thomas, D Vanoverschelde
Lec/Com: Nicholson, Moloney

Sunday – Sept. 20 - 11:45AM
Greeters: Bruegger Family
Sacristan: J Drew, F Esposito
Servers: G Klimek, E LaSala, C Micek
Ushers: B Long, P Glasser, J Leary, B Martinez, M George, L Miekeletto
Lec/Com: Connor, Martin
E.M: J Drew, F Esposito, M Shriver, C Spitz, C Taylor, R Ullmann, D Urkevich, N Volz, K Werkowitch, M & W Bokath

Sunday – Sept 20 - 5:00PM
Greeters: T Malnar
Sacristan: E (S) & R Cotter
Servers: B Hobbs, D King, C Letourneau
Lec/Com: Fredrickson, Blakney

Donuts: 8:15AM – J & L Kocen, D & K Schemmel
10:00AM – E Maloney, J & M Maxwell

Counters: Sept 21: N/S Huddleston, A Kernan, J & J Monty, J Riscoe, A Suchma, L Huston(Sub)
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