

FUNDRAISING & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

As a Stewardship Parish, Church of the Ascension relies on the regular tithe contributions of parishioners to support the parish and its ministries. Therefore, every effort is made to MINIMIZE the number of special requests for financial contributions to meet special needs.

Organizations and ministries may sponsor fundraising activities among their own members; however, when these are directed beyond the members of the particular group the following guidelines must be followed. This includes fundraisers conducted by mail, after Masses, and special solicitations for donations.

FUNDRAISING

- Fundraising of any type must be sponsored/coordinated through an existing parish ministry. All funds raised must be used for the approved purpose. No fundraising is allowed that benefits a private individual/business, even if proceeds are shared with the parish. No use of Ascension's names and/or logos permitted without prior written authorization from the Parish Life Coordinator. No purchases may be made from the donations without prior written approval from the appropriate employee ministry head.
- Parish-wide fundraisers sponsored by the "parish as a whole" take precedence and may require rescheduling of some events.

- By **July 1** of each year, all groups wishing to sponsor a parish-wide fundraiser during the following 12 months are required to submit a written request stating purpose, method, and dates. This includes annual fundraisers such as Celebrate Ascension, Lenten Fish Dinners, etc. Approval and coordination of all parish-wide fundraisers are the responsibility of the Parish Life Coordinator. All approved activities are to be entered on the parish calendar. **NO INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP IS TO PRESUME PERMISSION TO SPONSOR A PARISH-WIDE FUNDRAISER WITHOUT APPROPRIATE PERMISSION.**

- No fundraisers are to take place in the gathering space. As a rule, they are to be conducted in the parish hall.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Many groups wish to sponsor collections of items for the needy, such as toys and clothing. In order to avoid duplication of efforts and to maximize effectiveness, all such collections must be approved and coordinated with the Ministry of Care Director. The Ministry of Care Director will work with the Parish Life Coordinator in the proper scheduling of such efforts. If these collections focus on cash donations, they need approval of the Parish Life Coordinator.

