

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

FALL 2021 ADULT FAITH COURSE CATALOG



PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 31, 2021

Online registration & payment available at kcascension.org

OR

Turn in the Registration Form (located inside on page 27)

Late registrations are welcome, but there is no guarantee that materials will be available through Ascension. You may have to obtain your own materials.

Scholarships are available for those under financial constraints-contact Liz Willman.

If you have questions about a particular class,
please feel free to call or email the Adult Faith Office:

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Join us for classes to see if this is right for you! We will meet on Monday nights to present basic topics of the faith and grow in our relationship with God. Adults are welcomed into the Church at Easter in the spring. We also would love to have parishioners volunteer to serve as a sponsor for someone going through RCIA.

Information Night/Registration date and time:

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 from 7:00PM-8:00PM in St. Mark Room

Regular day and time: Mondays 5:30 PM - 7:30PM

First regular session: September 20, 2021

Location: St. Mark Room

No Cost

Liturgy of the Hours Introduction

Have you come to Mass at 7:00 AM on a weekday or 8:30 AM on Saturday and wondered what was happening? You saw parishioners praying from a small red book that isn't part of our normal mass experience. They were praying the Liturgy of the Hours (LOH).

What is the Liturgy of the Hours? It is the ancient prayer of the Church. The crux of the prayer is recitation of the psalms in a rotation. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Hours and how to use the small red book, please join us for a one-night introduction.

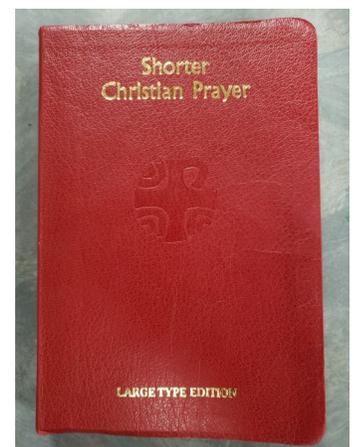
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Deacon John Stanley

No Cost



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS

Christ Renews His Parish Retreat

Parish sponsored retreat program offering a Sat./Sun. retreat at the parish in the Fall and in the Spring. There are separate weekends for Men and Women. It is a program designed to bring parish members together in Christ, and emphasizes your continued growth in Catholic Christian life. It initiates this through small group participation. If interested, complete the registration form on page 26, or check out the parish website or Adult Faith Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space for a registration form.



The next Women's retreat will be held on September 11 and 12, 2021, and the next Men's retreat will be held on September 25 and 26, 2021. Please check the bulletin and website for more information.

Disciples Dwelling: A Young Adult Bible Study

Are you currently transitioning from college into adulthood? Are you looking for an opportunity where you can dig deeper into your Catholic faith while bonding with other young adults on fire for Christ? Then consider joining Disciples Dwelling (DD) - Ascension's young adult weekly small group study. We discuss upcoming Sunday Mass readings followed by a fellowship activity - with occasional DD functions on weekends.



Ongoing Bible Study for a passionate group of Catholic Young Adults, ages 21-35

Thursdays: 7:00PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Youth Room

Facilitator: Amy Reinhardt and Jennifer Mathews

No Cost

If you feel called to learn more about joining Disciples Dwelling, look us up on Facebook or contact Amy Reinhardt (amelizabeth93@yahoo.com) for more information.

MEN'S FAITH

Men of Ascension

Are you looking for a way to get more meaning out of Mass? If so, join with other men of the parish to meet each week and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. This group discusses the Sunday readings followed by discussion on their applicability to the lives of men. New members are invited to join at any time.

Fridays: 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM

Date: Ongoing

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Ken Jennison

No Cost



Fathers of St. Joseph—Spirituality for Men

Come join us as we learn God's plan for men, fatherhood, Scriptural solutions to living life today based on how God intended. Our goal is to make the theological practical: finding happiness now and for eternity for fathers and all those we love.

Sundays: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Date: Ongoing

Location: in homes

Facilitator: Phil Hernandez

No Cost



WOMEN'S FAITH

Women's Preached Retreat: "Stay With Me, Jesus"

Living in this complex and busy world we often search for hope and strength in different places, forgetting that our God simply waits to give us what we most need in life: His very Self, in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.



We invite you to accompany us for a day of quiet prayer and reflection, food and fellowship. In our time together, presenters will delve into the power and nourishment Jesus promises to each of us for life, in our Holy Communion with Him.

Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Check-in and Continental Breakfast Location: Parish Hall (begins at 9:00 AM)

Retreat Location: Church (begins at 9:30 AM)

Retreat Presenters: Marge Sosna and Kim Sutton

Cost: \$25 (includes retreat materials, continental breakfast and lunch)

Women Gathered in Prayer Leadership Training

Interested in leading other women in our parish to share in this journey called life? Have you experienced the joy that comes from knowing real faith support from other women? Or have you not experienced this but always wanted to?

Come to this 2 week session where we will share best practices on leading small faith groups for women, help you to form your own spiritual sisterhood of faith, and provide you with the materials to lead your group. On-going support will be provided.



2 Week Course

Tuesdays: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Dates: November 9 and November 16, 2021

Location: St. John Room

Facilitators: Marge Sosna and Kim Sutton

Cost of Materials: \$5

CLASSES

Apologetics 101: Defending What We Believe (And Why)

This class explains the top 10 questions Catholics are asked about our faith and how to answer them. Sharing our faith requires basic understanding of not only what we believe but why.

8 Week Course
Tuesday 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Start Date: September 21, 2021
Location: St. Mark Room
Facilitator: Dan Spencer
No Cost

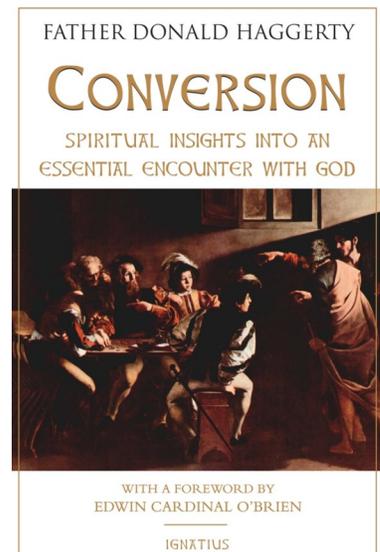


Holy Conversation Book Club

Men and women... join us for book club at Ascension! We will meet twice a month to discuss various Catholic authors, theologians and philosophers.

Our first book will be Conversion by Fr. Donald Haggerty. It will be distributed at the first class and reading will begin after that. Approximately 2 to 3 chapters will be covered at each meeting so as to allow plenty of time for sharing.

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Starts: Tuesdays, September 7, 2021 through May 2022
Location: St. Mark Room
Facilitator: Tamara James
Cost of Materials: \$18



CLASSES

Real Philosophy for Real People

Are your conversations with friends and family becoming increasingly more difficult and contentious? Can you discuss with your friends, neighbors, or children anything of substance anymore without misunderstandings and hurt feelings? Do you find yourself frustrated and asking the question as your firstborn returns from college and stands before you, “Who are you and what have you done with my child?” Is the best you can do just to “agree to disagree?” The world we live in is more complicated day by day. “Yet, whether we like it or not,” says Father Robert McTeigue, S.J., “almost every corner of our lives...brings us face-to-face with competing philosophies and worldviews, each claiming to tell us what it means to be human. ...Consciously, or not, we all have a worldview, and it decides how we live.” What is your worldview and why does it matter?

*In his book, **Real Philosophy for Real People, Tools for Truthful Living**, Fr. McTeigue provides a “toolkit for breaking down and evaluating thought systems... that swirl around us and even in us.”*

16 Week Course

Thursdays: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Dates: September 30 - November 18: Sessions 1 thru 8

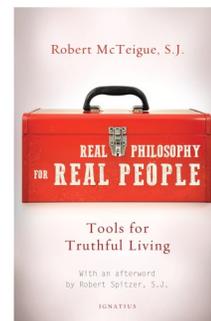
Break for Advent and the Holidays,

January 6 - March 3 (skip Feb. 24): Sessions 9 thru 16

St. Mark Room

Facilitated by Joyce Grashoff

Cost of Materials: \$18



Increase Your Faith 10x Class

If someone gave you a stock tip that would generate a 10x return or more, would you be interested? This class is designed to increase your faith 10x and draws upon the examples of St. Joseph and how to apply those to our lives. Who in your life could benefit from an increase in your faith? What's your plan for eternity? This is your opportunity to understand God's plan for you, then to save your family and change the world, literally. What has to change in us to be like God the Father in this lifetime? Much of our focus is about the restoration of fatherhood but women play a big role, so men and women are welcome to attend.

5 Week Course

Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Dates: October 2 - November 6 (skip October 30)

St. Mark Room

Facilitated by Phil Hernandez

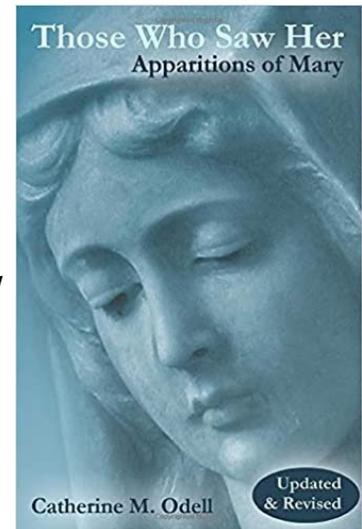
No Cost



CLASSES

Those Who Saw Her: Apparitions of Mary

Our Blessed Mother has been appearing around the world for years with many messages to help us manifest the hidden presence of God, to help us convert our hearts to Jesus, to help us renew our spiritual communities, to reawaken and stimulate our faith and also to renew the hope of our Catholic faith. We will review many of her approved apparitions to better understand how the Blessed Mother is helping the world to become what is desired by the Holy Trinity. Together let us learn how the Blessed Mother can help us become what God wants for all of us to become, Saints.



8 Week Course

Wednesdays: 9:30 AM -11:00 AM
Start Date: September 15, 2021 **OR**
Location: St. Mark Room
Facilitator: Dick Kane
Cost of Materials: \$18

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM—8:30 PM
Start Date: September 15, 2021
Location: St. Mark Room
Facilitator: Dick Kane
Cost of Materials: \$18

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

***THE MOST IMPORTANT CONVERSATION WE DON'T HAVE** is the one about mental health problems.*

*Once again, we are offering “**The Sanctuary Course for Catholics.**” One in four of us will be affected either personally or through family and friends. This 8-week course strives to break down the stigma and start the conversation in order to support those who are suffering. We will explore the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about this topic. Each class will include gentle and confidential small group discussion and accompanying videos that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. **ALL ARE WELCOME/BRING A FRIEND!***

8 Week Course

Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 11:45AM
Start Date: September 14, 2021
Location: St. Mark room
Facilitator: Kim Sutton
Cost of Materials: \$20



CLASSES

An Evening on Forgiveness

*We have all been hurt by someone, maybe even a family member, and we are in need of reflection, prayer and an open forum. Spend an evening on **Thursday, September 23rd, at 7:00 pm, in the St. John room.** An introduction to the Forgiveness journey, followed by a prayer service of scripture, slides, and music. Followed by a sharing and discussion of the Journey of Forgiveness. Closing will be a reflection on Divine Mercy. Bring a friend. Open to all.*

This optional evening of prayer and discussion on Forgiveness will precede the class offering below.

1 Night Talk

Thursday 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

September 23, 2021

Location: St. John Room

Facilitator: Chuck Jansen

No Cost



Forgiveness Class

FORGIVENESS is such a natural, spiritual, necessary and complicated process. Come explore the dynamics of the process of Forgiving. Personal stories and scripture will be used in studying this beautiful process. Is someone in your family holding a grudge against someone? Have you been upset with someone for a long time? Is there possibly a failing or sin in your past that you've ignored and has put a wedge between you and the One Who loves you most?

3 Week Course (alternating weeks) - September 30, October 14, October 28

Thursdays: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Start Date: September 30, 2021

Location: St. John Room **OR**

Facilitator: Chuck Jansen

No Cost

Thursdays: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Start Date: September 30, 2021

Location: St. John Room

Facilitator: Chuck Jansen

No Cost

BIBLE STUDIES

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about. The complexity of the Bible is simplified through an easy-to-follow narrative approach, and a color-coded Bible Timeline Chart which helps you to follow the story that ties all of Scripture together and makes it easy to understand the Bible. This is a condensed version of the Bible Timeline Study.



Please bring your Bible to class (any Catholic translation)

8 Week Course

Thursdays: 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM

Start Date: September 23, 2021

Location: St. Mark Room

Facilitator: Greg Werchowich

Cost of Materials: \$27

The New Heavens and the New Earth

Although an End Times study, this is NOT a study of the Book of Revelation as such. This will be an opportunity for personal application of many familiar passages, taken from several books of the Bible. Some section titles include:

- *Is the Time Near to See My Lord Jesus?*
- *Jesus Making Earth a Heaven When He Comes*
- *Do Not Want What You Had Before*
- *What to Do to Live Forever With My Lord Jesus*

Please bring your Bible to class (any Catholic translation)



7 Week Course (September 10, 2021 through November 5, 2021—not October 22)

Fridays: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Start Date: September 10, 2021

Location: St. John Room

Facilitator: Bill Thomas

No Cost

BIBLE STUDIES

Hebrews

Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant is a Bible study program that takes Catholics on a guided tour of what is considered the “Holy of Holies” of biblical theology. The book of Hebrews is steeped in rich truths about our Catholic Faith.

Presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, this study program draws out the meaning of the book of Hebrews **in a simple way** so Catholics can see, appreciate, and **take hold of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant.**

*** As highlighted in “The Leaven” earlier this year, this series recently received a Bronze Telly Award. ***

8 Week Course

Thursdays

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Starts: September 30, 2021 through November 18, 2021

Location: St. Mark/Matthew Room

Facilitator: Tamara James

Cost of Materials: \$30



OR

Sundays

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Starts: October 3, 2021 through November 21, 2021

Location: St. Mark/Matthew Room

Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff

Cost of Materials: \$30

We offer our thanks to your fellow parishioners who volunteer their time to facilitate these course offerings for our parishioners.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Together: A Date Night Ministry For Married Couples

*Church of the Ascension and St. Michael the Archangel Parish have teamed up to co-host **Together**, a ministry devoted to married couples. Join us for dynamic speaker presentations, fellowship, prayer, drinks, and food. Then, continue the conversation with your spouse, out on a date or back in your home — at a time and place that works for both of you! We will provide simple reflection questions to take with you, as entry points for deeper discussion and personal application.*



The topics for each evening will be served “a la carte,” meaning, you do not need to prepare with reading or homework ahead of time, nor do you need to attend every available evening (although you are certainly encouraged to do so)! All married couples are invited to come — so bring another couple from your neighborhood or from a neighboring parish. You can expect a comfortable, inviting, and pressure-free atmosphere.

Dates: Saturday evenings throughout the year, roughly every month.

Time: Our typical start time is 6:30 PM

Location: Either Church of the Ascension or St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Speakers: Speakers and topics vary each session

Cost of Event: \$0-20 per couple, depending on the food and drink that is provided

For more information about upcoming events, or to sign-up for our email distribution list, visit us at kcascension.org/together

Becoming One

Becoming one is a marriage enrichment ministry created by and for newly (and newly-ish!) married couples. Join us! We are on a journey, moving toward knowing and loving our spouses, our faith, and our community more fully and more passionately. We are actively creating a group — a family of sorts — that is vibrant, authentic, and open to new people and ideas. If you are married or engaged and interested in joining or learning more, then we would love to have you!



Dates: The 4th Thursday of each month

Time: 7-8:30 PM

Location: Varies

Topics and Speakers: Vary

Cost of Event: Free

For more information about upcoming events, or to sign-up for our email distribution list, visit us at kcascension.org/becoming-one



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH INVITATION

Church of the Ascension
9510 W. 127th O.P., KS 66213
(913) 681-3348 FAX (913) 681-3517

Return this form to the Parish Office

Retreat Date Desired-MINIMUM AGE IS 23 YEARS OLD

WOMEN'S Weekends:

MEN'S Weekends:

Sept. 11 & 12, 2021

Sept. 25 & 26, 2021

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Nickname (for Name Badge): _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____
e-mail Address: _____

Are you a registered member of Ascension? Yes _____ No _____
If no, please list your parish: _____
(Please note: Priority is given to parishioners since this is a program
designed to renew parishes.)

Do you have food allergies or special dietary needs, or do you require any special
accommodations? ___ No or Yes, they are

In case of an emergency during the weekend, who should be contacted?

Full Name: _____
Relationship (spouse, child, etc.): _____
Home Phone Number: _____
Alternate Phone Number: _____
Comments: _____

For more information please contact:

For Men: Chuck Jansen 913-710-2597 jansenchuck@gmail.com

For Women: Sarah LaSala 816-804-8665 sglasala@gmail.com

Church of the Ascension 2021-2022 Adult Faith Registration Form

REGISTER ONLINE at www.kcascension.org OR

Turn in this Registration Form to the box in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office.

Please make check payable to: Church of the Ascension. ONE check may be used for all courses.

REGISTRATION DUE AUGUST 31, 2021

Name: _____

If couple attending class, Spouse: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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own materials.

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Course Title	Please Circle Which Class	Participant Name(s)	Cost	Qty to Order	Total Amount Due
Apologetics 101	PM		—		
Fathers of St. Joseph	PM		—		
An Evening on Forgiveness	PM		—		
Forgiveness Class	AM or PM		—		
Hebrews	Thur AM or Sun AM		\$30		
Holy Conversation Book Club	afternoon		\$18		
Increase Your Faith 10x	AM		—		
Liturgy of the Hours Introduction	PM		—		
Men of Ascension	AM		—		
The New Heavens and the New Earth	AM		—		
Real Philosophy for Real People	PM		\$18		
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	Inquirer or Sponsor		—		
The Sanctuary Course for Catholics	AM		\$20		
Those Who Saw Her: Apparitions of Mary	AM or PM		\$18		
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	PM		\$27		
Women's Preached Retreat: "Stay With Me, Jesus"	AM		\$25		
Women in Prayer Leadership Training	PM		\$5		
				Total:	\$ _____

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