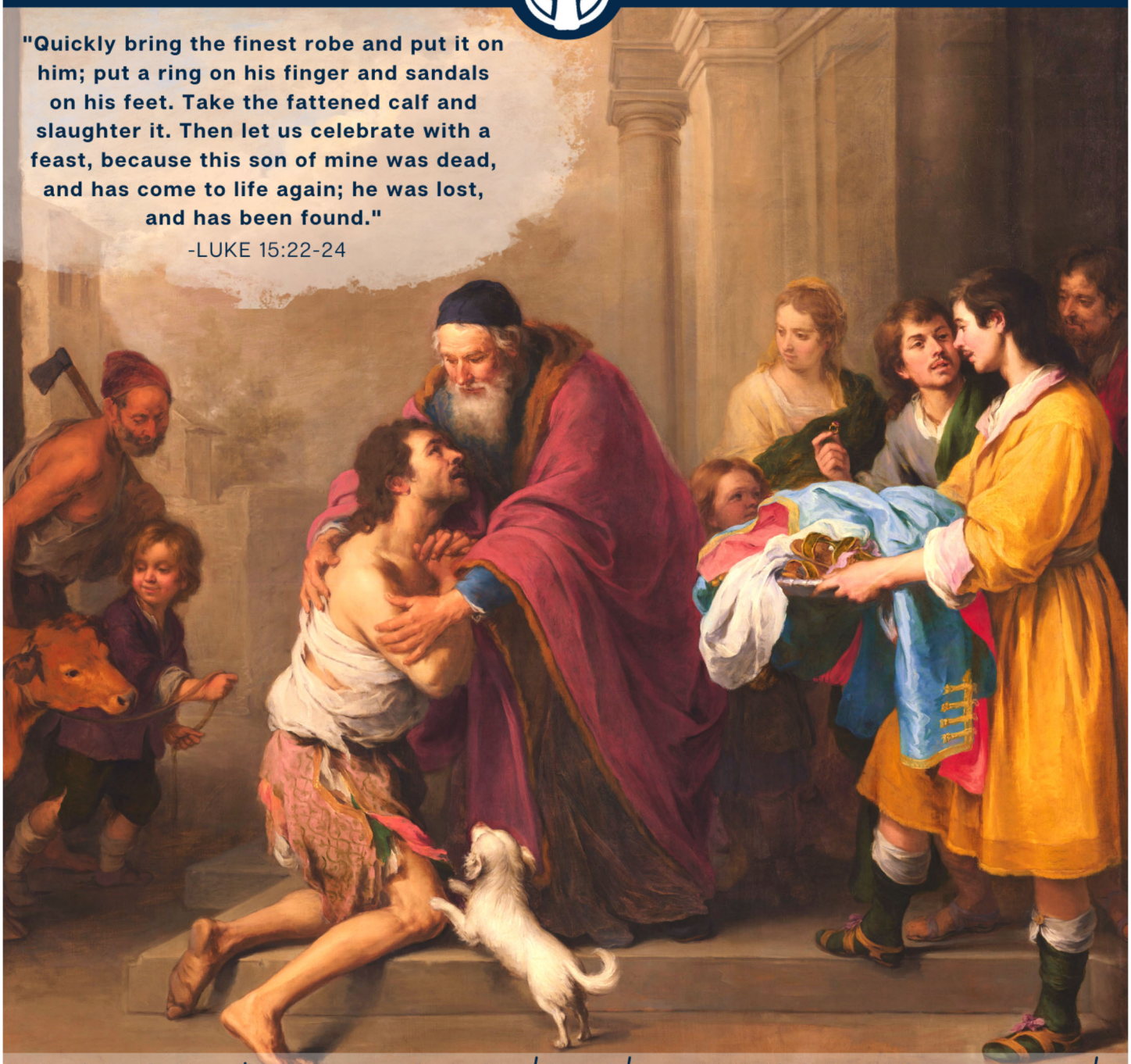
Church of the Ascension

Catholic Parish

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



"Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found."

-LUKE 15:22-24

We Joyfully Proclaim, Celebrate, Witness, and Serve Jesus Christ

OFFICE HOURS	SUNDAY MASSES	WEEKDAY MASSES	RECONCILIATION	PERPETUAL ADORATION
Monday-Thursday: 8:30AM-4:00PM	**Saturday**: 4:30PM	**Monday-Friday:** 7:00AM & 12:00PM	**Tuesday**: 11:00AM & 6:30PM	**Daily**: 6:00AM-9:00PM
Friday: 8:30AM-12:00PM	**Sunday**: 8:15AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 5:00PM	**Saturday:** 8:30AM	**Wednesday**: 6:00AM **Saturday**: 3:00PM	Closed Mon. & Thurs. from 2:00PM-3:00PM for cleaning. Code needed 9:00PM-6:00AM

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The readings for this weekend's liturgy stress the merciful heart of God and describe, as best we can describe the attributes of God by analogy, the tender heart of God and his desire to forgive, restore and properly order His creation.

In the reading from the Book of Exodus, Moses intercedes with God on behalf of the Israelites and implores His mercy. God hears Moses' plea and withholds the punishment that the people deserve. Psalm 51 is a great prayer of mercy. Tradition has even dubbed it the "Miserere," the Latin term for "have mercy." In the second reading from the Mass, St. Paul speaks of the power of God's grace and mercy in his own life and how, with God's help, he went from being the "foremost" of sinners to a pillar of the nascent Church.

In today's Gospel passage, when Jesus is criticized for rubbing elbows with sinners, He tells parables that reveal the tender heart of God and God's intense desire to seek out the lost, reconcile sinners and joyfully welcome repentant sinners home. Jesus tell us that there is "rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Sin must be awfully destructive if turning from it evokes such heavenly celebration.

So, what is the message for us? First off, God wants us to turn from sin and seek His mercy. There is no sin we can commit that is beyond the reach of God's merciful love, as long as we repent. Secondly, he provides sacramental opportunities for us to be freed from the clutches of sin and guilt. In the Sacrament of Confession, we encounter the saving and healing power of the cross. Take frequent advantage of this great spiritual gift.

Finally, Jesus reveals the tender heart of God and the Lord's Cross is the evidence of how far God is willing to go to save us from sin. We must seek God's help through the sacraments and in fervent prayer so that we can imitate the mercy of God in our own lives. We should try, as best we can, to imitate the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life,

Fr. Dan

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

JOB OPENING | NOW HIRING MINISTER FOR MARRIAGE, FAMILY LIFE & VOCATION

The Minister for Marriage, Family Life and Vocation (MFLV) is the key collaborator with the pastor and the Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation. The Minister serves as the staff point-person in matters related to marriage, family life and vocational awareness and discernment. This full-time ministry position is also the point person for our new Communio outreach events and classes. To apply send your cover letter and resume to Liz Willman the Church of the Ascension parish office: lwillman@kcascension.org.

VOICES FROM OUR PARISH

ASCENSION FOSTER & ADOPT MINISTRY (AFAM) ANSWERED PRAYERS BY NORA & PETER SYKES

Where is God? Does it seem as though prayers are not being answered?

Right here in our Parish, at Church of the Ascension, some prayers are being answered daily.

This weekend we are celebrating the First Anniversary of the Ascension Foster & Adopt Ministry (AFAM). Under the umbrella of the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, this ministry supports families that are currently fostering and/or adopting the most vulnerable among us. These families have answered God's call to bring children into their homes and love them.

Unfortunately, only 50% of families that foster continue to foster after the first year. Many of these families have said they can't do it, they don't have the support they need and feel as though they are on their own. This is where AFAM comes in. There are currently 33 active members in the ministry. These members have also answered God's call to help the most vulnerable children by providing weekly meals, child respite overnights, child care and transportation. We are an extended family that has celebrated a High School graduation, an Adoption celebration, and birthday celebrations. We have assisted with home improvements for the families we support. We have collected bicycles for their children as well as tents, sleeping bags and fishing equipment so some of the children could go on a camping trip. However, praying in response to weekly prayer requests from the families, is the most important part of the AFAM ministry.

We currently serve 4 families. Two have been supported for a full year and two are receiving support since March.

But the numbers are not the important part of this story. Statistics show that families with support continue to foster past the first year at a rate of 93%.

God is working through AFAM members. They are truly the hands of Christ. The Holy Spirit has found a way to bring our fostering and adoptive families to AFAM.

Thank you to all the AFAM members for listening to the call from the Holy Spirit and allowing Jesus to work through you. The prayers of these families are truly being heard and answered.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 11

8:15AM - Children's Liturgy of the Word | Church + Classrooms
9:30AM - Bible Timeline Class | St. Mark Rm.
10:00AM - Children's Liturgy of the Word | Church + Classrooms
11:00AM - AFAM Anniversary Celebration | Parish Hall
1:00PM - AA Meeting | St. John Rm.
- Baptisms | Church
3:00PM - Ascension Praise Band & Choir Rehearsal | Church
4:00PM - Al Anon Meeting | St. John Rm.
6:00PM - Confirmation Year II Kick-Off | Field
6:30PM - Confirmation Year I Students | Classrooms
- RISE | Tad's (Off Site)
- Fearfully and Wonderfully Made | St. Luke Rm.

Monday, September 12

1:00PM - Fall Blood Drive | Parish Hall
3:15PM - After School Hangout | Youth Center
5:30PM - RCIA Class | St. Mark Rm.
6:30PM - Women in Prayer Training | St. Luke Rm.
7:00PM - Altar Server Training | Church
- International Missions Mtg. | St. Martha Rm.
- Knight of Columbus Officers Mtg. | Parish Hall Annex
8:30PM - Men's Basketball Age 21+ | Gym

Tuesday, September 13

8:00AM - ACS School Mass Grades 5-8 | Church
4:30PM - Guadalupe House dinners | Offsite
6:00PM - School Advisory Council | Library
6:30PM - Weekly Family Rosary | Church
7:00PM - BeDADitude Class | St. Luke Rm.
- Parent Teacher Organization Mtg. | Library
- Single and Raising Saints | St. John Rm.

Wednesday, September 14

8:00AM - ACS School Mass Grades K-4 | Church
9:30AM - Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation | St. Mark Rm.
1:00PM - Ascension Book Club Monthly Mtg. | St. Mark Rm.
5:30PM - Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation | St. Mark Rm.
6:00PM - Weekly Youth Faith Formation | Classrooms
7:00PM - AA Meeting | St. John Rm.
- Altar Server Training | Church
- Book of Genesis Class | St. Luke Rm.
- Ascension Adult Choir Rehearsal | Church
8:30PM - Men's Basketball Age 21+ | Gym

Thursday, September 15

4:30PM - Legion of Mary | St. Luke Rm.
5:30PM - The Great Book Series | St. Mark Rm.
6:30PM - Becoming One | St. John Rm.
7:00PM - Champions of the Rosary | St. Luke Rm.

Thursday, September 15 Continued

7:00PM - Cub Scouts Pack 3218 Mtg. | Parish Hall A
- Disciples Dwelling | Youth Rm. + Rosary Garden
- Spirit & Song Ensemble Rehearsal | Church

Friday, September 16

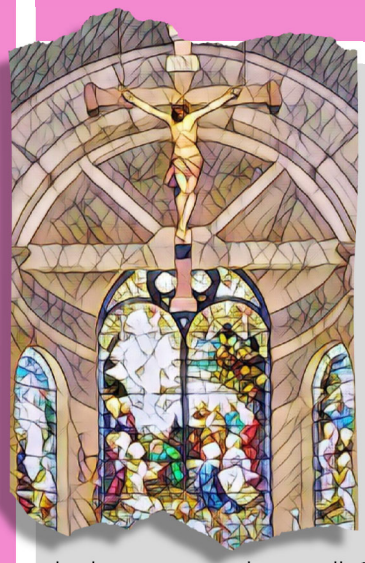
6:00AM - Men of Ascension | St. Mark Rm.
9:30AM - Champions of the Rosary | St. Mark Rm.
10:00AM - Book of Genesis Class | St. Luke Rm.

Saturday, September 17

6:00AM - Legion of Mary | St. Luke Rm.

Sunday, September 18

8:15AM - Children's Liturgy of the Word | Church + Classrooms
9:15AM - Coffee & Donuts | Parish Hall
9:30AM - Bible Timeline Class | St. Mark Rm.
10:00AM - Children's Liturgy of the Word | Church + Classrooms
- Coffee & Donuts | Parish Hall
12:00PM - American Heritage Girls, Diaper Wrap| Parish Hall B
1:00PM - AA Meeting | St. John Rm.
- Baptisms | Church
3:30PM - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting | Parish Hall A
4:00PM - Al Anon Meeting | St. John Rm.
6:00PM - Rise | Youth Center
6:30PM - Confirmation Year I Students + Parents | Classrooms



STEWARDSHIP

Everything I have is yours.
— Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

August, 2022:

Collections in Basket	$252,785.11
Auto Debit (751 Families)	$238,396.43
Stocks, Charitable Gifts, IRA's	$ 73,390.18
Fiscal YTD (July—August, 2022)	**$1,032,290.52**
Registered Families	**3,347**

Ascension This Week

FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WHO COME TOGETHER TO SHARE ADVICE. STRUGGLES. AND THE JOYS OF CARING FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING!
SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 11 | 6:30PM | ST. LUKE ROOM

KIM HAMMERS. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EMBRACE. WILL BE SHARING WITH OUR GROUP HER ORGANIZATION'S MISSION AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. EMBRACE PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION BY SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND LEARNING DIFFERENCES IN THEIR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

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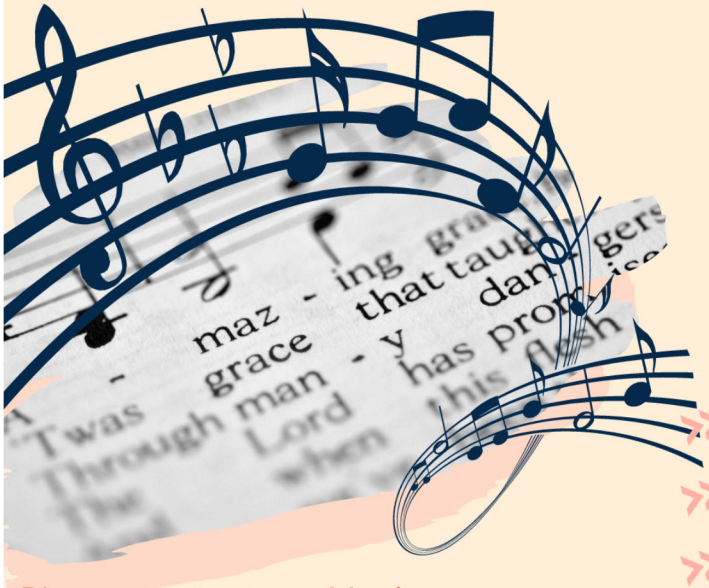
Sing a Joyful Song

WITH THE ASCENSION ADULT CHOIR



- WE REHEARSE MOST WEDNESDAYS, 7:00-8:30PM BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 14.
- WE MUSICALLY LEAD THE 10:00AM SUNDAY "HIGH MASS" LITURGY.
- THERE IS NO AUDITION PROCESS.
- MEMBERSHIP IS DEPENDENT ON THE DESIRE TO USE ONE'S VOICE IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP, AND ATTEND THE REHEARSALS THAT DO NOT CONFLICT WITH CAREER & FAMILY OBLIGATIONS.

The Adult Choir is a...

PRAYERFUL CHOIR
St. Augustine says "He who sings, prays twice."

SOCIAL CHOIR
Friendships are formed during post-rehearsal "treat-time."

FUN CHOIR
We sing all styles and periods of music.

EDUCATIONAL CHOIR
Music-reading and vocal production are taught.

Please contact our Music Director if you would like to join or need more information:

DOROTHY BRANDWEIN | DBRANDWEIN@KCASCENSION.ORG | 913-681-3348 X154

Ascension This Week

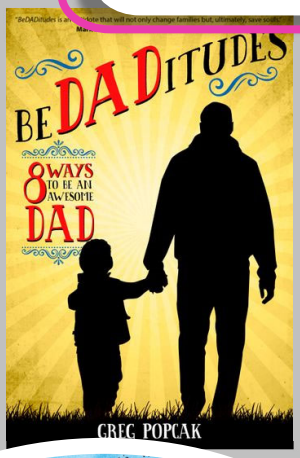
BEDADITUDES: 8 WAYS TO BE AN AWESOME DAD

8 Week Small Group | Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30pm
Sept. 13–Nov. 1 | St. Luke Rm.
Facilitated by Mike Menghini
Cost of Materials $15

Register at kcascension.org; Look for the "Adult Faith Offerings" Tile in the Trending Section.

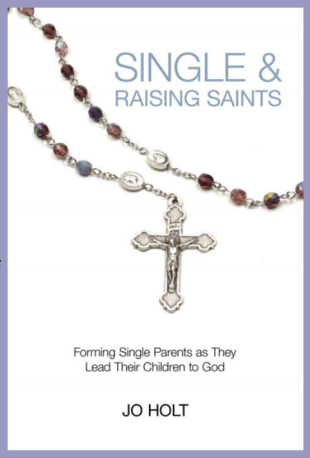
Join us for this 8 week BeDaditude small group study, facilitated by Mike Menghini, covering the BeDaditudes book by Greg Popcak. Learn how to use the Beatitudes as a practical guide to understand the love of God and how to apply that love to being a better father. Please register online under the Trending Now section at kcascension.org.

Questions: Bobbie Jo Baier bbaier@kcascension.org.



SINGLE & RAISING SAINTS: FORMING SINGLE PARENTS AS THEY LEAD THEIR CHILDREN TO GOD

8 Week Small Group | Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30pm
Sept.13–Nov. 1 | St. John Room
Facilitated by Pam Novosel and Julie Cruz
Cost of Materials $10



Join us for an 8 week study and discussion on being Single and Raising Saints. Don't feel that as a single parent, you need to live in the shadows of the Catholic Church because you don't fit the idealistic two-parent household. We want to invite you into a beautiful journey of discovering your strength and purpose, as well as equip you with the community, tools and resources to help you navigate the sometimes turbulent waters of life. Join other single parents, who are making the journey and discovering the merciful and loving embrace of the Catholic Church. Please register under the Trending Now section at kcascension.org. For questions, contact Bobbie Jo Baier at: bbaier@kcascension.org.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

September 12 & 14, 7:00PM | Church

We will have altar server training on Monday, September 12, and Wednesday, September 14. Those interested may attend either session and need not attend both sessions. Both sessions will be held in the church and will begin at 7:00PM and end about 8:30PM. **All boys and girls who are currently in grades 5th through 8th are encouraged to participate in the Mass as altar servers.** Parents should attend the first 10 minutes of the training session, or they are welcome to stay for the entire session. Please email Deacon Kris at kkuckelman@archkck.org if you have any questions.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE HOUSE

September 13 | Drop-off *Before* 4:30PM
St. John Hallway

Our Lady of Guadalupe House is an organization run by the Sisters of the Fraternity Missionaries of the Poor of Jesus Christ. The Sisters reach out to the poor and homeless in Kansas City, Kansas and Ascension provides them with supplies needed for their ministry. If you are interested in supporting the Sisters with their cause by donating supplies, visit kcascension.org. Go to Bookmarks> Volunteer Signups> Guadalupe House. Please drop off supplies to the St. John Hallway by 4:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Ascension This Week

BECOMING ONE

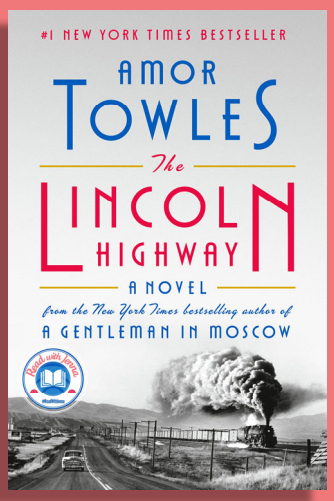
SEPTEMBER 15, 6:30PM
ST. JOHN ROOM

Becoming One is a ministry created by and for young and newly married couples. We are passionate about loving our spouses, growing in faith, and connecting as a community. We typically get together on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Some months we meet at Ascension; other months we meet offsite. Timing varies, but we usually meet between 6:30/7-8:30/9PM. Check the Ascension website at kcascension.org for more information and upcoming events!

ASCENSION BOOK CLUB

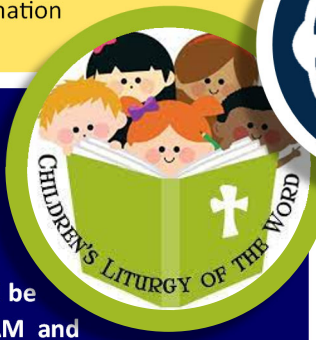
SEPTEMBER 14, 1:00PM
ST. MARK ROOM

Our book for September is The Lincoln Highway, by Amor Towles. We will meet on Wednesday, September 14th in the St. Mark Room at 1:00. For details call Linda Cook at 913-897-3201. Come join our discussion!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

8:15AM & 10:00AM
DURING MASS



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered weekly during the 8:15AM and 10:00AM Sunday Masses. All Children age 4-8 are invited to participate. Participants do not need to be pre-registered. Children will leave the church going to a classroom during the Liturgy of the Word and return to the church after the prayers of the faithful.

OPEN TO YOUNG WOMEN AGES 16-27

FREE EVENT!

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT RELIGIOUS LIFE?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 5:30-8 PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH 9-4 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

Donut Sunday!

Join us for coffee and donuts after the 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses, downstairs in the Parish Hall.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY: SEPT. 18!

CANDLE MINISTRY

SUNDAY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The candle ministry is in need of a Sunday volunteer. The oil candles in the church and the adoration chapel need to be filled Sundays, any time before 5:00PM Mass. The volunteer must be comfortable climbing a 3 foot step stool. If interested, please contact Denise Greene: denise.greene68@ymail.com.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sept. 11 & 18, 6:00PM
Youth Center

September 20, 5:30PM
Youth Center

Rise (High School): Meets weekly on Sundays immediately after the 5:00PM Mass in the Youth Center.

Fire (Middle School): Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00PM in the Youth Center.

Rise will meet at Tad's on September 11. We will cover the cost of students' first snow cone. We will meet 6:30-8 instead of the usual 6-8 .

DISCIPLES DWELLING

Calling all young adults ages 21-35

Looking for a group full of people on fire for their faith with the desire to spread the gospel? Then, this is the group for you! Please join us every Thursday evening starting at 7:00PM in the Youth Room at Ascension as we dive into the upcoming Sunday's scriptural readings. Join us then afterwards as the group spends time in fellowship at various restaurants around the Overland Park area. If you are interested in joining the group or if you have any questions about Disciples Dwelling, contact Rachel Sevart: rachelsevart@outlook.com.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." -Mt. 18:20

HEAVENBOUNDKC

If your child has expressed interest in the priesthood or religious life and you would like to talk with another parent who has been through the process, please contact Bobbie Jo Baier in the Parish Office at 913-681-3348 x151 or bbaier@kcascension.org for a list of contacts.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (YFF)

Please call us ASAP (913-681-7683) if you have not registered your daughter or son – grades K-8.

Attention Parents of 1st & 7th Grade Students: we ask that all 1st grade students register for 1st grade YFF (or 1st grade at ACS) before receiving sacraments in 2nd grade. Also, we ask all 7th grade students to begin their first year of Confirmation Preparation (or 7th grade at ACS) before preparing to receiving Confirmation — which happens most commonly in 8th grade. Please call the YFF Office if you have any questions: 913-681-7683.

Weekly Youth Faith Formation: We will meet this Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00PM in our regular classrooms.

Year 1 Confirmation Classes: We will meet tonight, September 11 at 6:30PM in ACS classrooms. Parents — you are invited to a parent meeting next week, on September 18. After the 5:00PM Mass, while your kids are grabbing a bite to eat, we are asking you to meet your daughter/son's catechist in their classroom, from 6:00-6:30PM. Please plan on attending.

Year II Confirmation Kick-Off: Parents and Confirmation Candidates meet tonight, September 11 on the soccer field at 6:00PM. Dinner is included.

Family Parent Meetings: We are inviting you to be a part of a *Family Parent Meeting* where we schedule a 30-minute meeting with your family (both parents if possible). You are welcome to bring your kids as well. We want to take the opportunity to meet with each family in our Youth Faith Formation Program to get to know each family just a little better and to let you know what our vision is as your child is a part of all that we do at Ascension. This is for all families, K-8th grade. Schedule an appointment here: http://shorturl.at/ejvBK.

ESTABLISHING AN ASCENSION TEAM

To Support those with Special Needs

Everyone is special and we all have needs. However, some families experience specific needs or challenges related to a family member's struggles with learning, with physical conditions or developmental challenges. Fr. Gary wants our parish to establish a Special Needs Team that will help to identify needs, propose solutions and plan, in collaboration with parish and school staff members, the implementation of programs and helps for families with special needs. We are looking for parishioners to serve on this team that have experience working with children or adults with special needs. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Eleni Maloney (maloneyeleni@gmail.com) who is our parish's special needs liaison with the Archdiocese Office of Special Needs Ministry.

As the Family Goes

WRITTEN BY: BOBBIE JO BAIER

If you look around, it is obvious that strong marriages and family life seem to be deteriorating right in front of us. Pope John Paul II said, "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." We all know that marriage and family life isn't always beautiful and easy. It is usually messy and hard work.

But just because life and relationships become difficult doesn't mean that we stand down and let the world tell us to let go, move on, and think only of our own happiness. I believe, instead, that is precisely the time when we should stand up and fight for our marriages and families and to resist the negativity coming at us that points us to total self-reliance, selfishness and accepting the easy way out.

✳ Bobbie Jo Baier is Ascension's Minister for Marriage & Family Life

Bobbie Jo with her family

- SINCE 1970, THE MARRIAGE RATE HAS DROPPED 61% (NATIONAL VITAL STATISTIC REPORTS).
- IN 1970, ONE OUT OF EVERY 112 CATHOLIC WEDDINGS WAS A SACRAMENTAL WEDDING. CURRENTLY, ONE OUT OF EVERY 460 CATHOLIC WEDDINGS IS A SACRAMENTAL WEDDING.
- IN 1970, 40% OF CHILDREN CAME FROM A HOME WITH MARRIED PARENTS. IN 2021, 17.8% OF CHILDREN CAME FROM A HOME WITH MARRIED PARENTS (US CENSUS BUREAU). 54% OF CHILDREN BORN IN THE US REACH THEIR 17TH BIRTHDAY WITHOUT A MARRIED MOM AND DAD IN THE HOME (CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA).
- THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE GALLOP POLL HAS BEEN KEEPING TRACK THAT THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS DO NOT BELONG TO A RELIGIOUS BODY. (SPRING 2021) IN 2021, 47% BELONGED TO A HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Collapse of faith is the effect of the collapse of the family. As a church, I believe we have come to a time and place where we need to step up and support each other. Although these statistics are alarming, Ascension is trying to help. We offer the following ministries: baptism classes, Mothers of Young Children (0 years to 2nd grade), Mother's Circle (mothers of teens and young adults), Fathers of St. Joseph, Marriage Preparation classes, Introduction to Natural Family Planning classes, Becoming One (engaged and newly married group), parenting and marriage enrichment classes to include Single and Raising Saints, BeDADitudes, Beloved and upcoming date nights for couples.

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As the Family Goes, Continued

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The Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS offers Marriage Encounter retreats to assist couples in every stage of life to discover the spirituality of their marriage. Retrouvaille, also through the Archdiocese, is a group ministry offering couples in troubled marriages the opportunity to rediscover themselves, their spouse and a loving relationship in their marriage.

The Church of the Ascension also provides support for those dealing with divorce. In the Spring of 2023, the Surviving Divorce class will resume, while Called to Love Again provides ongoing opportunities and support. Please check out the Church of the Ascension website for additional Marriage and Family Life resources.

Adult Faith Courses Beginning Soon

BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION

begins September 11 or 14

The Bible Timeline 24 week study will teach you how to read and understand the entire Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Course begins September 12

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Join us for classes to see if this is right for you!

BEDADITUDES

begins September 13

In this book by Greg Popcak, learn how to use the Beatitudes as a practical guide to understand the love of God and how to apply that love to be a better father.

SINGLE & RAISING SAINTS

MORE ON PAGE 5

begins September 13

Join other single parents who are making the journey and discovering the merciful and loving embrace of the Catholic Church in this book study by Jo Holt.

BOOK OF GENESIS

MORE ON PAGE 5

begins September 14 or 16

Join us this Fall as we begin our study on the first book of the Bible.

AN EVENING OF FORGIVENESS

One Night Talk September 20

We all have been hurt by someone, maybe even a family member. Join us for an evening of reflection, prayer and open forum that precedes the Forgiveness Class beginning October 11.

HOLY CONVERSATION BOOK CLUB

begins September 20

The first selection will be "The Context of Holiness: Psychological and Spiritual Reflection on the Life of St. Therese of Lisieux" by Marc Foley O.C.D., covering 2 to 3 chapters at a time.

WHAT WE BELIEVE: THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

begins September 29

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe? Come journey with us!

LATE REGISTRATIONS WELCOME, BUT...

The registration deadline for these courses was August 31. Late registrations are welcome, but you will need to obtain the study materials on your own. Call the Adult Faith office with questions:

Elizabeth Whitehead | 913-681-3348 x142 | ewhitehead@kcascension.org

Find the Course Catalog inside the Fall Ascent

OPEN UNTIL 9/12

FIND DETAILS AND REGISTER AT:

kcascension.org/adult-faith-catalog/ or on page 31 of the Ascent. You can find extra copies of the Ascent on the Adult Faith table in the Gathering Area.

Upcoming Events

COVERED IN PRAYER

September 22, 6:00PM | St. Luke Room

Covered in Prayer is the "blanket making" ministry of Church of the Ascension. We gather on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00PM to make blanket kits, separate fabric, talk and generally enjoy each other's company! You can come and pick up material and take it home, or you can stay and learn how to make blankets. We send over 300 blankets each year to parishioners and friends who are ill or hurting, so your help is needed. No need to be an expert seamstress. We gratefully accept donations of cotton, fleece and flannel materials and yarns. We look forward to meeting you on Thursday evening!

COVERED IN PRAYER: RECIPIENTS

Do you have a family member or friend who needs prayer and support? We have a group of ladies who lovingly make beautiful lap blankets which are blessed by our priests. Ministry of Care sends these blankets to people who are in need of encouragement and comfort during illness or a tragedy to remind them that they are 'covered in prayer' for healing and strength. If you have someone in your life who could use a reminder that they are loved, please contact Patty in the church office at pbillinger@kcascension.org.

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE ABOUT OUR MINISTRY

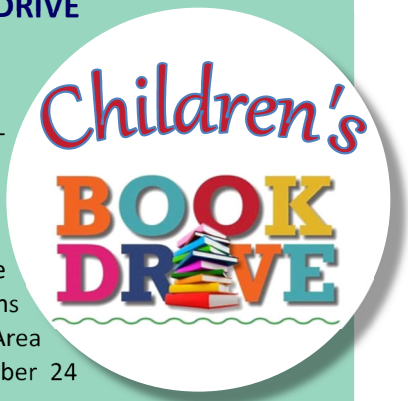
HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS

September 24, Drop Off | Before 7:30AM
St. John Hallway

Ascension's date for cooking and serving breakfast at Hope Faith Ministries is the last Saturday of the month. If interested in helping, please go to kcascension.org, scroll down to the "Bookmarks" section, & click "Volunteer Signups" to serve or bring food. This is an awesome family activity!

CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

September 24 & 25
Gathering Area



Ministry of Care is collecting new and gently used children's books for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau to use as gifts this Christmas. Bins will be in the Gathering Area the weekend of September 24 and 25.

Please, no early drop-offs, adult novels, Magnifikids, text books, teacher's manuals, magazines, encyclopedias, etc.

Upcoming Events

Looking for Friendly Parishioners!

Ascension is offering a year of fun activities for our parishioners AND our surrounding neighbors – Catholic or not!

In order to make all feel welcome, we want to recruit a group of parishioners to be our **Hospitality Ministers!** We are looking for friendly, kind people who are willing to come to any of the events this year with an eye out to **"Welcome the Stranger"** so as to make everyone feel welcomed at our events.

Join us for a one-hour Hospitality Training thru Communio

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 27 | 7-8PM | ZOOM

To sign up and receive the Zoom link, go to kcascension.org and look for the Hospitality Training Tile in the Trending Now section.

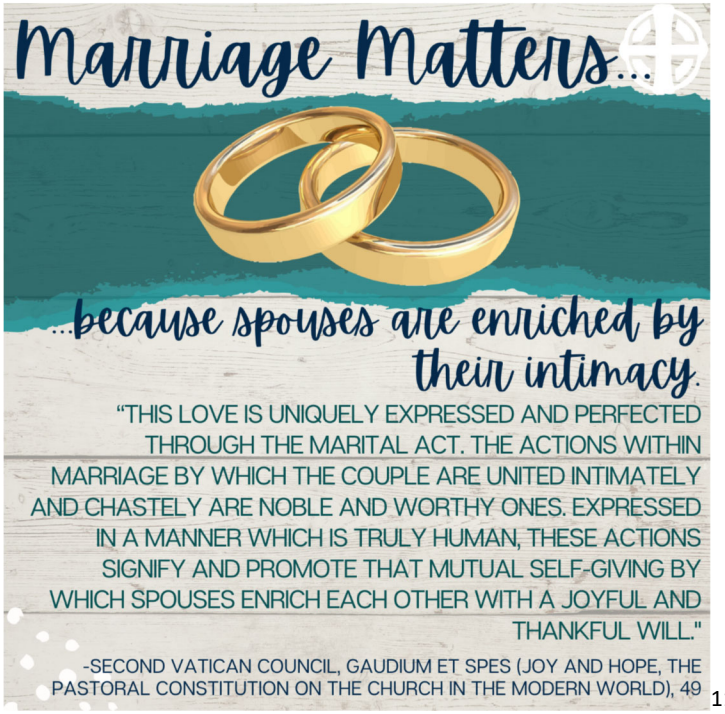
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY

OCTOBER 8, 9:00AM | AFTER MORNING MASS

ST. LUKE ROOM

bereavement support group

The Bereavement Support Ministry at Church of the Ascension meets the second Saturday of every month in the St. Luke Room, unless otherwise noted on the parish calendar, after 8:30AM Mass for support and education.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY MEETING

HELP BUILD A "CULTURE OF LIFE" IN OUR COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 27, 6:30PM | ST MARK ROOM

Roe v. Wade has been overturned, yet we weren't able to pass the Value Them Both Amendment. Where do we go from here? Please join us on Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm in the St. Mark/St. Matthew Adult Faith rooms as we come together to celebrate with a social as well as take some time to discuss where we go from here. All are welcome - many got involved in the pro-life movement who never have been before! We want to keep up this momentum as we have a lot of wonderful work ahead of us! Contact John and Melissa Joerger with any questions joerger6@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN

OCTOBER 5 | COME JOIN US!

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION has been a contributor to St. Mary's Food Kitchen for many years. Ascension's day is the 1st Wednesday of the month to provide supplies and prepare a taco salad luncheon. We leave Ascension at 9:15AM to prep the meal and get things set up. We serve the lunch from 11:00AM-12:30PM, then return to Ascension. It is a real hands-on experience of serving people in need.

OUR NEEDS are for parishioners to donate foods to make the taco salads, some to cook the hamburger so we can just warm it up at St Mary's, and for servers the day of. Added benefit: WE HAVE A BLAST!

PLEASE VISIT kcascnesion.org > Get Involved > Service Opportunities to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

QUESTIONS Contact Jean Hinman 913-908-9811 or Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314.

Christ Renews His Parish Retreat

Do you desire to go deeper with Jesus? Are you feeling disconnected from your faith recently?
Please join us for a weekend of reflection, refreshment, and renewal of your spiritual life. Experience the overwhelming, unconditional, and continuous love that God has for each of us! Through group activities and discussions, prayer and sacrament, as well as reflection shared by members of the Parish Team and our Parish Priests, it is an opportunity, in a relaxed setting, to create lasting friendships and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church!

Women's Retreat Weekend - October 1 & 2
for more info, please contact:
Therese Kearney: 913-710-4730 or tkearney58@gmail.com
Bobbie Jo Baier: 913-337-6293 or bjbaierdc@gmail.com

Men's Retreat Weekend - October 8 & 9
For more info, please contact:
John Broberg: 785-320-1275 or johnbroberg54@gmail.com

Scan this code with your phone camera to learn more and sign up on the website

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
OCTOBER 15 | 5:30-8:30PM

FALL Festival

JOIN US FOR A FREE EVENING OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!

- Tons of fun activities, including a pie contest, bingo, yard games, cake walk, and more
- Tacos, BBQ, and beer from food trucks available for purchase
- Live music and dancing start at 6:45PM. Bring your own lawn chairs.
- Inflatables and face painting for kids
- Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Upcoming Events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE

Saturday | October 15 | 5:30-7:00PM | Soccer Field

Join us on the the Ascension Soccer Field, during the Fall Festival! The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is open to all children, ages 9-14 to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills -- the penalty kick.

Each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line. Each participant will attempt 15 shots; winners at the local level will advance to the district competition.

The age group at which a child competes is determined by their age as of September 1, 2022. Participants are required to have written parental permission. Forms are available in the gathering area and at the event.

Marriage Prep Lead Couple Training

OCTOBER 17
6:00-8:00PM
ST. LUKE ROOM

Are you interested in joining our Marriage Prep Lead Couples Team? We are looking for additional couples who have been married at least 5 years to help lead our Marriage Prep classes this upcoming year.

Our next training session will be on Monday, October 17, from 6:00-8:00PM in the St. Luke's Room. Please register with the QR code below or contact Karen Punswick at karen.punswick@gmail.com or Bobbie Jo Baier at bbaier@kcascension.org with any questions.

The Pressure is On!

Women of Ascension

Electric Pressure Cooker Hands-On Class

HANDS-ON DEMOS | EASY RECIPES |TIPS
WE WILL MAKE VARIOUS DISHES & EAT THEM AFTERWARDS

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 19 | 5:30PM | SUPPER AT 7:30(ISH)
or
THURSDAY | OCTOBER 20 | 9:30AM | LUNCH AT 11:30(ISH)

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION | PARISH HALL
$20 PER PERSON | DUE AT REGISTRATION
COST COVERS: SUPPLIES, MEAL & HANDOUTS
MUST RSVP | CLASS LIMIT IS 30 PEOPLE

SAVE THE DATE | OUR RSVP LINK WILL BE POSTED SOON!

Instructors
(Electric Pressure Cooker Gurus)

ABBY HEDRICK
The Freezer Meal Lady

DIANE BURNETT
Retired KSU Extension Agent

Weekly Prayer

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 12

7:00AM +Jim Meyer by The Family

12:00PM +Georgian Harris by the Smith Family

Tuesday, September 13

7:00AM +Marilyn Bender by Lois Herr

12:00PM +Denise Moore by Janeice Babiuch

Wednesday, September 14

7:00AM +Gary Smith by Joseph Kinsella

12:00PM Living & Deceased Members of the Paul Skolaut Family by Kirk & Connie Kisinger

Thursday, September 15

7:00AM +Corry DeRee by The Hornung Family

12:00PM +Gary Hoover by Anna Eftink

Friday, September 16

7:00AM +Jim Meyer by Family

12:00PM +Michelle Edwards by Gayle & Randy Edwards

Saturday, September 17

8:30AM Jessy Innocent

4:30PM +Blaine Billinger by Family
Fr. Cullen

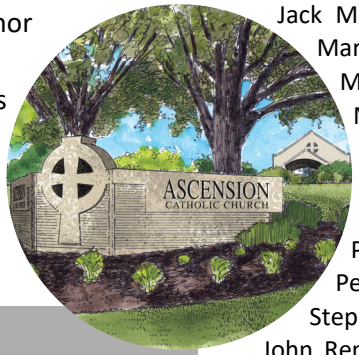
Sunday, September 18

8:15AM +Virginia Krebs by Bryan & Margret Close
Fr. Burger

10:00AM +Larry Halley by Jeanne O'Connor
Fr. Burger

11:45AM +Denise Thomas by Bill Thomas
Fr. Stull

5:00PM Ascension Parishioners
Fr. Stull



SICK LIST | PLEASE NOTE

Due to privacy laws, only names requested by a family member will be added to the sick list. We will retain the names on the prayer list for 6 months. The names of those removed from this publication will be sent to the Ascension Prayer Line for ongoing prayers. If you have any updates, email Patty: pbillinger@kcascension.org.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Parishioners:

Tom Audley, Bob Barr, Hudson Coffman, James Daley, Karen Elliott, Megan Freking, Scott Graham, Marsha Hatfield-Baker, Jody Hearron, Steve Hester, Jackson Hirt, Bob Howard, Pete Ingles, Corky Jacobs, Kathi Jacobs, Joan B. Johnson, Larry Judy, Gene Kanatzar, Carrie Kilgore, Jerry and Pat Klimas, John Krim, Louis Lindstrom, Dale Marti, Joe Martin, Karen Mathes, Kelly Mayer, Michael Mayerske, Sarah Millsap, Deloris Moore, Alice Mumford, Fred Nelson, Carmen and John Nodar, Eve Nuti, Cathy Oxley, James Palmer, Carmen Porterfield, John Rakos, Evelyn Rauen, Becky Reed, Amy Reinhardt, Katy Rempel, Mark Rulo, Logan Runnells, Susie Santa Maria, Barbara Schulte, Tony Severino, Robert Stephan, Carol Stump, Frank Sullivan, Paul Surles, Fr. Tom Tank, Bill Thomas, Dan Tira, Lindsay Walsh, Collin Warrender, Bridget A. Weeks, Marilyn Wheeler, George Winkler, John Witt, Sandra Woodard, Emy Yabut, Fred Zielinski.

Relatives & Friends of Parishioners:

David Backstrom, Colleen Barbour, Benita, John Bergman, Nickie Boltz, Pam Bond, Robert Bozk, Amanda Brower, Colton Joseph Brower, Adalynn Brunton, Bill Burns, Ardith Cantral, Mary Ann Carr, Brian Cavanaugh, Susan Choate. Lois Corn, Michael Daley, Patrick Daley, JoJo Dalrymple, Molly Debocelle, Mike Diekemper, Stefania DiRosa, Debbie Duddleston, Kay DuPree, Roberta Edgett, Randy Edwards, Harold Ehlert, Brigitte Fernandez, Bruce Fiddes, Jackie Fiszel, Eric Fladung, Cole Fletcher, Michael Fong, Christie Fortino, Jim Fredrickson, Kat Fredrickson, Kelly Fry, Tom Fry, Larry Furguson, Colleen Garcia, Sage Gilliard, Larry Giovannoni, Jim Gloriod, Betty Godar, Mark Godar, Maureen Godar, Jim Gottardi, Greg Gundlach, Tim Hanlon, Ruth Ann Hickman, Griffin Hinman, Sherina Huber, Patricia Impens, Wendi Johnston, Chad Jones, Sean Kavanaugh, Mary Kinsley, Stephanie Klein, Terry Kopp, Donna Kuenzel, Jerome Kuenzel, Jackie Kuwysz, August Larson, Jacob Legleiter, Ron Legleiter, Zoe Levine, Hardy Lewis, Ellen Locke, Ellen Loschke, Chris Lundgreen, Jack Maher, Judy Malnar, Mary Jane Marquart, Michael Marti, Karen Martley, Michael Maskill, Margaret Maxwell, Pat Messick, Suzie McKinley, Maurya McLellan, Christie Meier, Sr. Marie Micheletto, Jenn Miller, Rodney Moyer, Deana Muth, Jackie Nelson, Alyssa Newman, Lou Newman, Kevin Nestor, Dennis Onnen, Manuel Ontiveros, Yvonne Ontiveros, Fred Patterson, Machel Perry, John Patterson, Bobbi Peterson, Ray Peterson, Mary Postel, Alex Pujado, Stephanie Pyle, Sue Radke, Mary Radliff, Del Reibold, John Rempel, Romy Reyes, Ann Ries, Nancy Rohla, Debbie Rottinghaus, Tom Rowe, Baby Able Ruelle, Barbara S., Janis Schneider, Brenda Scott, Rita Sheftall, Lena Silberbauer, Olivia Sims, Lou Sinos, Julie Slesynski, Melinda Soghrati, Nicholas Staber, Max Strube, Pat Trumm, Arthur Tucker, Carol Unnerstall, Ernesto Valencia, Patricia VanCoillie, Cindy VanLeeuwen, Celesta Vaska, Donna Vitt, Mary Wallers, Mary Winn, Tera Wolfe, Cindy Yosten.

Weekly Prayer

Baptisms

Tatum Rook Mudd

Banns of Matrimony

Lucas Johnson and Liza Rodhas
Ryan Prosser and Maggie Thibault
Austin Kretchmar and Jess Levering
Patrick Williams and Lauren Mistler

From Death to New Life

Ruby Jean Fencl, Mother of Douglas Fencl

Pray For our Active Duty Service Members

First Lieutenant Lt. Tyler H. Cordry, US Army; Captain Stephen Cuff, US Army; Lance Corporal Matthew Fischbach, USMC; Corporal Margaret Gould, USMC; PVT Jacob Hearron, US Army; Senior Airman Courtney Hinemeyer, USAF; Larry Homan, Army; Lance Corporal Brooke L. Jalbert; Captain Jacob Morin, USAF; Captain Dan Prior, US Army; 2nd Lt Tom Stivers, US Army; Captain Mitchell R Willis, Pilot, USAF.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Relying on God's Love

Imagine being among those who heard Jesus address the Pharisees and scribes in the encounter we hear in today's Gospel: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" Would you leave ninety-nine in the desert in order to find one lost sheep? In the parable, Jesus is showing us the depths of God's love, the illogical, incredible love God has for each of us. Moses counted on this loving mercy as he spoke for the wandering people; Saint Paul acknowledges his reliance on it in his letter to Timothy. God desires to draw you close, seeking you when you are lost. Are you ready to be drawn into God's loving embrace?

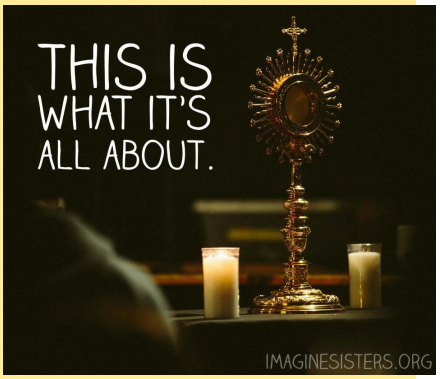
PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are in need of several adorers - if you'd like to join as an adoration sub or weekly partner, please sign up at this link: secure.rotundasoftware.com/28/enrollment/Ascension_Parish

A personal entry code will be assigned for you to enter between 9:00PM - 6:00AM if you desire to do so; otherwise, stop in to say hello to Jesus any time during the day.

Hours That Could Use Partners:

Sundays - 6PM
Mondays - 5AM, 7PM
Tuesdays - 11AM
Wednesdays - 9AM, 10AM, 11PM
Thursdays - 7AM, 11PM
Saturdays - 3-9PM



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.

--St. Teresa of Calcutta

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Readings

First Reading | Because Moses interceded, the Lord relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm | I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading | Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel | There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32).

Traveling Crucifix — Sign Up for a Week Now!

You are invited to make a commitment to pray for a week for an increase in awareness of the Vocations to which we are called by God. Each weekend a new family will be taking the crucifix home. That family's name will be shared during the Mass announcements. Choose a week that you, as a family, can pray for Parishioners to listen to God's call for what He has planned for their life, be it a Vocation to Priesthood, religious life, married life or committed single life. Prayer is a powerful tool, and together, united in prayer, we can move mountains! Please contact Bobbie Jo Baier at bbaier@kcascension.org.

Ministry News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS: The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's fraternal organization open to all Catholic men ages 18 and over. Interested in joining the Knights? Contact Brian Kellerman at bgkellerman@yahoo.com or 913-515-6454.

KNIGHTS CHOIR: Contact Dan Tira at tirad@umkc.edu or 913-451-2341 if you are interested in joining.

PRO-LIFE: Please join fellow Knights praying in front of Planned Parenthood, 4401 W. 109th St., Overland Park, every Saturday from 9:30-10:00AM. For more information, contact Rick Lane at crlane@kc.surewest.net or 913-710-7810.

DEADLINE COMING SOON | CHARITY FOOTBALL RAFFLE: Grand prize of two Kansas City Chief's season tickets + parking pass will be drawn 9/10/22 with Cash prize drawings each week during the season. Proceeds support Knight's charity work. Tickets are $25 each or 5 for $100. CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD. Please contact any Ascension Knight and we will deliver tickets to you or contact Phil Glasser at phil.glasser@yahoo.com or call 913-663-1971 for more information.

JOIN US FOR MASS AND MEETINGS

- Knights' Mass every Friday morning, 7:00AM.
- Officers' Meeting: Monday, Sept. 12, 7:00PM (Knights Room)
- Council Meeting: Monday, September 26, 7:00PM (Parish Hall B), preceded by the Rosary at 6:30PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **CHIEF'S WATCH PARTY**: Thursday, September 15, 6:30PM, Talk of the Town 135th and Nall.
- **CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Monday, September 19, 1:00-6:00PM, Ironhorse Golf Club.
- **ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED**: October 14, 15 & 16.
- **SOCCER CHALLENGE**: October 15, 5:30PM in conjunction with Ascension Fall Festival.
- **CHRISTMAS GATHERING AT CINZETTI'S**: Sunday, December 4 after 5:00PM Mass.

For the above events and more, additional details & sign-ups can be found at www.ascensionkofc.com.

WOMEN OF ASCENSION

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & FR. STULL: Monday, Sept. 19 at 7:00PM. Find details on **page 10.**

THE PRESSURE IS ON: Wednesday Oct. 19 at 5:30PM or Thursday, Oct. 20 at 9:30AM. Find details on **page 13.**

VISIT: kcascension.org/women-of-ascension for more information and to register for events.

QUESTIONS? Suzy Fritz (Women of Ascension President): sandfritz@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY | RESPECT LIFE CORNER

PROTECTING CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

A World Health Organization (WHO) recent document on "Abortion Care Guidelines" has been correctly labeled as contemptible by William A. Donohue, President of Catholic League. In a March letter to Craig Lissner at the WHO, Donohue labeled "outrageous" WHO's display of disrespect for medical personnel who invoke conscientious objection status to performing an abortion. The WHO document says that "conscientious objection" operates as a barrier to abortion care. WHO advises the governments of the world that the right to conscientious objection may be violated and become indefensible if it hinders the abortion seekers desires. Donohue stated: "What is really indefensible is the attack on conscientious objections to killing the innocent. It is not only morally offensive, it flouts international law." He cites numerous international declarations/conventions that ensure freedom of conscience and recalls Alexander Solzhenitsyn admonition that freedom of conscience is the "first freedom, the one that totalitarian governments have tried to violate." Solzhenitsyn explained that freedom of conscience was intrinsically tied to freedom of religion, thus necessitating greater protection in law. While noting WHO has no international enforcement power, its assault on such a fundamental right as freedom of conscience is thoroughly irresponsible. "Not only does it (WHO) devalue innocent human life, it wants to punish those who reject its morally debased ethics." Donohue offered legal assistance to medical personnel victimized by WHO's agenda or sanctions.

Sources: Open Letter to Craig Lissner (WHO) from Wm. A. Donohue, 3/28/22; "Abortion Care Guideline" World Health Org., 3/8/22.

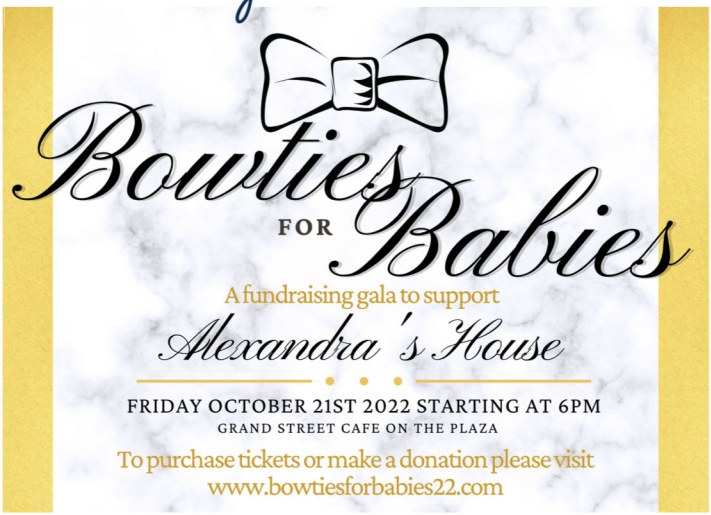
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ROSARY: Join us praying a rosary at Planned Parenthood in KCK led by Archbishop Naumann; September 24, 9-10AM

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY MASS: October is Respect Life Month and will kick off with the Respect Life Sunday Mass on Sunday, October 2, presided by Archbishop Naumann. It will take place at Cure of Ars in Leawood at 10:30AM with a social following.

LIFE CHAIN: The Life Chain is Sunday, October 2 from 1:30-2:30PM. Life Chain is an annual one hour nationwide peaceful, prayerful hour of prayer on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Locally over 100 churches, and nationwide many thousands of churches are participating at the same time. Ascension has an assigned spot in front of Holy Cross Catholic School on 95th St., in between Antioch and Metcalf. This is a great family activity! Strollers and lawn chairs for those who need them are welcome! This will happen rain or shine. For more information, please contact John and Melissa Joerger joerger6@gmail.com.

Community News



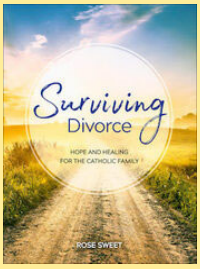
SURVIVING DIVORCE: HOPE & HEALING CLASS

SEPT. 12- DEC. 5, 2022

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

RAPHAEL ROOM (EAST END OF PARISH HALL)

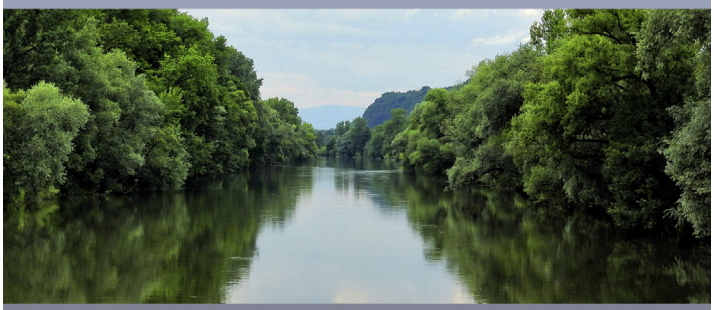
This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and the sessions are led by a licensed professional counselor. The twelve-part program offers healing and hope to those that have gone through a divorce. This course is typically offered each fall at St. Michael the Archangel and each spring at Church of the Ascension.



FIFTH ANNUAL KANSAS CITY AREA-WIDE

GREEN MASS

for all those who work in environmental sustainability and anyone who cares for "Our Common Home"



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday, September 25th, 2022
10:30 AM

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
1001 EAST 52ND ST | KANSAS CITY, MO 64110
EVENT INFO AND LIVESTREAM: WWW.SFX-KC.ORG

HOLY ROSARY RALLY

SEPTEMBER 11, 3:00PM | CHRIST THE KING PARISH

Please join us to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima at the September Holy Rosary Rally which will be held on Sunday September 11, 3:00-4:15PM at Christ the King Parish, 3024 N 53rd Street, Kansas City, KS 66104. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the Kansas City monthly Holy Rosary rallies, please visit www.rosaryrallieskc.org

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

OCTOBER 18 & 30, 7:00AM-7:00PM

CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for an end to abortion during a 40-day vigil, September 28-November 6. 40 Days for Life is 40 days of prayer and fasting and community awareness. It has been estimated that as many as 75% of the scheduled appointments for abortions might become no-shows when there is a consistent prayerful presence outside of the abortion clinics. It truly makes a difference and only takes an hour of your time! The vigil site is the Center For Woman's Health, 4840 College Blvd in Overland Park. Ascension has committed to filling Tuesday, October 18 and Sunday October 30, 7:00AM-7:00PM. Please sign with the QR Code. Contact John and Melissa Joerger (joerger6@gmail.com) with any questions.

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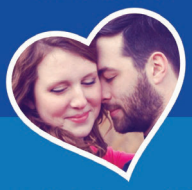

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