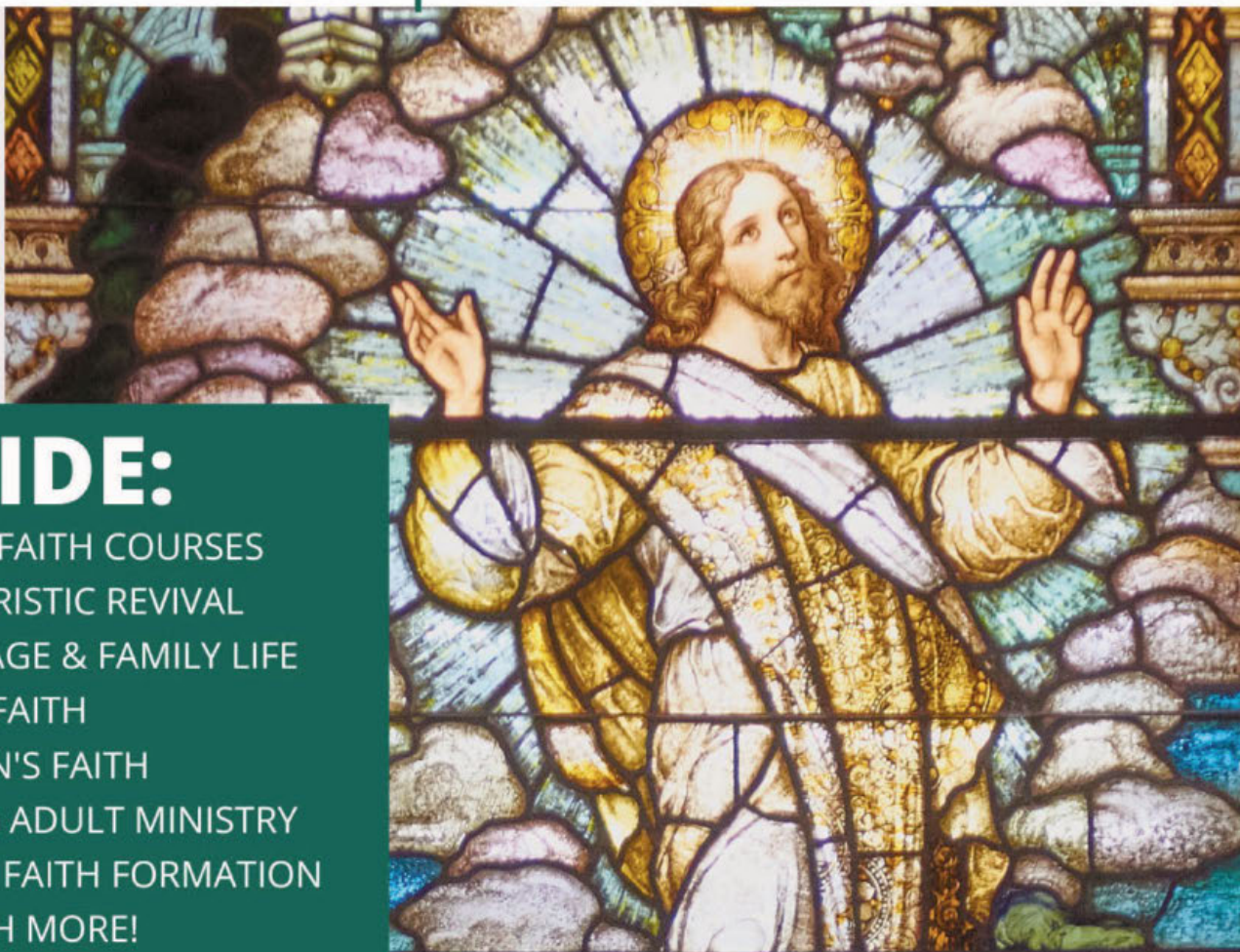


CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

AUGUST 2023 | COURSE CATALOG

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LIVING A EUCHARISTIC LIFE



LIVING WHAT WE PROCLAIM

As Catholics, we proclaim that Christ is risen each time that we participate in the Eucharist. Through Sacraments, prayer, and spiritual community, Church of the Ascension offers opportunities for you to encounter and receive the living Christ. However, our Church needs your participation to carry out the life and work of Jesus Christ. Included in this Course Catalog are a few opportunities for you to live the Good News we proclaim!

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Christ Renews His Parish is a program designed to bring parish members together in Christ and emphasizes your continued growth in Catholic Christian life. If you have not yet participated in a Christ Renews retreat, please prayerfully consider attending! (Page 5)

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

If you have a child in kindergarten through high school, we would love to help prepare them for sacraments and grow in their faith. (Page 6)

ADULT FAITH CLASSES

We would love for you to join us in one of our upcoming Adult Faith classes. Participating in a retreat, book study, or Adult Faith class is the best way to make deeper connections, build lasting friendships, and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. If you want to go deeper in your faith, learn more about the Bible, or make our large parish feel small -- we have something for you. (Page 7-11)

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Marriages and families are the basic building blocks of our Church. We want to help yours be Christ-centered, joyful, and healthy. (Page 11-12)

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you looking for an opportunity to dig deeper into your Catholic faith while bonding with other young adults? Do you love to discuss the deeper questions about life and wrestle with the truth? (Page 13)

MEN'S & WOMEN'S FAITH

Join your peers and make lasting friendships while growing in your faith. (Page 14-15)

STAY CONNECTED!

There is a lot going on in our parish, and we want you to know about upcoming events, existing ministries, and new opportunities. Here are a few ways you can stay informed and connected:

WEBSITE: Find continually updated information: kcascension.org.

BULLETIN: Our weekly bulletin contains the most comprehensive information about upcoming events. Pick one up after Mass or find the digital version here: kcascension.org/communications/bulletin.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES EMAIL: Look for our email on Friday mornings, detailing the upcoming week.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE?

Whatever your stage of life or area of interest, there's a group where you can contribute and develop lasting friendships. Find a complete list in our Ministry Directory & Resource Guide:



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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

FR. BRENT STULL



WHAT IS THE EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL?

The Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative that aims to inspire, educate, and unite. In a world where not many people know Christ intimately, the Revival is meant to show everyone what wonders the True Presence of Christ can do to heal the soul. Through a carefully planned timeline of events, after three years, the U.S. bishops hope to change the lives of many Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

WHY NOW?

Because the Church needs healing and the world needs the Church. Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, Christ is present, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.

We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Our Lord Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the U.S. by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Here at our parish, we have many exciting initiatives and programs planned for this parish year of Eucharistic Revival.

This spring, we began a Holy Hour for Vocations focused on praying for good and holy priests to offer the Mass reverently and with devotion for generations to come.

We held a Live the Mass retreat to explore the Mass in-depth and grow in devotion to this highest form of prayer we have as Catholics.

This summer and fall, we have classes being offered through Adult Faith, Liturgical Living events through Marriage & Family, and many other offerings designed to refocus our lives around the 'source and summit'—the Holy Mass. Be sure to check our offerings in this Course Catalog, as well as the weekly Bulletin for Eucharistic miracles and teachings throughout the upcoming year!

'O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine! Amen.'

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

BECOMING CATHOLIC: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

INFORMATION NIGHT:

DATE: Monday, August 28

TIME: 5:30-6:30PM

LOCATION: St. Mark Room

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS:

DAY: MONDAYS

TIME: 5:30-7:30PM

BEGINNING: September 11

LOCATION: St. Mark Room

COST: \$0

Contact:

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Join us!

LIVING LIFE AS A CATHOLIC



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you or someone
you know interested
in becoming Catholic?
Are you a Catholic who
never was confirmed? Are
you interested in serving as a
sponsor for someone in RCIA?



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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. Attend our Information Night to learn more, see if this is a good fit for you, and to register!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREAT



**CHRIST RENEWS
HIS PARISH**

Christ Renews His Parish 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. During a retreat weekend held at the parish, you will have the opportunity to make new friendships with other members of Church of the Ascension.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

October 7 & 8, 2023

MEN'S WEEKEND

October 14 & 15, 2023



Parish sponsored retreat program offering a Saturday/Sunday retreat at the parish in the Fall and 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 19, or check out the parish website.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR FALL COURSES

WEEKLY YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

(K-6th Grade) Wednesdays, from 6-7:30PM.

MONTHLY FAMILY FORMATION

(K-6th grade) Parents and Kids come on the first Tuesday of the Month (6-7:30PM) and then parents take home lessons to do at home the remaining 3 weeks of each month (September-May).

YEAR I CONFIRMATION

(Mostly 7th Graders) Wednesdays, from 6-7:30PM.

YEAR II CONFIRMATION

(Mostly 8th Graders) Some Sundays and small group meetings. Times TBD.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Please call the YFF Office for more details.



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN K-8TH GRADE?

We'd love to have them be a part of our amazing Faith Formation Community this coming year. We offer a weekly program where you bring your child each week, and you as parents also attend on the first Wednesday of the month. Additionally, we offer a program where parents and kids attend on the First Tuesday of the Month (Family Formation) and you as parents go through the lessons with your kids at home for the remaining 3 weeks of the month. Go to front page of the website and click on the "Fall Registration" Tile or use the QR Code. Please call the YFF office if you have any questions.



DETAILS & CONTACT INFO

CONTACT US!

If you have questions about a particular program or about the Youth Faith Formation process for your family or child, please feel free to call or email the Youth Faith Formation Office:

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION OFFICE:

913-681-7683

DR. WILLIAM O'LEARY

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TRICIA BALDWIN

Administrative Assistant for Youth Faith Formation
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CATECHISTS NEEDED

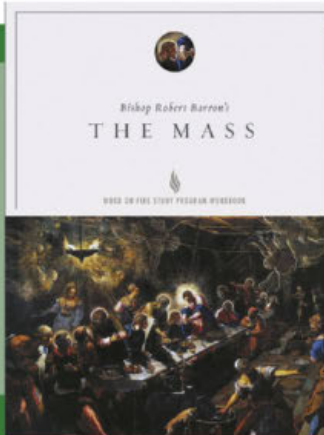
Monthly Family Formation Program and Weekly 1st Grade and Year I Confirmation programs. Please prayerfully consider living out your faith by sharing it with our young parishioners. Contact the YFF Office.

A NOTE ABOUT SACRAMENTAL PREP

Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are two-year programs.

ADULT FAITH CLASSES

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S "THE MASS"



During this parish year of Eucharistic Revival, join us in walking through "The Mass" by Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response by his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. "The Mass" will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. Sign up today!

DURATION: 7 Weeks

DAY: Tuesdays

TIME: 1:00-2:30PM

DATES: September 19 - October 31

LOCATION: St. Mark Room

FACILITATOR: Tamara James

COST: \$0 (Purchase *The Mass Study Guide* on your own from wordonfire.org OR order for pickup from Trinity House Catholic Books and Gifts at (913) 652-0080 by August 31. Please still register so that we have adequate space.)

CATHOLIC TOPICS



Catholic Topics is your chance to learn, ask questions, and share our Catholic faith. Each week one stand-alone topic will be presented and discussed.

The first week will be:
THE ROSARY: WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO PRAY IT

The second week will be:
ST. FAUSTINA & DIVINE MERCY

The third week will be:
THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE AND THE CATECHISM AND HOW TO USE THEM

Subsequent topics will be announced via the Sunday Bulletin and emails to those who register. Books and homework will not be required!

DURATION: 10 Weeks

DAY: Wednesdays

TIME: 10:00-11:30AM

OR 6:00-7:30PM

DATES: September 27 - December 6

LOCATION: St. Mark Room

FACILITATOR: Kim Sutton

COST: \$0 (Please register so that we have adequate materials and space.)

ADULT FAITH CLASSES

EXODUS

DURATION: 10 Weeks | **FACILITATOR:** Bill Thomas
COST: \$0 (Please register so that we have adequate space.)

OPTION 1:

DAY: Wednesdays
TIME: 7:00-8:00PM
DATES: September 13 - November 15
LOCATION: St. Luke Room

OPTION 2:

DAY: Fridays
TIME: 10:00-11:00AM
DATES: September 15 - November 17
(No class on September 29)
LOCATION: St. Mark Room



Each fall, we will continue to make our way through the Torah, the foundation of Jewish scripture and our Christian salvation history. We will spend 10 Weeks diving into one book at a time.

Join us this fall as we begin our study on the second book of the Bible, Exodus.
Please bring your Bible (any Catholic translation).

FORGIVENESS 101 WORKSHOP



DURATION: Half-day Workshop
DAY: Friday
TIME: 1:00-5:00PM
DATE: October 20
LOCATION: St. Mark Room
FACILITATOR: Chuck Jansen,
founder of Forgiveness Institute, KC
www.yeabut.org.
COST: \$10 (Workbook received at the workshop)

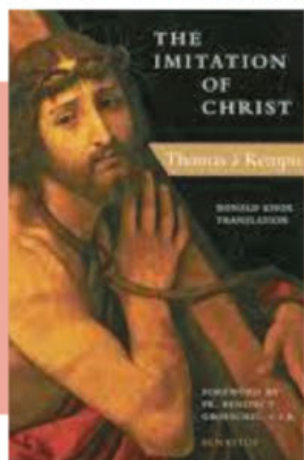


Forgiveness education works! We will study the "common denominators" of the difficult journey of forgiving others or ourselves, as we study 9 people who have previously taken the class. This is NOT a lecture. Watch a video, small group discussion, large group wrap up is the procedure of the workshop. No one has ever fallen asleep! Come alone or bring friends. Open to all faiths, and you do not have to be an Ascension parishioner to attend. 8 tables of 5 per table is maximum.

ADULT FAITH CLASSES

THE GREAT BOOKS SERIES

THE GREAT BOOKS SERIES IS A COMBINATION STUDY GROUP AND BOOK CLUB. THERE IS NO ONGOING COMMITMENT. JUST JOIN US FOR WHATEVER BOOK SEEMS TO BE CALLING OUT TO YOU. HERE ARE THE NEXT TWO ON OUR LIST OF "BOOKS I ALWAYS WANTED TO READ, BUT COULD NEVER TACKLE ON MY OWN!"



The Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis is the most popular book in the history of Christianity second only to the Bible! Apart from the Bible, no Christian book has been translated into more languages than *The Imitation of Christ*. It has inspired, edified, and sanctified countless souls, and has become a classic of spiritual literature as a source of insight and growth for all who seek to deepen their relationship with God.

This 10-week class will be presented in a combination of text, video and classroom discussion. We recommend the translation by Msgr. Ronald Knox which is available at Ignatius.com or catholiccompany.com and many other online sites as well as Trinity House (913) 652-0080 in Overland Park (order by August 31).

DURATION: 10 Weeks

DAY: Thursdays

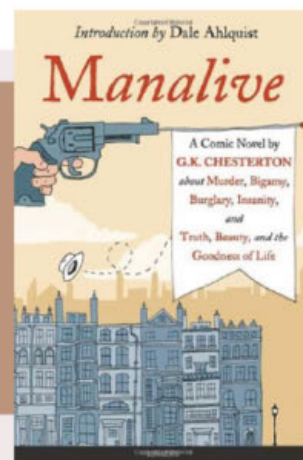
TIME: 5:30 - 7:00PM

DATES: September 7 - November 9

LOCATION: St. Mark Room

FACILITATOR: Joyce Grashoff

COST: \$0 (Purchase *The Imitation of Christ* on your own. See above for translation recommendation. Please register so that we have adequate space.)



The next one on our list is *Manalive* by G. K. Chesterton. The main character in the book is Innocent Smith, one of the best named characters in 20th century fiction. "It is a comic novel about murder, bigamy, burglary, insanity, and Truth, Beauty, and the Goodness of Life.

Chesterton, in the guise of Innocent Smith, demonstrates the incomparable joy found in breaking the conventions and keeping the commandments," says Dale Ahlquist, who has spent a lifetime studying the works of this brilliant author.

This Advent Season please join us for this early Christmas present, an unusual and entertaining look at what it means to be "man fully alive."

This 4 week class will focus on whole class and small group discussion.

DURATION: 5 Weeks

DAY: Thursdays

TIME: 5:30-7:00PM

DATES: November 16 - December 21

LOCATION: St. Mark Room

FACILITATOR: Joyce Grashoff

COST: \$0 (Purchase *Manalive* online or order for pickup from Trinity House (913) 652-0080. Please register so that we have adequate space.)

ADULT FAITH CLASSES

JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST



JESUS and the JEWISH ROOTS of the EUCHARIST

Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper
BRANT PITRE
Preface by SCOTT HAHN

Inspiring and informative, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* by Brant Pitre, is a groundbreaking work that is sure to illuminate one of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith: the mystery of Jesus' presence in the breaking of the bread.

DURATION: 5 Weeks

DAY: Thursdays

TIME: 1:00-2:30PM

DATES: October 5 - November 2

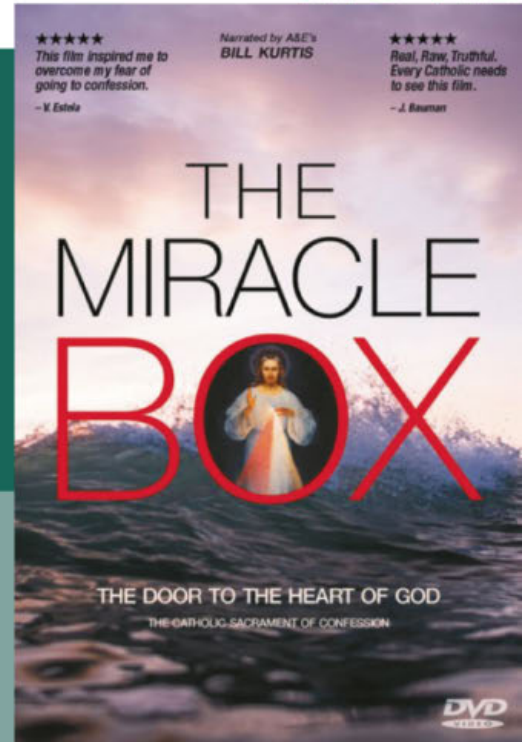
LOCATION: St. Mark Room

FACILITATOR: Dr. William O'Leary

COST: \$0 (Purchase *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* online or order for pickup from Trinity House: (913) 652-0080. Please register so that we have adequate space.)



THE MIRACLE BOX MOVIE



Join us as we view and discuss the movie, *The Miracle Box*. From the producers of, "Ocean of Mercy", this film is narrated by Bill Kurtis, and features true testimonies of those who have encountered Christ through the Sacrament of Confession. Discover first-hand interviews, insights from confessors and theologians and a visual journey through a powerful mystery of mercy.

DURATION: 1 night

DAY: Thursday

TIME: 7:00-8:30PM

DATE: October 5

LOCATION: St. John Room

FACILITATOR: Chuck Jansen

COST: \$0 (Please register so we have popcorn for you!)

ADULT FAITH CLASSES

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

DURATION: 6 Weeks

FACILITATOR: Dick Kane

LOCATION: St. Luke Room (9/28 in Conference Room)

COST: \$0 (Purchase *The Return of the Prodigal Son* online or order for pickup from Trinity House: (913) 652-0080. Please register so that we have adequate space.)

OPTION 1:

DAY: Wednesdays

TIME: 9:30-11:00AM

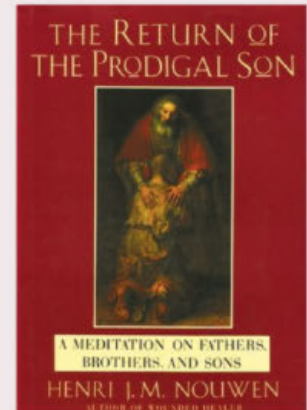
DATES: September 13 - October 18

OPTION 2:

DAY: Thursdays

TIME: 7:30-9:00PM

DATES: September 14 - October 19



Please join us as we discuss *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, by Henri Nouwen. A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Henri Nouwen on an unforgettable spiritual adventure. He shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell.

The challenge to love as God loves, and to be loved as God's beloved, will be seen as the ultimate revelation of the parable known to Christians throughout time.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

BUILDING A EUCHARISTIC MARRIAGE



DURATION: 7 weeks

DAY: Tuesdays

TIME: 6:00-8:00PM

DATES: September 12 - October 24

LOCATION: St. Mark Room

FACILITATORS: Michael & Jeri Uhlmansiek

COST: \$50 per couple (Includes dinner.)

**BABYSITTING
AVAILABLE!**

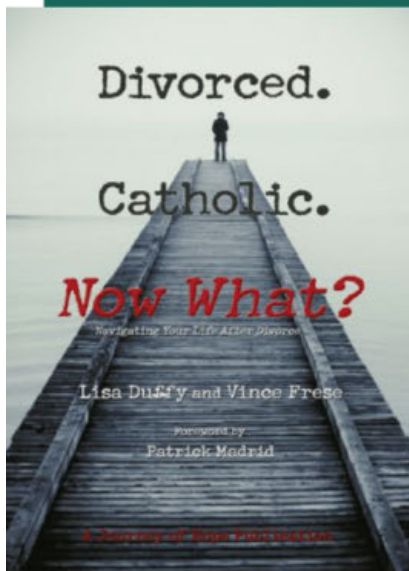


The "Building a Eucharistic Marriage" course is a 7-part video series, built off of a therapeutic model for change, which connects 7 areas for therapeutically strengthening our marriage with 7 areas of deepening our relationship with Christ through the Eucharist. This course comes out of a longer program written by Greg Schutte, MSW, LISW-S called "Discovering Our Deepest Desire," which has an imprimatur from the Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

DIVORCED.
CATHOLIC.
NOW WHAT?

EVERYDAY SKILLS FOR
CREATING AN AMAZING
MARRIAGE RETREAT



**BABYSITTING
AVAILABLE!**

A must read for divorced men and women, especially if you are Catholic, and the perfect curriculum for parish groups. This book is an indispensable tool for healing, no matter how long you've been divorced and is completely Catholic. Originally a successful program directed in parishes, *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?* by Lisa Duffy and Vince Frese, provides answers to the difficult questions that Catholics face because of divorce, practical tools to help move past the pain and loneliness, and hope for the future.

DURATION: 7 Weeks

DAY: Tuesdays

TIME: 7:00-8:30PM

DATES: September 12 - October 24

LOCATION: St. John Room

FACILITATOR: Pam Novosel and Julie Cruz

COST: \$0 (Purchase *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?* online or order for pickup from Trinity House: (913) 652-0080 by August 31. Please register so that we have adequate space.)



Growing more in love every day is about the little things. In this fun, experiential retreat, you'll learn practical ways to reconcile hurts, communicate effectively, achieve deeper intimacy, and tap into the grace of your sacrament.

**BABYSITTING
AVAILABLE!**

ONE DAY RETREAT

DAY: Saturday

TIME: 9:15AM-4:15PM
(Lunch Included)

DATE: November 18

LOCATION: St. Mark Room

FACILITATOR: Brad and Libby Dupont

COST: \$25 per couple

YOUNG ADULT

DISCIPLES DWELLING: A YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

RELATIONSHIP GOALS



Are you looking for an opportunity where you can dig deeper into your Catholic faith while bonding with other young adults? Do you love to discuss the deeper questions about life and wrestling with the truth? Then consider joining Disciples Dwelling (DD) - Join us and become a better follower of Jesus.

We discuss upcoming Sunday Mass readings followed by a fellowship activity - with occasional social functions on weekends.

ONGOING, WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

FOR: Catholic Young Adults, ages 21-35

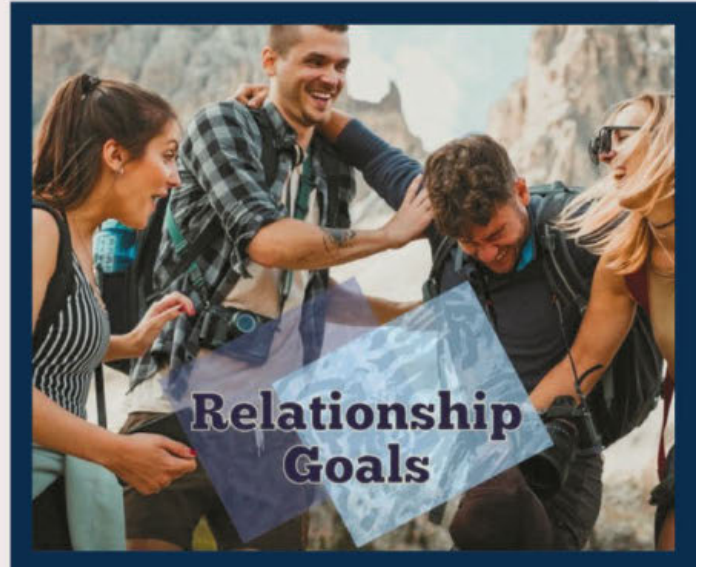
DAY: Thursdays

TIME: 7:00-8:30PM

LOCATION: Youth Center

FACILITATORS:

Rachel Severt,
Brooke Kramer
and Rafael Alares



Growing wholesome and God-honoring relationships before marriage is one of the crucial aspects of our spiritual health.

Join us for a singles study diving into a wide variety of skills such as conflict resolution, emotional intimacy, communication and relationship management. The study also focuses on the following intrapersonal skills: discernment, self-control, commitment and setting appropriate expectations for your future relationships.

COMING TO ASCENSION THIS FALL

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to learn more.



MEN'S FAITH

MEN OF ASCENSION

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 reads the Sunday readings followed by discussion on their applicability to the lives of men.

New members are invited to join at any time.

ONGOING, WEEKLY STUDY

DAY: Fridays

TIME: 6:00-7:00AM

LOCATION: St. Mark Room

FACILITATOR: Ken Jennison



FATHER'S BOOK STUDY

MAN YOUR POST



Join other fathers in our Ascension parish community to read and reflect on the book, *Man Your Post, Learning to Lead like St. Joseph*, by Scott and Carrie Daunt with foreword by Dr. Scott Hahn. This book will take you on a six week journey utilizing powerful meditations, reflection questions, prayers for living like St. Joseph and discussion on how to live out your God-given duty to lay your life down for your family. Pray and discuss how to lead and protect those God has entrusted to you within your vocation of father, and exemplify to your family how to lead a life of virtue.



DURATION: 6 Weeks

DAY: Tuesdays

TIME: 7:00-8:30PM

DATES: Nov. 7 - Dec. 12

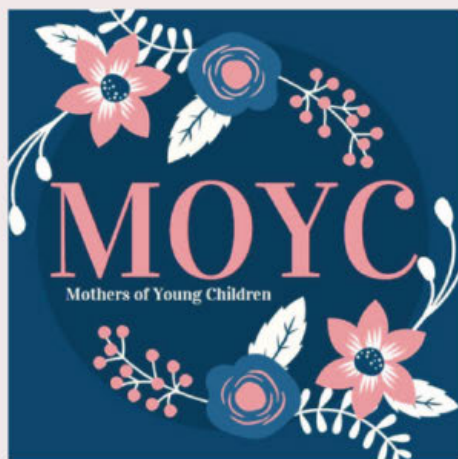
LOCATION: St. Luke Room

FACILITATOR: Mike Menghini

COST: \$0 (Purchase *Man Your Post* online or order for pickup from Trinity House (913) 652-0080. Please register so that we have adequate space.)

WOMEN'S FAITH

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN



Through authentic friendships, prayer, family activities, and community service, we hope to encourage and equip fellow mothers in the beauty and traditions of the Catholic Faith. If you are a mother of a young child (pregnancy through second grade), then you are invited to join us in September for the welcome meeting.

Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information or scan the QR Code to register and receive email updates.



MOTHER'S CIRCLE



We are mothers of teenagers & young adults, growing, supporting, learning, and praying together. Join us in September for the welcome meeting with Debbie Engel facilitating.

Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information or scan the QR Code to register and receive email updates, or contact Debbie Engel for more information at deborasuzanne@gmail.com.



WOMEN OF ASCENSION



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

We host many fun and faith-filled events throughout the year and we encourage all women of the parish to join our group and enjoy our events.

Stay tuned to the bulletin for information on upcoming events, or join our group in Realm to receive regular emails.

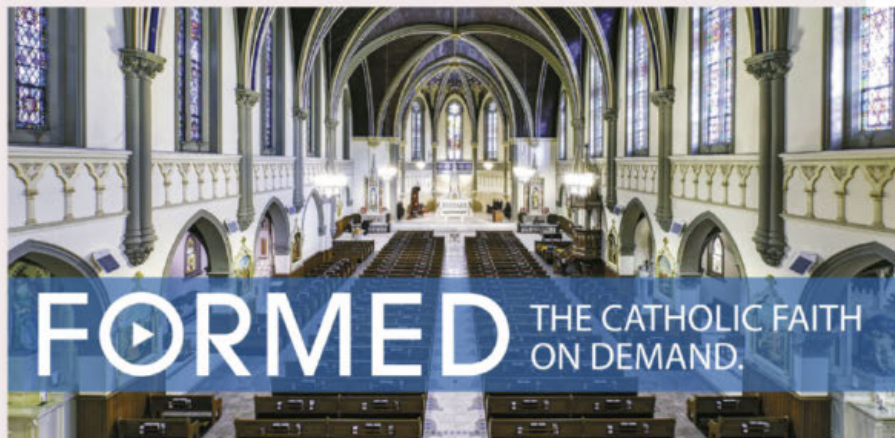


FORMED

NEW CONTENT. EVERY DAY.

In addition to our wonderful, in-person studies, parishioners are able to access thousands of movies, talks and classes for FREE! Ascension has purchased a subscription.

Click on the FORMED link in the "Trending at Ascension" section at <https://kcascension.org/> OR following these three easy steps:



1. GO TO [**KCASCENSION.FORMED.ORG**](https://kcascension.org/)
2. CHOOSE "CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION" AS YOUR PARISH
3. ENTER YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT

FINAL NOTES

REGISTER BY AUGUST 31, 2023

THANK YOU!

WE OFFER OUR THANKS TO OUR
FELLOW PARISHIONERS WHO
VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO
FACILITATE THESE COURSE
OFFERINGS FOR OUR
PARISHIONERS.

Register Online at www.kcascension.org, scan the QR codes, or turn in the Registration Form (pages 17 & 19) to the box in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office.

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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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ADULT FAITH REGISTRATION FORM

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION | AUGUST 2023

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

REGISTRATION DUE AUGUST 31

Name: _____

If couple attending class, Spouse: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

All are welcome to attend; please indicate your parish: ☐ Ascension ☐ Other Parish

COURSE TITLE	CIRCLE CLASS	PARTICIPANT NAME(S)	COST	QTY	TOTAL COST
Becoming Catholic: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	Inquirer Sponsor		—		
Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass"	Tues. PM		—		
Building a Eucharistic Marriage	Tues. PM		\$50/couple		
Catholic Topics	Wed. AM Wed. PM		—		
Christ Renews His Parish Retreat	Use the Christ Renews His Parish Registration Form (Page 19)				
Divorced. Catholic. Now What?	Tues. PM		—		
Everyday Skills for Creating an Amazing Marriage Retreat	Nov. 18		\$25/couple		
Exodus	Wed. PM Fri. AM		—		
Father's Book Study	Tues. PM		—		
Forgiveness 101 Half-Day Workshop	Oct. 20 PM		\$10		
Great Books Series: Manalive	Thurs. PM		—		
Great Books Series: The Imitation of Christ	Thurs. PM		—		
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist	Thurs. PM		—		
Miracle Box Movie	Oct. 5 PM		—		
Return of the Prodigal Son	Wed. AM Thurs. PM		—		

Total: \$ _____

Our Purpose

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION EXISTS TO:

Proclaim THE GOSPEL,
Worship WHOLEHEARTEDLY,
Serve GENEROUSLY,
AND *Love* LIKE JESUS.

PROCLAIM: Church of the Ascension exists to proclaim the Gospel, to announce the Good News that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to save us. In Jesus we have the Way to salvation. In the Lord Jesus we find forgiveness of sins.

WORSHIP: We are called to worship the Lord wholeheartedly, loving Him "with all your heart, soul, strength and mind" (Lk. 10:27). We celebrate the sacred liturgy, making the one sacrifice of Jesus present to us until He comes again in glory. Our Eucharistic worship is at the heart of Catholic life.

SERVE: Our worship renews us and equips us to serve generously. Our love of God necessitates our love of neighbors. When Jesus washed the disciples' feet, He said, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (Jn. 13:14).

LOVE: The Law and the Prophets are summed up in Jesus' command to love like He loved. Jesus' love is freely offered, sacrificial, rooted in truth, and enduring. We strive to imitate Jesus' way of loving, always wanting the ultimate good for the other and continuing to love even when we are not loved in return.



A JOY THAT INSPIRES OTHERS: We endeavor to demonstrate, through our words and deeds, that we believe that the Gospel is truly Good News, that what God has done for us in Christ Jesus warrants a joyful response from us. We pray that we will come to exude a joyful spirit that is attractive to others and that draws others to better know the source of our joy.

A PATIENCE THAT FOSTERS RELATIONSHIPS: We desire to be patiently present to others, meeting them where they are in life's journey, striving to better know them, and to befriend them. All evangelization begins with relationship, so we want to be good at establishing relationships.

A CHARITY THAT TRANSFORMS HEARTS: Jesus' command to love as He loves provides direction for all our parish efforts. Charity, another word for Love, is the fuel that animates relationships, the knock on the door of people's hearts that invite them to open up, and the foundation upon which trust grows. Our ability to share the Gospel is enhanced when others know we truly care about them.

Our Vision

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION IS STRIVING TO:
LIVE OUR CATHOLIC FAITH WITH
A *Joy* THAT INSPIRES OTHERS,
A *Patience* THAT FOSTERS RELATIONSHIPS,
AND A *Charity* THAT TRANSFORMS HEARTS.

Our Key Values



Honesty that shares the fullness of the Gospel, is transparent and humbly acknowledges our strengths and our weaknesses.

Hospitality that joyfully meets people where they are and invites them to join us in seeking more.

Compassion that ministers from our hearts, and hears the longings and pains of others.

Generosity that recognizes blessings and sacrificially shares our time, talent, as well as our treasure.

Intentionality in learning more, going to the margins and witnessing in Jesus' name.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

INVITATION

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**RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE
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RETREAT DATE DESIRED:

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WOMEN'S WEEKEND

October 7 & 8, 2023

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MEN'S WEEKEND

October 14 & 15, 2023

* Minimum age is 23 years old



First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Nickname (for Name Badge): _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email 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?

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No

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Yes

If yes, please explain: _____

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:

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We would LOVE
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us!



Heavenly Father,
Thank you for calling us
to serve as your disciples.

You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus,
with the great mission of evangelizing
and witnessing Your love to the world.

Send the Holy Spirit to show us Your will
for increased spiritual renewal
in our Ascension community.

Give us the strength and courage to
proclaim the Gospel,
worship wholeheartedly,
serve generously,
and love like Jesus.

We entrust our parish family
to the care of Mary,
seeking her intercession and help
as we strive to live our Catholic faith
with a joy that inspires others,
a patience that fosters relationships,
and a charity that transforms hearts.

Amen.