OCTOBER 8, 2023 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes -MATTHEW 21:42

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION EXISTS TO Proclaim THE GOSPEL, Worship WHOLEHEARTEDLY, Serve GENEROUSLY, AND Love LIKE JESUS.

OFFICE HOURS Monday-Thursday: 8:30AM-4:00PM Friday: 8:30AM-12:00PM SUNDAY MASSES Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 8:15AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 5:00PM WEEKDAY MASSES Monday-Friday: 7:00AM & 12:00PM Saturday: 8:30AM RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 11:00AM & 6:30PM Wednesday: 6:00AM Saturday: 3:00PM PERPETUAL ADORATION

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Eucharistic Revival

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF ETEN | PERÙ, 1649

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF ETEN HAPPENED ABOUT 370 YEARS AGO IN THE PERUVIAN **TOWN OF PORT ETEN. IN A HOST EXPOSED FOR** PUBLIC ADORATION, **THERE APPEARED** THE CHILD JESUS AND THREE INTERCONNECTED **HEARTS OF A BRILLIANT WHITE COLOR. EVERY** YEAR, THE FEAST **IN HONOR OF THIS EVENT BEGINS ON** JULY 12, WITH THE **TRANSFER OF THE** HOST OF THE **MIRACLE FROM ITS SANCTUARY TO** THE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF ETEN. AND IT ENDS ON **JULY 24.**

READ MORE AT BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS'S WEBSITE:



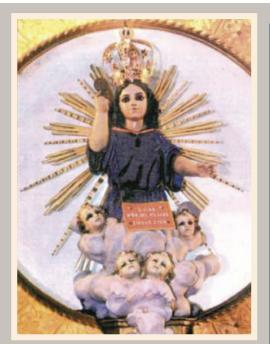
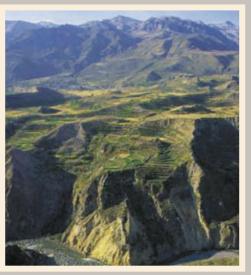


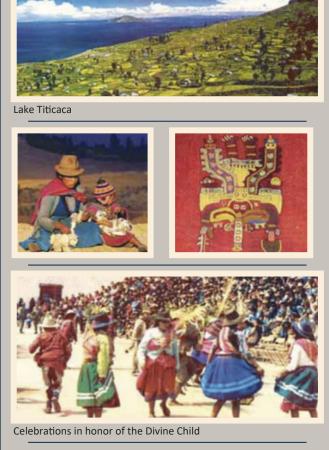
Image of the Divine Child of Eten



Colca Valley

The first apparition of the Divine Child in the Most Holy Sacrament took place on the night of June 2, 1649, during the Vespers and the solemn exposition in honor of the feast of Corpus Christi. At the end of the service, the Franciscan monk Jerome de Silva Manrique, was about to return the monstrance to the tabernacle, but he suddenly stopped. In the Host there appeared the brilliant face of a Child, framed by thick brown curls that falling to the shoulders. All the faithful present in the church experienced the same vision.

The second apparition took place a few days later, on July 22 of the same year, during the celebrations in honor of St. Mary of Magdalene, Patroness of the city. According to the testimony of Brother Marco





Ancient terraces, Peru

Machu Picchu (Inca City)

Lopez, superior of the convent in Chiclayo, during the exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament "the Divine Child Jesus again appeared in the Host, dressed in a purple tunic. Beneath it he wore a shirt up to the middle of the chest, according to the custom of the South American Indians. Through this sign, the Divine Child wanted to identify with the Mochican inhabitants of Eten, to demonstrate His love for them. In the same apparition, which lasted about 15 minutes, many also saw appearing in the Host three small white hearts, united among themselves. These symbolized the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, present in the consecrated Host. To this day, the feast in honor of the Miracle of the Divine Child of Eten, continues to attract thousands of faithful yearly.

Eucharistic Revival

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH | THE EUCHARIST







Want to read *The* Sacramental Sacrifice, Parts I & II? See Catechism of the Catholic Church, §1356-1367.

THE SACRAMENTAL SACRIFICE, PART III

Look for The Sacramental Sacrifice Part IV on October 15.

§1368 The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering.

In the catacombs the Church is often represented as a woman in prayer, arms outstretched in the praying position. Like Christ who stretched out his arms on the cross, through him, with him, and in him, she offers herself and intercedes for all men.

§1369 The whole Church is united with the offering and intercession of Christ. Since he has the ministry of Peter in the Church, the Pope is associated with every celebration of the Eucharist, wherein he is named as the sign and servant of the unity of the universal Church. The bishop of the place is always responsible for the Eucharist, even when a priest presides; the bishop's name is mentioned to signify his presidency over the particular Church, in the midst of his presbyterium and with the assistance of deacons. The community intercedes also for all ministers who, for it and with it, offer the Eucharistic sacrifice:

Let only that Eucharist be regarded as legitimate, which is celebrated under [the presidency of] the bishop or him to whom he has entrusted it.

Through the ministry of priests, the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful is completed in union with the sacrifice of Christ the only Mediator, which in the Eucharist is offered through the priests' hands in the name of the whole Church in an unbloody and sacramental manner until the Lord himself comes.

§1370 To the offering of Christ are united not only the members still here on earth, but also those already in the glory of heaven. In communion with and commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. In the Eucharist the Church is as it were at the foot of the cross with Mary, united with the offering and intercession of Christ.

§1371 The Eucharistic sacrifice is also offered for the faithful departed who "have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified," so that they may be able to enter into the light and peace of Christ:

Put this body anywhere! Don't trouble yourselves about it! I simply ask you to remember me at the Lord's altar wherever you are.[Saint Monica]

Then, we pray for the holy fathers and bishops who have fallen asleep, and in general for all who have fallen asleep before us, in the belief that it is a great benefit to the souls on whose behalf the supplication is offered, while the holy and tremendous Victim is present . . . by offering to God our supplications for those who have fallen asleep, if they have sinned, we . . . offer Christ sacrificed for the sins of all, and so render favorable, for them and for us, the God who loves man.

§1372 Saint Augustine admirably summed up this doctrine that moves us to an ever more complete participation in our Redeemer's sacrifice which we celebrate in the Eucharist:

This wholly redeemed city, the assembly and society of the saints, is offered to God as a universal sacrifice by the high priest who in the form of a slave went so far as to offer himself for us in his Passion, to make us the Body of so great a head . . . such is the sacrifice of Christians: "we who are many are one Body in Christ" the Church continues to reproduce this sacrifice in the sacrament of the altar so well-known to believers wherein it is evident to them that in what she offers she herself is offered.























THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US AT THE FALL FESTIVAL! THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE

- EVENING POSSIBLE... IT TAKES A PARISH! -Those who donated baked goods & soda pop -Volunteers who helped set up & clean up
- -Those who served cider & donuts
- -Registration, hospitality & sanitation volunteers -Knights of Columbus who prepared & served the Octoberfest meal
- -St James Academy art students who did face painting
- -Boy scouts who ran the yard games
- -Cub scouts who ran soda pop ring toss
- -American Heritage Girls who ran cake walk -Young Adults who ran bingo
- -Youth Faith Formation who ran kiddie games -Youth ministers who ran the tween/teen tent -Ascension Catholic School who ran the cotton candy machine

-MOYC for their craft table

-Knights of Columbus who ran the soccer challenge

Ascension This Week:

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Jesus tells a parable to the Jewish leaders about a vineyard owner who leased his vineyard to tenants who took their role as caretakers for granted. They abused the servants sent by the landowner

and when the landowner sent his son, the tenants killed him. The parable is meant to convict the Jews and accuse them of taking their God-given mission for granted.

The parable has significance for our present day. Because like the Jews of old, Catholics can also take the gifts given by God for granted. Jesus established the Church, under the leadership of St. Peter to be the "pillar and foundation of truth" (1 Tim 3:15) and sent the Holy Spirit to guide the Church to all truth (see Jn 16:13). He gave the Church the Sacraments to connect believers with divine grace; to spiritually nourish and strengthen them and to forgive their sins (Jn 20:23). Yet many Catholics ignore the gift of their Catholic faith and pay little attention to the moral teachings of the Church that Christ established to teach in His name.

In 1970, there were 3.5 million adults in the U.S. that identified as ex-Catholics, in 2019 that number grew to 29.4 million and today is likely larger. In 1970 there were 3.4 million elementary -age children in Catholic schools, today that number is about 1.6 million. The number of infant baptisms has been cut in half since 1970. Catholic marriages have dropped to 138,000 per year in 2019 compared to 426,000 in 1970. In 1970 55% of Catholics attended Mass weekly. In 2019, prior to Covid-19, that number had dipped to 21.1%. Some suggest that post-Covid that number is even lower.

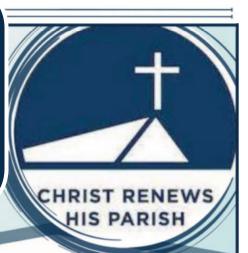
The Church's age-old teachings about marriage, sexual abstinence before marriage, artificial contraception and respect for life are regularly ignored. Many, even some who send their children to Catholic school, regularly miss Sunday Mass to attend sporting events or other secular activities. Catholic politicians proudly take political stands in opposition to the teaching of the Church in which they claim membership. Priests fail to teach the truth and worse, some of them commit heinous acts in violation of all that the Church teaches.

Let's pray that more Catholics wake up and stop taking the gift of their faith for granted. Jesus clearly teaches that the road to destruction is wide and well-traveled and many will go down it (Mt 7:13). Let's take our God-given mission seriously, so we don't lose out on the Kingdom He has promised.

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

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND VOLUNTEERED AT OUR SECOND ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL!

MEN: IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE **MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS RETREAT WEEKEND.** I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT! SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WOMEN ATTENDING AND HOSTING THE CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREAT THIS WEEKEND, OCTOBER 7 & 8.

For I know the plant I For I know the plant I have for you rays the Lord. JEREMIAH 29:11 W PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RETREATANTS AND LEADERS OF OUR CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WOMEN'S TEAM THIS WEEKEND!

From our first Retreat in March of 2004, over 1,500 parishioners have attended the Christ Renews His Parish retreat. Of the 70 retreats that have been put on, many of the teams have members that still meet up in small groups or stay in contact for prayer support and accountability. Many of us have made lifelong friends at the retreat, grown our faith, become more active in the church, at our kid's school, and in our homes. If you are one of the parishioners who has not been blessed with the Christ Renews experience, we highly recommend it.

Ascension This Week:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

All Day	Women's Christ Renews Retreat Campus	
9:30AM	Sunday Scripture Study Conference Rm.	
1:00PM	AA Meeting Conference Rm.	
3:30PM	Ascension Praise Band & Choir Rehearsal Church	
4:00PM	Al Anon Meeting Conference Rm.	
8:00PM	Men's Basketball Age 40+ Gym	

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 3:00PM After School Hangout | Youth Center 5:30PM RCIA Class | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM Boy Scouts Troup #218 | Parish Hall A Liturgy Committee Mtg. | Conference Rm. RCIA Year 2 | St. Luke Rm.
- 8:30PM Men's Basketball Age 21+ | Gym

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00AM ACS School Mass (Grades 5-8) | Church
1:00PM Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" | St. Mark Rm.
4:00PM Guadalupe House Dinners | Off Site
5:30PM Maintenance Committee Mtg. | Conference Rm.
6:00PM School Advisory Council | Library
6:30PM 4th Degree K of C #3547 Assembly Mtg. | Parish Hall Weekly Family Rosary | Church
6:45PM Relationship Goals | Youth Center
7:00PM Divorced. Catholic. Now What? | St. John Rm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 8:00AM ACS School Mass (Grades K-4) | Church
- 9:30AM The Return of the Prodigal Son | St. Luke Rm.
- 10:00AM Catholic Topics | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM Ascension Book Club | St. Mark Rm.
 6:00PM Catholic Topics | St. Mark Rm. Confirmation Year I | Classrooms Weekly Youth Faith Formation | Classrooms
 7:00PM AA Meeting | St. John Rm.
- Ascension Adult Choir Rehearsal | Church 8:30PM Men's Basketball Age 21+ | Gym

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00AM ACS All School Rosary (Grades K-8) | Church
9:00AM Principal's Mtg. | Youth Center
1:00PM Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist | St. Mark Rm.
3:45PM Mathletics | Parish Hall A
4:30PM Legion of Mary Mtg. | St. Luke Rm.
5:30PM The Imitation of Christ | St. Mark Rm.
6:15PM American Heritage Girls Mtg. | Parish Hall A
6:30PM Women of Ascension Painting Party | Parish Hall B
7:00PM Disciples Dwelling | Youth Center + Rosary Garden
7:30PM The Return of the Prodigal Son | St. Luke Rm.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:00AM	Men of Ascension St. Mark Rm.
3:15PM	Chess Club Library
3:30PM	Men's Christ Renews Retreat Set-Up Campus
8:00PM	Men's Christ Renews Agape Service Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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All Day	Men's Christ Renews Retreat Campus		
6:00AM	Legion of Mary Conference Rm.		
9:00AM	Bereavement Support Group Conference Rm.		
10:00AM	Pop the Trunk Food Collection Parking Lot		
5:30PM	Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive After Mass		
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15			
All Day	Men's Christ Renews Retreat Campus		
All Day	Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive After Masses		
9:30AM	Sunday Scripture Study Conference Rm.		
1:00PM	AA Meeting Conference Rm.		
3:30PM	Ascension Praise Band & Choir Rehearsal Church		
4:00PM	Al Anon Meeting Conference Rm.		
6:00PM	Core Group Mtg. Youth Center		
6:30PM	Fearfully & Wonderfully Made St. Mark Rm.		

8:00PM Men's Basketball Age 40+ | Gym

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Looking for an opportunity to grow your faith and meet others in the Church of the Ascension community?

WOMEN'S WEEKEND: OCT 7-8, 2023 Contact Karen Newkirk for more information 913-568-5434 | <u>knewkirk231@gmail.com</u>

Men: It's not too late to join us!

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MEN'S WEEKEND: OCT 14-15, 2023 Contact Brian Hornung for more information 913-558-2934 | hornung@everestkc.net



For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord: walk as children of light. For the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Ephesians 5:8-10



REGISTRATION

MEALS FOR PRIESTS

Do you love to cook? We have three priests with hearty appetites! Meals for Priests is a ministry that provides meals one day per week for our beloved priests. If you are interested in cooking and providing a meal, please



visit our webpage at kcascension.org; scroll down to the Trending section, click Volunteer Sign Ups, Meals for Priests. Or use the QR Code above. If you have questions, please contact Patty in the Parish office at 913-681-3348.

Upcoming Events



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

pasta, cereal, fruit (low sugar), tomato/spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, boxed meals, peanut butter, tuna, canned meat.

> Questions? Joe or Johnette 913-481-8663.

Catholic Charities food pantry shelves and reserve supplies are at an all-time low. Please help us give back to our neighbors in our community who are in need.

Can't be here on October 14? No worries, you can always drop food your donation off in the food bin, located in the St. John hallway.



MOTHER'S CIRCLE October 10, 6:30PM Off Site

We are mothers of teenagers and young adults, growing, supporting, learning, and pray-



ing together. If you are a mother of a teenager or young adult, then you are invited to join the conversation!

Join us on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30PM at Julie Christiansen's house. RSVP 913-302-6956 to Julie. Please, come pray for your teens and young adults with us! Find Julie's address in the Realm invitation or inquire with your RSVP.

GUADALUPE HOUSE October 10, *Before* 4:30PM St. John Hallway

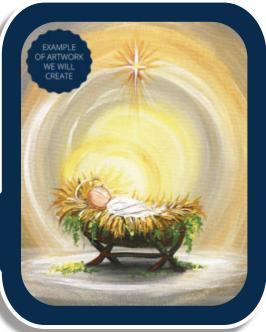
Our Lady of Guadalupe House is an organization run by the Sisters of the Fraternity Mission-

aries 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. Scroll down to Trending > Volunteer Signups> Guadalupe House. Please drop off supplies to the St. John Hallway by 4:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ASCENSION BOOK CLUB October 11, 1:00PM | St. Mark Rm.

Our book for October is <u>The Last Thing He Told Me</u>, by Laura Dave. We will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 1:00PM in the St. Mark Room. For details call Linda Cook at 913-897-3201. Come join our discussion!



Ascension This Week

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY OCTOBER 14, 9:00AM (AFTER MASS) **CONFERENCE ROOM**

The Bereavement Support Ministry at Church of the Ascension bereavement support aroup

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.

BUILDING A EUCHARISTIC MARRIAGE SMALL GROUPS | LOOKING FOR HOSTS & PARTICIPANTS

Are you interested in hosting or being a part of a small group for our newest marriage communications course? Building a Eucharistic Marriage is a 7-part video series, built off of a therapeutic model for change. It connects 7 areas of strengthening our marriage with 7 areas of deepening our relationship with Christ through the Eucharist.

Small groups can be run in many different ways. The course itself is a seven part series; you have the freedom to run your group weekly, bi-weekly, or even monthly - the course just needs to be completed by June of 2024.

Please contact Marissa Brown in the church office if you are interested in hosting a small group. If you are interested in attending a small group, but cannot host it at your home, please be looking out for small group times and location.

Eucharistic Marriage





The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign happening now! Ascension has committed to filling: Sunday, October 15 from 7AM-7PM. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for an end to abortion during a 40-day vigil. 40 Days for Life is 40 days of prayer and fasting and community awareness.

The vigil site is the Center For Woman's Health, 4840 College Blvd in Overland Park. This is a great activity for families, and is a beautiful way to witness to many how important LIFE is. It also is a great opportunity to inform many in the neighboring areas that abortions are taking place in THEIR community.

We need to stand strong and stand for LIFE and show Kansans that we STILL value them BOTH! So, please prayerfully consider signing up and invite a friend or family member to join you. Use the QR Code to sign up!



OF PARENTS & CAREGIVERS WHO COME TOGETHER TO STRUGGLES, AND THE JOYS OF CARING FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING SUNDAY | OCTOBER 15 | 6:30PM | ST. MARK RM.

Emily Tritz and Brookes Barrack the directors of Kansas City Developmental Therapies (KCDT) will discuss their play-based approach to pediatric speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, developmental therapy, physical therapy and academic support that focuses on relationships.

*CHILDCARE AVAILABLE DURING THE MEETING *WE MEET THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Find details and information about upcoming meetings here: KCASCENSION.ORG/WONDERFULLY-MADE/



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact Patty in the parish office: 913-681-3348.



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Next FIRE: October 16	CONFIRMATION YEAR 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS: Ongoing — join us! AFTER SCHOOL HANGOUTS: Mondays | 3PM | Youth Center NEXT RISE: October 18 HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS: Ongoing — join us!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 8:15 & 10AM MASSES

In order for us to offer Children's Liturgy of the Word, we need at least ten volunteers for each Mass time.

This is a great ministry for the children of our parish, age 4 through 8 years old.

Please call the Youth Faith Formation Office if you have questions: 913- 681-7683.

Email tbaldwin@acseagles.org if you can volunteer.

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 CANDIDATE + SPONSOR SESSION

Sunday, October 22: Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session at 1PM or 3PM.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is not able to begin until we have more volunteers helping lead and coordinate it this year. We need two adults to assist at each Mass (Sundays, 8:15AM & 10:00AM) and be with the kids during the Liturgy of the Word. Please call the Youth Faith Formation Office if you can assist: 913-681-7683. We are considering only offering it at one of the Masses.

DONUT SUNDAY HELPERS

We are looking for people willing to help out with the Donut Ministry. This ministry is open to individual volunteers, but it is also a great way to volunteer with your family!

- One Sunday a month
- Before and after 8:15AM Mass
- Or before and after 10:00 Mass

Contact Mary Bibler: mbibler@kcascension.org



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

DISCIPLES DWELLING THURSDAYS | 7:00PM | ASCENSION YOUTH CENTER

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." -Hebrews 10:24-25

WHO WE ARE: A passionate group of young Catholics aged 21-35.

OUR ACTIVITIES: After discussing future Sunday Mass readings, we will have a community activity. There are also occasional Disciples Dwelling events on weekends.

QUESTIONS: email Rachel with any questions- rrsevart@ksu.edu



Every Thursday at 7pm **Ascension Youth Center Disciples Dwelling**

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Young Adults: Join us on Monday!



YOUNG ADULTS 21-35 **BREWLAB** 7925 MARTY TH 7PMLIVE





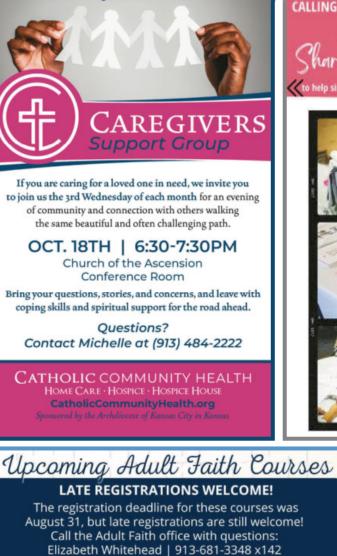








Upcoming Events=



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MAN

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FORGIVENESS 101 WORKSHOP October 20 | Half-day Workshop Friday | 1:00-5:00PM | St. Mark Rm.

MAN YOUR POST

Beginning November 7 | 6 Weeks Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30PM | St. Luke Rm. November 7 - December 12



THE GREAT BOOK SERIES: MANALIVE

Beginning November 16 | 5 Weeks Thursdays | 5:30-7:00PM | St. Mark Rm. November 16 - December 21

DETAILS & REGISRATION

Go to kcascension.org/adult-faith-catalog/ or look in the August Course Catalog. You can find extra copies of the Course Catalog in the Gathering Area.



CALLING ALL WOMEN AT ASCENSION! Join us for a Shore-the-Love printy! (to help single young women facing an unplanned pregnancy)



Join us for some snacks, drinks and fellowship while we build Love Boxes from start to finish! This event will be filled with making friends, folding onesies, packaging gifts, tying ribbon, and much more!

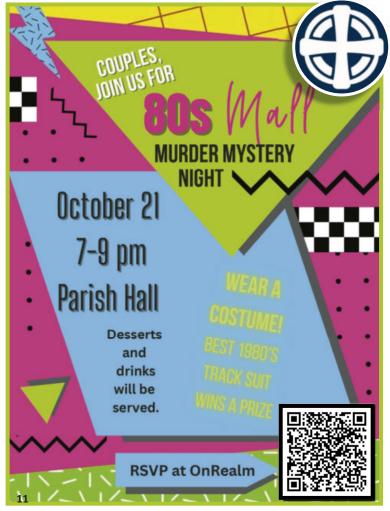
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Register Today!

THE LOVE BOX

A Love Box is gifted to single young women who may be considering abortion. Each box has a personal invitation to a church-hosted support group, as well as some other meaningful items to offer single and pregnant

> Sponsored by Women of Ascension, MOYC and Respect Life Ministries at Ascension.



Upcoming Events

COVERED IN PRAYER OCTOBER 26, 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!



HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS October 28, 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!



ASCENSION CYO BASKETBALL

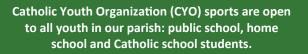
CYO BASKETBALL is for boys and girls in 3rd-8th grade. Registration and more details can be found at www.cyojwa.org --> Registration --> 2023 Grade School Basketball

Program Duration: Oct 30-Mar 2 3rd/4th Grade \$130 5th-8th Grade \$150

Basketball Coordinator

We are looking for a new basketball coordinator(s) to help with the upcoming season. This role helps coordinate tryouts, uniforms, practices times, and the shared mailbox.

If interested, please reach out to John Witt at ACSCYO@gmail.com or Travis Schieltz at ACSCYODSM@gmail.com.



OUR NEXT DATE TO SERVE: October 27

HEARTACHE TO HEALING A SUPPORT & SOCIAL GROUP FOR THOSE WIDOWED EARLY IN LIFE OCTOBER 26, 6:30PM ST. JOHN ROOM

Widows and widowers around the ages of 40-60, come join us on Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-8:30PM in the St John Room. Come make some new friends as we play games like Blackjack, Jenga, Spades, Swoop, Dominos, and more. We'll begin with prayer and introductions, and a bit about our group and its upcoming events. Feel free to bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share. Your RSVP is appreciated but not necessary. Please email Laura at

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khaeus1@hotmail.com, or Heather at hmbimpens@gmail.com, or Damon at damon452@yahoo.com. We look forward to enjoying some friendly game-night competition with you!



SHALOM HOUSE IS BACK!

ASCENSION'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE ONE MEAL PER MONTH TO THE MEN AT SHALOM HOUSE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH DELIVERY, SERVING AND/OR DESSERTS, PLEASE VISIT OUR SIGN-UP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW.



LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

Questions? Contact Dan Tira @ 913-991-7755.

Upcoming Events=

What's that Pack and Play for??



Respect Life and Ministry of Care are collecting baby items for women facing crisis in pregnancy the weekend of October 28/29.

The following items are in most need:

- diapers/Pull Ups (sizes 4, 5 and 6)
- personal care items for moms (deodorant, body wash, lotion, shampoo/conditioner)
- \$25 gift cards (for groceries/sundries)

ST. MARY'S

• toddler clothing (2T, 3T, 4T)

ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN NOVEMBER 1 | 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 9:15-9:30AM 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 handson experience of serving people in need.

OUR NEEDS are for parishioners to donate food 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. Please visit kcascension.org> Trending at Ascension> Service Opportunities to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

CONTACT Jean Hinman 913-908-9811 or Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314 with questions.

THE CALIX SOCIETY NOVEMBER 4, 5:00PM | CONFERENCE RM.



The Calix Society (www.calixsociety.org) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, Al-Anon etc.). For us, the spirituality of the 12-Steps is greatly enhanced when practiced in the context of our Catholic Faith. If you have been active in your 12-Step group for six months or more, and would like to talk with other Catholics about how they've incorporated their Catholicism into their Steps, call Neil at 913-645-7244, or Mary at 913-747-5039.

First Saturday Devotion



(OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF OUR PARISH) IS STARTING A FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH ROSARY (8AM, CHURCH) MASS (8:30AM, CHURCH) PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP (AFTER, ST. LUKE RM.)

> QUESTIONS: MARY CONNOR, MARYCONNORHOME@GMAIL.COM.

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More laughter. More intimacy. ore conversation. More in love.



LIFE IS THE LITTLE THINGS

Come spend some time away with your spouse learning some small things that make a big difference in the way you live your marriage... every day!

There will be large group presentations then time to reflect and share with your spouse. You're welcome to meet other couples, but there is no small group sharing.

EveryDay Skills A MINI-RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

NOVEMBER 18 | 9:15AM-4:30PM

There will be a light continental breakfast and a lunch served. The retreat is facilitated by Brad and Libby DuPont. But the best part is that we have a mini VBS focused on preparing for Advent and the Christmas season for the kids of the adults attending. They will also have lunch and snacks provided. The cost of the retreat is free. The age of the kids for VBS is 4-12.

REGISTER AT: REALM OR USE THE QR CODE ABOVE

Weekly Prayer=

New Parishioners

Mr. and Mrs. Brett Ross and family Mr. Joe Damiano and family Mr. Don Ho Ms. Naomi Phan Ms. Teresa Reddick Ms. Kathleen Broussard Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Lupercio and family

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Philip Jurgensmeyer and Rachel J. Laffitte Renz Joseph Sibi Pros and Ann-Marie Reasor Jack Courtney and Annie Washburn Jeremy Grafke and Maggie O'Brien Trevor Michael Smith and Lizeth S. Perez Ortiz

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Richard Saporito, Father of James Saporito Reece Damiano, Son of Joe Damiano

PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

Captain Tyler H. Cordry, US Army; Lt. Colonel Diane Caranta, MD; Captain Stephen Cuff, US Army; Lance Corporal Aidan Egan, USMC; PFC John Froome; Corporal Margaret Gould, USMC; 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.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS | EXCERPTS 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (IS 5:4)

PSALM: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

SECOND READING: Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

GOSPEL: "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Don't know what the Adoration Chapel is all about? Come and visit - see Jesus any time!

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/29/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 NEED ADORERS ASAP

First Sundays - 1AM Tuesdays - 1AM Saturdays - 3PM, 10PM

HOURS THAT NEED PARTNERS:

Fridays - 7PM

Saturdays - Could use partners/subs in many evening hours Questions: Debbie Engel: deborasuzanne@gmail.com.

"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ."

Pope John Paul II



JOIN THE FAMILY ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30PM IN THE CHURCH.

TOGETHER, WE WILL PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES, OUR NATION, AND OUR WORLD! BLESSED MOTHER. PRAY FOR US!

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

> JOIN AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY WEEKDAYS

-NSI

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING NOON MASS

Weekly Prayer = WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00AM

12:00PM +Susan Trynoski by Bob & Betty Palitto

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 7:00AM +Adele Neidlinger by Lois Herr +Frank Green by Elaine England
- 8:00AM Bonita Galey by Keith & Molly Johnson
- 12:00PM +Kathy & Jim Green by Ann & Gary Smith

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00AM +Joyce Sabado

8:00AM

12:00PM +Ed Sosna by Kevin Sosna & Michelle Sanders

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00AM +Paul Gellott by Sandy & Ron

12:00PM +Mac McFarland by Vi McFarland +Timothy Tierney by Kathy Jenkins

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00AM Alfredo Orjuela

12:00PM +Gene Kanatzar by Marilyn & Tony Severino

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 8:30AM +Maria Teresa Orjuela
- 4:30PM +Bill Martin by Judy & Craig Arnold

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 8:15AM +James Winkler by George & Sue Winkler
- 10:00AM +Melanie McKenzie by Chris Wasmund
- 11:45AM +Francis Sudbeck
- 5:00PM Ascension Parishioners

PRAYER INTENTIONS

IF YOU ARE CARRYING A HEAVY CROSS OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT SEASON, PLEASE DO NOT SHOULDER THE BURDEN ALONE! OUR PARISH PRAYER WARRIORS ARE READY TO INTERCEDE ON YOUR BEHALF.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PRAYER, CALL OUR PRAYER PARTNER INTENTION HOTLINE. VOICEMAIL NUMBER: 1-888-684-6555

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS:

Bob Barr, Mary Brown, Jan Cheray, Hudson Coffman, James Daley, Karen Elliott, Susie Evans, Ron Fortino. Megan Freking,

Scott Graham, Mary Pat Harpenau, Marsha Hatfield-Baker, Jackson Hirt, Bob Howard, Pete Ingles, Corky Jacobs, Kathi Jacobs, Joan B. Johnson, Larry Judy, Gabby Kelly, Carrie Kilgore, Jerry and Pat Klimas, Matthew Kopff, John Krim, Jane Godar Kreiter, Donna Kuhn, Louis Lindstrom, Dale Marti, Sue Marti, Joe Martin, Karen Mathes, Kelly Mayer, Rebecca Meis, Sarah

Millsap, Fred Nelson, Keith Newman, Carmen and John Nodar, Cathy Oxley, James Palmer, Aimee Parsons, Lilibeth Pinon, Chris Poggie, Carmen Porterfield, Evelyn Rauen, Becky Reed, Amy Reinhardt, Katy Rempel, Heather Rollheiser, Mark Rulo, Logan Runnells, Susie Santa Maria, Barbara Schulte, Marilyn Sechi, Bob Sherman, Janet Sherman, Carol Stump, Paul Surles, Fr. Tom Tank, Dan Tira, Collin Warrender, Bridget A. Weeks, Griffin Weyforth, Marilyn Wheeler, George Winkler, John Witt, Sandra Woodard, Emy Yabut, Fred Zielinski

RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS:

David Backstrom, Linton Bayless, John Bergman, Annie Boehmcke, Pam Bond, Robert Bozk, Amanda Brower, Colton Joseph Brower, Adalynn Brunton, Bill Burns, Michele Buche, Ardith Cantral, Mary Ann Carr, Brian Cavanaugh, Susan Choate, Audrey Cooper, Lois Corn, Michael Daley, Patrick Daley, JoJo Dalrymple, Molly Debocelle, Tom Denesia, Stefania DiRosa, Richard Dobkin, Janelle Downs, Debbie Duddleston, Kay DuPree, Roberta Edgett, Harold Ehlert, Brigitte Fernandez, Bruce Fiddes, Jackie Fiszel, Adeleaide Fix, Eric Fladung, Cole Fletcher, Michael Fong, Jim Fredrickson, Kat Fredrickson, LaVonne Friedrichsen, Kelly Fry, Tom Fry, Larry Furguson, Colleen Garcia, Andrea Gifford, Sage Gilliard, Larry Giovannoni, Jim Gloriod, Betty Godar, Mark Godar, Maureen Godar, Phil Godar, Angela Tira Gravitt, Tim Hanlon, Ruth Ann Hickman, Carole Hill, Griffin Hinman, Diane Hutchinson, Jessica Imler, Chad Jones, Wendi Johnston, Sean Kavanaugh, Mary Kinsley, Stephanie Klein, Terry Kopp, Donna Kuenzel, Jerome Kuenzel, Wes Kurre, Luella Lappe, August Larson, Jacob Legleiter, Zoe Levine, Hardy Lewis, Ellen Locke, Ellen Loschke, Chris Lundgreen, Dick Maguire, Jack Maher, Judy Malnar, Michael Marti, Ana Sofia Martin, Blake Martin, Karen Martley, Michael Maskill, Margaret Maxwell, Pat Messick, Martin McGuire, Maurva McLellan, Christie Meier, Sr. Marie Micheletto, Jenn Miller, Deana Muth, Jackie Nelson, Alyssa Newman, Paul Newman, Kevin Nestor, Tina Noelke-Orf, Dennis Onnen, Manuel Ontiveros, Yvonne Ontiveros, Fred Patterson, Machel Perry, John Patterson, David Poskin, Alex Pujado, Stephanie Pyle, Sue Radke, Mary Radliff, Paula Ramsey, Mark Reda, Del Reibold, John Rempel, Romy Reves, Ann Ries, Nancy Rohla, Debbie Rottinghaus, Baby Able Ruelle, Lori Ruskamp, Barbara S., Judy Scherer, Brenda Scott, Stacy Sell, Rita Sheftall, Lena Silberbauer, Olivia Sims, Lou Sinos, Julie Slesynski, Melinda Soghrati, Lawson Sosebee, Nicholas Staber, Karen Steffen, Max Strube, Art Sumpstine, Stephanie Thomas, Pat Trumm, Arthur

Tucker, Carol Unnerstall, Cindy VanLeeuwen, Celesta Vaska, Mary Wallers, Mary Winn, Tera Wolfe, Cindy Yosten



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Ministry News ==

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH & KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to Mike and Dorothy Egan our Family of the Month and Doug Oliphant our Knight of the Month for September.



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.

PRAYERS: Join us in prayer for our seminarians from Ascension – Alex Rickert, Michael Santamarina and ALL others including Trey Niesen and Matthias Saiiki. Also, our fellow KofC brother Michael Uhlmansiak as an Aspirant for Permanent Deacon. Holy Hours dedicated to Vocations occur every Friday at 1PM and Saturday at 11AM in the Adoration Chapel.

KOFC GOLF TOURNAMENT: Prairie Highlands – Monday, October 16 at 12PM Shotgun Start! Golf, carts, range balls, tee gift for everyone, beer and soft drinks, prizes, followed by an awards dinner all for \$700/ team. A couple of team slots are still available. Silent auction with many wonderful items available to bid on, including Chiefs and other sports memorabilia. See the Knights website under the "golf tournament" tab or contact Brad Kwapiszeski at bradkwap@gmail.com if you would like to sign up or if you have any questions.

JOIN US FOR MASS AND MEETINGS:

- **COUNCIL MEETING**: Monday, October 23, 7PM (Parish Hall B), preceded by the Rosary at 6:30PM.
- **OFFICERS' MEETING:** Sunday, November 6, 7:00PM; Knights Room.
- **KNIGHTS' MASS:** Friday mornings, 7:00AM with coffee & breakfast following at Hy-Vee
- 2023 DUES: can be paid at AscensionKofC.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:** St. Thomas Aquinas' final home football game on Oct. 6. HyVee and Sam's on Oct. 13, 14, & 15. Ascension all Masses on Oct. 14 & 15. Sign up at AscensionKofC.com.
- ADVICE AND AID BANQUET: Oct. 17 at OP Convention Center. Reach out to Dan Eliason at dan.eliason@outlook.com if you'd like to attend.
- **40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Join us to prayerfully support LIFE on Oct. 23 & 30. Sign up for an hour anytime from 7am to 7pm at AscensionKofC.com We will be near the NW corner of College and Roe.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PLANNING COMMITTEE?

We have spots available! Contact Becky Reed at becky@acseagles.org

RESPECT LIFE CORNER | A MYTH?

No, not a myth! Late term abortions occur frequently. The pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute estimates these abortions make up 1.3% of all abortions annually. A small number? Again, no! Approximately 10,000+ unborn babies die annually from late term abortions. A number which rivals the populations of many small towns in the nation. But why are so many prominent political and media personalities so vehement in denying/ignoring this fact? The President of Planned Parenthood (PP) claims: "Like Nessie and Bigfoot, the term ' late-term abortion' is completely made up". She states it is merely anti-abortion propaganda intended to confuse people. The head of PP finds significant compliance among media and politicians. A former White House Press Secretary stated, "No one supports abortion up until birth." Really? She chose to ignore many politicians who refuse to name a single limitation they would place on abortion. Yet another media host said, "There's no abortions in the ninth month." Again, really? Then why did New Jersey recently enact a bill allowing abortions to be performed at any stage of pregnancy? With this bill, New Jersey joins six other states and the District of Columbia that place no limits on abortion. Despite the votes of calloused politicians and the failure of jaundiced media types to report the truth, 70% of the public do not support the practice of abortion up to birth. Don't be misled.

> Sources: Late Term Abortions.., Dave Andrusko, Life-News 9/13/23 and others).

FAITH SHARING | EUCHARISTIC WITNESS

Have you had a profound encounter with the Eucharist in your life? Some special graces or a conversion experience that has deepened your faith? Would you be willing to share your story with the parish as part of the Year of Eucharistic Revival? Beginning in the new year, we hope to feature witness stories, faith sharing, and prayer experiences with everyone at Ascension through the weekly Eucharistic Revival bulletin pages. While it will not

be possible to accommodate all submissions, we would love to hear your story and potentially include it in the bulletin. To submit a witness, experience, or meditation for consideration, please email Fr. Stull at frstull@kcascension.org. Thank you!



ROYAL AFFAIR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024 MASS 430 PM · DINNER, AUCTION, DANCING 530-11 PM

Community News



ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL-SHAWNEE CLASS OF 74 REUNION

We are trying to contact all members of the class of 1974. If you are or know of a classmate please send name, email, mailing address, and phone number to abmestdagh@gmail.com.

Save the Date



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30 6:30-9PM PARISH HALL

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF OUR PARISH. JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP, DINNER, PRAYER, MUSIC, AND REFLECTION AS WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOR AT CHRISTMAS. **REGISTRATION COMING SOON** 17

PART ONE: HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS Monday, October 9, 7:00-9:00PM

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH FATHER PORTER HALL

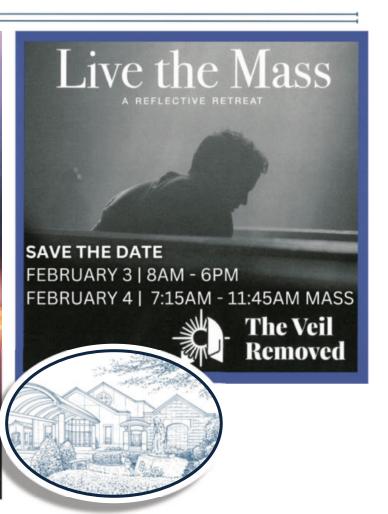
You've seen the movie...now what?

- Did you know human trafficking is right here in Kansas City?
- Did you know human trafficking is right here in Johnson County?
- How are victims brought into human trafficking?
- How do survivors get out?
- What are the signs that someone is being trafficked or groomed for trafficking?

Join St. Michael the Archangel and our friends from REHOPE for a 2-part series where you'll hear from survivors and organizations that are battling human trafficking.

GIFT & CRAFT BAZAAR ST. JOSEPH PARISH | 11311 JOHNSON DR., SHAWNEE OCTOBER 21, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Hosted by the Ladies' Guild in McDevitt Hall (church basement, elevator accessible). More than 50 tables with hundreds of gifts and craft items. Lunch available at a nominal fee. Raffle tickets will be sold for an Outdoor Nativity Silhouette with Solar Flood Light and a large fall Mum will be included.



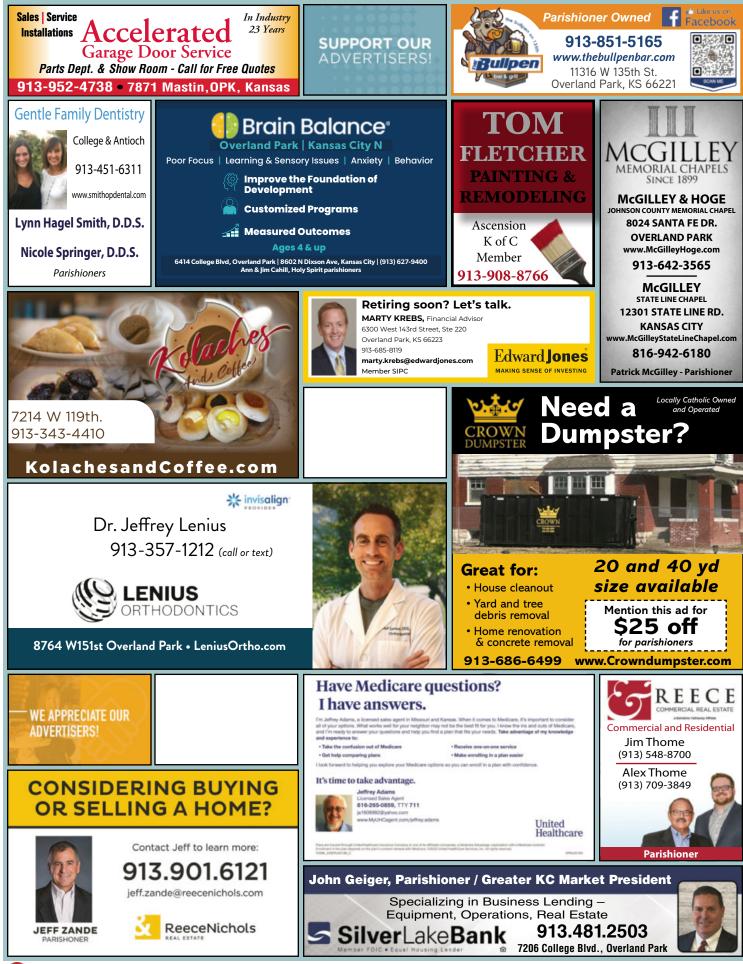


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