

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

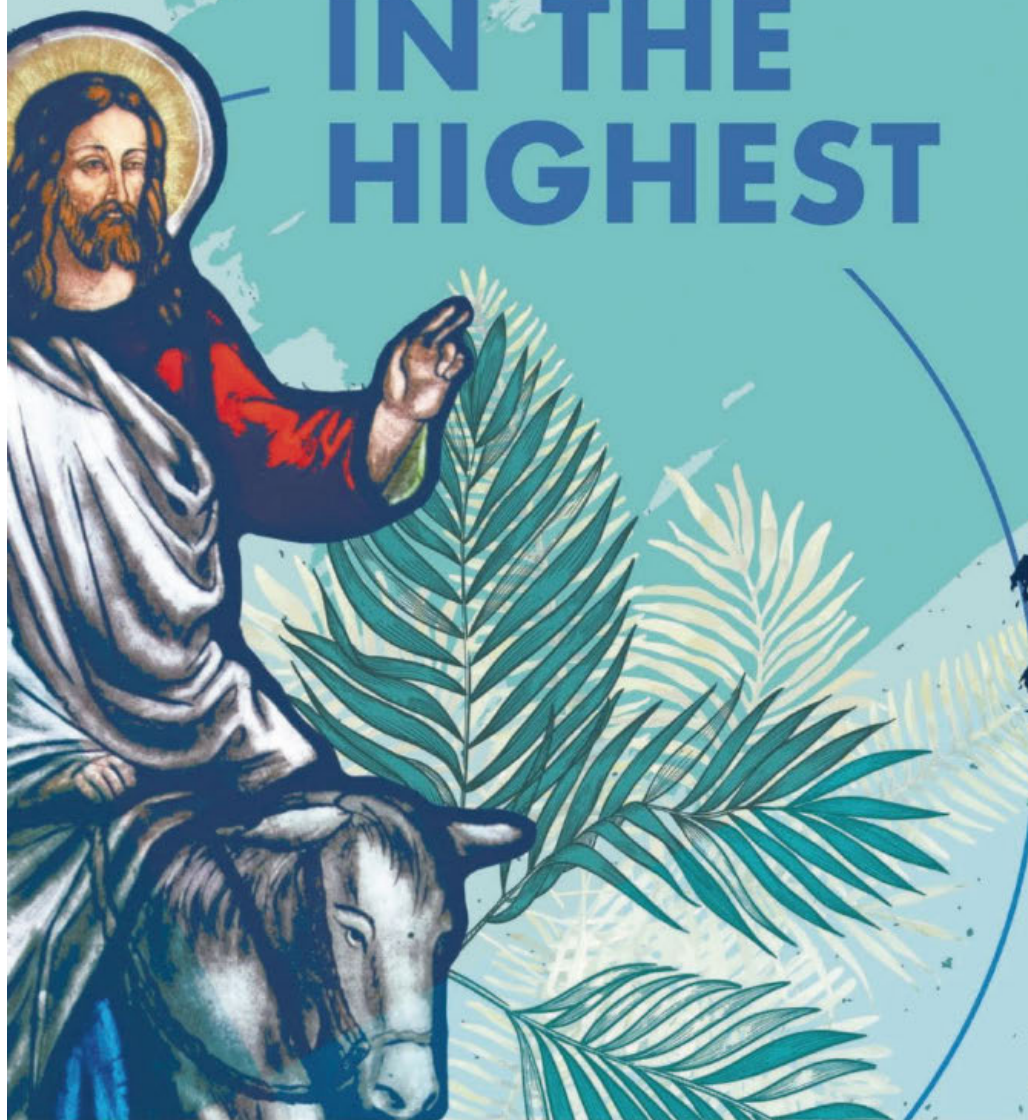
MARCH 24, 2024



Catholic Parish

PALM SUNDAY OF
THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST



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

Tues: 11AM & 6:30PM

Wed: 6AM & 5:30PM

Saturday: 3:00PM

Sunday: 4:00PM

**Change in the
Reconciliation schedule:**
Due to the priests being
away at the Chrism Mass,
there will be no 11am
confessions on Tuesday,
March 26th.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Daily: 6:00AM-9:00PM

Closed Mon. & Thurs.

from 2-3PM for cleaning.

Code needed 9PM-6AM

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

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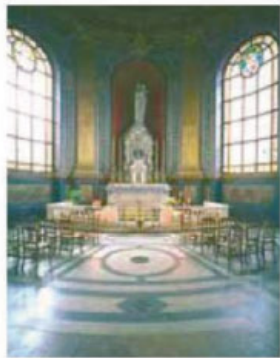
EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF LA ROCHELLE, FRANCE 1461

THE EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF LA ROCHELLE CONCERNS THE INSTANTANEOUS CURE OF A BOY PARALYZED AND MUTE SINCE THE AGE OF SEVEN WHEN HE RECEIVED COMMUNION AT MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY, 1461. HE WAS COMPLETELY HEALED OF HIS PARALYSIS AND WAS, ONCE AGAIN, ABLE TO SPEAK. THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE DOCUMENT THAT DESCRIBES VISUALLY THIS MIRACLE IS THE PAINTED-MANUSCRIPT PRESERVED STILL TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL OF LA ROCHELLE.

READ MORE AT BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS'S WEBSITE:



La Rochelle



The exterior of the church where the miraculous cure occurred



Black and white copy of one of the pages of the manuscript that tells the story of the miracle

During Easter of 1461, Mrs. Jehan Leclerc brought her twelve year old son, Bertrand, to the Church of St. Bartholomew. Bertrand had been paralyzed and mute since the age of seven due to a terrible fall. When the time for Communion arrived, he indicated to his mother that he also wanted to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Initially the priest did not want to give the young man Communion, because the boy was not able to go to Confession given his muteness. The young man, however, continued to beseech the priest for Communion and, in the end, the priest did permit him to receive it. From the first moment that Bertrand received the Host, he began to feel shaken by a mysterious force. He was able to move and to speak. He was cured. According to the document handwritten immediately after the miracle, Bertrand's first words were, "Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini!" ("Our help is in the name of the Lord!") The most authoritative document that visually describes this miracle is the painted-manuscript preserved to this day in the Cathedral of La Rochelle.

THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF NEUBY SAINT SEPULCRE, FRANCE 1257

This relic of the coagulated Blood is known to be pure, because it was not mixed with water or earth. From the year 1257, it had been kept in this church which was built in the first half of the year 1000 and modeled on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. In order to honor the holy relic of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, numerous indulgences have been granted. The Archbishop of Bruges, André Frémiot, founded the Confraternity of the Most Precious Blood in the year 1621. Two years later, Pope Gregory XV granted new indulgences to the faithful devoted to the Sacred Blood. Each Monday of Easter and every first day of July, a Solemn Mass is celebrated and there are processions to adore and honor the Sacred Relic. There have been many graces attributed to invoking the Sacred Blood of Neuvy-Saint-Sépulcre.



Reliquary of the Precious Blood



Interior of the Basilica

THERE ARE TWO DROPS OF BLOOD FROM OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, COLLECTED ON CALVARY DURING THE PASSION PRESERVED IN THE CHURCH OF NEUVY-SAINT-SEPULCRE IN INDRE. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO FRANCE IN 1257 BY CARDINAL EUDES RETURNING FROM THE HOLY LAND.

ON HOLY COMMUNION DURING PASSIONTIDE

by The Rt. Rev'd Dom Prosper Guéranger, O.S.B.

The holy Mass is the true sacrifice, of which the sacrifices of the old Law were but figures. This sacrifice was expected by mankind for four thousand years. It was during the present season that it was first offered up. It is now mysteriously renewed, each day, upon our Christian altars.

No greater glory can be given to God than the celebration of this sacrifice, wherein God Himself is the Victim; at the same time, nothing can be more advantageous to man than to partake of this divine Victim, to become himself this Victim, by incorporating it with himself by holy Communion, whereby is realized that wonderful promise of our Redeemer: He that eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood, abideth in Me, and I in him [St. John vi. 57].

Now, it is by the immolation of our Redeemer on the cross that the Flesh of this Lamb of God has become truly our food, and His Blood truly our drink [*Ibid.* 56]. By the mysteries of His Incarnation and birth, we had Him as our Brother; His Passion and death have made Him both our Saviour and our Food. Thus was realized that figurative sacrifice which God prescribed to His people through Moses, and in which the victim, after being immolated, was to be eaten by the priest who offered it, and by the person in whose name it was offered.

St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, speaks thus: 'As often as you shall eat this bread, and drink the chalice, you shall show the death of the Lord, until He come.' [1 Cor, xi. 26]. Therefore, there is a close relation between

holy Communion and our Saviour's Passion; and it is on this account that we are going to celebrate, during this present season, the institution of the holy Eucharist and the sacrifice of the Lamb, our

Redeemer. The two anniversaries come close to each other. If Jesus has desired with so ardent a desire to eat this last Pasch with His disciples [St. Luke xxii. 15], it is because He had something infinitely grander to give them than He had given them the two preceding years: then He gave them to eat of the flesh of the figurative lamb; but now, in this the last Pasch, He is going to give them a pledge of pardon and immortality, by making them partake of the very substance of the true Lamb, whose Blood imparts remission of sin, and opens the gate of heaven. He immolates Himself on the table of the last Supper before men immolate Him on Calvary; and this wondrous anticipation of His sacrifice, in which He gives such a rich proof of His love and His power, is founded on the real sacrifice of the morrow, which is to cost Him every drop of His Blood.

In approaching, therefore, the holy Table, during this season of the Passion, the faithful must be absorbed in the remembrance of the Lamb that was sacrificed for us; they must keep this great truth uppermost in their hearts: that the divine Food which nourishes their souls was prepared on Calvary; and that, although this Lamb is now living and impassible, yet it was by His death on the cross that He became our Food. The sinner, reconciled to his offended God, must receive the Body of



Jesus with sentiments of hearty contrition, and reproach himself, in all the bitterness of his soul, for having shed that precious Blood by his multiplied sins. The just man must make his Communion, and humble himself with the thought that he, too, has had too great a share in causing suffering to the innocent Lamb; and that if he now have reason to believe himself to be in the state of grace, he owes it to the Blood of the Victim who is about to be given to him for the increase of his spiritual life.



Ascension This Week

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we begin the holiest week of the liturgical year; we call it "Holy Week" and its roots go back to the earliest centuries of the Church. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion when the Church commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Even to this day, Christians from around the world travel to Jerusalem to reenact, with the waving of palm branches, Christ's jubilant procession into the Holy City. The Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew, Mark or Luke (depending on the year) is read on Palm Sunday.



Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday do not have specific ceremonies associated with the days, but the Gospel passages for those days recall the anointing of Jesus at Bethany and the prediction of his passion. In this Archdiocese, the Chrism Mass is celebrated on Tuesday of Holy Week. There the Archbishop blesses the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the year and the priests of the Archdiocese renew the commitments they made on the day of their ordination. Holy Wednesday is sometimes called "Spy Wednesday" because the Gospel account for that day portrays Judas' plotting to betray Jesus.

In the evening on Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) the Church begins what is called the Sacred Triduum (Three Days). Lent officially ends as we enter these final three days leading up to Easter Sunday. The first celebration of the Triduum is the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening at which the Church celebrates the institution of the Eucharist and the New Testament priesthood. At the Mass, the priest washes the feet of twelve people (meant to symbolize Jesus' washing the feet of the twelve apostles) in a ritual that is called the Mandatum. Jesus tells his disciples, "If I, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."

After the Holy Thursday Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the church, symbolizing Jesus' departure from the upper room to the Garden of Gethsemane where he invites his disciples to "watch and pray" with him.

No Mass is celebrated anywhere in the world on Good Friday. Stations of the Cross may be celebrated that day and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion is celebrated (most often at 3pm, but here we also have a service at 7pm), where the Passion Narrative according to John is read, prayers of intercession are offered, the wood of the Cross is venerated and Holy Communion is received from hosts reserved from the Mass the evening before.

No Mass is celebrated during the day on Holy Saturday. It is sometimes called "Black Saturday" because it commemorates the time that Jesus was in the tomb. After dark on Saturday (understood as the beginning of Sunday in the Jewish calendar tradition), the first celebration of Easter may be celebrated. This first celebration of the resurrection occurs during the night and is known as the Easter Vigil; it is the "mother of all liturgies." It is a long service that is broken down into four sections: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Celebration of Baptism and the

Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is the most important Mass that the Church celebrates in the entire liturgical year.

I encourage you to prayerfully participate in these special ceremonies of Holy Week. They are important to what we hold sacred as Catholics. The mysteries celebrated during this week are at the heart of what is celebrated at every Mass throughout the year. Find time to immerse yourself in this most sacred time.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Knights Ceremony** | Church
AA Meeting | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
NFP | St. Mark Rm.
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball over 40** | Gym

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- 10:00AM **Lenten Study Group** | St. Luke Rm.
- 12:30PM **4th Monday Afternoon Bridge** | St. Luke Rm.
- 3:00PM **After School Hangout** | Youth Center
- 5:00PM **RCIA Rosary** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **RCIA Class** | St. Mark Rm.
- 5:45PM **Finance Council** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts** | Parish Hall
- 7:00PM **Knights of Columbus** | Parish Hall
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball Age 21+** | Gym

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- 9:30AM **Many Wonders of Divine Mercy** | St. Luke Rm.
- 10:00AM **"The Mass" Lent Study** | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM **Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:30PM **Many Wonders of Divine Mercy** | St. Luke Rm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- 10:00AM **"The Mass" Lent Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 2:30PM **ACS Living Stations** | Church

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Ascension This Week

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 CONTINUED

- 6:00PM **"The Mass" Lent Study** | St. Mark Rm.
Weekly YFF | ACS Classroom
Confirmation Year I | ACS Classroom
- 6:30PM **Embrace Grace** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Adult Choir Rehearsal** | Church
AA Meeting | St. John Rm.
Boy Scouts | Parish Hall
Divorce Support Group | Conference Rm.
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball Age 21+** | Gym

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- 10:00AM **Jesus & Jewish Roots of Eucharist** | St. Mark Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Mtg.** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling** | Youth Center
Mass of the Lord's Supper | Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:00PM **Stations of the Cross** | Church
- 12:30PM **Tre Ore** | Church
- 3:00PM **Good Friday Service** | Church
- 7:00PM **Good Friday Service** | Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:30AM **Hope Faith Homeless Breakfast** | Offsite
- 7:40AM **Marian Consecration Group** | Conference Rm.
- 9:00AM **RCIA Easter Vigil Practice** | Church
- 8:00PM **Easter Vigil Mass** | Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 4:00PM **Al Anon Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball over 40** | Gym

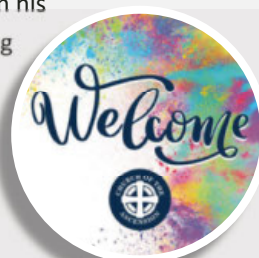
MEET CHRIS SIMS OUR NEW PASTORAL ASSOCIATE OF ADMINISTRATION & OUTREACH




Chris Sims brings 25 years of financial services industry experience where he was dedicated to enhancing the performance and bottom line of mid-size banks and credit unions. He brings to Church of the Ascension expertise across a broad range of areas, including strategic execution, optimizing processes and procedures, vendor relationship management, contract negotiation, and software technology to name a few.

Chris has a bachelor's degree in finance from Kansas State University and holds multiple Amazon Web Services certifications. In his leisure time, he enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family.

Sharon Weems will continue to be on staff as our accountant.



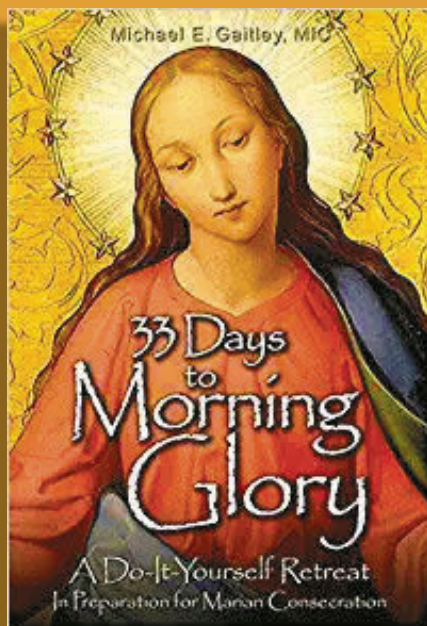


CALLING ALL ACS ALUMNI!

ALWAYS AN EAGLE! WE LOVE TO WELCOME OUR ALUMNI BACK TO CAMPUS AND TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THEM! NO MATTER IF IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS OR TWO DECADES SINCE YOU GRADUATED, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! PLEASE MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR MOST UP-TO-DATE CONTACT INFORMATION AND ANY UPDATES YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE BY COMPLETING THIS QUICK FORM



33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY



Please join us on Saturday mornings from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM for a 5-Week “33 Days to Morning Glory” do-it-yourself retreat to consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary. It includes a few pages of daily reading and reflection, plus a weekly video.

This is for those who are totally new to this idea, as well as those who would like to re-consecrate themselves. It is for those who want to have a better understanding of Mary’s role in our salvation, and for anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Mary or with Jesus. We would love to have you join us on this journey.

Saturday Study Dates: April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, with the Consecration on Monday, May 13

Time: 9:15-10:30 AM

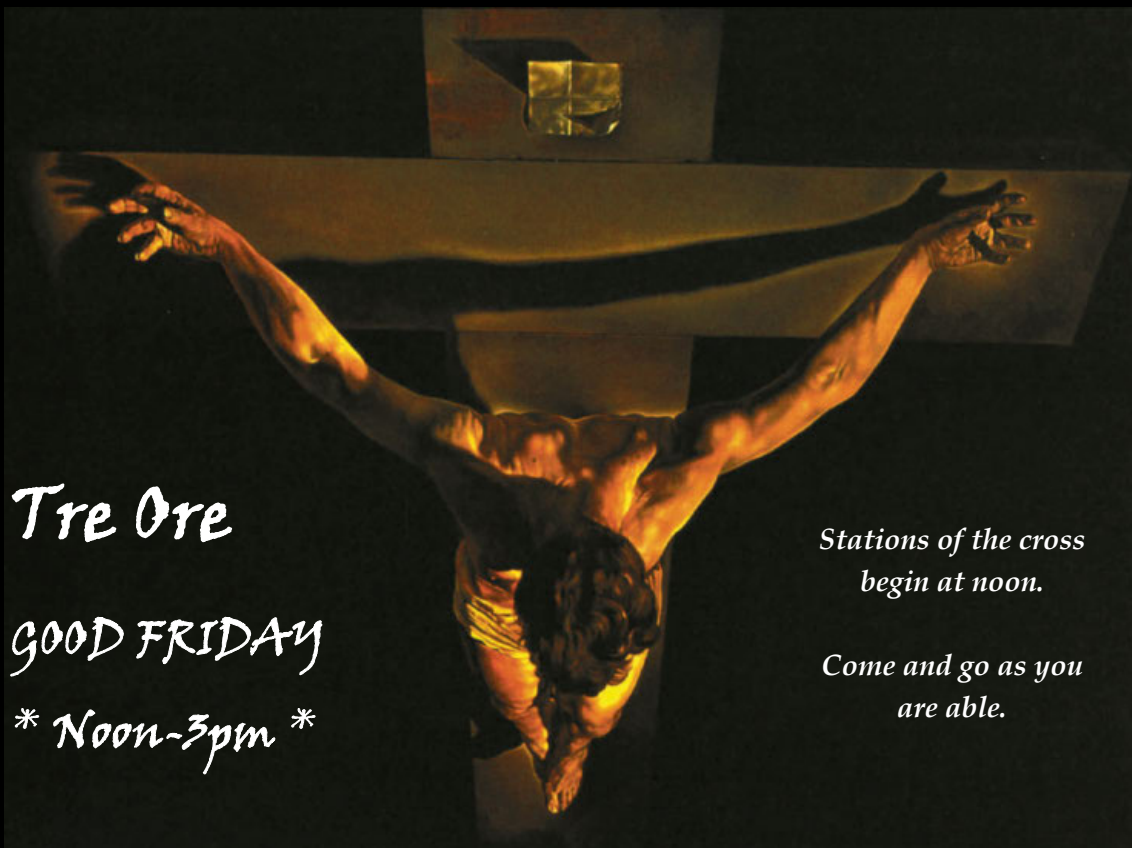
Meeting Location: Church of the Ascension

Facilitator: Debbie Engel

To Register: Scan the QR Code, visit kcascension.org or call the parish office (913) 681-3348



Please purchase your own copy of the book online, or contact Trinity House Catholic Books and Gifts, 6731 W 119th Street in Overland Park, (913) 652-0080 for book availability.



Tre Ore

GOOD FRIDAY

** Noon-3pm **

*Stations of the cross
begin at noon.*

*Come and go as you
are able.*

*We gather at the foot of the cross to adore and honor our
Sacrificial Lamb and Savior*

Please join us as we commemorate the Three Hours Jesus Hung on the Cross with reflections, silence and music

SHALOM HOUSE

OUR NEXT DATE TO SERVE: MARCH 28

Shalom House is the only homeless shelter for men in Kansas City, Kansas. We serve dinner and bake desserts for our homeless brothers at Shalom House on the last Thursday of each month. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup. Questions? Contact Dan Tira at 913-991-7755.



COVERED IN PRAYER

Covered in Prayer will not meet on Thursday, March 28 due to Holy Thursday. We will resume our regular meeting schedule in April. We hope to see you on April 25 at 6:00PM in the St. Luke room!



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.

There is a 12 people maximum.

Friday: 1:00-5:00 PM, Half-Day Workshop

Date: April 5, 2024

Location: St. Matthew/Mark Room

Facilitator: Chuck Jansen

Cost: \$20 (Workbook received at the workshop)



HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS

MARCH 30, BEFORE 7:30AM | ST. JOHN HALLWAY

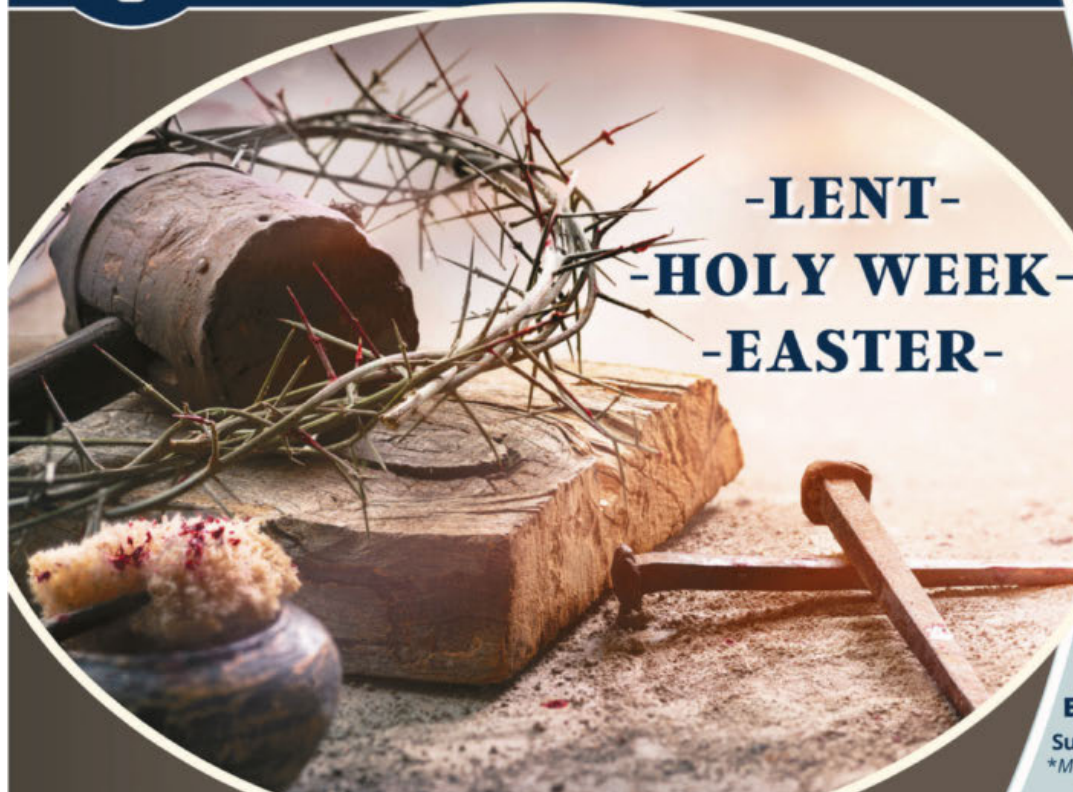
Church of the Ascension cooks and serves breakfast at Hope Faith Ministries on the last Saturday of the month. If interested in helping, please go to kcascension.org, scroll down to the "trending" section, & click "Volunteer Signups" to serve or bring food. This is an awesome family activity!



CHURCH OF THE

ASCENSION

JOURNEY WITH US AS WE REMEMBER & CELEBRATE



-LENT- -HOLY WEEK- -EASTER-

WEEKLY RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays | 11AM & 6:30PM

Wednesdays | 6AM & 5:30PM*

Saturdays | 3PM + Sundays | 4PM

*Additional Lenten Reconciliation time

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent | 7PM

PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 19 | 7PM

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

Thursday, March 28 | 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 29 | 3PM | 7PM

Stations + Tre Ore | 12-3PM

EASTER VIGIL MASS

Saturday, March 30 | 8PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday, March 31 | 8AM* | 10AM* | 12PM

*Masses Celebrated in Church & Parish Hall



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Have you heard?!

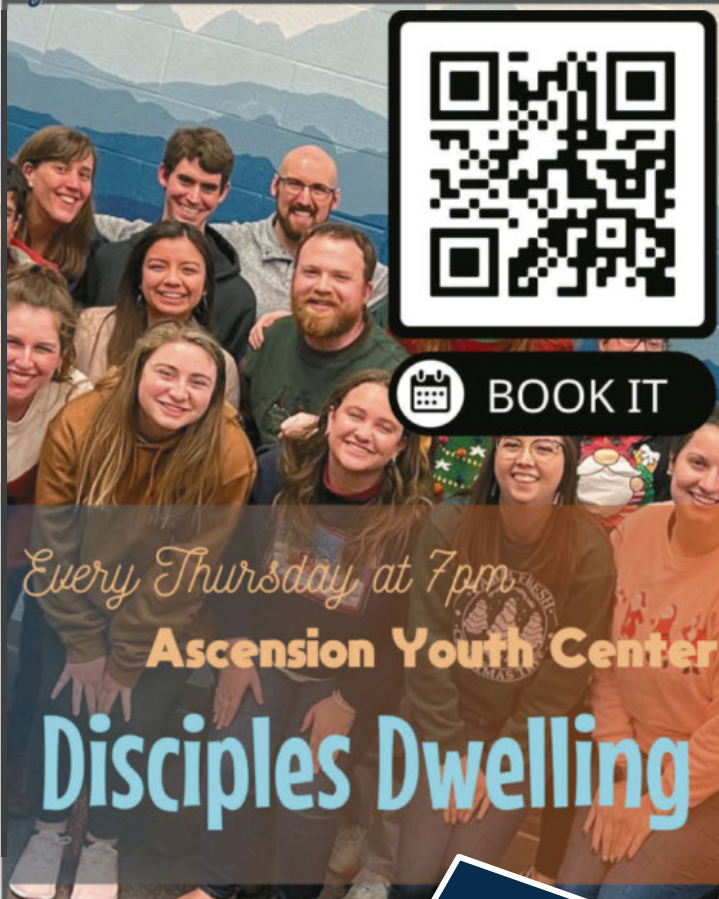




ASCENSION
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
K-8 NOW ENROLLING!



Open camera & scan for more information!

CATHOLIC ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

 **BOOK IT**

Every Thursday at 7pm
Ascension Youth Center
Disciples Dwelling

DISCIPLES DWELLING

THURSDAYS | 7:00PM | ASCENSION YOUTH CENTER

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 - rrsevert@ksu.edu

WE'RE HOSTING



VBS 2024
MARVELOUS MYSTERY
The Mass Comes Alive
JUNE 3-7
Registration Opens: April 1



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS GRADE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS MAY THRU EARLY AUGUST— REGISTRATION OPEN!



Our summer camps give students entering K-8 the chance to discover their potential in both sports and other activities like STEM camp, art, baking, cheer & more! Camps fill up fast, so register today online at www.stasaints.net/athletics/summer-camps. We look forward to providing a positive camp experience for your camper! For questions, please call the Student Life Office at 913-319-2416 or email btriggs@stasaints.net.

Upcoming Events

ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN

APRIL 3 | 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 hands-on 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 kascension.org, scroll down to the "trending" section, & click "Volunteer Signups." Contact Jean Hinman 913-908-9811 or Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314.



PUBLIC ROSARY

APRIL 6, 12:00PM

PARKING LOT

Come join us as we pray the Rosary on the First Saturday of the month at 12:00PM. We will be praying for God's help for our Catholic Church and our Country. We will pray outside if the weather is warm enough and not raining or snowing, at the north-west corner of 127th and Grant Street (or in the church if the weather does not cooperate).



INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MINISTRY MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 8 | ST. MARTHA ROOM

The International Missions Team will have an informational meeting Monday, April 8th at 7pm in the St Luke room to discuss the interest and plans for a June trip to Guatemala. We typically travel to Guatemala yearly to work with the vulnerable and elderly population in San Lucas Tolimin in a variety of personal ways. This international mission also supports a papal agency, CNEWA, which is involved in organizations in the Near East. Please join us. Contact Ed Herman 913-897-4856 for more information.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Parish Pastoral Council will be electing new members this year. If you are interested in being considered for nomination to the Council, please use the QR code to submit a form. Those who submit their names will be reviewed by Fr. Gary who will then choose, based on the applications, a slate of nominees. Applications will be open now through mid-April and elections will take place at the end of April.

Purpose of the Council:

The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to serve as a consultative body to the pastor, to assist him in fostering pastoral activities and provide for continued growth of the parish.

Areas of Pastoral Focus (as referenced in canons 528-529 of the Code of Canon Law)

- Liturgical formation of parishioners and fostering participation in the liturgical life of the parish
- Education of children and adults in matters of faith
- Fostering and nurturing of a sense of "community" in the parish
- Evangelization of the unchurched and non-participating Catholics
- Establishing a hospitable and inviting culture of welcome
- Witnessing to Catholic social doctrine by engaging in acts of service
- Engaging in ongoing pastoral planning for the parish in harmony with regional and archdiocesan plans and initiatives
- Fostering ecumenical dialogue
- Promoting effective communication and cooperation within the parish community
- Making recommendations to the pastor and Finance Council concerning funding of parish programs



Scan to apply

Upcoming Events

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Spring Fling

Dinner & Dance

Adults 18+ with Special Needs
Parents or Caregivers Welcome

SATURDAY | APRIL 6
6:30-9:30PM | PARISH HALL

JOIN US AT ASCENSION FOR:
ROSATI'S ITALIAN DINNER
MUSIC & DANCING
CONNECT WITH OTHER
ADULTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

ATTIRE: CASUAL
GOOD WILL DONATIONS APPRECIATED

RSVP BY MARCH 31
QUESTIONS: CATHY OXLEY 30XLEYS@GMAIL.COM



Christ Renews His Parish

Join Us!

WOMEN'S WEEKEND
APRIL 13 & 14

MEN'S WEEKEND
APRIL 20 & 21



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREAT

Deepen your prayer life with a Christ Renews His Parish Retreat weekend. This 2-day retreat will give you the opportunity and the resources to make lasting changes in your relationship with Jesus. This is the perfect chance to invest a weekend in your own spiritual growth. What are you waiting for? Use the QR code above to visit Ascension's Christ Renews webpage. There, you will also find registration links and answers to frequently asked questions

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Drive-Up FOOD COLLECTION

Saturday, April 13, 10AM-2PM

Ascension Parking Lot-Look for the Catholic Charities Truck

WHAT WE NEED

tomato/spaghetti sauce, peanut butter,
tuna/canned meat, mac and cheese, soups

We gratefully accept cash and check donations! Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

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Questions? Contact David Whitaker@913-626-2676,
or Johnette Martin @ 913-481-8663.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY

APRIL 13, 9:00AM (AFTER MASS)

ST. LUKE ROOM

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.

CALLED TO LOVE AGAIN DIVORCE MINISTRY

welcomes you to ongoing monthly events where you will find support, friendship and healing. Next meeting is April 27, 6pm at Pope Pius X Parish in Mission, KS. Please visit our website at:

www.thecall2love.com/called-to-love-again or
email us directly at: katie@thecall2love.com



Upcoming Events

GUADALUPE HOUSE-TUESDAY, APRIL 9, ST. JOHN HALLWAY, DROP OFF BY 4:30PM

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, please visit the Church of the Ascension homepage at kc.ascension.org, and click on Volunteer Signups/Guadalupe House. Please drop off supplies to the Parish Hall by 4:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next date is Tuesday, April 9.

SHALOM HOUSE—THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Shalom House is the only homeless shelter for men in Kansas City, Kansas. We serve dinner and bake desserts for our homeless brothers at Shalom House on the last Thursday of each month. Our next date is Thursday April 25. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup. Questions? Contact Dan Tira at 913-991-7755.

COVERED IN PRAYER-THURSDAY APRIL 25, 6:00PM

Covered in Prayer is the “blanket making” ministry of Church of the Ascension. We gather on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm 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!



HEARTACHE TO HEALING—THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Heartache to Healing is a social support group for those widowed early in life. Come join us on Thursday, April 11th for Game Night! Bring your favorite game, or just come and enjoy ours, at 6:30pm at Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, in the St John’s room. Please bring a snack and/or drink to share while we visit and play board/card games. Your emailed RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary, to Laura at khaeus1@hotmail.com, or Heather at hmbimpens@gmail.com, or Damon at damon452@yahoo.com. Come meet some new friends and pray and play with us! We look forward to meeting you!

BUNCO IS BACK!
WEDNESDAY | APRIL 17 | 6:30 PM | PARISH HALL
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MONDAYS | ST. MARK RM. | 5PM

Meals are broken down into 3 categories (with 2 sign-ups each):
MAIN DISH | SIDE | DESSERT

Questions? Contact Chris Slack on the RCIA Team: 913-461-8319



Upcoming Events



Save the Date

ASCENSION COMMUNITY BBQ

-Friday, June 7: Tasting & Party
-Saturday, June 8: Judging

JOIN THE COMPETITION!

-Team sign ups deadline: **May 20**
-Early bird team registration through **April 1: \$50**
-Regular Registration **April-May 20: \$75**




Please enter Team Name & contact information for Team Captain at registration

QUESTIONS?
Marissa Brown
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July 7 - 12, 2024



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We have 2 tracks to chose from. One that is for the typical pilgrim and another for those who have finished high school and might be in their 20s. [KCASCENSION.ORG/MEXICO](https://www.kcascension.org/mexico)

Kim Zember shares her personal testimony of a continued journey of surrendering her same-sex desires to Jesus in pursuit of the greater love she has found in Him. Through her personal testimony she helps give others insight into how to love those around them who identify within the LGBTQ community and also gives hope and direction to those who may have same-sex attraction or struggle with their identity. She loves sharing God The Father's heart with everyone and strives to be totally transparent, to help others know they are safe to do the same, not only with God but with one another. Kim has appeared on countless programs such as Pints with Aquinas, The Lila Rose Show, Conversations with Jackie & Bobby, Ascension Presents, Encounter Ministries, EWTN, TBN, CBN, Catholic Answers, 700 Club and much more.

Kim Zember

shares her personal experience

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ALL ARE INVITED

Same-Sex Attraction & Life With Christ
Q&A to Follow Testimony
No Question is off limits

SHARE YOUR FAITH AIDES FOR YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Sharing our Faith is the call of every Baptized Catholic. One way to do just that is by being an aide in our Youth Faith Formation Program. We are in need of aides for 1st, 3rd, and 4th grade Youth Faith Formation on Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:30PM. Would you prayerfully consider being one? It is a rewarding ministry. Please call William O'Leary for more details: 913-681-7683.



Weekly Prayer

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Vivienne Siena Bob

NEW PARISHIONERS

Miss Elisa Navickas

Miss Christina Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Brownlee and family

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Mason Thome, Grandson of Jim & Janice Thome

Merle Harpenau, Brother of Lennie Harpenau

Don Anson, Stepfather of Lori Buck

Luke Sellhorst, Grandson of Karen Reed

PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

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Family Rosary

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!

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. If you have questions, please contact Patty in the Parish office at 913-681-3348.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 AM —

12:00 PM +Blaine Billinger by Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00AM +Mike Pelzer by Evers Family

8:00AM +Jill Smith

12:00PM Fr. Alessandro Borraccia by Wally Foote

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00AM Mat Petersen by Gress Family

8:00AM —

12:00PM +Donna Kane by Angelique Johnson

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00PM +Mike Pelzer by Evers Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

3:00PM —

7:00PM —

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00PM —

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:00AM Easter Flower Memorials

8:00AM (Parish Hall) Ascension Parishioners

10:00AM Easter Flower Memorials

12:00PM Easter Flower Memorials

Join us to learn MAHJONGG

1ST & 3RD FRIDAYS

FEB.16 - MAY 31

2:30-4:00PM

ST. LUKE ROOM



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THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Week of March 24, 2024



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.



Holy Thursday | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Explore Holy Thursday contradictions with the Tierney family: joyful Eucharist and sacramental priesthood vs. somber start of Jesus' passion. Get family activity ideas, music suggestions, and a Holy Thursday seder-inspired feast featuring lamb, knishes, bitter herb salad, homemade applesauce, flatbread, and wine/grape juice. Don't miss a messy but special dessert.

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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

Saturdays - 10AM, 3PM, 7PM

Plus many subs needed for Spring Break

HOURS THAT NEED PARTNERS:

Sundays - 6PM

Fridays - 4PM

Saturdays - 10PM (other subs needed Saturdays at various times)

Questions:

Debbie

Engel:

deborasuzanne@gmail.com.

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth." -J. R. R. Tolkien



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AND KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

FOR 2023

Congratulations to Joe and Johnette Martin our Family of the Year. Joe and Johnette have spent countless hours supporting the Knights and the Ascension Parish. Congratulations to Fred Randazzo our Knight of the Year. Fred regularly participates in Knights activities including food rescue, tootsie roll donations, Fish Frys, and monthly food collection efforts. Many, many people in need have benefited from Fred's efforts. Congratulations again!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH –

Congratulations to JD and Stephanie Martin our Family of the Month and John Cazzato our Knight of the Month for February.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS: The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD DRIVE: 2nd Full weekend of each month. Drive up food collection 10-2 on Saturday, Cash donations accepted after all Masses.

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

ASCENSIONS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW

CHAMPIONS: Congratulations to Connor Mullane for winning the 2024 State competition. Conner is 11 years old and attends Ascension School. He is now a 2-time State Champion as he also won last year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DEGREE CEREMONY: First Degree Knights are invited to attend a Degree Ceremony in the church after the 11:45am Mass on 3/24. A video will be presented on the drop-down screens. A social with food and beverages will follow the event in the Parish Hall. Families are encouraged to attend with you. The great news is, you'll leave as a 3rd Degree Knight.

KNIGHTS SCHOLARSHIPS: Ascension 10932 is once again offering scholarships to young men and women who are entering their Freshman Year of High School or College. Eligibility includes the children or grandchildren of deceased or dues-current active Knights of Columbus Ascension Council 10932. High School applicants must be planning to attend a Catholic high school. College applicants must plan to attend an accredited private, community, vocational or public college as a full-time student.



Applications are on the Ascension Knights of Columbus website, www.ascensionkofc.com. Applications must be submitted no later than April 30, 2024 to Mark Lewandowski at marklewandowski60@gmail.com. Feel free to contact Mark with questions.

JOIN US FOR MASS AND MEETINGS:

- Council Meeting: Monday, March 25, 7:00pm (Parish Hall B), preceded by the Rosary at 6:30pm.
- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, April 7, 6:15pm, Knights Room (Annex)
- Knights' Mass Friday mornings @ 7am with breakfast following at Hy-Vee
- 2024 Dues can be paid at AscensionKofC.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 4th Degree Exemplification 4/13. Holy Trinity, Lenexa, KS
- KofC Sporting Clays Tournament 4/20, Augusta, KS
- Men's Christ Renews His Parish 4/20&21, Ascension
- St. Thomas Aquinas Walk for Life 4/28 starting at St. Thomas Aquinas
- Italian Dinner 5/11 in the Parish Hall following the 4:30pm Mass
- Advice and Aid WALK FOR LIFE, 6/1
- Pitching for Priests – Altar Server Recognition Tailgate, 6/21
- Save the Date - KofC Golf Tournament, 10/7 Falcon Ridge



RESPECT LIFE CORNER | HOLY WEEK

As we enter this most holy week of the Church's year, hopefully we feel the compelling love of our Savior as He reaches out to all of us. It is a time for forgiveness and healing. It is a time to lay our hurts and troubles before the One who died to save us. It is also a time to pray fervently for all those who may be struggling with an "unwanted" pregnancy. Buffeted by a secular and at times godless society which shows little respect for the unborn and encourages their elimination, parent(s) can find solace, comfort and support in the numerous Crisis Pregnancy Centers and Maternity Care Centers in the Overland Park area and across the nation that reach out to parent(s) with love and hope. For our sisters and brothers who have already been touched by the terrible scourge of abortion there also is help. For those seeking confidential post abortion counseling, please visit Project Rachel on line at www.hopeafterabortion.com or e-mail projectrachelkc@archkck.org or call Ann Marie at 913-621-2199. If you are not from this area, the website has a map which identifies Project Rachel locations nationally. (Project Rachel is a nationally recognized program approved by the Catholic Church).

RUNNIN' WITH THE REVS GAME

All are invited to cheer on your favorite priest or student player at the **Runnin' With the Revs** basketball game on Monday, April 8th at St. James Academy in Lenexa or Monday, April 15th at Hayden High School in Topeka. Both games begin at 7 pm. Priests will be teamed up with 8th grade and high school students from area Catholic schools in an exciting game of basketball. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this fun event. Donations collected will benefit our seminarians.



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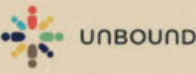
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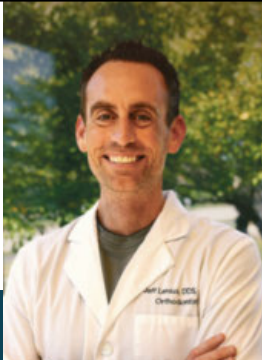
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