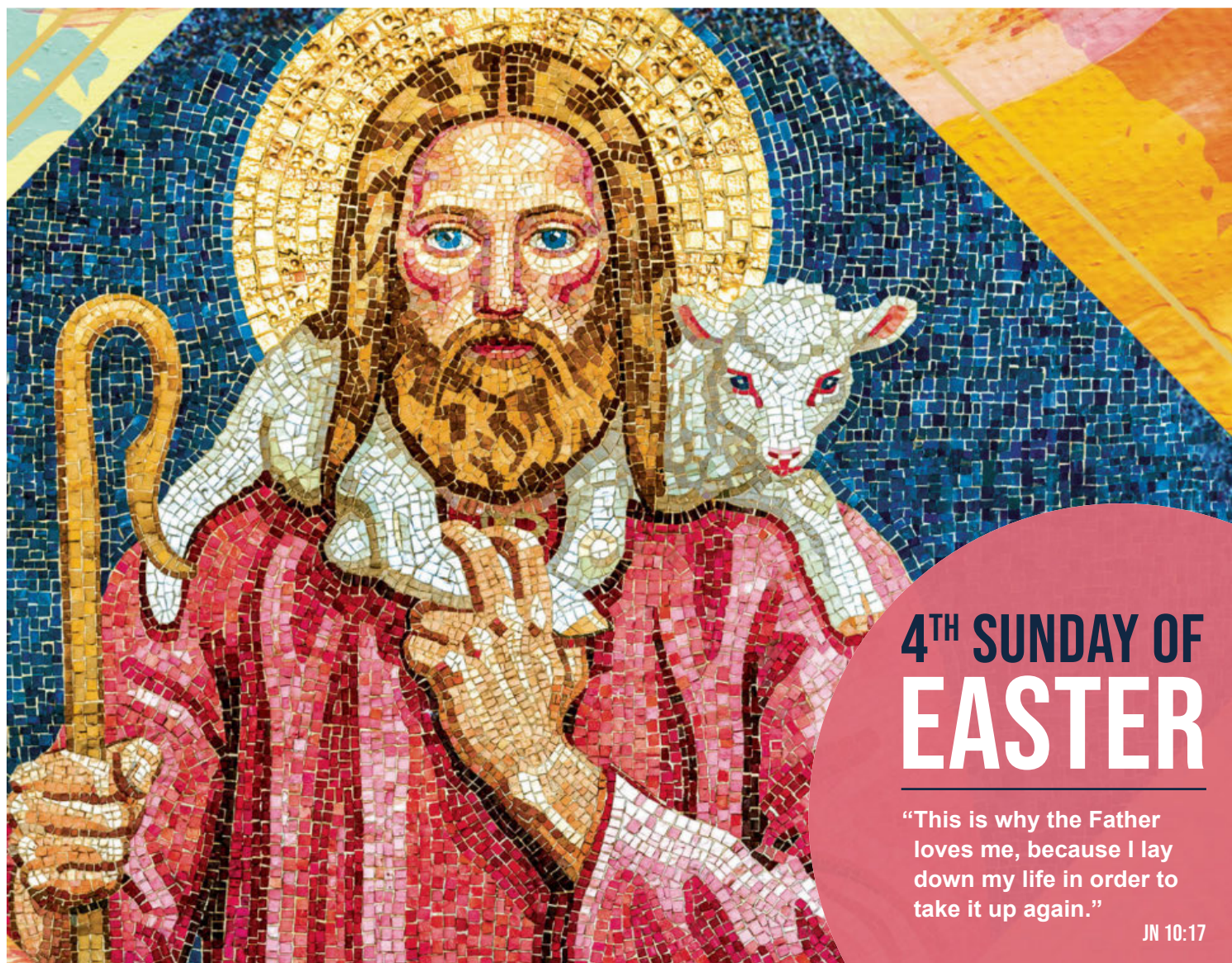


APRIL 21, 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.”

JN 10:17

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

WEEKDAY MASS Monday–Friday: 7:00AM, 12:00PM
Saturday: 8:30AM

SUNDAY MASS Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:15AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 5:00PM

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 11:00AM, 6:30PM
Wednesday: 6:00AM

Saturday: 3:00PM
Sunday: 4:00PM

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Daily*: 6:00AM–9:00PM

After Hours: 9:00PM–6:00AM

*Closed Monday & Thursday
2:00PM–3:00PM for cleaning

(Code Required)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30AM–4:00PM

Friday: 8:30AM–12:00PM

☎ (913) 681-3348

✉ AscensionChurch@KCAscension.org

NEW PARISHIONERS

Mr. Ronald Pounds
Ms. Evangelina Latour and Family
Ms. Caitlyn White
Mr. and Mrs. Flavio Guimaraes and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Oehrlein and Family

BAPTISMS

Robert Matthew Fustine
Collins Rose Gorczyca
Maverick Anthony Yates
Téa Marie Ryan

BANNES OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Jack Brekke and Samantha Weems
Kasey Kelleher and Sarah Graves

Q1 2024 GIVING STATEMENTS

Please note that 1st Quarter 2024 Giving Statements were emailed to parishioners on April 8th. Giving Statements were mailed to those households without an email address in our database. Parishioners can also access their giving history at any time from their Realm account. If you did not receive your statement, or have any questions, please contact Karen Newkirk at KNewkirk@kcascension.org. Thank you for your generosity.

RECONCILIATION CHANGE

Due to Confirmation, there will be no 6:30PM confessions on Tuesday, April 23rd



FATHER GARY PENNINGS PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we hear St. Peter say to the leaders of the people and the elders, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Jesus said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven". He said, "unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you". He told His apostles, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father, but through Me." This past week, one of the Gospel readings in daily Mass asked the question, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." Jesus, of course, is the One sent by the Father. Today's Gospel identifies Him as the "Good Shepherd".

The world operates day to day anxious about many issues and strives to identify programs or initiatives aimed at resolving those issues. But it seems that prayer, the teaching of Christ and His Church and spiritual realities play less and less a role in the world's daily deliberations. As disciples of Christ, holding Jesus up as our model and as our source of strength, can give a powerful witness to truth and goodness in our world.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, I pray that each of us prayerfully reflect on what role Jesus, the Lord of Life, plays in our daily thoughts and actions. Do we live in a manner that is guided and transformed by our daily encounter with Jesus Christ? Does receiving Jesus in the Eucharist impact us or do we go through the motions without much thought about what Holy Communion really means?

If Jesus doesn't play the kind of role in your lives that you think He should, what might you do about it? I encourage you to pray about this and consider how you engage in the life of faith, first at home, then in our parish and eventually in the larger community. Is prayer at the heart of family life? Could connecting with another parish family or joining a parish small group help to deepen your faith and commitment to Christ? Could sharing your faith and faith struggles, while hearing others share theirs, help to strengthen faith for you both?

Our relationship with Jesus is of utmost importance, for there is no other name by which we are saved.

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



SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- ALL DAY **Men's Christ Renews His Parish**
- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | Conference Rm.
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | Conference Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band and Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **AI Anon Meeting** | Library
- 6:30PM **Confirmation Practice** | Church
- 6:30PM **Fearfully & Wonderfully Made** | St. Mark Rm.
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 12:30PM **4th Monday Afternoon Bridge** | St. Luke Rm.
- 3:00PM **After School Hangout** | Youth Center
- 6:00PM **RCIA Mystagogy** | St. Mark Rm.
- 7:00PM **Confirmation Mass** | Church
- 8:00PM **Confirmation Reception** | Parish Hall A
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 6:00PM **SAC Wellness Night** | Parish Hall A
- 6:30PM **Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Confirmation Mass** | Church
- 8:00PM **Confirmation Reception** | Parish Hall A

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 9:30AM **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Pastoral Associate Leadership Team** | Conf. Rm.
- 5:00PM **Embrace Grace** | St. John Rm.
- 6:00PM **Year I** | ACS Classrooms
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | ACS Classrooms
- 7:00PM **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** | St. Mark Rm.
- 7:00PM **Adult Choir** | Church
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 4:30PM **Shalom House** | Off-site
- 6:00PM **Covered in Prayer** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **Embrace Grace** | St. John Rm.
- 6:15PM **American Heritage Girls** | Parish Hall B
- 7:00PM **Adult Confirmation Class** | Conf. Rm.
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center
- 7:00PM **Usher Training** | Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 3:15PM **Chess Club** | Library

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- ALL DAY **Parish Council Elections**
- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM **Christ Renews His Parish Bible Study** | St. John Rm.
- 7:30AM **Hope Faith Breakfast for the Homeless** | Off-site
- 7:40AM **Marian Consecration Group/Saturday Morning Rosary** | Conf. Rm.
- 9:00AM **Jesus Day (YFF)** | Youth Center
- 9:00AM **Morning Glory Class** | Library
- 6:00PM **Father/Daughter Dance (ACS)** | Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **Called to Love Again Divorce Ministry** | St. Luke Rm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- ALL DAY **Parish Council Elections**
- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band and Choir** | Church
- 3:00PM **Rosary Rally** | Church
- 4:00PM **AI Anon Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 5:00PM **40 Hours of Devotion** | Church
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

**ASCENSION JOB OPENING: MARRIAGE, FAMILY LIFE AND VOCATIONS POSITION**

Applications are currently being accepted for a position working in the ministry of Marriage, Family Life and Vocations. This position could be part time or full time. We are open to see who God calls to this very important ministry! Cover letters and resumes should be sent to **Liz Willman**, Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith at LWillman@kcascension.org or delivered to the Parish Office.



FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE • APRIL 21

6:30PM, *St. Luke Rm.*

Debbie and Deacon Dana Nearmyer from St. James, Holy Trinity, and Prairie Star Ranch will speak to us about Special Needs Family Camp. This is a wonderful weekend to spend quality time with your family. The kids are put into age groups and enjoy rock climbing, zip lining, kayaking, swimming and more. Your special needs child will have a 1-on-1 volunteer to keep them safe and give you the confidence to enjoy some time off with your spouse. Childcare provided in the church nursery during the meeting, for walking children age 1 and older.

Contact: *Jim Hamilton marx.mk@gmail.com*



PRIESTHOOD: PRESENT AND FUTURE COLLECTION • APRIL 21

Ascension

Please help support our priests and seminarians! Each year, a special offertory collection is taken up throughout the Archdiocese on Good Shepherd Sunday which is allocated to three funds supporting the priesthood:

1. *The education and support of our 25 seminarians.*
2. *Continuing education and retreats for our 115 priests.*
3. *The care of our 22 retired priests.*

In thanksgiving for our current and future “Good Shepherds,” please be generous in your support on April 21, 2024. You can give by putting your Priesthood: Present and Future envelope in the collection basket at Mass, put a check in the collection basket or send to the parish office and include Priesthood collection in the memo line, or give on line through your Realm account by selecting the Priesthood fund. Thank you!



33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY • APRIL 24-JUNE 5 (WEDNESDAYS)

9:30AM-11:00AM or 7:00PM-8:30PM, *St. Mark Rm.*

Matthew Kelly has a new book on Eucharistic Consecration which will help us prepare for our sacred journey toward

our eternal home with God. Our plan is to use his book and study guide in a 7-week class on Eucharistic Consecration. These spiritual guides should forever change the way we spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist.



Register: Scan QR Code, visit KCAscension.org or Realm or call the Parish Office at (913) 681-3348 Ext. 142



USHER TRAINING • APRIL 25

7:00PM, *Church*

We come to Mass every Sunday and just assume that there will be people here to hold doors for us, help us find a seat, pass the basket at collection time and come to our aid if we need help. All these things, and more, are what we ask our volunteer ushers to do. Men, women, and teens are welcome to serve as ushers. Teens should be 16 or older, unless serving with their parents. We can use more ushers at every Mass, but we are especially in need of ushers at the 11:45AM Mass and 5:00PM Masses on Sundays. Why not volunteer to offer your time and talent. It is a wonderful way to serve.

Contact: *Dan Vater, Usher Coordinator at DVater@kc.rr.com*



SHALOM HOUSE • APRIL 25

4:30PM, *Off-site*

Shalom House is the only homeless shelter for men in Kansas City, KS. 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.



Contact: *Dan Tira at (913) 991-7755*



MEN'S FIRST ANNUAL BRING A FRIEND WELCOME BREAKFAST • APRIL 25

7:00AM, *St. Michael the Archangel Parish (Porter Hall in Leawood)*

Join us and bring a friend(s) to break bread and the



HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS • APRIL 27

7:30AM, *Off-site*

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 to the “trending” section, and click “Volunteer Signups” to serve or bring food. This is an awesome family activity!



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS • APRIL 27-28

All Masses, *Ascension*



ROSARY RALLY • APRIL 28

3:00PM, *Ascension*

Please join us to Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima which will be held on April 28th from 3:00PM to 4:15PM at Ascension. We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Holy Rosary followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular. Visit RosaryRalliesKC.org



40 HOURS OF DEVOTION • APRIL 28-30

5:00PM, *Church*

In this year of Eucharistic Revival, Ascension will start the 40 Hours Devotion—basically 40 hours of continuous adoration of Our Lord in the church itself. It begins at the Sunday 5:00PM Mass (April 28) and concludes at the Tuesday 12:00PM Noon Mass (April 30). All regularly scheduled adoration hours in the chapel will take place in the church during this period.

If you don't already have a regular adoration hour, this is the perfect chance to give it a try without committing to it.

Contact: Fr. Stull at FrStull@kcascesion.org

Sunday Scripture on April 25th at 7:00AM. All men and their friends regardless of parish are invited. Fr. Luke Doyle will present on evangelization and welcoming. No cost for breakfast or event. RSVP is required. Don't miss this inaugural event for Catholic Men.

RSVP to: Rich Henry RTHenry72@gmail.com or Mike Bartkoski Mike.Bartkoski@bvmbiologics.com



COVERED IN PRAYER • APRIL 25

6:00PM, *St. Luke Rm.*

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. No need to be an expert seamstress. We gratefully accept donations of cotton, fleece and flannel materials and yarns.



DAY OF PRAYER IN ATONEMENT OF AND FOR THE HEALING OF ALL THOSE HARMED BY SEXUAL ABUSE • APRIL 26

All Masses, *Ascension*

Archbishop Naumann has determined that Friday, April 26th, 2024 is to be observed as a Day of Prayer in Atonement of and for the Healing of All Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse.



CALLED TO LOVE AGAIN DIVORCE MINISTRY • APRIL 27

6:00PM, *Pope Pius X Parish (Mission, KS)*

Called To Love Again Divorce Ministry welcomes you to ongoing monthly events where you will find support, friendship and healing. Visit: TheCall2Love.com/Called-To-Love-Again or email us directly at: Katie@TheCall2Love.com



BEHOLD KC

THE **LARGEST** EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
IN KANSAS CITY IN OVER 80 YEARS.



Register here
for the event!

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 | 4 - 9:30 PM

WHO WILL BE THERE?

- Bishop Johnston from the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph
- Archbishop Naumann from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS
- Many priests and deacons you already know, and more!

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

- Praise, worship, and music from both local and national talent
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
- Rosary led by School of Faith
- Celebration of Holy Mass
- Eucharistic Adoration



The North lawn of the
National World War I Memorial.

WHEN IS THE EVENT?

Saturday, May 4, 2024
From 4 - 9:30 pm

WHERE IS THE EVENT?

The National World War I Memorial
North lawn - the side facing Union Station
2 Memorial Dr, Kansas City, MO 64108



The first Eucharistic Congress held in Kansas City at the
National World War I Memorial in 1941.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

- It's been **over 80 years** since a public outdoor Eucharistic Adoration of this size has occurred in Kansas City!
- Boldly praise and worship Jesus present in the Eucharist.
- Gather with Catholics and non-Catholics in a collective expression of love for Jesus.
- Satisfy your weekend Mass obligation in a whole new way.



The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph

THIS EVENT IS BEING CO-HOSTED BY

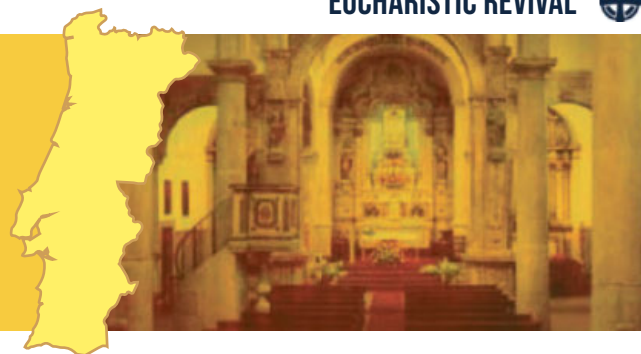
The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas



For more information, please visit our website: BEHOLDKC.org

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF SANTAREM

PORTUGAL, 1247



Some Popes granted plenary indulgences to this Eucharistic miracle: Pius IV, St. Pius V, Pius VI, and Pope Gregory XIV. Still today, in the Church of St. Stephen of Santarem, it is possible to admire these precious relics. According to the date recorded in the document commissioned by King Alfonso IV in 1346, on February 16, 1266, in Santarem, a young woman overcome with jealousy for her husband, consulted a sorceress who told her to go to the church and steal a consecrated Host to use for a love potion. The woman stole the Host and hid it in a linen cloth that immediately became stained with Blood. Frightened by this, she ran home and opened the kerchief to see what had happened. To her amazement, she saw that the Blood was gushing from the Host. The confused woman stored the Particle in a drawer in her bedroom. That night the drawer began to emit brilliant rays of light which illuminated the room as if it were daytime. The husband, also aware of the strange phenomenon questioned his wife, who was obligated to tell him everything.

The next day, the couple informed the pastor, who went to the home to remove the Host and return it to the church of St. Stephen in solemn procession, accompanied by many religious and lay people. The Host bled for three consecutive days. It was then placed in a beautiful reliquary made of beeswax. In 1340 another miracle occurred. When the priest opened the tabernacle, he found the beeswax vase broken into many pieces: in its place was a crystal vase containing the Blood mixed with the wax. The Sacred Host is now preserved in an 18th century Eucharistic throne, above the main altar. The Church of St. Stephen is now known as the Shrine of the Holy Miracle. Throughout the centuries, on various occasions, the Host gave new emissions of Blood and in some cases various images of our Lord were seen in it. Among the witness of this prodigy is also St. Francis Xavier, the apostle of the Indies, who visited the shrine before going on the missions. Every year, since the miracle occurred, on the second Sunday of April, the precious relic is processed from the home of the couple to the Church of St. Stephen. The couple's home became a chapel in the year 1684.



The Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, together with that of Lanciano, is considered among the most important. Numerous studies and canonical analysis were carried out on the relics. The Host changed into bleeding Flesh and Blood flowed out of it. Both relics are preserved to this day in the Church of St. Stephen in Santarem.





PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: THE CANDIDATES



Cheryl Schmitz | 33 years in the Parish

I am Cheryl Schmitz and feel privileged to be considered for Parish Council. Joining Ascension at its inception and growing with the parish has been a joy! My faith journey has been tied to the parish in many ways including helping to follow church doctrine for ambo and baptismal font placement at construction, to Christ Renews His Parish (Team IV), many and varied gifts in the music ministry, participation in the beginnings of the adult faith ministry and several offerings, serving facility-bound parishioners as EMHC, a lector, volunteering, and more. It has been insightful to grow with the parish as it evolved and participate in that growth of inclusion, offerings, diversity, and education.

Faith IS action! This prayer-filled offer to join the Parish Council is made with the hope of fostering joy, patience and charity to continue the evolution of Church of the Ascension. Thank you for the consideration. I want to serve on Parish Council to support spirit-guided evolution of the parish toward its vision and mission. I could offer the following specific gifts to the parish: varied ministries involvement from early days to today, ecumenical perspective, planning/research/organization abilities, exposure to care giving demands and health-related parishioner journeys.



Adam Schreiner | 8 years in the Parish

My name is Adam Schreiner and I reside in Overland Park with my wife Meghan and our three children, Maximus (6th), Maverik (4th), and Madeleine (2nd). Since joining the parish in 2016, we have become increasingly involved in the wonderful community we have here at Ascension, from participating in various ministries within the church to enrolling our children in the school. Our journey with the parish has been deeply enriching and I'm eager about the opportunity to serve the parish on the Parish Pastoral Council.

At Ascension, I've served in roles such as Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, and volunteering in the Hospital Eucharistic Ministry. My involvement in various ministries here at Ascension has instilled in me a profound appreciation for the power of service as well as provided insights into our community's needs. I'm genuinely excited about the opportunity to contribute to the Parish Pastoral Council, where I can play a role in nurturing the spiritual growth and fostering the sense of community within our parish. With dedication, a collaborative spirit, and a commitment to creating a welcoming environment, I aim to promote effective communication and advocate for initiatives that resonate with both our parish's priorities and the broader mission of the Catholic Church.



Pete Asta | 6 years in the Parish

My name is Pete Asta and with wife of 20 years Kelley, have 3 children ages 15, 13, and 10. We have been parishioners for 6 years and two of our children currently attend Ascension school. I am from the Kansas City area, but have lived in 5 other cities over the past 22 years. Currently, I work as a food scientist for The J.M. Smucker Company leading a team of 12 to support research and development for Hostess products. I appreciate the consideration for the Parish Council. I have been involved in Youth Faith Formation here at Ascension. I believe I have been blessed with several gifts including logical thinking through complex questions that affect different groups of stakeholders, combined with organizational and project planning to achieve a desired outcome. I desire to serve because I believe these gifts can be put to service to help spread The Gospel through the means Jesus gave us; His Church.

Parish Council Elections will take place at all Masses on April 27th and 28th



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: THE CANDIDATES



Jacob Stuhlsatz | 5 years in the Parish

My name is Jacob Stuhlsatz. My wife, Allison and I have been parishioners at Ascension Parish for five years. We have four amazing children, three of whom, attend Ascension Catholic school. We have absolutely loved being a part of the Ascension community, and are excited to become even more involved. I am currently a physical therapist working in the home health setting. I also teach physical therapy courses at Rockhurst University and coach several youth sports teams. I would love to be considered for the pastoral council to bring my own unique gifts and talents to the table and to create an added benefit for the parish. I have been involved in CRHP, Watch Dogs and helped out with Donut Sundays.

I truly believe that it takes all backgrounds and personalities coming together to create the best team. I would add the benefit of a younger and newer parishioner viewpoint. I am a very quick learner, and I excel in creating unique and effective solutions for various dilemmas or growth endeavors.



Carrie Kramer | 4 years in the Parish

My name is Carrie Kramer and I am an optometrist turned stay at home mom of three children who attend Ascension Catholic School, currently in the 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades. I am on the Celebrate Ascension Committee and also spend time volunteering at school and as a CYO coach. We love the Ascension Community and could not be happier with our choice to send our kids here. This community is simply outstanding and we have grown as a family because of it.

I have experience running my own optometry practice and feel that I will bring a fresh set of ideas to the committee. As a parent with school age children, I have an understanding of what young families perspectives and hopes are for the future of the church. I look forward to using my talents to better the church and grow in my faith.



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 22

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+John Tank**
by Diane & Lee Frerker

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00AM **+Cecilio Almeida**
by Jerry Almeida

12:00PM **+Jim Spencer**
by Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

7:00AM **+A.O. & +Jerry Lynch**
by Mayer Family

12:00PM **+Lee Lucero**
by Theresa Walters

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Al Cramer**
by Judy & Craig Arnold

+Philip Rauen

+Mary Katherine Lewis
by Family

+Michelle Edwards
by Family

+Gene Burt
by David & Sue Chaffee

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

7:00AM **Jim & Joanne Burns**
by Pat & John Gower

12:00PM **+Marc Rottinghaus**
by Steven & Kim Mackey

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:30AM —

4:30PM **+John Whigham**
by The Mark Ebeling Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:15AM **+Patricia McGowan**
by Terri Grass

10:00AM **+James Gartland**
by Rick & Mary Jane Doran

11:45AM **+Joseph Wallawach**
by Elizabeth Wallawach-Smith

5:00PM **Ascension Parishioners**

PRAYERS

FOR OUR SICK

Susan Arp
Bob Barr
Charlotte Berndt
Jan Cheray
Hudson Coffman
James Daley
Karen Elliott
Susie Evans
Ron Fortino
Megan Freking
Scott Graham
Mary Greve
Mary Pat Harpenau
Marsha Hatfield-Baker
Pete Ingles
Corky Jacobs
Kathi Jacobs
Joan B. Johnson
Larry Judy
Gabby Kelly
Jerry and Pat Klimas
Matthew Kopff
Jane Godar Kreiter
Donna Kuhn
Ellen & Jerry Lavin
Louis Lindstrom
Pam Manning
Dale Marti
Sue Marti
Karen Mathes
Kelly Mayer
Rebecca Meis
Sharon Milde
Jenny Melookaran
Sarah Millsap
Deloris Moore
Fred Nelson
Keith Newman
Carmen & John Nodar
Bob Novellano
Cathy Oxley
James Palmer
Aimee Parsons
Lilibeth Pinon
Chris Poggie
Carmen Porterfield
Evelyn Rauen
Becky Reed
Amy Reinhardt
Katy Rempel
Heather Rollheiser

Mark Rulo
Susie Santa Maria
Marian Scaletta
Barbara Schulte
Chuck Schumacher
Marilyn Sechi
Bob Sherman
Janet Sherman
Laird Simons
Carol Stump
Paul Surles
Fr. Tom Tank
Dan Tira
Collin Warrender
Bridget A. Weeks
Griffin Weyforth
Marilyn Wheeler
George Winkler
John Witt
Emy Yabut
Fred Zielinski

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Karen Armstrong
Linton Bayless
Michael Beam
Norma Bertch
Annie Boehmcke
Amanda Brower
Michele Buche
Audrey Cooper
Judy DeJesus
Richard Dobkin
Steve Dougherty
Janelle Downs
Adeleaide Fix
LaVonne Friedrichsen
Paul Friedrichsen
Andrea Gifford
Phil Godar
Angela Tira Gravitt
Monica Greenwood
Karla Harris
Colleen Heeter
Dianna Heintz
Diane Hutchinson
Jessica Imler
Chad Jones
Chris Johnson

Sean Kavanaugh
Luella Lappe
Dennis Larkin,
Jim Lasher
Ellen Loschke
Dick Maguire
Blake Martin
Paul Newman
Tina Noelke-Orf
Mike Ojile
Roe Park
Eryn Patton
David Poskin
Paula Ramsey
Mark Reda
Dave Roth
Lori Ruskamp
Stacy Sell
Lawson Sosebee
Karen Steffen
Art Sumpstine
Stephanie Thomas
Benjamin Waller

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

A.B. Leah Lewis
Captain Tyler H. Cordry,
US Army
Lt. Colonel Diane
Caranta, MD
Captain Stephen Cuff,
US Army
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

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Are you homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: Patty at (913) 681-3348



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. Interested in cooking and providing a meal, please visit KCAscension.org; Scroll down to the Trending Section, Click Volunteer Sign Ups, Meals for Priests; or scan the QR code.



Contact: *Patty (913) 681-3348*



SHARE YOUR FAITH • WEDNESDAYS

6:00PM, *Ascension*

Sharing our Faith is the call of every Baptized Catholic. One way to do just that is by being an aide to our Youth Faith Formation Program. We are in need of aides for 1st, 3rd and 4th grade Youth Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings from 6:00PM–7:30PM. Would you prayerfully consider being one? It is a rewarding ministry.

Contact: *William O’Leary at (913) 681–7683*



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Don’t know what the Adoration Chapel is all about? Come and visit Jesus any time.

Hours that **NEED** immediate weekly partners:

Friday: 4:00PM *** = HIGH NEED

Saturday: 10:00AM***, 3:00PM***, 7:00PM***, 10:00PM

Sunday: 6:00PM

(Plus other subs needed Saturdays at various times)

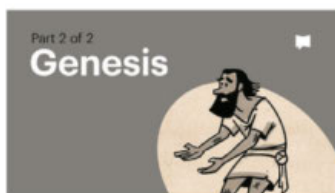
Contact: *Debbie Engel at DeboraSuzanne@gmail.com*



FAMILY ROSARY • TUESDAYS

6:30PM, *Church*

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!



Genesis Part 2 | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on Genesis 12-50, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Genesis, God promises to bless rebellious humanity through the family of Abraham, despite their constant failure and folly.



Week of April 21, 2024



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MAY

ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN • MAY 1

9:30AM, *Off-site*



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 9:30AM to prep the meal and set up. We serve the lunch from 11:00AM until 12:30PM. Our needs are for parishioners to donate foods, cook the hamburger and serve. Please visit KCAscension.org/GetInvolved/ServiceOpportunities to learn more.

Contact: Jean Hinman (913) 908-9811 or
Dorothy and Michael Eagan (913) 526-8314

THE EUCHARIST IS REALLY JESUS • MAY 1

6:30PM, *Parish Hall*



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*Complimentary books are still available in the Parish Office.

BEHOLD KC • MAY 4

4:00PM, *National World War I Memorial; North Lawn*



Come together as a regional community of faith for a historic Eucharistic celebration and BEHOLD the true presence of our Lord Jesus Christ! This free, public outdoor event is a gathering of the "one holy catholic and apostolic Church," from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. BEHOLD KC will include Mass, Confession, nationally-recognized live musical talent, local choirs and the largest Eucharistic adoration opportunity in our city in more than 80 years. Gather with us on the evening of May 4, 2024 on the north lawn at the National World War I Museum and Memorial across from Union Station in Kansas City. It is a place of community, celebration, city

pride and, as we experienced in February, a place where we are reminded of our broken world and our desperate need for God's healing and mercy. There is no better time to BEHOLD our Lord.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG • MAY 4-12

Ascension



Help support the Wyandotte and Olathe Pregnancy Centers by filling baby bottles with your spare change.

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WOA SPRING SERVICE PROJECT • MAY 7

6:30PM, *St. Mark Rm.*



Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center has asked Women of Ascension (WOA) to put together gift bags for the dads of the families that receive aid and ongoing counseling at the center. Help us put together the bags, enjoy fellowship, appetizers and drinks!

ASCENSION BOOK CLUB • MAY 8

1:00PM, *St. Mark Rm.*

Our book for May is *The Secret Lives of Sunflowers*, by Marta Molnar. We will meet on Wednesday, May 8th at 1:00PM in the St. Mark Room. Come join our discussion!

Contact: Linda Cook (913) 897-3201

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION • MAY 11

Ascension



COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION! Our celebration will include a pasta dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus, cloud cupcakes, cotton candy and activities for children and families. This is a FREE event - good will donations accepted at the door.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY • MAY 11

Following 8:30AM Mass, *St. Luke Rm.*

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.

ASCENSION FEAST DAY Celebration



Please register here for planning purposes (free-will donations accepted at the door):



SATURDAY | MAY 11TH
5:30 - 7:30 PM | PARISH HALL

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Questions?
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WOMEN OF ASCENSION SPRING SERVICE PROJECT

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- 1 Please consider purchasing a gift from our Amazon wish list here by April 25th:
- 2 Join us on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 in the St. Mark room to put the gift bags together and enjoy fellowship, appetizers & drinks





BEST DAD



Save the Date

ASCENSION COMMUNITY BBQ

Friday, June 7:
Tasting & Party

Saturday, June 8:
Judging

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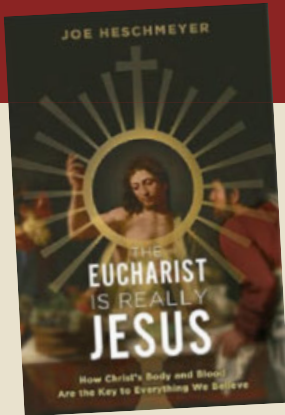
RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER: THE DEVELOPING BABY—MY HEART IS BEATING

Recall we recently celebrated the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25) when our Blessed Mother conceived our Lord Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Now consider all the children conceived since that time. Many of those children will be threatened by abortion. How do we protect them? The Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen suggested spiritually adopting an unborn child who is in danger of being aborted. Let us all commit to this short daily prayer until Christmas for the child each of us spiritually adopts: “Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

Now what is the status of a baby recently conceived in late March. That baby has been quite active over the past month. Already that baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. By the 20th day, the baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through her own circulatory system. During the next month this baby is most vulnerable to being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the hearts of all mothers to give their babies the most precious gift of all—the gift of life. Always remember “Jeremiah 1:5-Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you.”

THE EUCHARIST IS REALLY JESUS

TALK + Q&A WITH JOE HESCHMEYER



RESCHEDULED for May 1, 2024 from 6:30PM-8:00PM; Parish Hall
(there is no need to re-register if already registered)

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Knowing that the Eucharist is really Jesus becomes a master key to understanding:

- The cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter Sunday
- How to worship God in spirit and truth, according to the Bible
- The meaning of our own bodies and their immortal destiny
- How to love God and each other every day, like the saints ... and more essential aspects of our lifelong walk with Jesus.

*Complimentary books are still available in the Parish Office from 8:30AM-4:00PM, Monday through Thursday, 8:30AM-Noon on Fridays.



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Register: IgnatianCenterKC.org/events/2024MCiP

Contact: *Marguerite Enlow at (913) 660-2811 or Deacon Marcos Navarro at (913) 406-3809*

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to register for a support group


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If you are in need of prayer, call our prayer partner intention hotline.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AND KNIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR 2023

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 Chris and Michele Staus our Family of the Month and Jim Burns our Knight of the Month for March.

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 10:00AM-2:00PM 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 1:00PM and Saturday at 11:00AM 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 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, 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, April 29 at 7:00PM (*Parish Hall B*), preceded by the Rosary at 6:30PM.
- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, May 5 at 6:15PM, (*Knights Room (Annex)*)
- Knights' Mass Friday mornings at 7:00AM with breakfast following at Hy-Vee
- 2024 dues can be paid at AscensionKofC.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **APRIL 20-21:** Men's Christ Renews His Parish; *Ascension*
- **APRIL 28:** St. Thomas Aquinas Walk for Life; *starting at St. Thomas Aquinas*
- **MAY 2-5:** KofC State Convention; *Topeka, KS*
- **MAY 11-12:** Baby Bottle Boomerang
- **MAY 11:** Italian Dinner; *Parish Hall (following the 4:30PM Mass)*
- **JUNE 1:** Advice and Aid WALK FOR LIFE
- **JUNE 7:** Ascension BBQ Contest: Burgers and Brats
- **JUNE 21:** Pitching for Priests: Altar Server Recognition Tailgate
- **OCTOBER 7:** Save The Date: KofC Golf Tournament, *Falcon Ridge*

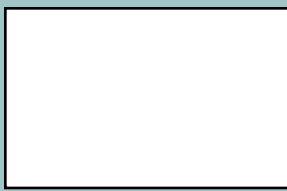
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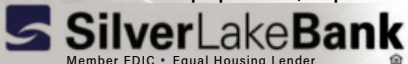


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