

APRIL 28, 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

JN 15:5



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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30AM–4:00PM
Friday: 8:30AM–12:00PM

☎ (913) 681-3348

✉ AscensionChurch@KCAscension.org

PERPETUAL ADORATION Daily*: 6:00AM–9:00PM

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

After Hours: 9:00PM–6:00AM
(Code Required)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Ms. Rita Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Oehrlein and Family

BAPTISMS

Louis Dimitrius Kuckelman
Beckett Eli Stephenson
Marilyn Carrie Shortell
Cooper Christine Post
Clancy Grace McGreevy
Margot Rose McGreevy
Colton Jeremy Yates
Lincoln Curtis Yates
Emilia Isabelle Walker

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Kasey Kelleher and Sarah Graves
Andrew Volz and Sara Doherty

† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Helen Roberta "Bobbie" Rosell

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.



**FATHER GARY PENNINGS
PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On this 5th Sunday in the Easter Season, we hear the parable of the Vine and the Branches. We are all familiar with this parable of Jesus. Using the image of branches on a grape vine, Jesus reminds us that we must remain attached to Him if we want to bear lasting fruit.

The Lord tells us, "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

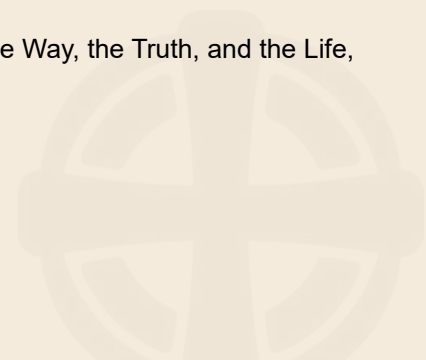
Many of us grew up in a world that urged us to achieve, to work hard, to get ahead and to enjoy the fruits of our labor. Surely a strong work ethic is a valuable trait for a businessperson or an employee. We see the adverse impact of markets and economies when people lose interest in working hard.

But Jesus points out an essential spiritual truth, we must bear the right kind of fruit, the fruit that comes from being "attached" to Jesus. Apart from Jesus and the truth He reveals, our efforts can lead us to labor for things that don't really matter in the long run.

Without the life of grace, a kind of spiritual nutrient that enlivens and guides our priorities and choices, we are likely to expend all our energies on things that don't help us or others spiritually, or worse, that lead us away from God's agenda and towards self-destruction.

How do we stay connected to the Vine that is Jesus Christ? The same way Christians have for the last 2000 years. Genuine prayer, frequent dialogue with God; frequent recourse to the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. These are special encounters with grace. And lastly, by not only being hearers of God's word, but doers as well. Connected to the Vine which is Jesus, we will bear fruit that will last.

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



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

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- ALL DAY **40 Hours of Devotion** | Church
- 8:00AM **School of Faith** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Ladies of Charity Get Acquainted Coffee** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **After School Hangout** | Youth Center
- 5:45PM **Finance Council** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **RCIA Mystagogy** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Knights of Columbus Council Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- ALL DAY **40 Hours of Devotion** | Church
- 6:30PM **Family Rosary** | St. Luke Rm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 7:30AM **St. Mary's Food Kitchen** | Off-site
- 9:30AM **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **AFF Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 12:30PM **Ladies of Charity** | St. Mark Rm.
- 5:00PM **Embrace Grace** | St. John Rm.
- 6:00PM **RISE** | Youth Center
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | ACS Classroom
- 6:00PM **Year I** | ACS Classroom
- 6:30PM **The Eucharist Is Really Jesus** | Parish Hall A & B
- 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, MAY 2

- 8:30AM **Women in Prayer** | St. Luke Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **Embrace Grace** | St. John Rm.
- 7:00PM **Cub Scouts Pack 3218** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center
- 7:00PM **End of Year Party (MOYC)** | Parish Hall B

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **The Bible and Catechism NOT In a Year** | St. Luke Rm.
- 2:45PM **Mahjonnig** | St. Mark Rm.
- 3:15PM **Chess Club** | Library

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- ALL DAY **Baby Bottle Boomerang**
- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM **Christ Renews His Parish Bible Study** | St. John Rm.
- 7:40AM **Marian Consecration Group/Saturday Morning Rosary** | Conf. Rm.
- 9:00AM **33 Days to Morning Glory Class** | Library
- 9:00AM **First Saturday Devotion (WOA)** | St. Luke Rm.
- 9:00AM **First Communion Practice** | Parish Hall A
- 12:00PM **First Saturday Public Rosary** | Parking Lot
- 4:00PM **Behold** | Off-site
- 6:30PM **First Communion Mass** | Church

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- ALL DAY **Baby Bottle Boomerang**
- 9:00AM **Donut Sunday** | Parish Hall A
- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 2:00PM **First Communion Mass** | Church
- 4:00PM **Ascension Praise Band and Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **AI Anon Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 6:15PM **Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting** | Parish Hall Annex
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS • APRIL 27-28

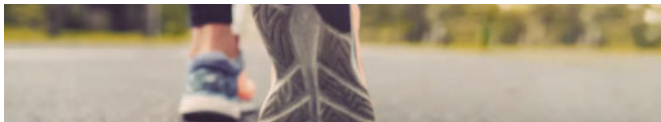
All Masses, Ascension



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



ROSEMARY MAHER SAINTS WALK FOR LIFE • APRIL 28

1:00PM, St. Thomas Aquinas High School (Main Gym)



Every year our students, families and friends of Saint Thomas Aquinas gather for a short Rally and Prayer and then walk (5.7 miles) to Olathe Pregnancy Clinic in Olathe. We will enjoy a tour and picnic lunch. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. Thank you for Walking to Save Lives!

Learn More: Scan the QR code



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@kccascension.org



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.

Learn More: Scan the QR code

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



33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY • MAY 1

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



THE EUCHARIST IS REALLY JESUS • MAY 1 TALK + Q&A WITH JOE HESCHMEYER

6:30PM, Parish Hall A & B

Church of the Ascension's Christmas gift to parishioners is now coming to life! Come hear author Joe Heschmeyer

talk and answer questions about The Eucharist Is Really Jesus. In the book, Heschmeyer first explains how Catholic belief in the Eucharist is biblical and reasonable. If you're used to thinking of Communion as a purely symbolic ritual, you'll find here a compelling defense of the ancient doctrine of the Real Presence. But even if you already believe it, Heschmeyer shows how that's not an end, but just the beginning.



**Complimentary books are still available in the Parish Office.*



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION (WOA) • MAY 4

Rosary (8:00AM, Church); Mass (8:30AM, Church); Prayer and Fellowship (After, St. Luke Rm.)

Women of Ascension (WOA) is starting a first Saturday devotion. Open to all women of our parish.

Contact: *Mary Connor at MaryConnorHome@gmail.com*
Sponsored by *Women of Ascension*



END OF YEAR PARTY (MOYC) • MAY 2

7:00PM, Parish Hall B

Let's party MOYC style! Join the Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) for the End of Year Party! Dinner will be provided.

RSVP: *MOYC Facebook Page or email Jenny.Unger@gmail.com*

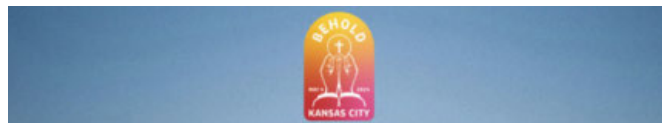


BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG • MAY 4–12

Gathering Area

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

Sponsored by *The Knights of Columbus and Ministry of Care & Social Justice*



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 on the north lawn at the National World War I Museum and Memorial across from Union Station. 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.



COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY • MAY 5

After 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses
Downstairs in the Parish Hall



THE 40 HOURS DEVOTION

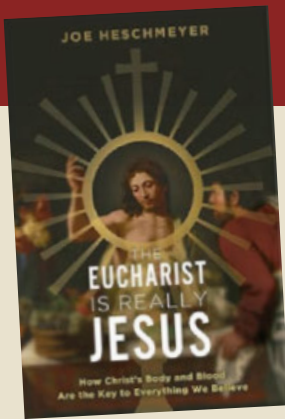
Join us this evening for the solemn opening of the 40 Hours Devotion! Following the 5:00PM Mass (around 6:00PM), join us in the church for the opening ceremonies of our first ever 40 Hours Devotion. This extended period of adoration begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Litany of Saints, and prayers for various needs of the parish, larger community, and the world.

During the 40 Hours, all adoration times/hours in the chapel will take place in the church—please sign in in the narthex if you have a regular hour. If you haven't been able to commit to a regular holy hour, or have little ones that would benefit from more room to wiggle around, the 40 Hours is a perfect time to give Eucharistic adoration a try! Join us for this special time of adoration to pray for our parish and grow closer to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The 40 Hours will continue through the Noon Mass on Tuesday, April 30th. During regular Mass times, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the tabernacle and re-exposed following Mass.

Contact Fr. Stull with any questions: frstull@kcascension.org

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)

Church of the Ascension's Christmas gift to parishioners is now coming to life! Come hear author Joe Heschmeyer talk and answer questions about *The Eucharist Is Really Jesus*. In the book, Heschmeyer first explains how Catholic belief in the Eucharist is biblical and reasonable. If you're used to thinking of Communion as a purely symbolic ritual, you'll find here a compelling defense of the ancient doctrine of the Real Presence. But even if you already believe it, Heschmeyer shows how that's not an end, but just the beginning.

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.



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF POZNAN

POLAND, 1399



In the city of Poznan, profaners with an intense hatred for the Christian faith persuaded a domestic helper to take three consecrated Hosts from the Dominican (now Jesuit) church. The woman, enticed by a large reward, succeeded in stealing three Hosts. Immediately after they received the Hosts, the male factors went to the basement of their mansion, put them on a table and desecrated them, beating them with a hole-puncher.

Suddenly a copious amount of blood began to drip from the Particles, which splashed the face of a girl in the group afflicted with blindness, and she immediately regained her sight. The desecrators, seized with panic and anxiety, tried to destroy the Hosts, which nevertheless remained whole. Unable to rid themselves of them, they decided to take them outside the city and cast them into a marsh in the vicinity of the Warta River. A young shepherd who happened to be passing near the marsh saw the three luminous Hosts suspended in the air. Holding back his emotions, he returned home and recounted everything to his father and the local authorities. The burgomaster was indifferent to the young man's account and ordered him to be jailed. The young shepherd managed to mysteriously escape and again presented himself to the burgomaster, who finally convinced of the facts made his way to the place of the miracle. In the meantime, the entire population had gathered around the three luminous Hosts suspended in the air. Only Bishop Wojciech Jastrzebiec, after beseeching Heaven with fervent prayers, succeeded in recovering the Particles, which descended into the pyx he held in his hands. The bishop immediately directed that a solemn procession be formed to accompany the miraculous Hosts to St. Mary Magdalene church.

At the site of the miracle, a wooden chapel was constructed which became the goal for many pilgrimages. King Wladyslaw Jagiello came to know of the miracle and made a trip to Poznan to venerate the miraculous Hosts. As a sign of devotion, the king ordered that a church dedicated to the Body of Christ (Corpus Domini) be built at the exact spot where the miracle occurred. In the 19th century, in place of the old mansion where the profanation of the Particles took place, a shrine was constructed where even today the table with the imprints from the Blood that dripped from the Hosts has been preserved. Every Thursday a procession with the Blessed Sacrament takes place at Corpus Domini church to recall the miracle.



In the city of Poznan, in 1399, three consecrated Hosts were robbed by some desecrators who struck them with some hole-punchers in order to deface it. The Hosts began to drip blood and every attempt to destroy them proved futile. At that point, the malefactors, in order not to be discovered, decided to cast them into a marsh. But the particles were suspended in the air and began to radiate strong flashes of light. Only after fervent prayers did the bishop succeed in recovering the particles, which can be venerated today at the Church of Corpus Christi in Poznan.



MASS INTENTIONS †

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:00AM **+Dale and Alice Putman**
by Kirk Putman

12:00PM **+Joe Lewis**
by Jane Sak

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Alex Sanchez**
by Kathy and Ben Tarbe

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Deacon Jack Thesing**
by Mary Thesing

+John P. Ryan
by Mary Thesing

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:00AM **Memorial Mass**

12:00PM **+Glenn Schreiber**
by Judy and Craig Arnold

+Arthur Zande
by Christ Renews Men's Team 14

+Mary Smith
by John and Sally Virgo

FRIDAY, MAY 3

7:00AM **+Rita Kopp**
by Knights of Columbus

12:00PM **+Evelyn Lipic**
by McGilley Family

+Dan Pope
by Mary Pope

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:30AM **+Bill Thomas**
by Ascension

+William Scott
by Ascension

4:30PM **+Mike Pelzer**
by Rick and Mary Jane Doran

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:15AM **+Jim Gartland**
by Diane and Mike Schmidt

10:00AM **Ascension Parishioners**

11:45AM **+Edward and Barbara Grob**

5:00PM **+Therese Johnson**
by Diane and Mike Schmidt



PRAYERS

FOR OUR SICK

Susan Arp
Bob Barr
Charlotte Berndt
Jan Cheray
Hudson Coffman
James Daley
Dan Deasy
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
Ed Roitz
Mark Rulo
Susie Santa Maria
Marian Scaletta
Barbara Schulte
Chuck Schumacher

Marilyn Sechi
Bob Sherman
Janet Sherman
Laird Simons
Carol Stump
Paul Surlis
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

Roslyn Perry
David Poskin
Paula Ramsey
Mark Reda
Dave Roth
Lori Ruskamp
Stacy Sell
Lawson Sosebee
Karen Steffen
Art Sumpstine
Stephanie Thomas
John Tucker
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



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



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



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



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!



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Are you homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: Patty at (913) 681–3348

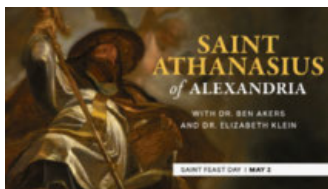
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 28, 2024



Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.



Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph

Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.

MAY



HONOR YOUR MOTHER • NOW THRU MAY 8

Gathering Area in Ascension

We are having a very special celebration on Sunday, May 12, (Mother's Day), at all Masses. Mothers both living and deceased will be honored. Cards are available in the gathering area for parishioners to send to their mothers. The cards will be directed to support Pro-Life, a suggested donation of \$5.00 is requested. We hope that this will be a wonderful way to show your love and appreciation on this important day. The priests will include all Mothers in their silent personal intentions at the Mass; however, the names will not be included in the bulletin.



SPRING SERVICE PROJECT (WOA) • 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! We are still in need of items on our Amazon Wish List, scan the QR code above to help.

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*



ASCENSION FEAST DAY CELEBRATION • MAY 11

5:30PM–8:00PM, *Parish Hall*

Come and join us for our Parish Feast Day Celebration! We will have a pasta dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus, cloud cupcakes, cotton candy and activities for children and families. This is a FREE event but registration is required - 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.



DRIVE UP FOOD COLLECTION • MAY 11

10:00AM–2:00PM, *Ascension Parking Lot*

Please help us stock our Catholic Charities food pantries! If you are able, please help us care for our neighbors in need.

The Ascension Drive-Up Food Collection is on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Look for the Catholic Charities truck in the parking lot. Can't be here on May 11th? No worries! You can always drop-off your donation in the food bin, located in the St. John Hallway. Prefer not to donate food? The Knights will also be collecting cash and check donations for Catholic Charities after all Sunday masses. Many thanks for your generosity. Your kindness changes lives.

Contact: David Whitaker at (913) 626-2676 or
Johnette Martin at (913) 481-8663

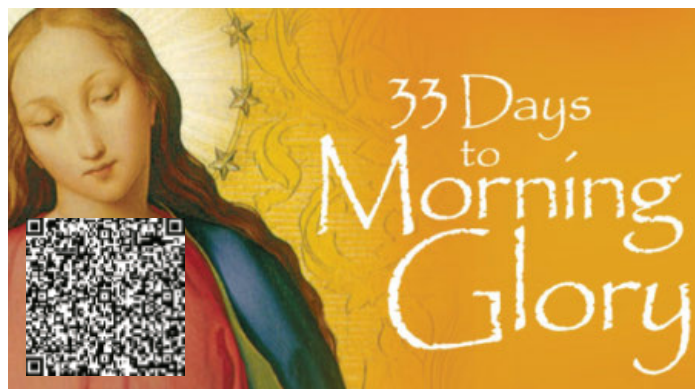
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MINISTRY MEETING • MAY 13

7:00PM, St. Martha Rm.



The International Mission Team will have an informational meeting Monday, May 13th at 7:00PM in the St. Martha 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.

Contact: Ed Herman 913-897-4856



33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY CONSECRATION • MAY 13

9:00AM, Library

Join us for the final Saturday morning of our 5-week “33 Days to Morning Glory” do-it-yourself retreat to consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary. Have a better understanding of Mary’s role in our salvation, and for anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Mary or Jesus.

Register: Scan the QR code or Visit KCAscension.org
or call the Parish Office

PARABLES & PUBS • MAY 13 (YOUNG ADULTS 21–35)

7:00PM, BrewLab

(7925 Marty St, Overland Park, KS 66204)

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Contact: JPassantino@kcascension.org

GUADALUPE HOUSE • MAY 14

Drop Off By 4:30PM, Parish Hall



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, KS, 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 KCAscension.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.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • MAY 15

6:30PM, Conference Rm.

If you are caring for a loved one in need, we invite you to join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month for an evening of community connection with others walking the same beautiful and often challenging path. Bring your questions, stories, concerns, and leave with coping skills and spiritual support for the road ahead.

Contact: Michelle at (913) 484-2222

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CALLED TO LOVE AGAIN • MAY 18

6:00PM, Stone Pillar Winery

Called to Love Again Divorce Ministry welcomes you to ongoing monthly events where you will find support, friendship and healing. Next meeting is May 18, 6:00PM at Stone Pillar Winery in Olathe, KS.

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For more information visit: KCAscension.org

SHOE DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS • MAY 19-26

All Day, Bins located in the Narthex

Do you have shoes that you no longer wear or would like to get rid of? A student at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, is conducting a shoe drive in support of Shoes for the Homeless. They are looking for gently used or better shoes. These shoes are given free of charge to people in our community who need them for job interviews, work, and daily wear. Please, no early drop offs.

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**ASCENSION
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE • MAY 20
ASCENSION COMMUNITY BBQ**

Don't forget to register for the Ascension Community BBQ. The registration deadline is May 20th. If you want to compete, please enter your team name and team captain contact information when you sign up.

Questions: Marissa Brown at MBrown2@kcascesion.org

COVERED IN PRAYER • MAY 23

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. 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. See you Thursday evening!

HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST • MAY 25

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. Drop off in the St. John Hallway before 7:30AM. If interested in helping, please go to KCAscension.org homepage and click volunteer signups to serve or bring food.



MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER • MAY 29—JUNE 17 (WEDNESDAYS)

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Register: IgnatianCenterKC.org/Events/MCIP2024

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

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Debra Vitagliano is a devout woman of faith and an occupational therapist. At an early age, she discerned her vocation to serve children with special needs. For 40+ years, she has lived out her vocation and worked with children diagnosed with various disabilities, including severe disabilities that some seek to address by abortion. Her work with special needs children has led her to a deep appreciation for the inherent worth of each person, no matter their level of functioning. Consistent with her faith, she opposes abortion and sees it as the deliberate termination of an innocent human life.

Two+ years ago, Debra felt called to pray and offer face to face support to women considering abortion. But a law

passed in Westchester County, NY, after the reversal of Roe v. Wade, established a 100-foot zone around abortion clinics and made it illegal to come within 8 feet of a person within that zone to provide information or counseling. Violation could result in a fine or imprisonment. Given that the First Amendment protects the right to the free and peaceful exchange of ideas, Debra contacted The Becket Fund for aid. They appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court. Westchester County quickly backtracked, repealed the law and admitted it did not need to threaten sidewalk counselors with jail time for peacefully approaching and offering help and information to women in need. (Sources: Vitagliano v. County of Westchester, US Sup Ct, Cert. Denied, 12/11/2023; and others).



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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: THE CANDIDATES



Cheryl Schmitz | 33 years in the Parish

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

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

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.



Jacob Stuhlsatz | 5 years in the Parish

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

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.



Learn more about the candidates here:



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



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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 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 1pm and Saturday at 11am in the Adoration Chapel.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **APRIL 28:** St. Thomas Aquinas Walk for Life; *starting at St. Thomas Aquinas*
- **MAY 2-5:** KofC State Convention; *Topeka, KS*
- **MAY 11:** Italian Dinner; *Parish Hall (following the 4:30PM Mass)*
- **MAY 11-12:** Baby Bottle Boomerang
- **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*



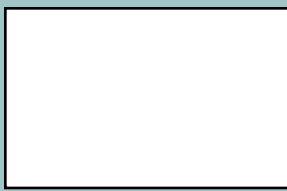
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