

AUGUST 18, 2024

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish



## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

JN 6:56

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: 5:30PM

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

After Hours: 9:00PM–6:00AM

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

(Code Required)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Mr. and Mrs. John Vance and Family

**BAPTISMS**

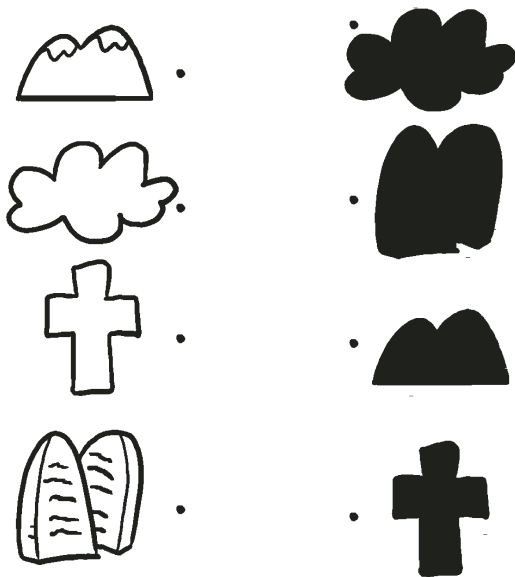
Jane Elizabeth Dunsmore  
Ava Johanna Williams  
Ivan Charles Cole Schelbar

**BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY**

Austin Scherzer and Kathryn (Katie) Komatz  
Liam Masek and Laura Suess

**ASCENSION KIDS**

Find the matching shadows:



**ANSWERS:** See page 14



**FATHER GARY PENNINGS  
PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We continue a four-part homily series on the Eucharist and chapter 6 of John's Gospel. This weekend we will explore the Eucharist as Communion.

St. Peter tells us that through Christ's own glory and goodness we can "become participants of the divine nature" (2 Pet 1:4). St. Thomas Aquinas said it another way, "The only begotten Son of God, wishing to enable us to share in his divinity, assumed our nature so that becoming man he might make men gods." The first line of the Prologue to the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness, freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life."

The divinization of man and woman does not mean that man becomes God, but that man and woman might become transformed into the full image and likeness of God. Sin diminishes that image and likeness. Through the gift of sanctifying grace and supernatural love, that likeness begins to be restored.

When we receive Christ in the Eucharist, we call it "Holy Communion". St. Augustine reasoned that the word communion came from the roots com, meaning "with, together" and unus, meaning "oneness, union." So, communion means to come together as one.

Throughout our Catholic Tradition, this becoming one with Our Lord in the Eucharist has always had nuptial overtones. In one sense the Incarnation (God becoming man) was ordered to accomplish a mystical marriage between the Bride, the Church (the Mystical Body of Christ), and Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God and Bridegroom (the head of that Mystical Body). Jesus Himself used wedding imagery in the parables to depict this nuptial union.

The Church remains in an "already, but not yet" reality. We are the Bride of Christ, but we are exiled in this world. How can this "marriage" be consummated with the Bride in exile? The Eucharist is the answer the Lord provides. In Heaven, there will be no need for the Sacrament, for the consummation will be fully realized.

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

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- ALL DAY **Diaper Drive** | Gathering Area
- 9:00AM **Coffee & Donuts** | Parish Hall A
- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 3:00PM **Fr. Stull in Concert** | Off-Site
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:00PM **Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Support Group** | St. Mark Rm.
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

## MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- 5:30PM **FIRE (Middle School Youth Group)** | Youth Center
- 6:00PM **Faith Foundations: Catholic Social Teaching** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Holy Hour for Vocations** | Church
- 6:00PM **RCIA Year 2** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Men of Prayer/Faith Discussion** | Conf. Rm.
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Revelation Bible Study (High School)** | Library

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 12:30PM **Ladies Beginner Bridge** | St. John Rm.
- 6:00PM **ACS Back to School Night** | Church
- 6:00PM **WYFF and FF In-Service** | St. Matthew Rm.
- 6:30PM **Caregiver's Support Group** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **Covered in Prayer** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **Cub Scouts #3218/Pack Meeting** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

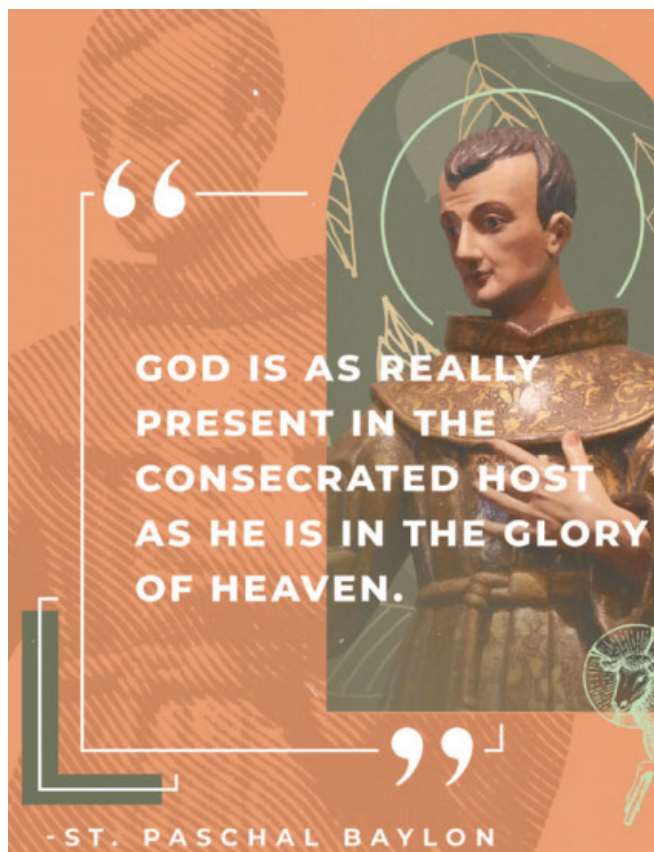
- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | Church

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM **Christ Renews His Parish Bible Study** | St. John Rm.
- 9:00AM **Mary's Prayer Cenacle** | St. Mark Rm.
- 9:30AM **Lector Training & Commissioning** | Church

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 2:00PM **Fr. Stull in Concert** | Off-Site
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**AUGUST 18-25**



**DIAPER DRIVE • AUGUST 17-18**

All Day, Narthex

Ministry of Care and the Ascension chapter of the American Heritage Girls is holding a diaper drive to benefit the Catholic Charities rural Emergency Assistance Centers in our Archdiocese. Since diapers do not qualify under government assistance programs, many families must choose between buying food, paying rent, or buying diapers. Babies are often left in soiled diapers much longer than is sanitary or humane. Please help up provide clean diapers for babies by dropping off any brand or size diapers to the Narthex during the weekend of August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. If your child has outgrown a size, we will gladly accept open packages. Many thanks for your generosity!



**COFFEE & DONUTS • AUGUST 18**

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



**FR. STULL IN CONCERT • AUGUST 18 & 25**

3:00PM, *Off-Site*

This week, Fr. Stull will perform two organ recitals in the Greater Kansas City Area. The first will be on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM, he will play a solo recital at Holy Angels in Basehor, Kansas as part of their Third Sunday at Three recital series. On Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM he will perform as part of the twelfth-annual French Organ Festival, which features several local organists, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Downtown Kansas City, Missouri. If you're interested in organ music outside of Sunday Mass, join him for either or both—he'd love to see you there!



**FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE • AUGUST 18**

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

Mike and Terri Kern started the St. Joseph Cupertino Program at Benedictine College. The goal of St. Joseph Cupertino (SJC) program is to improve access to education for students with disabilities in the Catholic community, and to engage students with disabilities who might not otherwise find access to a college experience. Childcare provided in the church nursery during the meeting, for walking children age 1 and older.

Contact: Jim Hamilton at [marx.mk@gmail.com](mailto:marx.mk@gmail.com)

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • AUGUST 19**

6:00PM, Church

Join us in praying a Holy Hour for Vocations, Exposition and Benediction. All are welcome!

**COVERED IN PRAYER • AUGUST 22**

6:00PM, St. Luke Room



Covered in Prayer is the “blanket making” hosts a monthly gathering to create blanket kits, separate fabric, and enjoy each other’s company. Over 300 blankets are sent annually to ill or hurting parishioners and friends, requiring no seamstress expertise. You can come and pick up material and take it home, or you can stay and learn how to make blankets. We gratefully accept donations of cotton, fleece and flannel materials and yarns. We look forward to meeting you on Thursday evening!



**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 and connection with others walking the same beautiful and often challenging path.

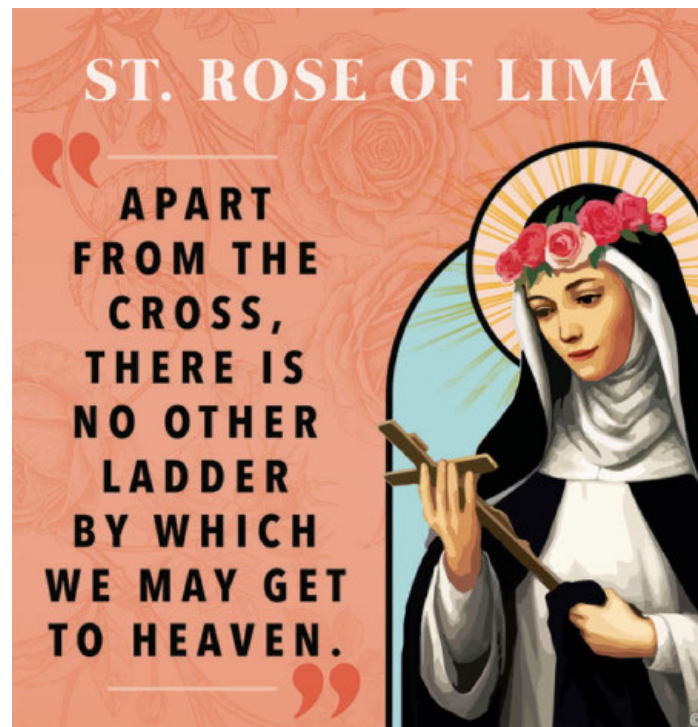
**Each month, we tackle a different issue caregivers often face**, from memory loss, to burnout, to navigating family gatherings and more. Our talk is followed by open discussion, so bring your questions, stories, and concerns, and leave with coping skills and spiritual support for the road ahead.

*RSVP by calling Michelle Buzzard at (913) 484-2222.*

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
HOME CARE • HOSPICE • HOSPICE HOUSE[CatholicCommunityHealth.org](http://CatholicCommunityHealth.org)*Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas***CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • AUGUST 21**

6:30PM, St. Luke Rm.

Join us August 21<sup>st</sup> for an evening of community connection with others walking the same and often challenging path of caring for a loved one. *Sponsored by Catholic Community Health.*



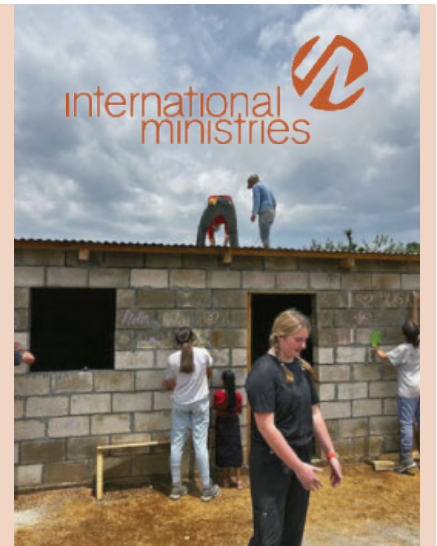


The Holy Eucharist is the supreme sacrifice of the New Covenant rooted in Christ's sacrificial offering on the Cross. The Eucharist is both a sacrament and a true sacrifice where Christ's one sacrifice of the Cross is made present in a sacramental manner at each Mass. This means that during the Eucharistic celebration, the same sacrifice of Calvary is re-presented, not repeated—allowing the faithful to participate in Christ's redemptive act.

The Eucharistic sacrifice is unique in that it is an un-bloody offering—distinguishing it from the bloody sacrifice of the Cross while retaining its essence and efficacy. This sacrificial aspect is central to the Eucharist's role as a means of grace—offering the faithful a profound union with Christ's redemptive work. Through the Eucharist, believers are drawn into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection—sharing in the benefits of His sacrifice.

The Eucharistic sacrifice is a fulfillment of the Old Testament sacrifices, which were mere foreshadowings of the perfect sacrifice of Christ. In the Mass, the Church offers the Eucharist to the Father—joining in Christ's eternal self-offering. This sacrificial offering is not only an act of worship but also a source of spiritual nourishment and strength for the faithful—deepening their communion with God and one another.

The Eucharist is the living sacrifice of Christ—perpetually offered in the Church and as the means by which the faithful are united to the saving work of Christ on the Cross.



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MINISTRY

*by Chris Braudis*

The International Missions team at Ascension completed a successful trip to San Lucas Toliman from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We built two new houses, a new roof, a stove, and delivered bedding and other household supplies to the elderly and most vulnerable in San Lucas Toliman. We also experienced fellowship and prayer, toured the facility of the LEAST organization (a non-profit serving the Mayan elderly through the gift of presence, hospitality, prayer and works of love) and took in some of the beautiful sights. We continue to pray for the people of Guatemala and for the people that touched us on our journey. The Holy Spirit is working in and through the people and we were blessed to be a small part of helping the community in loving service to our savior Jesus Christ.

*For more information on our International Missions Ministry, please contact Ed Herman at 913-897-0082 or Jennifer Lyon at 913-269-5240.*



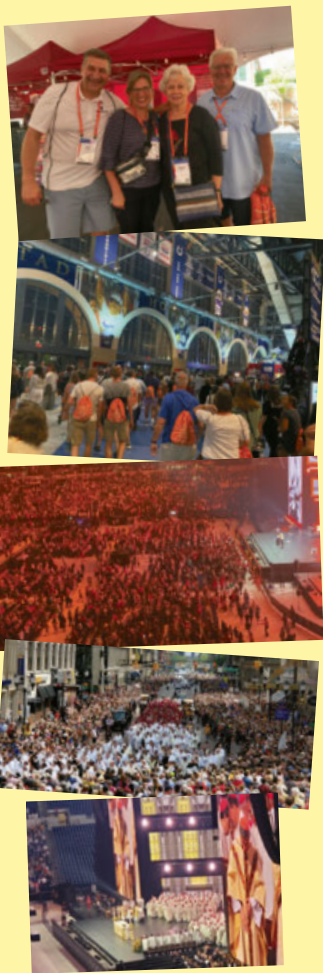


**A Transformational Encounter with Christ: Melissa Joerger’s Pilgrimage at the National Eucharistic Congress**

In the heart of Indianapolis, the National Eucharistic Congress gathered nearly 60,000 faithful participants for an event that would leave a lasting impact on attendees, including Melissa Joerger. The Congress, an assembly of Catholics from across the nation, brought together a diverse crowd for a shared purpose: to deepen their relationship with Christ through the Eucharist. Melissa, like many, approached the Congress with expectations of a powerful and enriching experience. However, the event proved to be more life-changing than she had anticipated. “I knew it would be big,” Melissa shared. “I knew it would be powerful, but had no idea it would be as life-changing as it was.”

The Congress featured a range of activities designed to engage and inspire attendees. Large evening revival sessions, morning impact sessions, and breakout discussions provided ample opportunities for learning and reflection. The event also included testimonies, Eucharistic Adoration, a Eucharistic Procession, Mass, Reconciliation, speakers, music and worship, all of which Melissa found to be profoundly moving. One of the most striking aspects of the Congress was the significant presence of religious and clergy. With over 1,170 priests, 1,200 religious brothers and sisters, 610 seminarians, and 200 bishops in attendance, Melissa was awed by the collective display of faith. “It was absolutely stunning,” she noted. While the grandeur of the event was undeniably impactful, some of Melissa’s most cherished memories came from smaller, more intimate encounters. Conversations with fellow attendees during bus rides, elevator waits, and walks between events offered insights into the diverse motivations and hopes of those present. “Hearing their stories, why they were there, what they were hoping to take away, what fruits they already have been given,” she recalled, were powerful moments of connection and shared purpose.

Amidst the vast sea of attendees, one of the most profound experiences for Melissa occurred during Eucharistic Adoration. Surrounded by thousands of pilgrims, she observed a shared hunger, thirst, faith, and, most importantly, hope. “With all the evil in the world lately that is constantly seeking to divide us and beat us down, I felt so much hope knowing I was among 60,000 people seeking Christ with all our hearts,” Melissa reflected. “There was one particular evening when benediction was occurring. I was watching the procession and at the same time noticed the sun was setting and started to peek through one of the upper windows in the stadium. At the very moment that the monstrance was placed on the altar, a large sun ray illuminated it. It was absolutely breathtaking. There was no doubt that Jesus was present with us.” The Congress concluded with a call to action: to “Walk With One.” This mission urges participants to accompany someone who has fallen away from the faith or lacks a relationship with Jesus, guiding them to understand the Eucharist as the Source, Summit, and Sustenance of their spiritual lives. Melissa left the Congress inspired and committed to this mission, embodying the spirit of a Eucharistic people on a shared journey of faith.



# MASS INTENTIONS **+**

## MONDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00AM **+Terry Weiser**  
by Molly & Keith Johnson

12:00PM **+Therese Johnson**  
by Chuck & Diane Jansen

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00AM **+Marvin Hanson**  
by Handley Family

8:00AM **+Chris Poggie**  
by Molly & Keith Johnson

12:00PM **+Delores Ward**  
by Hawk Family

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00AM **+Chris Poggie**  
by Fred Randazzo

8:00AM **Smithhisler Family**  
by Danielle Bauer

12:00PM **+Therese Johnson**  
by Evers Family

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00AM **+Mike Blessing**  
by Bob & Betty Palitto

12:00PM **+Steve Paugh**  
by Jo Micheletto

**+Cathy Schroer**  
by Craig Schroer & Children,  
Gretchen Rushing,  
Kurt & Stephen Schroer

**+Fr. Travis Mecum**  
by Jerry Almeida

**+Fr. Tom Dozal**  
by Jerry Almeida

**+Fr. Donald Cullen**  
by Jerry Almeida

**+Charlene Clements**  
by Cynthia & Jerry Schulin

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00AM **+Mike Blessing**  
by Shirley & Bob Chenoweth

12:00PM **+Joe Esposito**  
by Fran Esposito

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30AM **+Bruce Williams**  
by Veronica Gasparovich

4:30PM **+June Jarrard**  
by Reed Family

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:15AM **+Marc Rottinghaus**  
by Beth & Mike Rottinghaus

10:00AM **Ascension Parishioners**

11:45AM **+Walter Feuerborn**  
by Jeff & Jennifer Koch

5:00PM **Amanda Gress & Mat Petersen**  
by Gress Family

# PRAYERS

## FOR OUR SICK

Susan Arp  
Bob Barr  
Charlotte Berndt  
Kathy Bins  
Lynn Butzen  
Jan Cheray  
Hudson Coffman  
Jim Conrad  
James Daley  
Dan Deasy  
Karen Elliott  
Susie Evans  
Ron Fortino  
Megan Freking  
Scott Graham  
Mary Greve  
Mary Pat Harpenau  
Marsha Hatfield-Baker  
Pete Ingles  
Joan B. Johnson  
Wade Johnson  
Larry Judy  
Gabby Kelly  
Jerry and Pat Klimas  
Matthew Kopff  
Jane Godar Kreiter  
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  
Mike Mullen  
Kay Myrick  
Fred Nelson  
Keith Newman  
Carmen & John Nodar  
Bob Novellano  
Joan and Rick Ostmeyer  
Cathy Oxley  
James Palmer  
Aimee Parsons  
Lilibeth Pinon  
Carmen Porterfield  
Evelyn Rauhen  
Becky Reed  
Amy Reinhardt  
Katy Rempel  
Heather Rollheiser  
Ed Roitz  
Mark Rulo  
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  
Bryan Atkins  
Linton Bayless  
Michael Beam  
Ken Becker  
Marissa Bemis  
Annie Boehmcke  
Amanda Brower  
Michele Buche  
Audrey Cooper  
Judy DeJesus  
Richard Dobkin  
Steve Dougherty  
Janelle Downs  
Adeleaide Fix  
LaVonne Friedrichsen  
Paul Friedrichsen  
Bob Gleason  
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  
Ellen Loschke  
Dick Maguire  
Blake Martin  
Gregg McNeely  
Brad Morton  
Cindy Morton  
Paul Newman

Tina Noelke-Orf  
Mike Ojile  
Roe Park  
Eryn Patton  
Roslyn Perry  
David Poskin  
Paula Ramsey  
Mark Reda  
Nicole Rizzo  
Dave Roth  
Lori Ruskamp  
Olivia Sims  
Tom Sims  
Lawson Sosebee  
Karen Steffen  
Lynn Stephan  
Stephen Sullivan  
Art Sumpstine  
Stephanie Thomas  
John Tucker  
Benjamin Waller

## ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

Lt, Colonel Diane  
Caranta, M.D.;  
Captain Tyler H. Cordry,  
US Army;  
Captain Stephen Cuff,  
US Army;  
Ensign Edward Dodson  
US Navy;  
Corporal Aidan Egan,  
USMC;  
Spc. J. Ben Froome II, US  
Army;  
Corporal Margaret Gould,  
USMC;  
Senior Airman Courtney  
Hinemeyer, USAF;  
Larry Homan, US Army;  
Lance Corporal Brooke L.  
Jalbert;  
A.B. Leah Leis, USAF;  
Captain Jacob Morin,  
USAF;  
Alexander Nogueras US  
Army;  
Captain Dan Prior, US  
Army;  
2nd Lt Tom Stivers, US  
Army;  
Captain Mitchell R Willis,  
Pilot, USAF





## 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!



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you are carrying a heavy cross or going through a difficult season, please do not shoulder the burden alone. Our Parish Prayer Warriors are ready to intercede on your behalf. If you are in need of prayer, call our prayer partner intention hotline. **Voicemail Number: 1-888-684-6555**



## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Are you homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: *Patty at (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: \*\* = HIGH NEED**

Tuesday: 1:00AM (subs); 2:00PM

Thursday: 4:00AM\*\*

Saturday: 7:00AM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM\*\*, 10:00PM  
(Plus other subs needed Saturdays at various times)

Register: Scan the QR code or contact *Debbie Engel at 913-485-8918 or deborasuzanne@gmail.com.*



# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 18, 2024



## Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



## The Theological Virtues: Faith

What are the theological virtues and how do they impact our lives as Christians today? How do we grow in them? Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger dive into the theological virtues and discuss their place in God's plan for humanity.



## Mary

Jesus gave his mother Mary to us as our spiritual mother, and she intercedes for us in heaven before her Son. By growing in relationship with Mary—and the rest of the saints—we grow in fellowship with Christ.

# AUGUST



## ADULT FAITH INFO NIGHT • AUGUST 26

6:30PM, St. John Rm. (Lower Level)

Adults...The school year has started for kids... what about you? Join us for a casual Info night to learn more about the various Adult Faith offerings. You should have received the Adult Faith Catalog in the mail a few weeks ago and may have been overwhelmed with the large number of classes being offered. Join us to figure out the best option for YOU to grow in your faith and build community. Light snacks, beer and wine will be served.

Register: Sign up in Realm or scan the QR code.

## BUNCO IS BACK!

TUES | AUGUST 27 | 6:30 PM | PARISH HALL

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

SIGN UP HERE - YOUR \$10 REGISTRATION FEE COVERS BUNCO, PRIZES, A LIGHT MEAL AND DRINKS:

IF YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED, NO WORRIES, YOU WILL LEARN VERY QUICKLY AND EASILY. IT MIGHT BECOME YOUR FAVORITE GAME!

## BUNCO IS BACK! • AUGUST 27

6:30PM, Parish Hall



Bunco is BACK! Join The Women of Ascension for a fun eve-

ning of Bunco and fellowship. There is a \$10 registration fee which covers bunco, prizes, a light meal and drinks.

Register: Scan QR code

Sponsored by: The Women of Ascension



## PROJECT CHRYSALIS • AUGUST 27

6:00PM, St. Luke Room



Project Chrysalis is a ministry for parents or grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. Our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture and fellowship. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27 at 6:00PM in the St. Luke room. For more information contact Patty in the Parish Office at [pbillinger@kcascension.org](mailto:pbillinger@kcascension.org).

## SHALOM HOUSE • AUGUST 29

4:30PM, Drop off in St. John Hallway



Shalom House is the only homeless shelter for men in Kansas City, Kansas. We prepare and deliver dinner, and bake desserts for our homeless brothers at Shalom House on the last Thursday of each month. Our next date is August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup.

Contact: Dan Tira at (913) 991-7755



## ASCENSION TROOP 3130 INFORMATION NIGHT (AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS) • AUGUST 29

6:15PM, Parish Hall

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Our Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas has adopted American Heritage Girls as the preferred scouting organization for girls. Learn more about AHG and join today.

Contact: [jessicasavageahg@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasavageahg@gmail.com)

**CALLED TO LOVE AGAIN  
DIVORCE SUPPORT • AUGUST 31**

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

Join us for a time of healing, fellowship and formation on how to navigate after divorce Saturdays at 6:00PM at Church of the Ascension on Aug 31<sup>st</sup> and Church of the Nativity on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

Email: [katie@thecall2love.com](mailto:katie@thecall2love.com) with questions.

**HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR  
THE HOMELESS • AUGUST 31**

Before 7:30AM, Drop off in *St. John Hallway*



Ascension's date for cooking and serving breakfast at Hope Faith Ministries is the last Saturday of the month. If interested in helping, please go to Ascension website at [KCAscension.org](http://KCAscension.org) homepage and click volunteer signups to serve or bring food. Our next breakfast is scheduled on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SEPTEMBER**



**Tax Reducing Strategies**

*for Pre-and Post-Retirees*



**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM Social and Wine Tasting  
6:00PM Presentation



**TAX REDUCING STRATEGIES FOR  
PRE-AND POST-RETIRES • SEPTEMBER 4**

5:30PM, *St. Mark Rm.*

Our workshop speaker, Bill Eckert, is a well-known financial educator, speaker, and advisor in Kansas City with an in-depth understanding of the philanthropic planning process and helping individuals to be good stewards of their financial gifts. Do you know that: You can sell highly

appreciated assets and minimize Capital Gains taxes? You may be able to receive significant Tax Deductions today and possibly for another five years? You can protect your IRA from Double Taxation? You may be able to increase your income significantly? Learn answers to these questions and more by joining us!

Register: Scan the QR code.

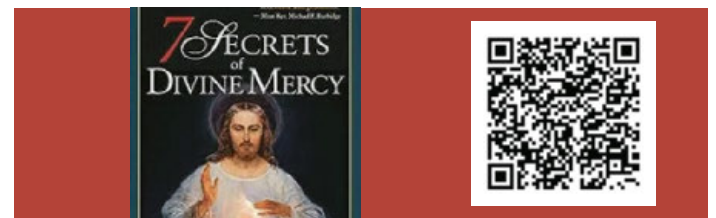
**ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN •  
SEPTEMBER 4**

5:30PM, *St. Mark Rm.*



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 9:30 to prep the meal and get things set up. We serve the lunch at 11 until 12:30 then return to Ascension. It is a real hands-on experience of serving people in need. Our needs are for parishioners to donate foods 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. Added benefit: WE HAVE A BLAST! Please visit [KCAscension.org/GetInvolved/ServiceOpportunities](http://KCAscension.org/GetInvolved/ServiceOpportunities) to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

Questions or Suggestions: Jean Hinman 913-908-9811 or Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314.



**7 SECRETS TO DIVINE MERCY •  
SEPTEMBER 5-OCTOBER 31**

10:00AM, *St. Luke Rm.*

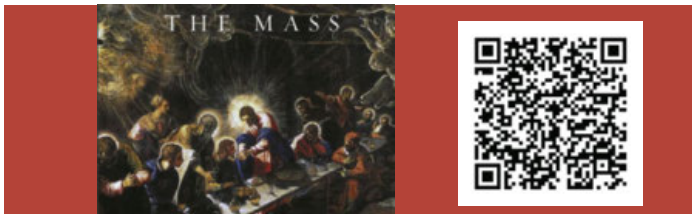
A class to promote the many blessings of God's Divine Mercy. In this study, we will use Vinny Flynn's book, 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy as a valuable guide to help us understand the wonderful gift of the Divine Mercy message given to St. Faustina for the entire world. He shows how this message fills our hearts with hope and the spark to help change the world to a civilization of love. The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is Divine Mercy. It is the fundamental law that dwells within the heart of every person and the bridge that connects God to humanity. This book will help change your prayer life, transform your relationship with the Holy Trinity and also show us how to radiate God's merciful love to save souls. No class on: 10/17 & 10/24. Duration: 7 weeks.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

No cost. Please register so that we have adequate space. Prior to class, please purchase *7 Secrets of Divine Mercy* by Vinny Flynn at Trinity House Catholic Books and Gifts or on Amazon.

*Facilitator: Ann Smith*

*Register: Scan QR code*



### **THE MASS RETREAT • SEPTEMBER 7**

9:15AM, *St. Mark Rm.*

Many parishioners enjoyed diving deeper into each part of the Mass last year with Bishop Barron in his video series. Now, for your convenience, we are offering this 7-week course in one day! Come spend a Saturday watching and discussing Bishop Barron's videos on "The Mass". You might plan to stay after the retreat and attend the 4:30PM Mass to see if you notice a difference in your understanding and participation of the Mass after enjoying this video series. Cost: \$25 (Includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials)

*Facilitators: Kim Sutton / Liz Willman*

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### **FIRST CORINTHIANS SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY • SEPTEMBER 8- NOVEMBER 10**

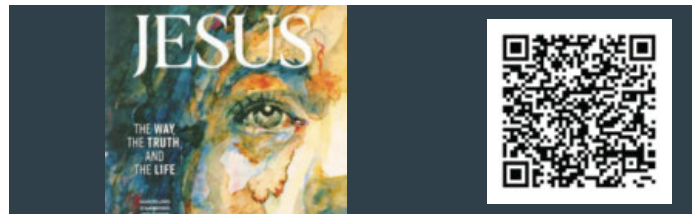
9:30AM, *St. Mark Rm.*

*First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community* – St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians addresses many of the same topics in the news headlines today: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly, the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways similar to our own. *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community* explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture, as well as his teachings

about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all—the Eucharist. No cost. (Please register so that we have adequate materials and space. **NO BOOK PURCHASE IS NECESSARY.**)

*Facilitators: Joyce Grashoff*

*Register: Scan QR code*



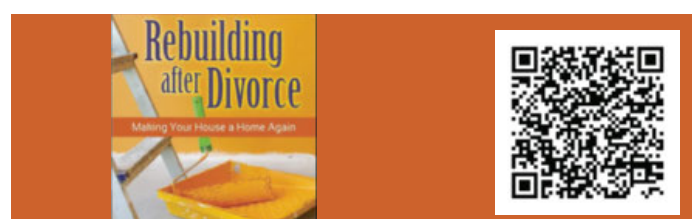
### **JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE • SEPTEMBER 10-NOVEMBER 12 (TUESDAYS)**

10:00AM, *St. Mark Rm.*

A ten-week small group study program presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. Filmed on-location in the Holy Land and anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels, this study explores the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today. (Please register so that we have adequate space.) No cost.

*Facilitator: Tamara James*

*Register: Scan QR code*



### **REBUILDING AFTER DIVORCE • SEPTEMBER 10-OCTOBER 29 (TUESDAYS)**

7:00PM, *St. John Rm.*

You CAN rebuild after divorce. It just takes a blueprint! Whether you've recently divorced or it's been a few years, you can rebuild a life rich in faith, hope, and lots of love. But first you'll need blueprints, clear directions to make your house a home again. Where should you start? By laying a solid foundation that will hold up under the drizzle of daily life and any raging storms that may come. And the cornerstone of that foundation is Christ. 8 week program. No cost.

*Facilitators: Pam Novosel / Julie Cruz*

*Register: Scan QR code*



**VIRTUES: THE PATH TO HAPPINESS •  
SEPTEMBER 10–NOVEMBER 5  
(EVERY OTHER TUESDAY)**

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

Fr. Colm leads this study of the four cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance and why practicing a life of virtue leads to happiness and fulfillment. Duration is 5 weeks, every-other-week. No cost.

*Facilitator: Fr. Colm*

*Register: Scan QR code*

**MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN  
(MOYC) KICKOFF • SEPTEMBER 10**

7:30PM, *Parish Hall*



Join us for drinks and dessert on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall as we toast to the start of a new year and new season of MOYC. MOYC's mission is to build a community of faith and friendship amongst moms with babies up to children in second grade.

*RSVP: Scan the QR code.*

**GUADALUPE HOUSE • SEPTEMBER 10**

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, 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 [KCAscension.org](http://KCAscension.org), and click on Volunteer Signups/ Guadalupe House.

**FORGIVENESS 101: YOU WANT ME  
TO DO WHAT? • SEPTEMBER 11**

7:00PM, *St. Mark Rm.*



Are you struggling with forgiving someone who has really hurt you? You are not alone! Forgiveness isn't about forgetting or excusing the abuse. Come join in on an interest-

ing evening of stories, videos, scripture, Q&A time, and a short prayer service with Chuck Jansen who is the founder of FIKC (Forgiveness Institute, KC Inc, [www.yeabut.org](http://www.yeabut.org)), founded 11 years ago. Forgiveness Institute KC, Inc. is the number one source of Kansas City forgiveness. There really are predictable “common denominators” to the challenging process to forgive. To date, no one has ever fallen asleep at this workshop. No cost, but please register so that we have adequate space.

*Facilitator: Chuck Jansen*

*Register: Scan QR code*



**THE FAMILY & THE NEW TOTALITARIANISM •  
SEPTEMBER 12–OCTOBER 17 (THURSDAYS)**

5:30PM, *St. Mark Rm.*

“The new totalitarian’s idealism, his humanitarianism, his public image, may communicate to us many good things... We soon find ourselves succumbing to a magnetic attraction, and voting for leaders whose agendas mix admirable elements, and fatal flaws.” Michael D. O’Brien reveals in this book how we got here, and what we can do to take back our control in order to live once more in freedom and democracy in our families and society. No cost.

*Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff*

*Register: Scan QR code*

**DRIVE-UP FOOD COLLECTION • SEPTEMBER 14**

10:00AM, *Parking Lot*

Your help is needed! Catholic Charities' food pantry supplies are still at an all-time low. If you are able, please help us care for our neighbors in need. The Ascension Drive-Up Food Collection is on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM–2:00PM. Please look for the Catholic Charities truck in our parking lot. Can't be here on September 14<sup>th</sup>? No worries! You can always drop off donations in the food bin located in the St. John hallway. Prefer not to donate food? The Knights will gratefully accept all cash and check donations before and after all Sunday masses. Many thanks for your generosity! Your kindness changes lives.

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

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**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY • SEPTEMBER 14**

After 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. Our next meeting is on Saturday September 14.

**OPERATION WARM TOES • SEPTEMBER 14-15**

All Day, *Narthex*



Ministry of Care and Social Justice is collecting warm socks to distribute to our homeless brothers and sisters throughout the Kansas City metro area. We are collecting these items for further distribution by a partner ministry. *Suggested Items: new long thermal socks and new long white athletic socks.* We are grateful for your donations!

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • SEPTEMBER 16**

6:00PM, *Church*

Join us in praying a Holy Hour for Vocations, Exposition and Benediction. All are welcome!

**BLOOD DRIVE • SEPTEMBER 16**

1:00PM, *Parish Hall*



Join us September 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM–6:00PM in the Parish Hall and donate blood. The gift of blood is the gift of life. Be a hero, donate blood, and give someone a chance to live.

*Sign Up: Scan the QR code*

**DEACON INFORMATION SESSIONS • SEPTEMBER 18, 26, 30 AND OCT. 19**

7:00PM, *Off-Site*



This fall the Deacon Office will be hosting information sessions for men who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate (“inquirers”). The sessions are identical, so inquirers only need to attend whichever session works best with their schedule (no RSVP required). All of the sessions will take place at the Savior Pastoral Center. In addition, inquirers are strongly encouraged to complete

our online inquiry form, please scan the QR code.

*Questions: Deacon Curtis Keddy, Director of Formation, at [ckeddy@archkck.org](mailto:ckeddy@archkck.org) or 913-647-0326*

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • SEPTEMBER 18**

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

If you are caring for a loved one in need, we invite you to join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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*RSVP: Michelle Buzzard at (913) 484-2222*

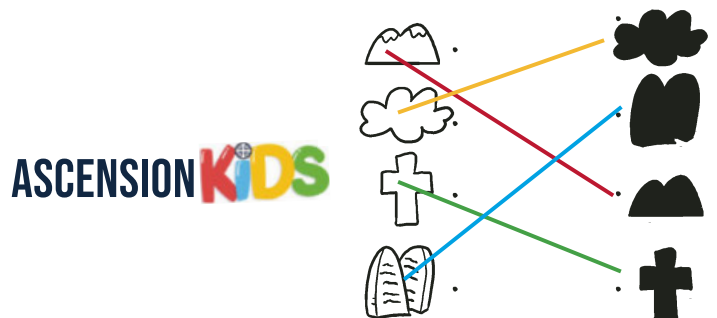
**EMBRACE THE BREW III • SEPTEMBER 21**

6:00PM, *Off-Site*



Join us on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the The Venue for good food, drinks and music. Featuring Toby Cook as the Emcee and music by the Mikey Needleman Band.

*For more information/Buy tickets: Scan the QR code*





# ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



## KNIGHTS SOCIAL

Knights, Spouses and Significant Others are invited to the Bourgmomy Winery for our August Social on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30PM–8:00PM. Arrive when you can. There will be live music with Bourgmont wine and food from KC Deeya's Food truck available for purchase. The Bourgmont Winery is located at 20299 Quivira Rd, Bucyrus, KS 66013. Watch your email for more details and sign-up information.

## KNIGHTS FOOTBALL RAFFLE

Knights of Columbus football season raffle tickets are available to order now through the end of August.

- One raffle ticket will be drawn on 8/31 for two Chiefs season tickets and a season parking pass from all raffle tickets purchased and turned in no later than August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Weekly cash drawings start 9/7 with 13 cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$50 each week. The last cash drawing is 12/21 for one prize of \$1,000.
- Five tickets for \$100 or one for \$25. No limit on how many you can purchase.

Ask any Ascension Knight about details or pick up an order form in the gathering area. Call 913-663-1971 if you have questions.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to David and Elizabeth McMIndes our Family of the Month and Ken Rock our Knight of the Month for July.

## 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 Jordan Steel at [railtoad@aol.com](mailto:railtoad@aol.com).

## KNIGHTS CHOIR

Contact Patrick Kershaw at [captpat@wwdb.org](mailto:captpat@wwdb.org) if you are interested in joining.

## 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, please pray for Seminarian Ronald Aries from the Philippines whom the Ascension Council has sponsored through Unbound.org.

Holy Hours dedicated to Vocations occur every Friday at 1:00PM and Saturday at 11:00AM in the Adoration Chapel.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Thank an Altar Server and their families whenever you can for their commitment and devotion!

## JOIN US FOR MASS AND MEETINGS

- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, September 8, 6:15PM, *Annex (Knights Room)*
- Council Meeting: Monday, September 23, 7:00PM, *Parish Hall B*, Preceded by the Knights Vocation Holy Hour and Rosary at 6:00PM.
- Knights' Mass Friday mornings at 7:00AM with breakfast following at Hy-Vee
- 2024 Dues can be paid at [AscensionKofC.com](http://AscensionKofC.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AUGUST 28:** Back to School BBQ for Youth Faith Formation Volunteer Opportunity
- **AUGUST 29:** Knights Social at Bourgmont Winery
- **SEPTEMBER 11:** Wyandotte and Olathe Pregnancy Centers Advice and Aid Life and Hope Banquet
- **SEPTEMBER 14-15:** Catholic Charities Food Drive Volunteer Opportunity
- **SEPTEMBER 22:** Knights Social Chiefs Watch Party
- **SEPTEMBER 28:** Villa St. Francis Dinner
- **OCTOBER 5:** Ascension Parish Fall Festival Volunteer Opportunity
- **OCTOBER 5:** Parish Soccer Challenge
- **OCTOBER 7:** KofC Golf Tournament, *Falcon Ridge*

## FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- Assembly Installation Ceremony, Fall Social and Dinner, 9/7, 6:00PM, Ceremony at Ascension after 4:30PM Mass and Social/Dinner immediately following at Talk of the Town, 135th and Nall. Dinner will be \$25/person for prime rib dinner. Watch your email for more details.

Fourth Degree Knights interested in joining the Fourth Degree Honor Guard please contact: Dave Jones at 913-825-9828 or Pat Healy at 913-244-6544.

### Special Needs Youth Faith Formation

Currently inviting families with a special needs, disabled or learning challenged child age K-8<sup>th</sup> grade to sign up for the 2024-2025 Youth Faith Formation program

Our specially trained leaders will provide faith formation and sacramental preparation in small group and individual sacramental preparation sessions that help your child growth in their faith through an adapted approach tailored for their needs.

Call the YFF office at 913-681-7683 or visit <https://kcascension.org/fwm/> to learn more.

Classes start soon!



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD VOLUNTEERS



Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers are needed for the 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses. We need two adults per Mass. Please considering volunteering for this wonderful ministry.

Contact: William O'Leary (913) 681-7683



### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION • HELP NEEDED

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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



## ASCENSION YOUTH FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

### Monthly Program

Family Formation (K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>): Parents and kids attend on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:00PM to 7:30PM (kids in classrooms and parents in the parish hall) Parents are given a packet of lessons to cover at home the following 3 weeks.

### Weekly Program K-6 Grade

Our Weekly YFF gathers from 6:00PM to 7:30PM each week to not only learn more about the faith but to be formed in the abundant life of Christ and His Church.

### Year I Confirmation

This is the first year of our two year Confirmation Program. All young people preparing for that Sacrament of Confirmation need to be in Year I before sign-up for Year II Confirmation (If you attend ACS you naturally do this by being in 7<sup>th</sup> grade).

### Year II/Confirmation Small Group Leaders

We need Small Group Leaders for all Confirmation Candidates. Would you be willing to lead a small group for about 6 to 8 Candidates in your home? Please call the YFF Office/Sacramental Preparation Office for more information: (913) 681-7683.

### Volunteers Needed

Our Youth Faith Formation Program (K-7<sup>th</sup> grade) seeks to form young people in the ways of faith. We need catechists and aides to help with our weekly program that meets from 6pm to 7:30pm every Wednesday September - mid-May. We have been blessed with catechist who come back each year even those who no longer have kids in the program. But we always are in need of more - would you prayerfully consider being a part of our wonderful team who hands on the faith and witness the wonder of the faith?

### Fall Sessions (Now Enrolling)

Registration for all Youth Faith Formation programs in the fall has begun. Go to the Parish website, scroll down to "Trending at Ascension" and click on "Fall Registration".



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*Register: Scan the QR code*

**RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER:  
 THE FENCER AND THE ARCHER**

Nada Hafez, an Egyptian fencer, competed in the two previous Olympics. But in Paris she reached the round of 16. Reflecting, she said “.. pride fills my being for securing my place in the round of 16!” Following her last match, she announced: “What appears to you as two players on the podium, they were actually three!” She wrote: “It was me , my competitor, and my yet to come to our world little baby”! While demanding physically and emotionally, at 7 months, she it said was worth it to have been an Olympian three times and then this time to be “carrying a little Olympian one!” The responses to her announcement were overwhelming and are best summarized by one commentator: “What an extraordinary woman!”..

Within a day of Hafez’s announcement, Yaylagul Ramazanova, who was 6 ½ months pregnant and representing Azerbaijan, competed in her archery event. She commented: “I felt my baby kick me before I shot this last arrow, and then I shot a 10.” She said the baby gave her strength and luck. In training she “felt that she was not fighting alone, but fighting together with my baby.” American archer Casey Kaufhold was inspired by her fellow archer. She said: “I think it’s awesome for this archer that one day, she can tell her kid, ‘Hey, I went to the Olympic Games and you were there, too.’” For those who deny the humanity of the unborn, the testimony of these women confronts their denial of science. (*Sources; “Competing for two: Pregnant Olympians...”, Jocelyn Noveck, AP, 8/5/24 and others).*



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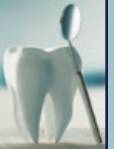
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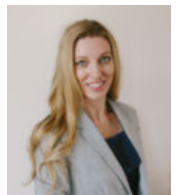
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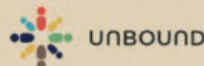
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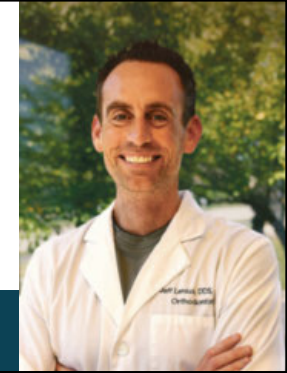


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