

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Hear me, all of you, and understand.”

MK 7:14

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

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

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

Mr. Michael Conlan and Family
Ms. Courtney Ferrel and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Grow and Family
Ms. Kaylene Balint
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gray and Family
Mr. and Mrs. William Gazda and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Chance Pemberton
Ms. Kristin Steele and Family
Ms. Rachel Etzel

BAPTISMS

Charlotte Rose Wescott

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Connor J. Wilson and Kathryn C. Hess
Eric Shempert and Lauren Baer

† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Fabio Andres Rodriguez
Husband of Olga and Father of Lynda Rodriguez

John Purvis
Brother of Alisa Matteoni

Carol Rotert
Aunt of Janet Sherman, Steve Mankameyer and Carol Sroor

ASCENSION KIDS

Color the areas marked with a dot.



FATHER GARY PENNINGS
PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In today's first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, we hear Moses speaking to the Israelites about God's law. He equates wisdom and intelligence with adherence to Divine Law, to the norms of God.

We should heed Moses' words. In our day, many seem to think that religion, faith, or even speaking of God's Law somehow implies superstition or lack of critical thinking. People of faith are often depicted in the media and in entertainment as gullible and simple-minded. Such elitist attitudes can lead to a spiritually dangerous pride that threatens not only individual wellbeing, but familial and societal wellbeing as well.

Moses goes on to speak of great nations as those that have laws that are just and that have faith in a God in whom they can call upon for help (Dt 4:7-8). As citizens and Christians, we should exercise our political responsibility to promote civil governance that is rooted in the natural law, in genuine justice, and that respects the truths of human dignity, responsibility, and true freedom revealed in God's word.

The second reading from the Letter of James reminds us to "be doers of the word [of God] and not hearers only", for to speak of God's word, but not strive to live it, leads to self-delusion and causes scandal to those who observe us.

In the Gospel for today, Jesus, speaking to the Scribes and Pharisees reminds us that our growth in respect for God's Law begins in our own hearts. He warns, as St. James did above, to not be hypocritical in how we conduct our lives and exhorts us not to honor God with our lips, while having our hearts far from Him.

Christians are called to embrace the truths revealed by God, truths about God, about the purpose of life, and about who we are and what God's Law calls us to do. We are also called to live those truths and in doing so, to find true wisdom and true intelligence that will better serve us as individuals, as families and as a nation.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **Al Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 4:30PM **Little Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ** | Gathering Area
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 LABOR DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:00AM **Mass (Note: Only Mass During Labor Day)**
- 5:30PM **FIRE (Middle School Youth Group)** | Youth Center
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 6:00PM **Family Formation** | Parish Hall A
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 8:30AM **St. Mary's Food Kitchen** | Off-Site
- 2:30PM **School of Faith/Small Group Spiritual Guidance** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **Tax Reducing Strategies** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | Church
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF Parent Gathering** | Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **Year I Classes** | ACS Classrooms
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 10:00AM **7 Secrets of Divine Mercy** | St. Luke Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **Cub Scouts #3218 Den & Parent Meeting** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | Church
- 1:00PM **The Bible and Catechism NOT in a Year** | St. Luke Rm.
- 2:30PM **Mahjongg** | St. Mark Rm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 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 **Women of Ascension / Fellowship & Prayer** | Conf. Rm.
- 9:15AM **The Mass Retreat** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:00PM **First Saturday Public Rosary** | Parking Lot
- 4:30PM **Mass & Installation 4th Degree KofC Officers** | Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 8:15AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 11:45AM **Mass Live Stream: Families with Special Needs** | Nursery
- 1:00PM **Baptism Class** | Church
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **Al Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:00PM **Confirmation Kick-Off** | Parish Hall A
- 6:15PM **Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting** | Parish Hall Annex
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym



Beginning September 8th Ascension will open a "Sensory Friendly Room" for the 11:45AM Mass.

In the Nursery downstairs there is a TV where we will live stream the mass. This low-light and low-volume room is specifically for children and adults who have sensory needs that prevent them from participating in the mass.



Tax Reducing Strategies

for Pre-and Post-Retirees

Wednesday, September 4th

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.



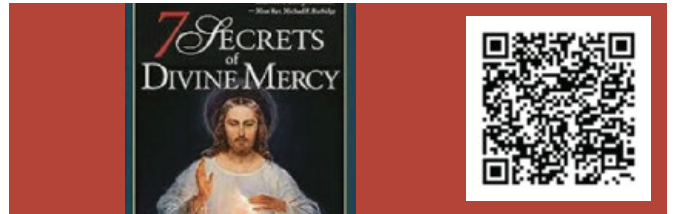
ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN • SEPTEMBER 4

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 at 9:30AM to prep the meal and set up. We serve lunch at 11:00AM-12:30PM then return to Ascension. Our needs are for parishioners to donate foods to make the taco salads, some to cook the hamburger and servers the day of. Visit 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. No cost. Prior to class, please purchase 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy by Vinny Flynn. Facilitator: Ann Smith

Register: Scan QR code



CHECK US OUT! JOIN THE CUB SCOUTS (PACK 3218) • SEPTEMBER 5

6:30PM, Parish Hall

Come see what Cub Scouts Pack 3218 is all about! Join our first Pack Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Also, bring your son for our first Den Meeting and learn about Cub Scouts on Sept. 19th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall.

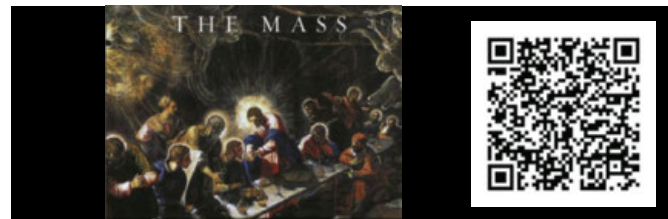


FIRST CORINTHIANS SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY • SEPTEMBER 8-NOVEMBER 10

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



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*

Register: Scan QR code



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD • SEPTEMBER 8

During 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses,
Church/ACS Classrooms

Children's Liturgy of the Word gathers young children, ages 4 to 8, for an age-appropriate experience of sacred scripture. We sing and hear God's word in a joyful environment for children.



RCIA IS STARTING NOW!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is starting now. We had our last Information Night so if you are interested, contact Liz Willman, RCIA Director at 681-3348 ext. 139 or email at: lwillman@kcascension.org right away to register.



In our last segment of the Eucharistic homily series, we considered the topic of ‘mission.’ Just as manna was provided to the Israelites in the desert as sustenance for their journey to the Promised Land, the Eucharist serves as our spiritual nourishment throughout our earthly pilgrimage toward the eternal promised land of heaven. In partaking of the Eucharist, we are united with Christ’s Body and Blood, drawing us closer to His Mystical Body, the Church. During Mass, we invoke the Holy Spirit to transform the offerings of bread and wine, as well as to transform the faithful into the unified Body of Christ, offered back to God both in liturgical worship and through the witness of our daily lives. Through receiving the Eucharist, we are empowered to offer ourselves more deeply and in a more Christ-like manner to the Father, perfecting the movement of sacrifice and fostering a more profound communion with Him.

The Eucharistic nature of the Christian life extends beyond participation in Mass and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament; it encompasses a willingness to trust in the sanctifying grace of the sacrament and to remain docile to the Holy Spirit’s work in our everyday experiences. Pope Benedict XVI emphasized that a “Eucharistic life is one lived according to the Spirit,” calling us to live in transforming grace that enables us to reflect Christ in all our thoughts, words, and actions. True worship, therefore, permeates every aspect of our existence, extending beyond church walls and Sunday services to consecrate the world itself to God through holy activity. Both the common priesthood of the laity and the ministerial priesthood of the clergy share in the collaborative mission of building God’s kingdom, joining together in offering the Eucharist. In becoming a living sacrifice, we lift up our offerings and are filled with every grace and heavenly blessing, answering the call and receiving the grace to live our lives as an eternal offering. This invitation involves sharing in Christ’s compassion for our own wounds and the sufferings of others, participating both externally and internally in His redemptive work.

Living on mission means embracing an intentional life for Christ, where grace-filled choices evolve into habits of virtue, guiding us toward our ultimate destination of heaven and the fulfillment of our purpose in achieving sainthood. The Eucharist offers particular graces that nourish us in charity, increase our faith and hope, and strengthen our responsiveness to the Holy Spirit. In this sacred sacrament, we are intimately connected with Christ, fulfilling God’s deepest desire for a personal relationship with each of us within the temple of our hearts. As we are nourished by His Body and Blood, we pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit and become “one body, one spirit in Christ,” embodying His presence in the world and continuing His mission of love and redemption.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: SPREADING BELIEF IN THE EUCHARIST

by Craig and Judy Arnold



As Catholics, whether cradle or convert, at some point we have to ask ourselves - do we truly believe that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ? If our answer is yes, then we are called to ask ourselves another question: how do we live out that belief and what are we doing to spread/reinforce that belief among our family members, fellow parishioners and friends?

Craig and I were faced with those questions approximately 14 years ago when we asked an innocent enough question of the outgoing EMHC (Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion) Coordinator, “Have you found anyone to take your place?” Her answer was thanks for asking, Fr Tom will be interviewing you in the next day or so. Stop the music!!!! We didn’t volunteer - or did we - or was it the Holy Spirit?

Looking back, it was definitely the Holy Spirit who got us involved and has kept us engaged all these years. It is the Holy Spirit who has strengthened our belief in the Real Presence. It is the Holy Spirit who has given us the passion to spread our beliefs and persevere when we didn’t feel like we were worthy or effectively answering God’s call. It is the Holy Spirit who sent us workers for the vineyard and gave us the courage and strength to carry on when the load felt a little too heavy and the responsibility a little too great as we initiated coverage for multiple nursing homes, memory care facilities and staffing of Saint Luke’s South post Covid. It is the Holy Spirit who will help us as we struggle to respond to yet another request for service at a new venue, Advent South.

With each new challenge we thank God for generously instilling in us the confidence that the Holy Spirit will guide us and provide sufficient workers for the vineyard. God’s vineyard is vast and extends well beyond the four walls of Ascension. We have been called to serve Jesus to our parishioners at Mass as well as those who are unable to join us.

We truly believe that serving as an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion is a calling. It is not a check the box ministry, nor is it for everyone. That being said, each of us has the responsibility to search our souls and truly listen for the “whisper” that is God’s voice. He is calling you to belief in the Real Presence and to serve even when the load and responsibility seems a little too heavy. He is providing you a pathway to your eternal reward. Will you listen and respond?!

For more information on serving as an EMHC during Mass or to those unable to attend Mass, please contact us at hooverandg@gmail.com.

Please see the “Prayer for Faith in the Real Presence” on page 9.

Be There When God Moves



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Congress

Dan Eliason's Experience: Immersed in Faith and Unity at the National Eucharistic Congress



For Dan Eliason, attending the 10th National Eucharistic Congress was a spiritual and deeply personal journey, one that brought him closer to his faith and his fellow Catholics. Although he arrived late in the week, on Friday, July 19th, his experience of the Congress was no less powerful or transformative. From moments of profound silence to lively celebrations, Dan found himself deeply moved by the unity and reverence that characterized the event.

One of Dan's first encounters was during a Revival session on Friday evening at Lucas Oil Stadium. As he joined over 60,000 other Catholics, he was struck by the sight of so many gathered in worship. The evening's speakers, including Sister Josephine Garrett and Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, offered powerful reflections on God's purpose and our diversity as His children. Yet, it was the Eucharistic procession that left an indelible mark on Dan's heart. As Fr. Hicks carried the monstrance through the stadium, a sacred hush fell over the crowd. The reverence was palpable, as 60,000 people knelt in unison, praying and adoring Christ in the Eucharist. In that moment, Dan witnessed something extraordinary—people reaching out to touch the priest's robe, just as in the Gospel of Mark, where the woman reached out in faith to be healed by Jesus.

Saturday brought new experiences as Dan explored the vast Exhibition Hall, an impressive space filled with hundreds of exhibits representing Catholic ministries, media outlets, and religious orders. He spent hours walking through the hall, absorbing the richness and diversity of the Church's mission. But the highlight of the day was the Eucharistic procession through the streets of downtown Indianapolis. Dan was struck by the sheer number of religious present—seminarians, priests, deacons, and religious sisters—marching in joyful procession alongside tens of thousands of laypeople. When the Blessed Sacrament passed by, Dan joined the crowd, walking together as one Body of Christ.

The day concluded with another powerful revival session, led by Catholic musician Matt Maher. The energy in the stadium was electric as young people rushed to the stage to join in praise and worship. A special moment came when actor Jonathan Roumie, known for his portrayal of Jesus in *The Chosen*, delivered a reading from the Bread of Life discourse in the Gospel of John. His words left a deep impression on the crowd, drawing them closer to the heart of Christ.

On Sunday, the Congress culminated with a send-off Mass at Lucas Oil Stadium. The Mass was a vivid display of the universal Church, with Cardinal Luis Tagle delivering his homily in multiple languages to reflect the diversity of the attendees. As Dan witnessed 60,000 Catholics receive the Eucharist in a remarkably organized manner, he was filled with a sense of awe and gratitude for the unity and strength of the Church.

Dan left the Congress changed, pondering the question posed by Bishop Barron during the final session: "Where will Jesus take His Church from here, and how can I become a part of it?" Inspired by the example of Dorothy Day, Dan understood that his role, like that of all laity, was to help lead others toward spiritual growth—one person at a time, through the power of the Sacraments and, above all, the Eucharist.

MASS INTENTIONS +

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00AM **+Catherine Moffett**
by *Handley Family*

+Derek Moffett
by *Handley Family*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00AM —

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

+John P. Ryan
by *Mary Thesing*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Glenn Jennewein**
by *Cathy Jennewein*

+Rose Reid
by *Cathy Jennewein*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00AM **Memorial Mass**

12:00PM **+Megan Gregson**
by *Madrid Family*

+Charlene Clements
by *Cynthia & Jerry Schulin*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00AM **+Mary Sue Karl**
by *Knights of Columbus*

+Carol Romme
by *Knights of Columbus*

8:00AM **+Bill Cooper**

12:00PM **+Michael Blessing**
by *Mike & Dorie Fragale*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30AM **+Bob Petsche**
by *Ascension*

+Michael Dennehy
by *Ascension*

4:30PM **+Joe Martin**
by *George & Sue Winkler*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:15AM **+Gerard & +Fernande Innocent**
by *Jessy Innocent*

10:00AM **+Jean Carroll**
by *Carl & Janis Faltermeir*

11:45AM **Ascension Parishioners**

5:00PM **+Dale & +Alice Putman**
by *Kirk Putman*

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 Rau
Becky Reed
Amy Reinhardt
Katy Rempel
Heather Rollheiser
Ed Roitz, Mark Rulo
Marian Scaletta
Barbara Schulte
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
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
Katelyn Dulac
Adeleaide Fix
LaVonne Friedrichsen
Paul Friedrichsen
Bob Gleason
Phil Godar
Angela Tira Gravitt
Monica Greenwood
Karla Harris
Anne Hauser
Colleen Heeter
Dianna Heintz
Diane Hutchinson
Jessica Imler
Art Jeannet
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
Yvonne Pennings
Roslyn Perry
David Poskin
Paula Ramsey
Louis Raymond
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 Noguerras US Army;
Captain Dan Prior, US Army;
2nd Lt Tom Stivers, US Army;
Captain Mitchell R Willis, Pilot, USAF



FALL FESTIVAL
SAT. OCTOBER 5TH
5:30-9:00 PM

GAMES INFLATABLES LIVE MUSIC FOOD

REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND:



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

9510 W 127TH STREET
 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66213



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!



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.



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Are you homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: Patty at (913) 681-3348

Sign up **HERE** to Volunteer your **TIME** at the Fall Festival. **MANY helpers needed!**



Sign up **HERE** to **DONATE ITEMS** for the **Cake Walk and Soda Pop Ring Toss games!**



PRAYER FOR FAITH IN THE REAL PRESENCE

We come to you, dear Lord, like the apostles, saying, "Increase our faith."

Give us a strong and lively faith that you are really present in the Eucharist; an active faith that we may live by.

Give us the splendid faith of the centurion, which drew such praise from you.

Give us the faith of the beloved disciple to recognize you and say, "It is the Lord!"

Give us the faith of Mary Magdalene to fall at your feet crying, "Rabboni! Master!"

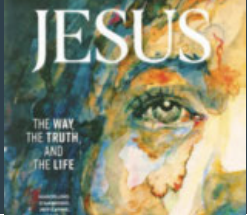
Give us the faith of all your saints to whom the Eucharist was heaven begun on earth.

In every reception of the Eucharist and at every visit, increase our faith and love, our humility and reverence, and all good things will come to us.

Dearest Lord, increase our faith!

Source: 'Prayers for Eucharistic Adoration' by Marie Paul Curley, FSP

SEPTEMBER



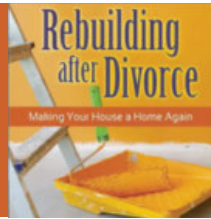
JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE • SEPTEMBER 10–NOVEMBER 12 (TUESDAYS)

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

ARE YOU A MOM OF A YOUNG CHILD?

JOIN US FOR DRINKS AND DESSERT AS WE
TOAST TO THE START OF A NEW YEAR AND
NEW SEASON OF MOYC!

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10
7:30 PM

PARISH HALL



WHETHER YOU ARE NEW TO THE COMMUNITY OR HAVE BEEN A
PART OF MOYC AT ASCENSION FOR A WHILE, ALL MOTHERS OF
YOUNG CHILDREN ARE WELCOME.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
mothers of young children



MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN (MOYC) KICKOFF • SEPTEMBER 10

7:30PM, *Parish Hall*

Join us for drinks and dessert on Tuesday, September 10th 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, and click on Volunteer Signups/ Guadalupe House.

FORGIVENESS



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 interesting 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), 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



FIRST RESPONDERS MASS

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS • SEPTEMBER 11

8:00AM, *Church*

Calling all First Responders past or present! You are invited to join us at our All School Mass on September 11, 2024 at 8:00AM. We are offering our Mass up for you and

we would love for you to join us! There will be a special blessing for you during the service. Hoping to see you there and wear your uniform if you would like to!



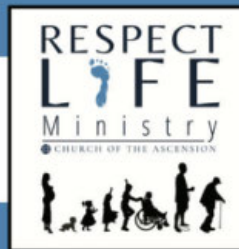
THE FAMILY & THE NEW TOTALITARIANISM • SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 17 (THURSDAYS)

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



Join us for an

INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
6:30-8:00 P.M. in ST. JOHNS' ROOM

Learn about what is new and upcoming in the Respect Life Ministry at both Ascension and within the Archdiocese. Featuring: Deb Niesen, Lead Consultant for Pro-Life Ministries, as speaker. All are welcome: current ministry members and anyone wanting to learn more or interested in getting involved!

RSVP on Realm

refreshments and light food will be served
contact: Cathyfmadrid@gmail.com for questions

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 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**DRIVE-UP
FOOD
COLLECTION**

Saturday September 14
Ascension Parking Lot
10AM-2PM

Questions?
David Whitaker 913-626-2676
Johnette Martin 913-481-8663

HELP DONATE TO THOSE IN MOST NEED

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 14th from 10:00AM–2:00PM. Please look for the Catholic Charities truck in our parking lot. Can't be here on September 14th? 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**

**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!



BLOOD DONATION

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Church of the Ascension
Parish Hall
Lower Level

SEPTEMBER
16TH
1-6PM

sign up here (scan code)



BLOOD DRIVE • SEPTEMBER 16

1:00PM, *Parish Hall*

Join us September 16th 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



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • SEPTEMBER 16

6:00PM, Church

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



MEET, MINGLE & PRAY • SEPTEMBER 17

6:30PM, St. Luke Rm.



All women of our parish are invited to attend this evening of fellowship, friendship, and prayer. This is a great way to get to know other women in our parish to share your faith through prayer. Light refreshments will be served.

Register: Scan QR code



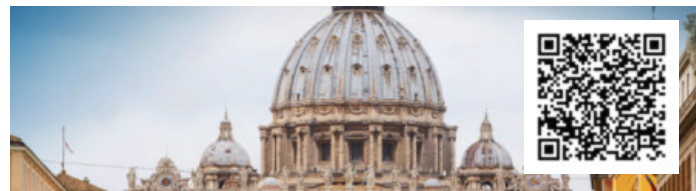
FAITH FOUNDATION: PRAYER • SEPTEMBER 17

6:30PM, St. Mark Rm.

Did you know there isn't one right way to pray privately? Our individual prayer lives should correspond to what is best for our temperament, state in life, and where we're at on our spiritual journey. In this class on prayer, we'll explore the purpose of prayer, the types of prayer, and how

to figure out what mode of prayer is best suited to each of us. Join Fr. Stull on Tuesday, September 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for this talk on prayer to jump-start your prayer life, to deepen your resolve, and maybe learn a few new tips / tricks to enhance your daily prayer! No cost.

Register: Scan QR code

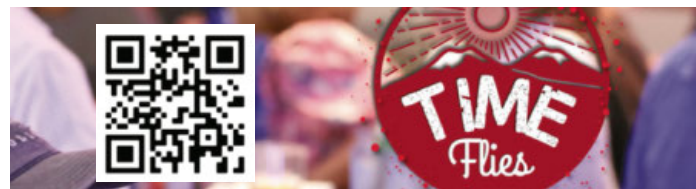


EPIC: CHURCH HISTORY • SEPTEMBER 19-MARCH 5 (WEDNESDAYS)

10:00AM or 6:00PM St. Mark Rm.

This is our story, our family. As Catholics, we are the inheritors of holy men and women who over two thousand years built a great civilization and spread the gospel throughout the world. The history of the Church is not just the recitation of popes and saints; it is a story of adventure, intrigue, rebellion, reform, and devotion. In this study you will learn about the important people, places, and events in two thousand years of Church history, presented in twelve easy-to-remember color-coded time periods. You will discover the true stories behind the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, and the Protestant Reformation. You will also learn about the massive persecution of Christians in the twentieth century. Throughout, you will be gaining an understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit in our Church. The better we know our history, the better prepared we will be to face the future. No cost. No classes on 11/27, 12/18 & 25, and 1/1. Facilitator: Kim Sutton

Register: Scan QR code



TIME FLIES: A HAPPY HOUR FOR MARRIED COUPLES • SEPTEMBER 18

6:30PM, Off-Site

Join us for an evening of love, laughter, and lasting connections at "Time Flies: A Happy Hour for Married Couples." Hosted at The Bullpen, this event is designed to strengthen the bonds of married couples through faith, fellowship, and the power of healthy communication.

Register: 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 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 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.

Sponsored by Catholic Community Health.

RSVP: Michelle Buzzard at (913) 484-2222

**EMBRACE THE BREW III •
SEPTEMBER 21**

6:00PM, Off-Site



Join us on Saturday, September 21st 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

PROJECT CHRYSALIS • SEPTEMBER 24

6:00PM, St. Luke Room (Lower Level)



Are you a member of this club that nobody wants to be in? Project Chrysalis is a ministry for parents or grandparents who have suffered the loss of a child. Our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture and fellowship. Our next meeting is on September 24th at 6:00PM.

Contact: Patty in the parish office at pbillinger@kcascension.org.

**CUSTOS: 33 DAY CONSECRATION
THROUGH ST. JOSEPH •
SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 29
(TUESDAYS)**

7:00PM, St. Luke Rm.



CUSTOS is a one-of-a kind 33 day consecration spiritual boot-camp that helps men who are or will be fathers to encounter the real St. Joseph, walk with him, and become like him. A unique combination of daily biblical reflections based on St. Joseph, daily prayers and spiritual practices, CUSTOS is a powerful way to experience personal and relational transformation. Join us as we come together to share our faith and best practices while learning how to grow closer to Christ through St. Joseph. No cost. Please register so we have adequate space. Please purchase boo prior to class. *Facilitator: Mike Menghini*

Register: Scan QR code

**FORGIVENESS 101: YOU WANT ME
TO DO WHAT? • SEPTEMBER 26,
OCTOBER 10, 17 & 24 (THURSDAYS)**

10:00AM or 7:00PM, St. John



Are you struggling with forgiving someone who has really hurt you? You are not alone! “Forgiveness 101” offers a safe and supportive experience of healing for anyone suffering from unresolved conflict and past trauma. In this workshop, you will review the important difference between forgiveness and justice and learn that forgiveness is not about forgetting or excusing the offense. People who learn to forgive are happier, healthier, more at peace, more purposeful, and actually look liberated. The path towards healing is a Journey of Hope! Check out www.yeabut.org for more information on this ministry. No class on October 3rd. Cost \$20. *Facilitator: Chuck Jansen*

Register: Scan QR code or email yeabut40@gmail.com

SHALOM HOUSE • SEPTEMBER 26

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 Thursday September 26th. 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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Pat and Dotty Healy, our Family of the Month, and Michael Easum, our Knight of the Month for August.

SEPTEMBER KNIGHTS SOCIAL

Join us for an evening with the Chiefs and fun! The Chiefs are on the road for a Sunday night game, so Knights, spouses, and significant others will gather at 7:00PM for a great game watching Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce, and the rest of the team playing the Atlanta Falcons with food and beverages available at The Bullpen (11316 W 135th St). We will have a space reserved for the Council. Watch a great Chiefs game with friends while we support our parishioners who own The Bullpen.

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.

KNIGHTS CHOIR

Contact Patrick Kershaw at 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 pm and Saturday at 11 am 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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

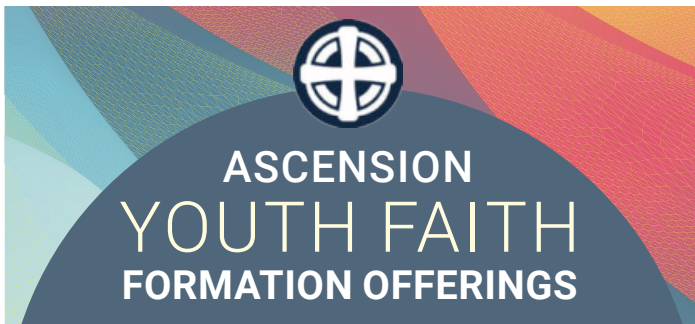
- Assembly Installation Ceremony, Fall Social and Dinner, 9/7, Ceremony at Ascension after 4:30 pm Mass and Social/Dinner immediately following at Talk of the Town, 135th and Nall. Dinner will be \$25/person for prime rib dinner. Watch your email for more details.
- Ascension Honor Guard has been invited to celebrate a Blue Mass supporting all active and retired members of our local Law Enforcement, First Responder Community and their families. Thursday, 9/19 at 11:00 am at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Watch your email for more info and to sign up.
- Fourth Degree Officers Meeting, 10/3, 7:00 pm, Annex (Knights Room)
- Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting, 10/8, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall B

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.

DID YOU KNOW?



The Knights of Columbus Fortune 1000 Insurance Company was born out of Father McGivney's vision to help protect Catholic families from financial ruin. As a seminarian, his father died unexpectedly. Father Michael McGivney was convinced that there had to be a way to help other Catholic families facing similar financial troubles. He established the K of C insurance system that has evolved into a top-rated insurance program, with over \$100 billion of life insurance in force.



Monthly Program

Family Formation (K, 1st, 3rd-6th): 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 7th 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-7th 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".

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 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

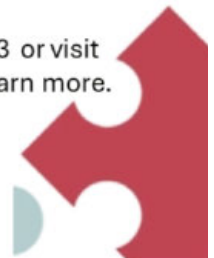
Special Needs Youth Faith Formation

Currently inviting families with a special needs, disabled or learning challenged child age K-8th 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!





PARISH LEADERSHIP POSITION

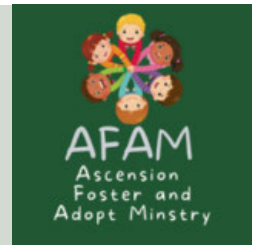
Mr. Chris Sims, who has served as our parish Pastoral Associate for Administration (aka, Parish Business Manager) who came to Ascension in March, has unfortunately already departed, taking a job offer from one of his prior employers. We are sad to see Chris leave, but we wish him and his family well.

We are looking for a professional who is willing to work full-time for the Church. The role entails the following responsibilities:

- Key collaborator with pastor and a member of Parish Leadership Team
- Skillsets that enable oversight of the parish's administrative, financial and human resource functions
- The ability to oversee facilities management, planning and operational infrastructure elements (IT, equipment leases, etc.)
- Directly Supervises 4 other staff members
- Collaborates with all parish organizations and advisory bodies as necessary

Interested candidates should contact Susan at snigrin@kcascension.org with cover letter and resume.

Ascension Foster & Adopt Ministry has been supporting families who are fostering and / or adopting for the past three years. We are currently serving our 8th family. We have more families to serve but we are in need of more volunteers. There are many wonderful opportunities in this ministry for you to support these families. You get to pick the time and treasure God gave you and how you want to use it.



If you would like more information about AFAM please contact Peter and Nora Sykes at: petersykes2019@gmail.com, or call 913-406-7608.

If you are a family that is currently fostering or adopting please contact us so we can explain more about how AFAM can walk with your family. We will be in the back of Church after all Masses on September 21st and 22nd. Please stop by for more information.

RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER:

BACK TO SCHOOL

As our young people return to school this fall, they may be confronted, in some instances, with the overt propagation and embrace of socialist/Marxist ideologies by many; and either subtly or not so subtly, attacks on their faith or morals. These challenges may come from peers, commercial advertisements/inducements, academics or administrators. They may come from people for whom they have respect or from a constant bludgeoning in the environment in which they are immersed. No matter the source or the cause, they will need help—they may not know it or admit it—but they will need help. So how do we, who are unaffected by the immediate environment surrounding these students, provide aid? One of the most powerful ways we can help our nation's youth is through fervent prayer for their protection. Let us all join in praying for students as they return to school.

Prayer for Students

Lord our God

in your wisdom and love

you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

Send your Spirit upon these students

and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.

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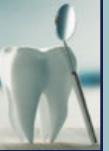


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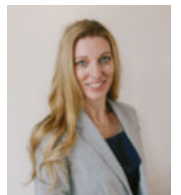
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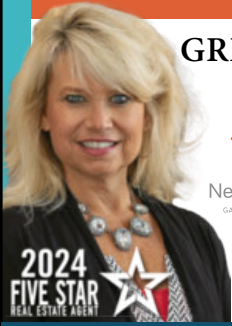
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