

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



Catholic Parish



**21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

**“BE OPENED!”
MK 7:34**

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

RECONCILIATION Tuesday: 11:00AM, 6:30PM Saturday: 3:00PM
Wednesday: 5:30PM Sunday: 4:00PM

PERPETUAL ADORATION Daily*: 6:00AM–9:00PM After Hours: 9:00PM–6:00AM
*Closed Monday & Thursday 2:00PM–3:00PM for cleaning (Code Required)

OFFICE HOURS
Monday–Thursday: 8:30AM–4:00PM
Friday: 8:30AM–12:00PM
☎ (913) 681-3348
✉ AscensionChurch@KCAscension.org

NEW PARISHIONERS

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Robl
Mr. and Mrs. Christian Valverde

BAPTISMS

Stella Grace Curtin Medina

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Krista Thomas and Reed Lieble
Eric Shempert and Lauren Baer
Andrew Jordan and Natalie Gartland

† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Gene Pelfrey
Father of Les Pelfrey
Jane Snell
Patricia Ann Boehm
Mother of Jean Hinman
Joan Ostmeyer
Wife of Rick Ostmeyer

WE ARE HIRING *JOIN OUR TEAM* **Parish Leadership Position**

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*
- *Skillssets 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.

FATHER GARY PENNINGS
PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus says to a deaf and mute man, "Ephphatha," which means, "be opened". And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

In the Scriptures, when Jesus heals blindness, deafness, or a speech impediment, it often is meant to point to something beyond the mere physical disability. It is meant to teach us something about a spiritual reality. If we are spiritually deaf, we cannot hear God's word clearly. If we can't hear his word with precision, neither will we be able to speak it with clarity.

These Gospel accounts about blindness or deafness invite us to ask, "Do I hear clearly what Jesus teaches about faith?" "Do I hear clearly His teaching on love of God and neighbor; about obedience, justice and being faithful to commitments?" The Gospel speaks profound truths and calls us to listen closely to what God is telling us.

But, the ways of the world, the lure of wealth, power, pleasure, or fame, can dull our spiritual hearing. We sometimes trust more in our own abilities and efforts than in God's grace at work in our lives. Sometimes our own desires take precedent over God's prescriptions about priorities and behaviors.

Am I obedient to God's word? Are my love relationships rightly ordered? As a Catholic, do I look the other way for the sake of my career when my company does morally questionable things? Am I getting ahead at the expense of someone else? Is maintaining my lifestyle driving all my choices?

To hear God's word clearly, will often convict me to seriously reflect on my motives and behaviors. The Gospel begs the question, "Am I hearing clearly?"

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

CHANGE IN THE MASS AND CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE:
Due to the priests being away at Convocation, there will be:

- **NO** 7:00AM Masses on September 24, 25 or 26
- **NO** confessions at the regular times on September 24 and 25

We will still have noon Masses on those days.

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 **AI 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 5:30PM **FIRE (Middle School Youth Group)** | Youth Center
- 5:30PM **RCIA Class** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218** | Parish Hall A
- 6:30PM **Liturgy Committee Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 10:00AM **Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life** | St. Mark Rm.
- 4:00PM **Guadalupe House** | Off-Site
- 6:00PM **SAC Meeting** | Library
- 6:30PM **Virtues: The Path to Happiness** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Cub Scouts #3218/Committee Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Rebuilding After Divorce** | St. John Rm.
- 7:30PM **Mothers of Young Children Kick Off** | Parish Hall A
- 7:30PM **Special Needs Team** | Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 8:00AM **First Responders Mass** | Church
- 10:00AM **AFF Department Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 1:00PM **Ascension Book Club** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Vocations Committee** | Conf. Rm.
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | Church
- 6:00PM **Year I Classes** | ACS Classrooms
- 7:00PM **Forgiveness 101: You Want Me To Do What?** | St. Mark Rm.
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.

- 7:30PM **Choir Practice** | Church
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 10:00AM **7 Secrets of Divine Mercy** | St. Luke Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **The Family & The New Totalitarianism** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:15PM **American Heritage Girls Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 6:30PM **Heartache to Healing Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Respect Life Ministry Information Night** | St. John Rm.
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- ALL DAY **Operation Warm Toes** | Gathering Area
- 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 **Bereavement Support** | St. Luke Rm.
- 10:00AM **Pop The Trunk Food Collection** | Parking Lot

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

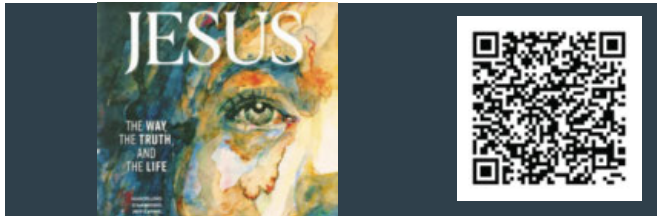
- ALL DAY **Operation Warm Toes** | Gathering Area
- 8:15AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 9:00AM **Coffee & Donuts** | Parish Hall A
- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 11:45AM **Mass Live Stream: Families with Special Needs** | Nursery
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218 Court of Awards** | Parish Hall A
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM **Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Special Needs Support Group** | St. Mark Rm.
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym



CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF: CANDIDATES AND PARENTS (YFF) • SEPTEMBER 8

6:00PM, Parish Hall A

Confirmation Kickoff for both Candidates and Parents is Sunday September 8th from 6:00PM–8:15PM. Park in the School Parking lot and make your way to the field from the road to the North of the Gym. Dinner will be provided. Parent Meeting for Confirmation during this gathering.



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



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



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, scan the QR code.

Sign-up to donate supplies: Scan the 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 MOYIC!

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10
7:30 PM

PARISH HALL

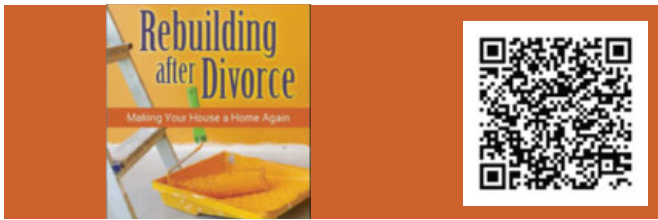
MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN (MOYIC) KICKOFF • SEPTEMBER 10

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 MOYIC. Whether you are new to the community or have been a part of MOYIC for awhile, all mothers of young children are welcome.

RSVP: Scan the 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



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!



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

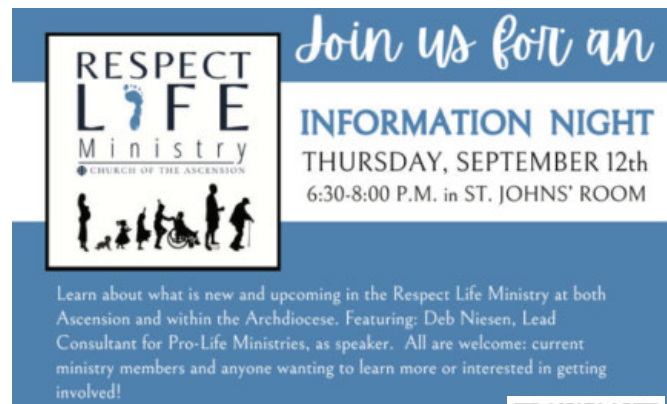
7:00PM, St. Mark Rm.

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



RESPECT LIFE INFORMATION NIGHT • SEPTEMBER 12

6:30PM, St. John's Rm.

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! Refreshments and light food will be served.

Questions: CathyFMadrid@gmail.com

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 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

Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus and Ministry of Care



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 14th & 15th
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 ✓
- New Long White Athletic Sock ✓

We are grateful for your donation!

OPERATION WARM TOES • SEPTEMBER 14-15

All Day, Narthex



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FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE CAREGIVER SUPPORT • SEPTEMBER 15

6:30PM, St. Luke Rm.

Stephanie Coleman, Autism Family Educator from the Kansas LEND program at The University of Kansas Medical Center and is a parent of a 29 year old son on the Spectrum. In her position at KU, she supports families after an autism diagnosis. Stephanie will share an overview of supports and resources for transition-to adulthood, while providing personal experiences that she and her son gained while navigating and advocating for him through the years. Childcare provided in the church nursery during the meeting, for walking children age 1 and older.

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



COFFEE & DONUTS • SEPTEMBER 15

After 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses

Downstairs in the Parish Hall



SEPTEMBER 8-15

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: FOCUS ON THE NEEDY

by Dan Tira

Mary and I have been extremely blessed by God our Father throughout our lives, both before and after our marriage [58 years and counting]. We were both raised by solid families and of course this served as the bedrock of our adult lives with all the good and bad that life presents to all. Without question, the decisions and “chance” experiences throughout our lives were gifts from God guided by the influence of the Holy Spirit. But as Jesus plainly indicated in the parable of talents [Matthew 25:14-30], he expected those servants he entrusted with talents in varying amounts, “each according to his ability,” to use them responsibly for the master’s benefit. This same message applies to all of us. One way we try to use the talents he’s given us is by investing them to serve those less fortunate.

In explicit and profound contrast to our life’s experiences are those of the many who live in poverty, are homeless or are simply needy due to an inability to gain resources that would satisfy the need. We became sensitive to this over time, but especially through the Word of God in Matthew 25:40 “...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” So, we developed an intention to work toward addressing this problem of the poor, homeless and/or those in need. And the Church of the Ascension and the Knights of Columbus have offered multiple opportunities to do so, particularly in feeding the hungry.

Presently this is accomplished through, but not solely the ministries of Shalom House [Archdiocesan shelter for homeless men], Project 10/20 [caring for the Johnson County homeless] and Pete’s Garden [delivery of leftover food from the New Theatre to the Pete’s Garden kitchen where it is re-packaged into individual servings and then delivered to organizations that feed the poor]. One of the places getting deliveries of food from Pete’s Garden is the Shawnee Community Center. The Ascension Knights also deliver food there that was given them from Hy-Vee, Price Chopper, Panera or from other sources. And Ascension is a contributing member of the Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network in which parish volunteers bring food to feed homeless families as well as serving as night managers of the facility where the families are staying. Additional food/meals are provided to the Guadalupe House and St. Mary’s Food Kitchen by volunteers. And lastly is Ascension’s monthly food drive that collects non-perishable grocery items for distribution to Catholic Charities’ food pantries. So, there are plenty of opportunities to serve one or more of these ministries since volunteer help is always needed.

If there is a question about any of these, please contact one of us Dan @ 913-991-7755 or Mary @ 913-991-7750 or check out Ascension’s volunteer signups at: kcascension.org/volunteer-signups

MASS INTENTIONS +

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00AM **+Michael Blessing**
by *Larry & Peggy McMillin*

12:00PM **+Norma Bertch**
by *James & Janet Daley*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00AM **+John Purvis**
by *Kitts Family*

12:00PM **Magali Robinson**
Brielle Robinson
Briley Robinson
+Reece Robinson

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00AM **+Virginia Murray**
by *Greg & Kelly Werkowitch*

8:00AM **+Jack Moroney**
by *Molly & Keith Johnson*

12:00PM **+Victims of 9/11**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00AM **+Mike Blessing**
by *Caroll McCullagh*

12:00PM **+Jill Smith**
+Harry Barkley
+Bob Starr
by *Dan & Vicki Snowden*
+Charlene Clements
by *Ron & Sarah Marshall*
Vi McFarland
by *Linda & Joe Walrod*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00AM **+Judy Cline**
by *Denny Walsh*

12:00PM **Renee Washburn**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30AM **+Kitty Orlando**
by *Kirk and Jeannette Kowalewski*

4:30PM **+John Rakos**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:15AM **Ascension Parishioners**

10:00AM **+Toni Floyd**

11:45AM **+Corry DeRee**
by *Brian and Diana Hornung*

5:00PM **Susan & Jared Nigrin**
by *Marilyn & Tony Severino*

PRAYERS

FOR OUR SICK

Susan Arp
Bob Barr
Charlotte Berndt
Kathy Bins
Lynn Butzen
Jan Cheray
Paul Clinton
Hudson Coffman
Jim Conrad
James Daley
Dan Deasy
Karen Elliott
Susie Evans
Ron Fortino
Megan Freking
Scott Graham
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
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 Rauen
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



MEALS FOR PRIESTS

Do you love to cook? We have three priests with hearty appetites! Meals for Priests is a ministry that provides meals one day per week for our beloved priests. Interested in cooking and providing a meal, please visit KCAscension.org; Scroll down to the Trending Section, Click Volunteer Sign Ups, Meals for Priests; or scan the QR code.



Contact: *Patty (913) 681-3348*



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Are you homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: *Patty at (913) 681-3348*



SHARING YOUR FAITH • WEDNESDAYS

6:00PM, Ascension

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

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



FAMILY ROSARY • TUESDAYS

6:30PM, Church

Join the Family Rosary every Tuesday at 6:30PM in the church. Together we will pray for our families, our nation and our world! Blessed Mother, pray for us!



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*.



Dear Heavenly Father,

My parish is composed of people like me;
I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and
fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of
fearlessness and faith, a parish with a noble spirit,
if I, who make it what is it, am filled with these
same things.

Therefore, with Your help, O God, I shall dedicate
myself to the task of being all things that
I want my parish to be.

Amen.

SEPTEMBER

BLOOD DONATION

DONATE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

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



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • SEPTEMBER 16
6:00PM, Church

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





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

Women of Ascension


TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
6:30-8:30 PM ST. LUKE'S ROOM

Meet, Mingle and Pray

Click here to register 



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



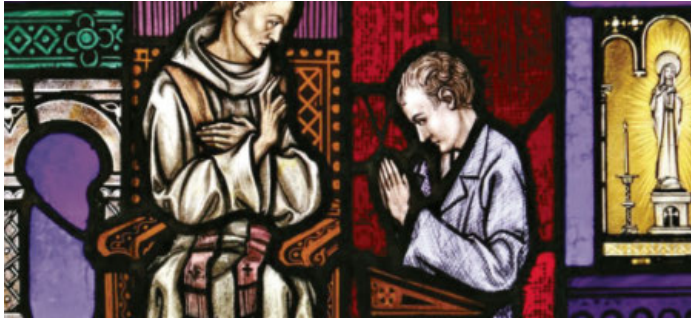
DEACON INFORMATION SESSIONS • SEPTEMBER 18, 26, 30 AND OCT. 19
7:00PM, Off-Site



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 ses-

sion 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



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING • SEPTEMBER 18

6:15PM, Parish Hall



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



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.



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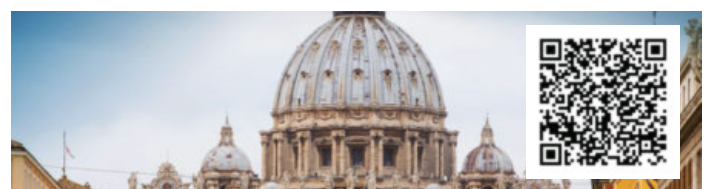
CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • SEPTEMBER 18

6:30PM, St. Luke Rm.

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Sponsored by Catholic Community Health.

RSVP: Michelle Buzzard at (913) 484-2222



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 inher-

UPCOMING EVENTS

itors 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

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, CUS-

TOS 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

COVERED IN PRAYER • SEPTEMBER 26

6:00PM, *St. Luke Room*



Covered in Prayer is the "blanket making" ministry of Church of the Ascension. We gather on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00PM to make blanket kits, separate fabric, talk and generally enjoy each other's company! You can come and pick up material and take it home, or you can stay and learn how to make blankets. We send over 300 blankets each year to parishioners and friends who are ill or hurting, so your help is

needed. No need to be an expert seamstress. We gratefully accept donations of cotton, fleece and flannel materials and yarns. We look forward to meeting you on Thursday evening!

**CHILDREN'S USED BOOK DRIVE •
SEPTEMBER 28-29**

All Day, Narthex



Drop off your used children's book in the Narthex between September 28th-29th. Please, no early drop offs! Benefiting the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.

Sponsored by: Ministry of Care

**HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR
THE HOMELESS • SEPTEMBER 28**



Temporarily suspended on 09/28, and we intend to resume services in October.

OCTOBER

**FAITH FOUNDATIONS:
SACRAMENTS • OCTOBER 1**

6:30PM, St. Mark Rm.



Many of us remember learning about the seven sacraments in our CCD program at church as kids. We can surely list the sacraments and know generally what they're about / for. But, there's more to them than just that. Join Fr. Stull on Tuesday, October 1 from 6:30PM-8:00PM for this talk on the sacraments in which we'll utilize Saint Thomas Aquinas's writings to dive deeper into the beauty, mystery, and power of these 'ordinary' means of our sanctification! No cost.

Register: Scan the QR code

**ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN •
OCTOBER 2**

9:30AM, Off-Site



Ascension has been a contributor to St. Mary's Food Kitchen for many years. Ascension's day is the 1st Wednesday of the month to provide supplies and prepare a taco salad luncheon. We leave Ascension at 9:30 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

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the Fall
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needed!**



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



 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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/Get Involved/Service Opportunities to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

Contact: Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314

BLESSING OF PETS • OCTOBER 6

1:30PM, East Parking Lot (Across from the School)

Bring your pets to get blessed and celebrate The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 6th at 1:30PM in the East Parking Lot. Pets must be caged or leashed.

**MARIAN ART BRUNCH
(WOMEN OF ASCENSION)
• OCTOBER 7**

9:30AM, St. Matthew/St. Mark Rm.



Discover how artists have strived through the centuries to capture Our Mother's perfect essence. Delight in The Many Faces of Mary: Full of Grace, Theotokos, Madonna Lactans, La Virgen Dolorosa, Pietà, Queen of Heaven. All women of the Parish are invited to join us for brunch and a presentation on Marian Art.

GUADALUPE HOUSE • OCTOBER 8

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



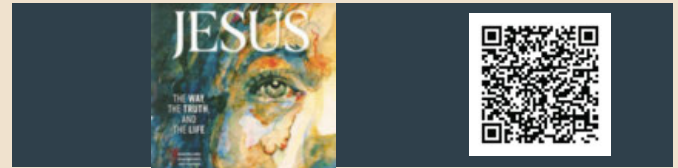
Our Lady of Guadalupe House is an organization run by the Sisters of the Fraternity Missionaries of the Poor of Jesus Christ. The Sisters reach out to the poor and homeless in Kansas City, Kansas, and Ascension provides them with supplies needed for their ministry. If you are interested in supporting 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. Please drop off supplies to the Parish Hall by 4:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.



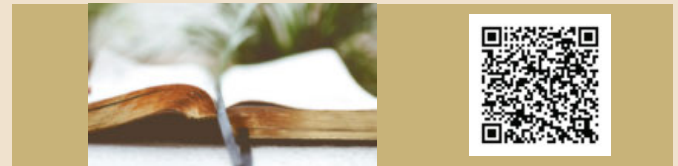
Beginning September 8th Ascension will open a "Sensory Friendly Room" for the 11:45AM Mass.

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.

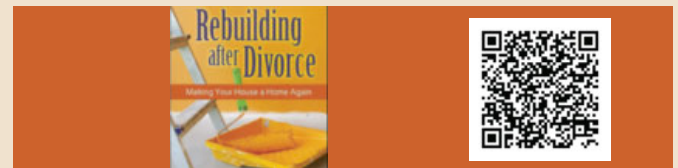
UPCOMING ADULT FAITH COURSES



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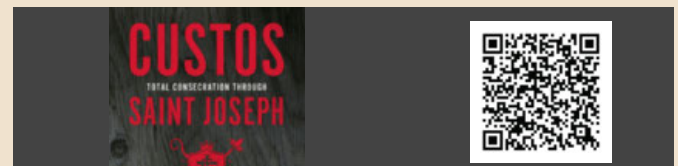
**THE FAMILY & THE NEW TOTALITARIANISM •
SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 17 (THURSDAYS)**



FAITH FOUNDATION: PRAYER • SEPTEMBER 17



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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 on September 22nd! The Chiefs are on the road for a Sunday night game, so Knights, spouses, and significant others will gather at 7pm 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. Watch your email for more details and a sign-up.

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 railroad@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 Life & Hope Banquet
- **SEPTEMBER 14-15:** Catholic Charities Food Drive Volunteer Opportunity
- **SEPTEMBER 19:** Blue Mass at Queen of the Holy Rosary
- **SEPTEMBER 22:** Knights Social Chiefs Watch Party
- **SEPTEMBER 28:** Villa St. Francis Dinner
- **OCTOBER 3:** 40 Days for Life
- **OCTOBER 5:** Ascension Parish Fall Festival Volunteer Opportunity
- **OCTOBER 5:** Parish Soccer Challenge
- **OCTOBER 7:** KofC Golf Tournament, *Falcon Ridge*
- **OCTOBER 10:** Advice & Aid Annual Fundraising Banquet

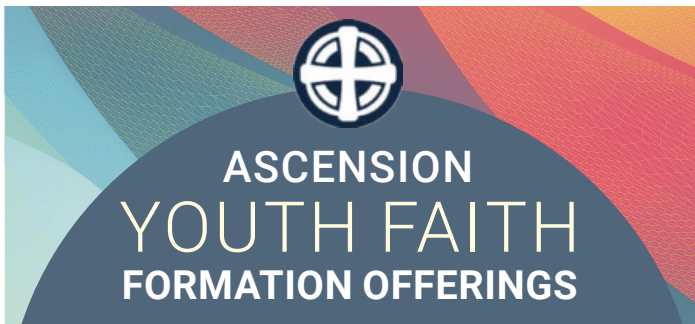
FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- 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.



ASCENSION YOUTH FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

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".



ATTENTION ALL ACS AND YFF FAMILIES: 1ST GRADE PARENTS

Ascension has a 2 year sacramental preparation program for 1st and 2nd Graders and 7th and 8th graders. Your child either needs to be attending ACS 1st grade or ACS 7th Grade or YFF 1st Grade and YFF Year I Confirmation in order to be enrolled in our 2nd grade and/or Year II Confirmation.

Please call the YFF Office with any questions 913-568-9608

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

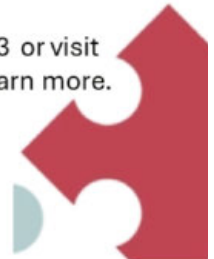
Special Needs Youth Faith Formation

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!





FALL CHOIR RECRUITMENT

*Our lives flow in in endless song . . .
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can we keep from singing?*

The adult choir begins its “Year” on Wednesday, September 11th with its first rehearsal in the Church at 7:00PM. New voices are needed to expand our choir family and add beauty to our musical leadership at liturgies. Our MUSIC MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT is: “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly . . . singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”

YOU ARE INVITED to join this dynamic group of singers who blend melody and harmony into sounds of Praise, Thanksgiving, and Gratitude at rehearsal and 10:00AM Sunday Mass.

Please direct all questions to Choir Director Dorothy Brandwein (681-3348 X154, dbrandwein@kcascension.org)

SISTERS OF THE POOR OF JESUS CHRIST DINNER & FUNDRAISER

The Poor Of Jesus Christ are having their 2nd Annual Fundraiser For their Special Funds needs. This event is September 21st and will be held at Church of the Ascension, from 6:00-8:00. To register, please use this QR code or you may contact Sr Magdalena 816-859-3654 or magdalenapjc@gmail.com



The Poor of Jesus Christ firmly believe that by being faithful servants to the Lord in helping those who He has called us to serve, He blesses us, and provides all that we need to serve the poor and those who are lost in the darkness, who need His love, and to know that they are worthy of His love as beloved children. The work is the Lord’s, we are His servants. He hears the cry of the poor, and the unspoken cry of those whose hearts are empty and sad because of not knowing Him.

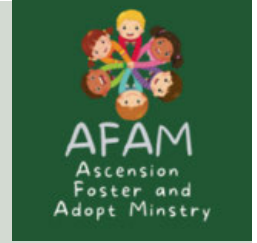
Please come to our benefit dinner to support the needs of our poorer mission.

ASCENSION FOSTER & ADOPT MINISTRY

We have 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:

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

Hadassah Carter, a Christian realtor, filed a lawsuit against the state of Virginia on the basis she was harassed, targeted and discriminated against by the Virginia Real Estate Board (VREB), a state agency. Her offense—including Bible verses on her website and phrases like “Jesus Loves You” or John 3:16 in her email signatures. The VREB did not accuse Ms. Carter, who has a diverse clientele of Christians and non-Christians, of a refusal to represent any person rather it argued her use of religious speech could cause someone to feel discriminated against. To support its case, the state said Virginia’s Fair Housing Act required it to pursue Ms. Carter because “words or symbols” associated with a particular religion are proof of intent to discriminate”. In ruling for Ms. Carter, the court stated the statute was “an unconstitutional abridgement of the rights to speech and expression established by the First Amendment.” The offending language was struck from the statute. Her attorney said her victory was a massive win for every Christian realtor in Virginia. Now “expressions of faith” are no longer banned in the real estate profession in Virginia. Her attorneys hope this is a step in reversing the trend of discriminating against Christians in public life. (Sources: *ACLJ Wins Lawsuit Against Virginia Real Estate Board...*, John Monaghan, 1/25/24, ACLJ; and others).



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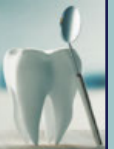


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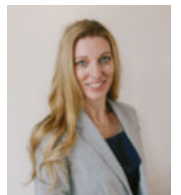
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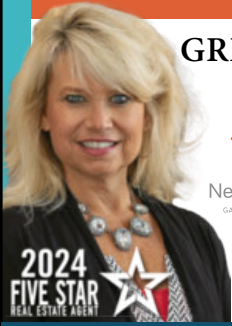
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