

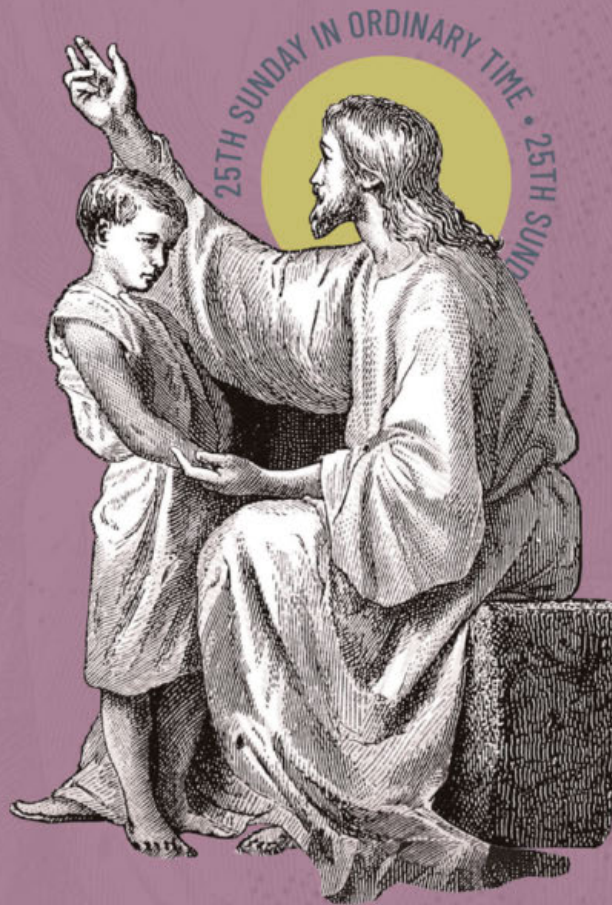
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish

WHOEVER  
RECEIVES ONE  
CHILD RECEIVES  
ME.

MK 9:37



## 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

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Daily\*: 6:00AM–9:00PM

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

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

☎ (913) 681-3348

✉ AscensionChurch@KCAscension.org

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

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**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Godinez and Family

**BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY**

Andrew Jordan and Natalie Gartland  
Kyle Colonius and Natalie Collins  
Ryan Admundsen and Kate Pflughaupt

**† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

John Urbom  
*Father of Kaley Hodge*

Ed Regan  
*Husband of Madelyn Regan*

Dave Roth  
*Brother-in-law of Cheryl Schmidt*



**Facilities Maintenance  
Position**

Church of the Ascension in Overland Park, a Catholic parish with parochial school, is seeking applicants for a part-time (25 hours per week) facilities maintenance position.

Applicants should be skilled in basic mechanical skills: carpentry, painting, plumbing repair, etc.

The role serves to assist the Facilities Director in addressing daily facility's needs, repairs and upgrades.

Applicants would be required to pass a background check and complete safe environment training. Ideal opportunity for retired craftsman who is looking to work 4-5 hours a day, M-F.

*Interested individuals should send contact information along with a list of past work experience to Susan Nigrin at the parish office. Email: snigrin@kcascension.org*

**FATHER GARY PENNINGS  
PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What do you think of when you hear the word, "passion"? Some may think of the passion of Christ, His suffering on the cross. Others might understand it as a zeal or excitement for something, such as a passion for fine food. Of course, we often think of passion regarding emotional states such as anger or romantic attraction. The second reading today contrasts "wisdom from above" with "passions that make war" within us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the passions as emotions or feelings that incline us to act or not to act in regard to something felt or imagined to be good or evil (see CCC par. 1763 & 1771).

In themselves passions are neither good nor evil. They are morally qualified only to the extent that they effectively engage reason and will. To attain self-mastery and do good, we must govern our passions by reason.

An upright will orders the passions to the good; an evil will succumbs to disordered passions and exacerbates them. Passions can be taken up in the virtues or perverted by the vices. They are morally good when they contribute to a good action, evil in the opposite case.

There are many passions such as love and hatred, desire and fear, joy, sadness, and anger. The most fundamental passion is love, aroused by the attraction of the good. Love causes a desire for the absent good and the hope of obtaining it; this movement finds completion in the pleasure and joy of the good possessed.

Our Lord called man's heart the source from which the passions spring. The perfection of the moral good consists in being moved to the good not only by our will but also by our "heart."

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 22

- 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 **American Heritage Girls/Diaper Wrapping** | Parish Hall A
- 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.
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- ALL DAY **40 Days for Life Kick-Off Rally** | Off-Site
- 9:45AM **Ladies of Charity Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 12:30PM **4<sup>th</sup> Monday Afternoon Bridge** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **RCIA Class** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Knights of Columbus Council Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 10:00AM **Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life** | St. Luke Rm.
- 3:15PM **Blooming Girls** | Parish Hall B
- 6:00PM **Project Chrysalis** | Conf. Rm.
- 6:00PM **SAC Wellness Night** | Parish Hall A
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Father's Book Study** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Rebuilding After Divorce** | St. John Rm.
- 7:00PM **Spiritual Mentoring** | St. Mark Rm.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 10:00AM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | Church
- 6:00PM **Year I Classes** | ACS Classrooms
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 7:30PM **Choir Practice** | Church
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 10:00AM **7 Secrets of Divine Mercy** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Forgiveness 101 Class** | St. John Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 4:30PM **Shalom House** | Off-Site
- 5:30PM **The Family & The New Totalitarianism** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Covered in Prayer** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:15PM **American Heritage Girls Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center
- 7:00PM **Forgiveness 101 Class** | St. John Rm.
- 7:00PM **Usher Summit** | Church

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- ALL DAY **Used Book Drive** | 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 **Mary's Prayer Cenacle** | St. Mark Rm.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- ALL DAY **Used Book Drive** | Gathering Area
- 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
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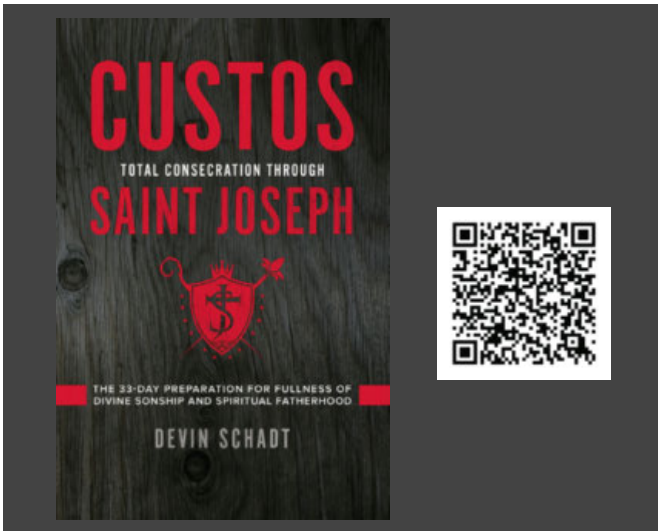
**PROJECT CHRYSALIS • SEPTEMBER 24**

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 book prior to class. *Facilitator: Mike Menghini*

Register: *Scan QR code*



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN • SEPTEMBER 25-NOVEMBER 3**

7:00AM, Off-Site

The Fall 2024 Campaign kicks off on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and will run through Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for an end to abortion during a 40-day vigil. 40 Days for Life is 40 days of prayer and fasting and community awareness. The vigil site is the Center for Women’s Health, 4840 College Blvd in Overland Park. As always, **Ascension has committed to filling two days with prayer warriors: Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM-7:00PM.** This is a great activity for families, and is a beautiful way to witness to many how important LIFE is. It also is a great opportunity to inform many in the neighboring areas that abortions are taking place in THEIR community. We need to stand strong and stand for LIFE and show Kansans that we STILL value them BOTH! Please prayerfully consider signing up and invite a friend or family member to join you.

Register: *Scan QR code*



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



## 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 26<sup>th</sup>. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup.

Contact: Dan Tira at 913-991-7755

## HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS • SEPTEMBER 28



Temporarily suspended on September 28<sup>th</sup>, we intend to resume services in October.

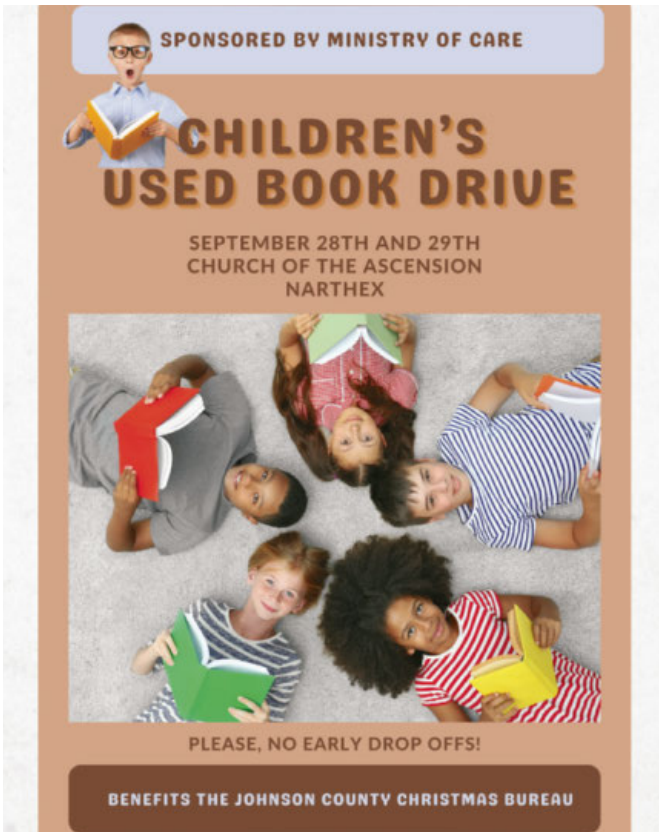


## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL FALL BALL • SEPTEMBER 28

5:15PM, Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

The Fall Ball was created to benefit the most vulnerable in our society: the elderly, infirm, sick, and dying. Catholic Community Health is grateful for your support! We are excited to present the Sanctity of Life award to some truly deserving honorees.

Register: Scan QR code



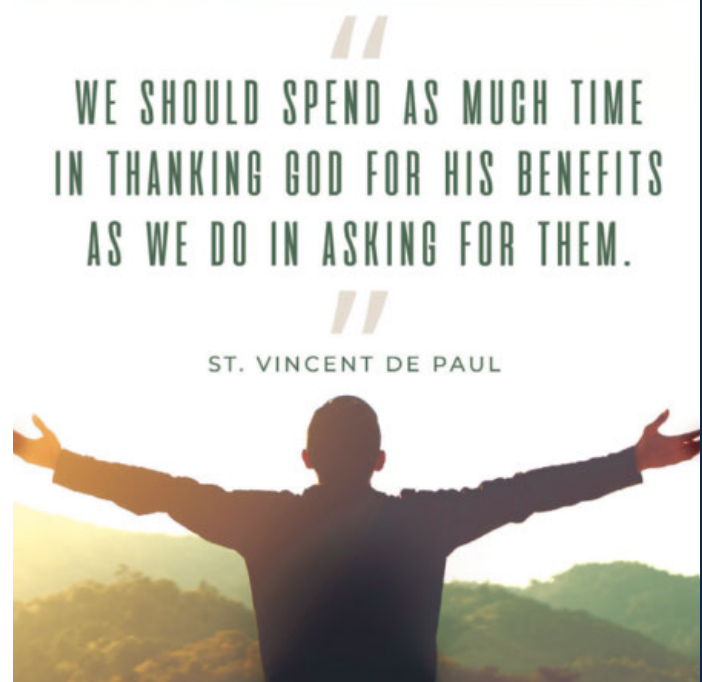
## CHILDREN'S USED BOOK DRIVE • SEPTEMBER 28-29

All Day, Narthex



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

Sponsored by: Ministry of Care



SEPTEMBER 22-29

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: USHERING

by Dan Vater



My name is Dan Vater and I have led the Ushering Ministry at Ascension for the last five years. My wife and I have been Ascension parishioners since 1997 and both of our children graduated from Ascension Catholic School.

I was invited to join one of the 10:00am Mass Usher teams many years ago by an Usher team leader. I thought this would be a good way for me to give some of my time and talent to Ascension. This has been, and continues to be, a fun and rewarding experience. I was invited to lead this ministry by Fr. Tank several years ago, and any Ascension parishioner who was here when he served as pastor knows that it was very difficult to tell him “no.”

The men (and sometimes a woman or two, more on that later!) who greet you at the doors of the church at the Ascension weekend Masses are volunteer ushers. Ushers serve many important roles during the Mass, from greeting the congregation as they arrive and handing out bulletins as they leave after Mass, to tidying up the church after the congregation has departed.

In between, ushers help with seating and managing each of the seating sections in the church, take up the weekly collection (“pass the baskets”), and direct the flow for the communion process.

Each weekend Mass at Ascension has three separate teams of ushers assigned to serve that particular Mass for the month. This scheduling allows for each team to serve just one out of every three months.

Ushering is open to all parishioners, men and women, aged 16 and older. I am always looking to add to the usher teams, and currently have specific needs for help at the 4:30pm Saturday Mass and the 11:45am and 5:00pm Sunday Masses.

Anyone interested in joining the Usher Ministry at Ascension can contact the parish office. They will pass your information to me and I will get in touch to arrange for a quick training/orientation session at the church and will work with you to get you assigned to a team serving your preferred Mass time.

Thank you.

-Dan Vater



## NOW OPEN!

“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.

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

# FALL FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY • OCTOBER 5 • 5:30PM–9:00PM**

## Kick off the autumn season at our annual Fall Festival!

Join us for fun games and activities including a soccer contest, bouncy houses, bingo, a cake walk, and many games for children.

Our Knights of Columbus will be serving burgers, brats, hot dogs, mac & cheese and coleslaw. Beer and wine available for purchase. Sweet treats will include cotton candy, Louisburg Cider donuts and kettle corn provided by Kansas City Popcorn.

REGISTER HERE:



**Can You Volunteer?**



**Can You Donate Supplies?**



### Fall Fest Band: The Champagne

Come out and support one of our own! Ryan Lynch attended Ascension Catholic School and is now part of the band, The Champagne.

This band is becoming very popular in KC and often plays at the Power & Light stage downtown.

### Soccer Challenge

Don't miss the Knights of Columbus Soccer challenge!

*More info on page 10.*



# MASS INTENTIONS †

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

12:00PM **+Robert Seitzer**  
*by Marianne Seitzer & Family*

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00AM —

12:00PM —

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Norm Clark**  
*by Courtney Vialle*

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Ken Voorhes**  
*by Pat Voorhes*

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00AM **+Sean Clark**  
*by Don & Marge Sosna*

12:00PM **Ladies of Charity**  
*(founded by St Vincent de Paul in 1617)*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30AM **+Maria, +Sergio & +Cecilia Almeida**  
*by Jerry Almeida*

4:30PM **+Paul LaFreniere**  
*by David & Elizabeth McMIndes*

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:15AM **+Clyde Klump**  
*by Judy & Craig Arnold*

10:00AM **+Jan O'Rourke**  
*by Dorothy & Adult Choir*

11:45AM **+Megan Gregson**  
*by Judy & Craig Arnold*

5:00PM **Ascension Parishioners**

# 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  
Joey Monty  
Mike Mullen  
Kay Myrick  
Fred Nelson  
Keith Newman  
Carmen & John Nodar  
Bob Novellano  
Rick Ostmeyer  
Cathy Oxley  
James Palmer  
Aimee Parsons  
Lilibeth Pinon  
Carmen Porterfield  
Jack Punswick  
Evelyn Rauen  
Becky Reed  
Amy Reinhardt  
Katy Rempel  
Heather Rollheiser  
Ed Roitz  
Mark Rulo  
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  
Amy Yabut  
Fred Zielinski

## SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Bryan Atkins  
Ken Becker  
Marissa Bemis  
Amanda Brower  
Audrey Cooper  
Steve Dougherty  
Katelyn Dulac  
Bob Gleason  
Anne Hauser  
Art Jeannet  
Sean Kavanaugh  
Dennis Larkin  
Ellen Loschke  
Blake Martin  
Gregg McNeely  
Brad Morton  
Cindy Morton  
Yvonne Pennings  
Roslyn Perry  
Louis Raymond  
Mark Reda  
Nicole Rizzo  
Olivia Sims  
Tom Sims  
Lynn Stephan  
Stephen Sullivan  
John Tucker  
Carol Wellinghoff Hope  
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Mike Wellinghoff

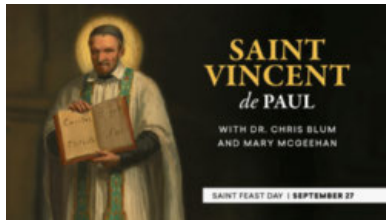
## ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

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;  
2nd Lt John Fischbach, 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



# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 22, 2024



## St. Vincent de Paul | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Christopher Blum and Mary McGeehan as they share about the life of St. Vincent de Paul on this episode of Catholic Saints.



## Padre Pio | Lukas Storyteller

As the talent contest approaches and our friends prepare their special dance, Paul gets hurt and has to leave the contest. When Lukas takes him to the doctor, Paul learns from the example of Padre Pio about the importance of having a clean soul and offering his sufferings to God.



## First Martyrs of the Church of Rome | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Mary McGeehan to discuss the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Killed under Emperor Nero in AD 64, the First Martyrs offer us a powerful witness of fidelity to Christ.



## 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](mailto:deborasuzanne@gmail.com).



## HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Are you homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: Patty at (913) 681-3348



## 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!



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings from 6:00PM-7:30PM. Would you prayerfully consider being one? It is a rewarding ministry.

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

# 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 to donate foods to make the taco salads, some to cook the hamburger so we can just warm it up at St Mary's, and for servers the day of. Added benefit: WE HAVE A BLAST! Please visit [KCAscension.org/GetInvolved/ServiceOpportunities](http://KCAscension.org/GetInvolved/ServiceOpportunities) to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

*Contact: Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314*

ALL ARE WELCOME - FREE EVENT -  
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR PLANNING PURPOSES



## ASCENSION FALL FESTIVAL • OCTOBER 5

5:30PM, *Ascension Parking Lot*

Join us for some fall fun at the Ascension Fall Festival on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy games, inflatables, live music, bingo, face painting and more!

*Register for planning purposes: Scan the QR code*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE • OCTOBER 5

5:30PM, *Ascension Soccer Field (During Fall Festival)*

The 2024 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30PM–7:00PM on the soccer field during the Ascension Fall Festival. Its open to all children, ages 9–14. The age group at which a child competes is determined by their age as of September 1, 2024. Participants are required to have parental permission. Forms will be available on the evening of the event.



**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 6  
1:30PM**

**BLESSING OF PETS**  
CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
EAST PARKING LOT (ACROSS FROM THE SCHOOL)



PETS MUST BE CAGED OR LEASHED

**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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
GOLF TOURNAMENT • OCTOBER 7**

9:00AM, Off-Site



Come and play some golf in the Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM (shotgun start). Cost: \$200/golfer, \$800/team of 4 (includes golf, carts, shirt, beer and other beverages on the course, awards dinner and prizes). All men and women eligible to play. ALL proceeds support charities supported by the Knights of Columbus. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Nearly full, just looking for a few more teams to fill out the field. If you're not a golfer but have time to spend a day on the course, we are looking for volunteers to work the tournament.

Register: Joe Mayerle at 913-579-9045 or mayerle@everestkc.net

Volunteer Coordinator: Doug Lisak 913-484-8524 or lisakdoug@gmail.com




All women of the parish are invited to join us for brunch and a presentation on Marian Art

Monday, October 7th  
9:30-11:00am

Child Care Provided

Location:  
St. Mathew/Mark Room

**Go here to register:**



*\*This is a free event - registration required for planning purposes\**

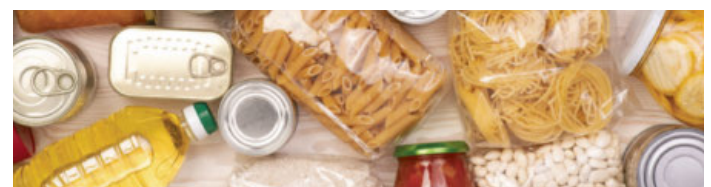
**MARIAN ART BRUNCH (WOMEN OF ASCENSION) • OCTOBER 7**

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.

Register: Scan the QR code



**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.

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*drive-up*  
**Food Collection**  
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**Saturday October 12**  
**10:00AM-2:00PM**

- Can't be here on October 12th? No worries! You can always drop-off your donation in the food bin, located in the St. John hallway.
- Prefer not to donate food? The Knights will be collecting cash and check donations for Catholic Charities after Sunday masses that weekend.

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

**Suggested Items**

- Peanut Butter ✓
- Beans ✓
- Canned Fruit ✓
- Dried Pasta ✓
- Soup ✓

**We Accept Unexpired Foods Only**

**DRIVE-UP FOOD COLLECTION • OCTOBER 12**

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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. Suggested Items: Peanut Butter, Beans, Canned Fruit, Dried Pasta and Soup. We accept unexpired foods only. The Ascension Drive-Up Food Collection is on Saturday, October 12th from 10:00AM–2:00PM. Please look for the Catholic Charities truck in our parking lot. Can't be here on October 12th? 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 • OCTOBER 12**

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 October 12<sup>th</sup>.



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**PARABLES & PUBS • OCTOBER 14**

7:00PM, *Off-Site*

Join us at Brew Lab on October 14<sup>th</sup> for Parables and Pubs! There is no better place to bring a friend, talk about deep things, while sipping on a beverage. With live music, a short parable, and a great atmosphere, we can all hopefully journey to something better. So come on out to the next one, see you soon. Visit [KCAscension.org/Parables](http://KCAscension.org/Parables).



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 • OCTOBER 16**  
6:30PM, St. Luke Rm.

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Questions? Call Michelle at 913-484-2222



**HOLY HALF HOUR • OCTOBER 23**  
6:00PM, Church

We will begin in the Church with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a light dinner in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Register: Scan the QR code



**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • OCTOBER 28**  
6:00PM, Church

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



## ADULT CHOIR

The adult choir is now rehearsing every Wednesday at 7:00PM in the church. New voices are needed to expand our choir family and add beauty to our musical leadership at liturgies.

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Questions: Dorothy Brandwein, Choir Director  
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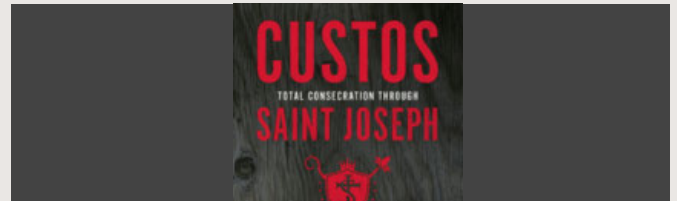
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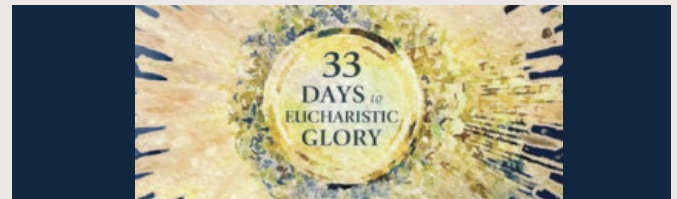
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## FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

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

## SEPTEMBER KNIGHTS SOCIAL TONIGHT

Join us for an evening with the Chiefs and fun tonight, September 22<sup>nd</sup>! 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. The Council will provide some appetizers at the start of the event. Additional food and beverages are available. The Bullpen is located at 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.

## FOOTBALL SEASON 2024 RAFFLE RESULTS

Congratulations to the three Ascension winners for Week 1. Checks will be mailed to these winners. Brad Kwapiszeski \$500, Jon Christiansen \$50, Jeff Julian \$50

## 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 1:00PM and Saturday at 11:00AM in the Adoration Chapel.

## ALTAR SERVERS

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

## JOIN US FOR MASS AND MEETINGS

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TONIGHT:** 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

- Fourth Degree Officers Meeting, 10/3, 7:00PM, *Annex (Knights Room)*
- Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting, 10/8, 6:30PM, *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.

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**YOUTH FAITH  
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**Monthly Program**

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

**Weekly Program K-6 Grade**

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

**Year I Confirmation**

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

**Year II/Confirmation Small Group Leaders**

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

**Volunteers Needed**

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

**Fall Sessions (Now Enrolling)**

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

**Special Needs Youth Faith Formation**

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

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

**Classes start soon!**



**ATTENTION YFF 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE AND  
7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

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

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
OF THE WORD**



Children's Liturgy of the Word is currently only offered during the 10:00AM Masses. We are not able to offer it at the 8:15AM Mass as this time.

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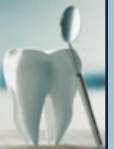


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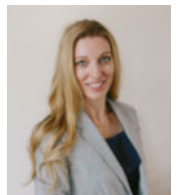
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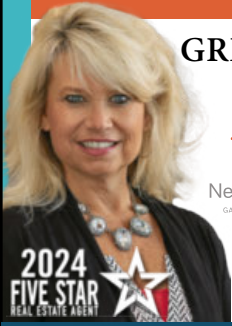
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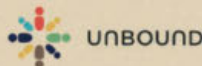
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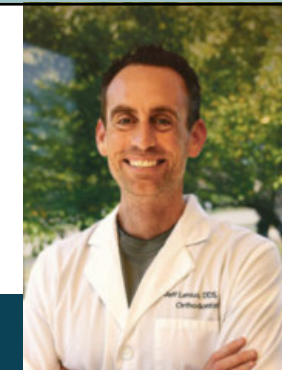


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