

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish



Left to Right:
Father Brent Stull
Parochial Vicar
Father Gary Pennings
Pastor
Father Colm Larkin
Parochial Vicar

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

"Thank you for saying, 'Yes!'"

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. Daniel Wekesa and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Reiter and Family

BAPTISMS

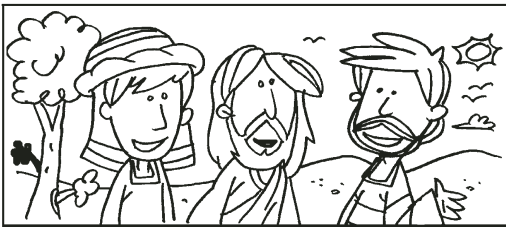
Hazel Leigh Govea
Otto Thomas Tepesch
Vincent Joseph McGroder

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Kyle Colonius and Natalie Collins
Ryan Admundsen and Kate Pflughaupt
Samuel Pearson and Andrea Renner
Alex Koca and Lauren Redmond
Evan H. Tustin and Lauren R. Baalman

ASCENSION KIDS

Find and circle **10** differences.



ANSWER: See page 7.



FATHER GARY PENNINGS
PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Leading a believer into sin is an unbelievably bad thing to do. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that for one who does such a thing (and the implication is that they do not repent of their actions), it would be better for them to be drowned with a millstone tied around their neck. Yikes! Not much left to the imagination there.

To many in our present day, the notion of sin seems old fashioned, superstitious, or an outdated term for some emotional or psychological condition. The famous psychiatrist, Dr. Karl Menninger, wrote a book in 1973 entitled, *Whatever Became of Sin*. While his views in the book might not completely accord with traditional Christianity, he nonetheless seems to recognize the role sin plays in bringing pain and destruction to people's lives. In the book, Menninger wrote:

"The popular leaning is away from notions of guilt and morality.... Disease and treatment have been the watchwords of the day and little is said about selfishness or guilt or the 'morality gap.' And certainly no one talks about sin!"

If such words were relevant in 1973, how much more today?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, when speaking of sin says, "Without the knowledge Revelation gives of God, we cannot recognize sin clearly and are tempted to explain it as merely a developmental flaw, a psychological weakness, a mistake, or the necessary consequence of an inadequate social structure, etc. Only in the knowledge of God's plan for man can we grasp that sin is an abuse of the freedom that God gives to created persons so that they are capable of loving him and loving one another" (CCC par. 387).

Our challenge as Christians is to lovingly speak the truth which God has revealed about man and woman, their God-given purpose and their ultimate destiny, and how, despite the immense struggles that can come, how divine help is available to all who seek it.

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

F. Gary

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
- 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.
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 5:30PM **Faith in Action Meeting** | Conf. Rm.
- 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
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 10:00AM **Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life** | St. Luke Rm.
- 11:00AM **Mothers of Young Children Rosary Group** | Nursery
- 6:00PM **Family Formation** | Parish Hall A
- 6:30PM **Faith Foundations: Sacraments** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Father's Book Study** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Rebuilding After Divorce** | St. John Rm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 8:30AM **St. Mary's Food Kitchen** | Off-Site
- 10:00AM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **EPIC: Church History** | 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.
- 7:30PM **Choir Practice** | Church
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:30AM **Women in Prayer** | St. Martha Rm.
- 10:00AM **7 Secrets of Divine Mercy** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:45AM **Book Bites** | Parish Hall A
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **The Family & The New Totalitarianism** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Cub Scouts #3218 Den Meeting** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **4th Degree Knights/Officers Meeting** | Parish Hall Annex
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 9:00AM **Women of Ascension Fellowship and Prayer** | St. Luke Rm.
- 12:00PM **First Saturday Public Rosary** | St. Mark Rm.
- 5:30PM **Ascension Fall Festival** | Parish Hall A

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- ALL DAY **Life Chain** | Off-Site
- ALL DAY **Respect Life Sunday** | Off-Site
- 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.
- 1:30PM **Blessing of Pets** | East Parking Lot
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 3:00PM **NFP** | St. Mark Rm.
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:15PM **Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting** | Parish Hall Annex



**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 1st 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 9:30AM to prep the meal and get things set up. We serve the lunch at 11:00AM–12:30PM 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/Get Involved/Service Opportunities to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

Contact: Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314

**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:
[QR Code]

ASCENSION FALL FESTIVAL • OCTOBER 5
5:30PM, *Parish Hall A*

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

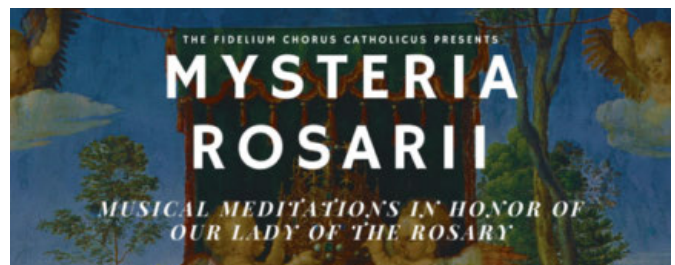
Register for planning purposes: Scan the QR code



**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 5th, 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.



**MYSTERIA ROSARII: MUSICAL MEDITATIONS •
OCTOBER 5 & 6**

6:30PM, *Off-Site*

COMMUNITY EVENT

The Fidelium Chorus Catholicus is an ensemble of devout Catholic professional singers dedicated to restoring

the performance of the Church's vast treasury of sacred music for its true purpose in giving due worship to God and honoring him and the saints through song. Fidelium is honored to present its first concert *Mysteria Rosarii: Musical Meditations* on Saturday, October 5 at 6:30PM at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church (4737 N Cleveland Ave, Kansas City, MO 64117) and on Sunday, October 6 at 3:00PM at St. Joseph Church (11311 Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS 66203). This concert unites listeners to Mary's journey accompanying Our Lord throughout the mysteries of the rosary - *ad Jesum per Mariam*. This family-friendly concert is open to all for a free-will donation.

More Information: FideliumKC.org



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6
1:30PM**

BLESSING OF PETS

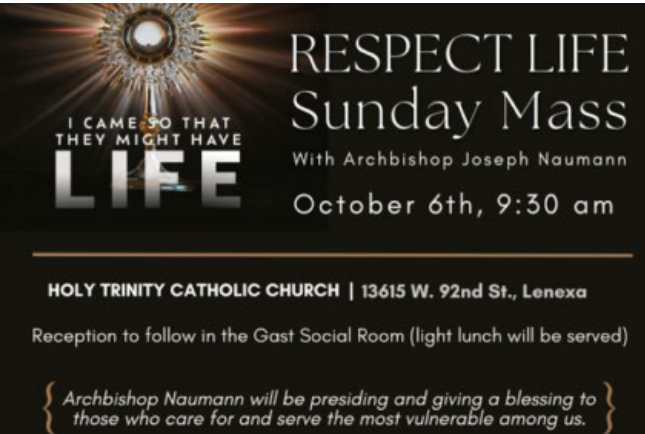
CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

EAST PARKING LOT (ACROSS FROM THE SCHOOL)

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.



**RESPECT LIFE
Sunday Mass**

I CAME SO THAT
THEY MIGHT HAVE
LIFE

With Archbishop Joseph Naumann

October 6th, 9:30 am

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH | 13615 W. 92nd St., Lenexa

Reception to follow in the Gast Social Room (light lunch will be served)

Archbishop Naumann will be presiding and giving a blessing to those who care for and serve the most vulnerable among us.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY MASS • OCTOBER 6

9:30AM, *Off-Site*

COMMUNITY EVENT

Join us October 6th at 9:30AM for the Respect Life Sunday Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. We will pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY 2024

October 6th, from 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Life Chain is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Over 100 churches locally, nearly 1,000 churches statewide, and many thousands of churches nationwide are participating at the same time.

Ascension's Location:
In front of Holy Cross Catholic School on 95th St. (between Antioch & Metcalf)

- Bring your whole family!
- Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome & encouraged!
- Rain or shine!

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More Information: *Cathy Madrid at cathyfmadrid@gmail.com*

UPCOMING EVENT NEXT WEEK:



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

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MARIAN ART BRUNCH (WOMEN OF ASCENSION) • OCTOBER 7

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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.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

by Jami Kuckelman

Hello fellow parishioners! Have you ever been to an Ascension fish fry or church event and wondered who those people are wearing the bright yellow aprons? My name is Jami Kuckelman and I lead the “yellow apron ministry,” officially known as the Ambassadors for Christ!



Many of you may already know my husband, Deacon Kris, who was ordained in June of 2020, and we have been members of Church of the Ascension since 2006. We have three grown daughters, Katie, Abbie and Maggie. Katie is married to Joe Peterson, and they have one child, Benedict, who will be one in November. Abbie is married to Ben Schmitz and they have Madeline (7), Samuel (5), Mary Kate (3) and Julia (1). Maggie, our youngest, is married to Jack Hellie and they currently live in London.



After being a busy stay-at-home mom while the girls were growing up, I am now a very busy Mimi helping out with all 5 grandkids, who fortunately live locally. When looking for a way to give back and volunteer, I knew I needed something very flexible, as I am frequently called into duty with our grandkids. Being an Ambassador for Christ is the perfect ministry for anyone in a similar situation, who is unable to commit to a regular volunteer position. When the church is hosting any event that will bring in non-parishioners, the Ambassadors are asked to help out. We don our aprons and friendly smiles and offer any help that the organizers need. I send out a sign-up genius for help and if you're able to help, you respond and if you're not available, it's no problem, maybe you'll be able to help next time! The only requirement is a smile and friendly personality to make all feel welcome as they are visiting our parish. If this sounds like something you're interested in, please call or send me a text at 913.206.0823 and I will happily add you to the Ambassadors volunteer list!

**WE ARE
HIRING**

JOIN OUR TEAM

**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

ASCENSION KIDS



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.



MASS INTENTIONS **+**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Ross, +Kathy,**
+Kimber Lane
by Lane Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+John Rakos**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Michelle Edwards**
by Gayle & Randy Edwards

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00AM **Memorial Mass**

12:00PM **+Jerry Handley**
by Handley Family

+Rhodora Deocampo Pampolina
by Patino Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00AM **+Carol Romme**
by Knights of Columbus

8:00AM **+John Urbom**
by Second Grade Class

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

+John P. Ryan
by Mary Thesing

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:30AM **+Susie Santa Maria**
by Ascension

+Jane Snell
by Ascension

4:30PM **+Carolyn Marquez**
by Mark & Kelly Mayer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:15AM **+Teresa & +Sam Mentesana**
by Louie Mentesana,
Charlie & Carol Mentesana

10:00AM **+John Whigham**
by Tom & Ann Petersen

11:45AM **+Megan Gregson**
by Kay Dupree

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
Emy Yabut
Fred Zielinski

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Bryan Atkins
Ken Becker
Marissa Bemis
Amanda Brower
Lauren Collins
Audrey Cooper
Steve Dougherty
Katelyn Dulac
Bob Gleason
Anne Hauser
Art Jeannet
Sean Kavanaugh
Maryanne Lally
Dennis Larkin
Ellen Loschke
Blake Martin
Gregg McNeely
Michael Momsen
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 Wellinghoff
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

Please note: Prior to publishing, permission from the individual you wish to add to the prayer listing must be obtained. Names will be retained for 6 months.



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



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

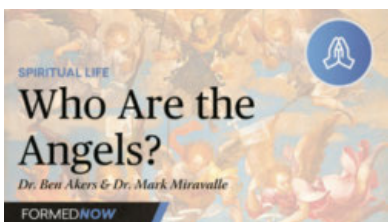
Sharing our Faith is the call of every Baptized Catholic. One way to do just that is by being an aide to our Youth Faith Formation Program. We are in need of aides for 1st, 3rd and 4th grade Youth Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings from 6:00PM-7:30PM. Would you prayerfully consider being one? It is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

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



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 29, 2024



Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?



St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

OCTOBER



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 7th, 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. Not a golfer but have time to spend, we are looking for volunteers.

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

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



MARY, FULL OF GRACE

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

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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

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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.

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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.



33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY • OCTOBER 10-NOVEMBER 21 (THURSDAYS)

9:30AM, St. Luke Rm.

Matthew Kelly has a new book on Eucharistic Consecration which will help us prepare for our sacred journey toward our eternal home with God. In his book, Kelly used the journey of saints like Mother Teresa, John Paul II, Maximilian Kolbe and our Blessed Mother to help us experience Jesus in the Eucharist like never before. He believes it is time for us to consecrate ourselves to Jesus in the Eucharist – it is time for Eucharistic Consecration! Our plan is to use his book and his study guide in a 7-week class on Eucharistic Consecration. These spiritual guides should forever change the way we spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. There is no better way to receive God's grace than through the Eucharist. Over these 7-weeks, we will learn how great saints and others lived in Eucharistic Glory which will help us grow in

holiness. Cost: \$5 (You will receive your copy of the book at the first class).

Register: Scan the QR code



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

1:00PM, St. Mark Rm.

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 YeaBut.org for more information on this ministry. Class size limited to 12 people. Cost: \$20

Facilitated by: Peggy Flucke and Rollene Croucher

Register: Scan QR Code or emailing
YeaBut40@gmail.com



DRIVE-UP FOOD COLLECTION • OCTOBER 12

10:00AM, Ascension 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. 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

Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus and Ministry of Care

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 12th.



PARABLES & PUBS • OCTOBER 14

7:00PM, Off-Site

Join us at Brew Lab on October 14th 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.



FAITH IN DEPTH: LITURGY OF THE HOURS • OCTOBER 15

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

‘The Work of God.’ This is the traditional way to refer to the Church’s second most important prayer . . . the Liturgy of the Hours or the Divine Office. Each day at Ascension, we pray Morning Prayer together prior to the 7:00AM Mass. If you’ve ever been curious about Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer, but don’t know where to start or think it’s a lot of ribbons to juggle in a book, or you’re interested in diving deeper into the Liturgy of the Hours, join Fr. Stull on Tuesday, October 15th from 6:30PM–8:00PM for this practical talk on the Church’s daily prayer. No cost.

Register: Scan the QR code



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • OCTOBER 16

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.

Questions? Call Michelle at 913-484-2222



BREATHE RESPITE CARE • OCTOBER 19

4:00PM, *Off-Site*

COMMUNITY EVENT

BREATHE is a respite care service for parents/guardians of a child with a special need to give them a break from caregiving. Volunteers work generally 1:1 or 2:1 in a recreational/leisure setting. Volunteers 16 and older are VIRTUS trained and all volunteers 14 and older have adult supervision. A registered nurse is on staff to provide medical care and any necessary procedures such as medications, tube feeding, and toileting needs. A meal is provided.

Register: Scan the QR code in the ad

Volunteer: Scan the QR code in text



SILVER SOIRÉE • OCTOBER 22

6:00PM, *Parish Hall*

All parishioners 60+ are invited to join us for...Sips with the Saints! Join us as we prepare for All Saints Day with a “Saints Trivia” contest and a talk from Fr. Stull on “Praying with the Saints”. We will provide the “Sips” (beer, wine and

non-alcoholic beverages) and attendees with Last Names beginning with A-L are asked to bring a dessert to share and M-Z a savory snack to share. Your \$5 registration fee can be paid online or at the door.

Register: Scan the QR code



HOLY *half*-HOUR
 We are having a Holy "Half" Hour and Simple Supper:
WEDNESDAY
OCT 23 | 6:00PM

REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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

COVERED IN PRAYER • OCTOBER 24
 6:00PM, St. Luke Rm.

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

HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS • OCTOBER 26

Drop Off in the St. John Hallway before 7:30AM



Ascension's date for cooking and serving breakfast at Hope Faith Ministries is the last Saturday of the month. If interested in helping, please go to Ascension website at KCAAscension.org homepage and click Volunteer Signups to serve or bring food. Our next breakfast is scheduled on Saturday October 26.



What's that Pack and Play for??

Respect Life and Ministry of Care are collecting baby items for women facing crisis in pregnancy the weekend of October 26/27.

The following items are in most need:

- diapers/pull ups (sizes 4, 5 and 6)
- personal care items for moms (e.g. deodorant, body wash, lotion, shampoo/conditioner)
- \$25 gift cards (for groceries/sundries)
- toddler clothing (2T, 3T, 4T)

WHAT'S THAT PACK AND PLAY FOR? • OCTOBER 26-27

ALL DAY, Gathering Area

Respect Life and Ministry of Care are collecting baby items for women facing crisis in pregnancy on October 26th-27th. The following items are in most need: Diapers/Pull Ups (Sizes 4, 5, 6); Personal Care Items for Moms (deodorant, body wash, lotion, shampoo/conditioner); \$25 gift cards; Toddler Clothing (2T, 3T, 4T).

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • OCTOBER 28

6:00PM, Church

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

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH COURSES

FORGIVENESS

YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT? FORGIVENESS 101 • OCTOBER 11



33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY • OCTOBER 10-NOVEMBER 21 (THURSDAYS)



FAITH IN DEPTH: LITURGY OF THE HOURS • OCTOBER 15



CAN A CATHOLIC BE A SOCIALIST? • OCTOBER 24

To learn more about all the courses, scan the QR code below:



RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER: ON HOLD

Planned Parenthood placed her “On Hold” for 2 minutes, 5 minutes, 7 minutes. She did not hang up but used another line to call Heartbeat International’s Option Line Call Center (800-712-4347). Option Line picked up her call and within 30 seconds she was talking to a live bilingual consultant (not a machine). She shared that she had called PP to discuss how and where she could get an abortion. While still on hold with PP, the consultant explained she had options other than abortion; that she was not alone; and that Option Line could help her. Greatly relieved, she accepted an offer to transfer her call to a local pregnancy help center near her. Once connected to the local help center, she hung up on PP!! Great news-- news that Option Line experiences every day. (Source: Heartbeat International, 2024)



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.

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.

Questions: Dorothy Brandwein, Choir Director
681-3348 X154, dbrandwein@kcascension.org



ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



OCTOBER FALL FESTIVAL SOCIAL AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

The Fall Festival is at Ascension on Saturday, October 5th, from 5:30PM–9:00PM. The Knights are assisting with food service and many volunteers are needed. Please consider volunteering on the Knights website. If you cannot volunteer, please consider attending the event to support the parish and wear your Knights shirt if you have one. It is a great way to have fun and maybe even find new members.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jason and Jessica Savage, our Family of the Month, and Doug White, our Knight of the Month for August.

FOOTBALL SEASON 2024 RAFFLE RESULTS

Congratulations to the two Ascension winners for Week 2. Checks will be mailed to these winners. \$100 Villa St Francis (ticket purchased by an Ascensioner) and \$100 Wayne Davis.

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

- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, October 6th, 6:15PM, *Annex (Knights Room)*

- Council Meeting: Monday, October 28th, 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

- **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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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!



CLASSES HAVE ALREADY STARTED



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.



ATTENTION YFF 1ST GRADE AND 7TH 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



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.

Questions contact: William O'Leary (913) 681-7683



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Contact Mary Bibler at 913-681-3348 ext. 134; or mbibler@kcascension.org if you are interested in learning more.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you are carrying a heavy cross or going through a difficult season, please do not shoulder the burden alone. Our Parish Prayer Warriors are ready to intercede on your behalf.

If you are in need of prayer, call our prayer partner intention hotline.

Voicemail Number: 1-888-684-6555



BREATHE

RESPIRE CARE

What is BREATHE?

BREATHE (Bessette Respite Embracing Action Towards Holy Encounters) is a monthly respite ministry for caregivers of individuals with special needs. It provides individuals the opportunity for community, prayer, socialization and activities and a meal.

When is it held?

It is held on the third Saturday of the month from 4-7pm. Some dates are flexible depending on holidays and other school related dates (Thanksgiving, spring break, prom, graduation etc.) Our proposed dates for the 2024-2025 calendar year are as follows:

October 19 2024	April 12 2025
November 30 2024	May 17 2025
January 4 2025	June 21 2025
February 15 2025	July 19 2025
March 22 2025	

What is needed?

We are searching for a school that would be willing to be the permanent host site for our monthly events and be able to store our belongings so that we aren't needing to transport them. We would need access to a cafeteria or adequate space for eating for up to 100 people, access to a gym for activities and 4 to 5 classrooms for various activities, nurses station, and a quiet room. It is also preferred to have access to a gated playground for outdoor play when weather permits.

If your school would be willing to be our permanent host or even host a few events throughout the year, Please contact Josh Ruoff at the special needs ministry office of the Archdiocese at (913)647-3054 or by email at jruoff@archkck.org



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-  Say goodbye to fear, and hello to joy! We help you find hope when life doesn't make sense.



to register for a support group!



As part of our Walking With Moms in Need initiative, the Archdiocese has launched three Embrace Grace Support Groups in Lawrence & JoCo so women know we are here for them and their baby too. This 12-week program offers invaluable unplanned pregnancy guidance through engaging teachings and a sanctuary of hope and community.



Help us connect with single, pregnant women who may need some love & support.

Share Embrace Grace with them!





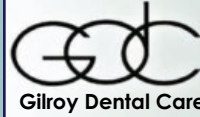
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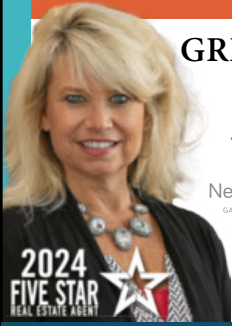
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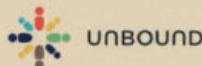
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