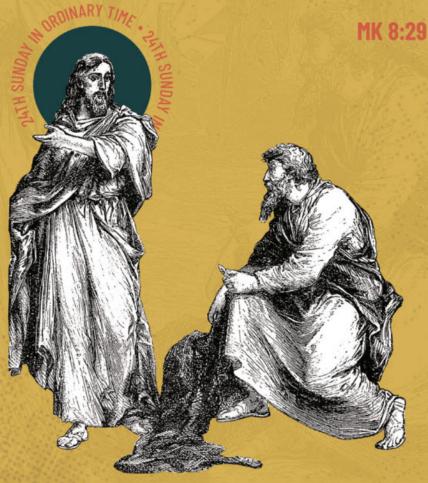
CHURCH OF ASCENSION Catholic Parish

YOU ARE THE CHRIST.



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.



BAPTISMS

Sophia Therese Zecy Grayson Thien Howard Harlan William Hensley Edie St. Clair Hensley

TO BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

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



Draw the disciple's face.





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,

Jesus identified Himself in scripture as being "one" with the Father (Jn 10:30). He invited belief by saying, "you have faith in God, have faith also in Me" (Jn 14:1). He claimed that "no one comes to the Father, except through Me" (Jn 14:6).

In today's Gospel passage Jesus asks his disciples a question about who people understand Him to be. Some people think He is John the Baptist, Elijah, or some other prophet reincarnated. Then Jesus asks His disciples directly, "but who do you say that I am?"

This is a monumentally important question, not only for Jesus' first century disciples, but also for us. For how we understand Jesus, becomes the ground upon which our faith, our belief in Him, is built. In the second reading, St. James reminds us that true faith will be demonstrated by our works.

Peter, prompted by divine grace, responds to Jesus' question by saying, "You are the Christ (Messiah)". Then Jesus proceeds to predict His own suffering and death, and tells His disciples that they must deny themselves, take up their own crosses in imitation of Him, and follow Him. That is quite a demand!

If Jesus was simply a great teacher and miracle worker, a mere social reformer and influencer (to use a modern-day term) or only another prophet, none of those identities justify the commitment that Jesus demands of His disciples.

Do we believe that Jesus is the Incarnate God; the Savior of the World; the Way, the Truth, and the Life? If so, do our priorities, choices and actions reflect such a belief? Is our faith in Jesus' identity, the ground for all our actions and works? Our honest answer to the Lord's question is the key - "Who do you say that I am?"

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

1:00рм	Blood Drive Parish Hall A
5:30рм	FIRE (Middle School Youth Group)
	Youth Center
5:30рм	RCIA Class St. Mark Rm.
6:00рм	Holy Hour for Vocations Church
6:30рм	Boy Scouts Troop #218 Parish Hall B
6:30рм	Hospitality Ministry Leader's
	Meeting St. Luke Rm.
6:30рм	VIRTUS Library
7:00рм	Men of Prayer/Faith Discussion Conf. Rm.
8:30рм	Men's Basketball (Over 21) Gym

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00ам	Jesus: The Way, the Truth and
	the Life St. Luke Rm.
11:00ам	Rosary Group (Mothers of Young Chilren)
	Nursery
6:30рм	Faith Foundations: Prayer St. Mark Rm.
6:30рм	Weekly Family Rosary Church
6:30рм	Meet, Mingle & Pray (Women of Ascension)
	St. Luke Rm.
7:00рм	Rebuilding After Divorce St. John Rm.
7:00рм	Spiritual Mentoring Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10:00ам	EPIC: Church History St. Mark Rm.
12:30рм	Ladies Beginner Bridge St. John Rm.
6:00рм	EPIC: Church History St. Mark Rm.

6:00рм	Weekly YFF Church
6:00рм	Year I Classes ACS Classrooms
6:15рм	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
	Parish Hall A
6:30рм	Caregiver's Support Group St. Luke Rm.
7:00рм	AA Meeting St. John Rm.
7:30рм	Choir Practice Church
8:30рм	Men's Basketball (Over 21) Gym

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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10:00ам	7 Secrets of Divine Mercy St. Mark Rm.
4:30рм	Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe
	Meeting St. Luke Rm.
5:30рм	The Family & The New Totalitarianism
	St. Mark Rm.
6:00рм	Cub Scouts #3218 Pack Meeting
	Parish Hall A
7:00рм	Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)
	Youth Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

O.UUAM	Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe
	Meeting St. Luke Rm.
7:00ам	Christ Renews His Parish
	Bible Study St. John Rm.
6:00рм	Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ
	Dinner & Fundraiser Parish Hall A

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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9:30ам	Sunday Scripture Study St. Mark Rm.
10:00ам	Children's Liturgy of the Word ACS
	Classrooms
11:45ам	Mass Live Stream: Families with
	Special Needs Nursery
1:00рм	American Heritage Girls/Diaper
	Wrapping Parish Hall A
1:00рм	Baptisms Church
1:00рм	AA Meeting St. John Rm.
3:00рм	Ascension Praise Band & Choir Church
4:00рм	Al Anon St. John Rm.
8:00рм	Men's Basketball (Over 40) Gym



FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE CAREGIVER SUPPORT • SEPTEMBER 15

6:30рм, 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



BLOOD DRIVE • SEPTEMBER 16

1:00рм, Parish Hall

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

Sign Up: Scan the QR code



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • SEPTEMBER 16

6:00PM, Church

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



VIRTUS SESSION • SEPTEMBER 16

6:30PM, Ascension School Library

For all volunteers that have not been Virtus trained and will be volunteering with children or vulnerable adults, please go to VirtusOnline.org to register for this session. Enter through the school front doors.

Questions: Tricia Baldwin at tbaldwin@acseagles.org



FAITH FOUNDATION: PRAYER • SEPTEMBER 17

6:30рм, 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





MEET, MINGLE & PRAY • SEPTEMBER 17

6:30рм. 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



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT **MEETING • SEPTEMBER 18**

6:15PM. Parish Hall

First Reconciliation parent meeting Wednesday September 18th from 6:15PM-7:15PM in the Parish Hall. This is for all ACS and YFF parents whose child is preparing for their First Reconciliation.



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



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.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • SEPTEMBER 18

6:30pm. St. Luke Rm.

If you are caring for a loved one in need, we invite you to join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month for an evening of community connection with others walking the same beautiful and often challenging path. Bring your questions, stories, concerns, and leave with coping skills and spiritual support for the road ahead.

Sponsored by Catholic Community Health.

RSVP: Michelle Buzzard at (913) 484-2222



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



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

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

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

Register: Scan QR code



EMBRACE THE BREW III • SEPTEMBER 21





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

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SISTERS OF THE POOR OF JESUS CHRIST DINNER & FUNDRAISER • SEPTEMBER 21

6:00PM, Parish Hall A COMMUNITY EVENT

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 As-

cension, from 6:00PM-8:00PM. 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.

Register: Scan QR code or contact Sr Magdalena (816) 859-3654 or magdalenapjc@gmail.com



Your help is needed to make our Fall Festival a success!!

Sign up here for one of our many volunteer slots - no experience necessary!!



Sign up here to donate baked goods for the cake walk or soda pop for our ring toss game:



Great opportunity to earn service hours!!

SEPTEMBER

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)

7:00рм, 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 25th and will run through Sunday November 3rd. 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 10th and Sunday October 20th 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

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 4thThursday 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!

HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS • SEPTEMBER 28



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



SPONSORED BY MINISTRY OF CARE

CHILDREN'S
USED BOOK DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 28TH AND 29TH
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
NARTHEX

PLEASE, NO EARLY DROP OFFS!

BENEFITS THE JOHNSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS BUREAU

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! Benefitting the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.

Sponsored by: Ministry of Care



The Fall Ball was created to benefit the most vulnerable in our society: the elderly, infirm, sick, and dying. Catholic Com-

munity 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

OCTOBER



FAITH FOUNDATIONS: SACRAMENTS • OCTOBER 1

6:30рм, 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/Get Involved/Service Opportunities to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

Contact: Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314

UPCOMING EVENTS



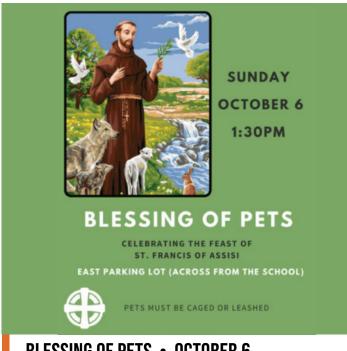
Join us for some fall fun at the Ascension Fall Festival on October 5th. Enjoy games, inflatables, live music, bingo, face painting and more!

Register for planning purposes: Scan the QR code



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.



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 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. 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



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

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

Date: Monday, October 7th

> Time: 9:30-11:00am

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





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.



DRIVE-UP FOOD COLLECTION • OCTOBER 12

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

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

by Jim & Mary Kate Hamilton

Four years ago, our family moved back to the Kansas City area. Our primary objective, when looking for a house, was to live in the boundaries of a parish that fit our family's needs. Having both been raised



Catholic, Jim and I are devoted to sharing our faith with our children. By God's grace we found Ascension. Thanks to our active parish and school staff, it was easy for us to jump into activities in the community.

After two years, we met with Father Gary to discuss ways to more fully integrate our family and families like ours in the parish. Our oldest son, John, has a rare genetic disorder that presents with Autism. We knew in the coming years we would be faced with challenges as we continued to seek Catholic education and the receiving of sacraments. Specifically, we wanted to start a support group for special needs families in the parish and beyond. Serendipitously, Fr. Gary was also called to the broader mission of inclusion and had already begun work to welcome all members of the Church. Our special needs support group fit well into the many other programs he was already cultivating.

The group, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, was named after Psalm 139: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

We are blessed to be in a parish where our children, John, Cece, James and Rand can all grow in their faith together. Families who are touched by special needs in any form are invited to join us the third Sunday of each month to pray, share practical advice and hear from a variety of speakers on topics including: EMBRACE's mission to foster inclusion in Catholic Schools, Special Needs Trusts, How/When to sign up for the Medicaid Waiver, etc. EMBRACE is an organization that provides the opportunity for an inclusive education by supporting children with disabilities and learning differences in their Catholic schools. A full list can be found on the website: **KCAscension.org/wonderfully-made/**

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH COURSES

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





FAITH FOUNDATION: PRAYER • SEPTEMBER 17



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



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



FAITH FOUNDATIONS: SACRAMENTS • OCTOBER 1



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



FAITH IN DEPTH: LITURGY OF THE HOURS • OCTOBER 15



CLASSES HAVE ALREADY STARTED





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 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

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!







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 7:00PM for a great game watching Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce, and the rest of the team playing the Atlanta Falcons with food and beverages available at The Bullpen (11316 W 135th St). We will have a space reserved for the Council. Watch a great Chiefs game with friends while we support our parishioners who own The Bullpen. 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 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- 0CTOBER 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 11:00AM at Queen of the
 Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Watch your email for more
 info and to sign up.
- Fourth Degree Officers Meeting, 10/3, 7:00PM, 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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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

We are looking for more friendly faces to join our ministry!!

Ambassadors for Christ volunteer during parish-wide events a few times a year to help make our visitors feel welcome.

If you are interested in being part of this hospitality ministry, please contact Jami Kuckelman at: jamikuck@gmail.com



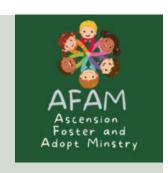
RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER:

HOT DOG

Hot Dog. Free Hot Dog. No, you are not at a baseball game. You are in rural Arizona at Elvin Fant Sr.'s Hot Dog stand. The sign outside reads, "Free Pro-life Hot Dogs. Savor the Flavor, Save a Life." The sign is intended to get people talking about the most important issue of the day: abortion. The stand has been open for over a year and has raised about \$5,000. His goal is to "enter into a conversation every day" about abortion and what it means to be pro-life. Elvin says: "You're not going to have much success if you walk up to someone on the street and say, 'Let's talk about pro-life". You need another avenue—so he opened the hot dog stand. He has a little TV mounted to his stand that shows Live Action's You Tube content especially man-on-the -street interviews and their impact along with a "Baby Olivia" video showing the development of an unborn child from fertilization to birth. As his customers wait and he grills their hot dogs, he visits about the videos. Any tips or donations go to Live Action. Fant emotionally added: "I feel like I'm making a difference from me taking up space in this world. I know that I'm saving babies. I know that I'm saving the peace of mind of the young women. No doubt in my mind." God Bless Elvin. (Source: "The incredible way..." Bridgett Sielicki, Live Action, 7/9/24).

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.

MASS INTENTIONS +

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00AM Nick Nicholson by Family

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00AM Jessy Innocent

12:00PM +Blaine Billinger

by Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00AM +Sue Evans

by Lois Herr

8:00AM Sergeant First Class

Ian Safford

by Jim & Tricia Baldwin

12:00PM +Bob Petsche

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00AM +Fansie M. Connelly

by Colleen & Doug Polsky

12:00PM +Philip Rauen

Rosa Hunt

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00AM +Tony Lasher

by Knights of Columbus

12:00PM Katie & Rick Edgington

by Cathy Audley

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30AM +William Bagley by Tracy Boschert

4:30PM **+Bob Daum**

by Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15AM Ascension Parishioners

10:00AM +Paul McNally

by Rita McNally

11:45AM +Megan Gregson

by Don & Mary Lou Hogan

5:00PM +Gus & +Joan Rysavy

by John & Cathy Rysavy



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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.



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Register: Scan the QR code or contact Debbie Engel at 913-485-

8918 or deborasuzanne@gmail.com.



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!



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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

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



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.

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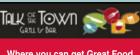


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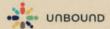
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