

OCTOBER 6, 2024

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish

# LET THE CHILDREN COME.

MK 10:14



## 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

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✉ 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. Rich Bray and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Jokerst and Family

**BAPTISMS**

Winnie Raine Kempker  
Madelynn Rose Oehrlein

**BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY**

Ryan Admundsen and Kate Pflughaupt  
Samuel Pearson and Andrea Renner  
Alex Koca and Lauren Redmond  
Evan Tustin and Lauren Baalman  
Cole Pemberton and Ashlyn Thibault

**† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Fred Zielinski  
*Husband of Kathy Zielinski*

**ASCENSION KIDS**

What letter **begins** each picture name?  
Circle the capital and lowercase letters.

 Hh | Ee Hh Rr

 Bb | Ll Ii Bb

 Jj | Uu Jj Ee

**ANSWER:** See page 7.



**FATHER GARY PENNINGS**  
**PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the *Letter to the Hebrews*, there is a line that speaks of being made “perfect through suffering.” Suffering? How does suffering bring about perfection? That line is abrasive to modern ears. Yet, we readily acknowledge slogans such as, “no pain – no gain”. If we are honest, we admit that suffering often forces us to change in ways we might not without it.

In today’s Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Jesus’ answer is quite clear, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” Like the reference to suffering in Hebrews, Jesus’ words sound harsh. After all, don’t 50% of marriages end in divorce? (not actually true by the way).

Now, don’t get me wrong. Divorce is a painful reality, and we should show great compassion for victims of divorce, the abandoned spouses and wounded children. There are cases, especially when violence is involved, when the separation of the spouses cannot be avoided. But Jesus values commitments and wishes us to value them too, even if such commitments call us to endure the pain of personal change.

What seems to underlie the epidemic of divorce today might just be the fear of accepting the suffering and sacrifice that commitment demands. A demand that when embraced by both parties, and with recourse to God’s grace, can result in genuine change in people’s hearts. When both parties choose to change rather than break the marriage commitment, harmony can often be restored.

The demands of commitment may seem impossible for us sinners. But with divine help, all things are possible, and God’s grace, when accepted, can bring genuine change, heal wounds, and restore loving relationships. Pray for married couples that are struggling.

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

*Thank You!*

Fr. Gary, Fr. Stull and Fr. Colm would like to thank you for the many well wishes and cards that parishioners sent this past weekend for Priesthood Sunday. St. John Vianney, pray for us!

## 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

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 9:30AM **Mary, Full of Grace Presentation & Brunch** | 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
- 7:00PM **Parish Council Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 10:00AM **Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life** | St. Luke Rm.
- 4:00PM **Guadalupe House** | Off-Site
- 6:00PM **SAC Meeting** | Library
- 6:30PM **4th Degree Knights/Assembly Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 6:30PM **Virtues: The Path to Happiness** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Cub Scouts #3218/Committee Meeting** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Father's Book Study** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Rebuilding After Divorce** | St. John Rm.
- 7:30PM **Special Needs Team** | Conf. Rm.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 10:00AM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Ascension Book Club Meeting** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | Church
- 6:00PM **Year I Classes** | ACS Classrooms
- 6:30PM **Men Under Construction** | St. Luke Rm.

- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 7:30PM **Choir Practice** | Church

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 9:30AM **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** | St. Luke Rm.
- 10:00AM **7 Secrets of Divine Mercy** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Forgiveness 101** | St. John Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **The Family & The New Totalitarianism** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:15PM **American Heritage Girls Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center
- 7:00PM **Forgiveness 101** | St. John Rm.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Forgiveness 101** | St. Mark Rm.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM **Christ Renews His Parish Bible Study** | St. John Rm.
- 9:00AM **Bereavement Support** | St. Luke Rm.
- 10:00AM **Pop The Trunk Food Collection** | Parking Lot
- 11:00AM **Cub Scouts #3218 Stream Clean** | Off-Site

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 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 **Candidate Sponsor Session 1** | Parish Hall A
- 1:00PM **Baptism Class** | St. Luke Rm.
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:15PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM **CHRP Men Team 36** | St. John Rm.
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

OCTOBER 6-13

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**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 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM in the East Parking Lot. Pets must be caged or leashed.



**RESPECT LIFE  
Sunday Mass**  
With Archbishop Joseph Naumann  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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)

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY MASS • OCTOBER 6**

9:30AM, Off-Site

**COMMUNITY EVENT**

Join us October 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 1000 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!

**LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY 2024 • OCTOBER 6**

1:30PM, Off-Site

**COMMUNITY EVENT**

LIFE CHAIN is an annual one hour nationwide peaceful, prayerful hour of prayer on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Locally over 100 churches,

and nationwide many thousands of churches are participating at the same time. Ascension has an assigned spot in front of Holy Cross Catholic School on 95<sup>th</sup> St., in between Antioch and Metcalf. This is a great family activity! Strollers and lawn chairs for those who need them are welcome! This will happen rain or shine.

More Information: Cathy Madrid at [cathyfmadrid@gmail.com](mailto:cathyfmadrid@gmail.com)



**WOMEN OF ASCENSION**

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

**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
9:30-11:00am**

Child Care Provided

Location:  
St. Mathew/Mark Room

**Go here to register:**



**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

**\*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



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

Register: Joe Mayerle at 913-579-9045 or [mayerle@everestkc.net](mailto:mayerle@everestkc.net)

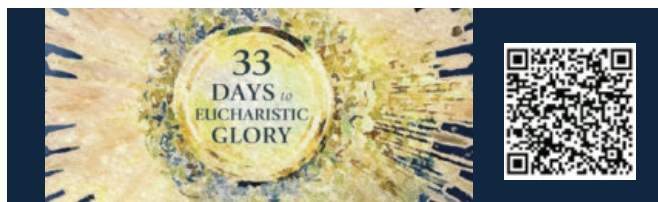
Volunteer Coordinator: Doug Lisak 913-484-8524 or [lisakdoug@gmail.com](mailto:lisakdoug@gmail.com)



### ASCENSION BOOK CLUB • OCTOBER 9

1:00PM, St. Matthew Rm.

Our book for October is *The Reading List*, by Sara Nisha Adams. We will meet on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM in the St. Matthew Room. For details call Linda Cook at 913-897-3201. Our book for November will be *The First Ladies*, by Marie Benedict. We will meet on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM. Come join our discussions!



### 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. These spiritual guides should forever change the way we spend time with Jesus in the Eucha-

rist. There is no better way to receive God's grace that 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



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN • OCTOBER 10 & 20

7:00AM, Off-Site

The Fall 2024 Campaign kicked 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



### 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](http://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](mailto:YeaBut40@gmail.com)*



**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>.

*Sponsors:*  
 Ascension Knights of Columbus & Ministry of Care

*drive-up*  
**Food Collection**  
 Let's Make a Difference

**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.

**Suggested Items**

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

**We Accept Unexpired Foods Only**

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

**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 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Please look for the Catholic Charities truck in our parking lot. Can't be here on October 12<sup>th</sup>? 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*

**Thank you**

**FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO OPERATION WARM TOES. OUR HOMELESS BROTHERS AND SISTERS WILL BENEFIT BECAUSE OF YOUR KINDNESS.**

**RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER:**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

40 Days for Life is a global campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and a peaceful prayerful vigil in front of abortion facilities. Since its inception in 2007, it conducts a fall and spring campaign. Its humble origin was in Bryan/College Station, Tx, where 4 people gathered, prayed and sought God’s direction to help address the scourge of abortion. In naming their new organization they adopted 40 Days- the time frame that God consistently uses throughout salvation history to transform His people. Each day during the vigil, participants include churches, families, individuals, groups and others of good will who support the unborn. Since those early days of this interdenominational effort, 40 Days has grown into a worldwide organization. To date known results from these prayerful peaceful efforts total 24,915 babies saved, 155 abortion clinics closed and 263 abortion workers leaving the abortion industry. This fall’s campaign started on September 25 and ends November 3. It is being conducted in 703 cities. If you cannot be physically present at a vigil location, take a few minutes and say some extra prayers for the mothers contemplating abortion and their unborn children. The 40 Days for Life website lists locations where vigils are being conducted. Go to [40daysforlife.com/location](http://40daysforlife.com/location) for the vigil nearest to you. (Source: 40 Days for Life).

**UPCOMING ADULT FAITH COURSES**



**FAITH IN DEPTH: LITURGY OF THE HOURS • OCTOBER 15**



**CAN A CATHOLIC BE A SOCIALIST? • OCTOBER 24**



**CHURCH MUSIC AFTER VATICAN II • OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 12 (TUESDAYS)**

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



**Infant Baptism**



If you are pregnant or planning a new addition to the family, please contact the parish office.

Baptism class is offered monthly & required for new parents.

Class and forms must be completed prior to selecting the baptism date.

*Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.*  
CCC 1213

Contact the parish office at 913-681-3348

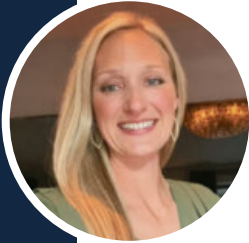
**ASCENSION KIDS**

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# GET TO KNOW THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



## CARRIE KRAMER | PARISHIONER FOR 4 YEARS

[ckramer912@gmail.com](mailto:ckramer912@gmail.com) ✉

My name is Carrie Kramer and I have been a parishioner for 4 years. I have three children (7th, 5th and 4th grade) that attend school at Ascension. I was on the Celebrate Ascension Committee last year and I spend time volunteering at the school. I am thrilled to serve in a different capacity on the Parish Pastoral Council this year. If you have any thoughts or concerns about our parish, please email me.

## JOHN MENGHINI | PARISHIONER FOR 32 YEARS

[johnmenghini@gmail.com](mailto:johnmenghini@gmail.com) ✉

My wife, Pat, and I have been parishioners since 1992. We have 3 adult kids and 17 grandchildren, most of whom have attended our parish school. I am the retired CEO of Gear for Sports and current partner in Terra Fina Land Development. I have served on a variety of boards at the Archdiocese and our Catholic High Schools. I also served on the original building committee that oversaw construction of the parish church and school. Any thoughts or concerns, please email me.



## NICK SOBBA | PARISHIONER FOR 11 YEARS

[nsobba@hotmail.com](mailto:nsobba@hotmail.com) ✉

My wife, Kristen, and I first attended Mass at Ascension 11 years ago, and we immediately fell in love with the inclusive, welcoming, and active community within the parish. We joined the parish shortly afterward and had two children - Claire and Peter James - who attend Ascension Catholic School. In addition to serving on the pastoral council, I volunteer as an usher and in various other roles at both the church and the school.

## PETE ASTA | PARISHIONER FOR 6 YEARS

[pete\\_asta@yahoo.com](mailto:pete_asta@yahoo.com) ✉

Hello, my name is Pete Asta and I've been a parishioner with my wife and kids since 2018. In that time I've been active in Youth Faith Formation and The Legion of Mary. I've been married to Kelley for 21 years and this year will have children attending Blue Valley NW, St. James and Ascension schools. Look forward to hearing from you!



## CHERYL SCHMITZ | PARISHIONER FOR 34 YEARS

[schmitzc08@yahoo.com](mailto:schmitzc08@yahoo.com) ✉

Church of the Ascension has been my parish home since it began, 34 years ago! Many activities have enriched my faith—Mass, retreats, liturgy committee, music ministry, EMHC, lecturing, adult classes, food donations, serving, Unbound, etc. It has also been a joy and inspiration to share the years with so many fellow parishioners; contact me to talk or discuss the parish!



**ANDREW RICKERT | PARISHIONER FOR 13 YEARS**

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Andrew Rickert has been a parishioner at Ascension as long as he can remember and went to our parish school from Kindergarten until his graduation in 2022. He loves the Ascension Parish and is excited to help out however he can on the parish council. Currently a Junior at Saint James Academy, he is extremely passionate about his faith and his faith communities, both at Saint James and at Ascension. Additionally, he is very passionate about running, reading good books, supporting the Pro-Life cause, reaching out to those who seem isolated, and hanging out with his three older brothers. He will be praying for our parish this year and humbly asks that you do the same for him!



**ADAM SCHREINER | PARISHIONER FOR 8 YEARS**

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My name is Adam Schreiner, and I live in Overland Park with my wife, Meghan. We've been members of the parish since 2016, and our three children—Maximus (7th grade), Maverik (5th grade), and Madeleine (3rd grade)—attend Ascension Catholic School. I'm honored to serve our parish and truly value the input of our wonderful community here at Ascension, so please feel free to stop and say hello if you see me!



**KIM SUTTON | PARISHIONER FOR 31 YEARS**

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I've been a member of Church of the Ascension since 1993 when I converted to Catholicism. Since then I've been involved in several different ministries such as Sacristan and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Evangelization Committee, and Ambassadors for Christ. My passion is teaching, and I have been an Adult Faith volunteer, leading adult classes for 13 years, as well as managing the Adult Faith Library. I'm excited to serve on the Pastoral Parish Council and will do my best to represent you well.



**OWEN HENRY | PARISHIONER FOR 5 YEARS**

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Owen Henry is a distinguished high school student and a valued member of both our Ascension Parish and our parish Boy Scouts Troop. As Ascension's 127th Eagle Scout, Owen exemplifies leadership and dedication to service. He regularly attends RISE, where he actively participates in a variety of events and loves attending Steubenville each summer. Owen is a senior at Blue Valley Northwest High School, where he holds leadership positions in the National Honor Society and the Howlin' Husky Marching Band. He is passionate about representing the perspectives of public school students and is committed to fostering greater teen engagement within our Catholic community. Owen's contributions and leadership make him a remarkable role model, and we are proud to have him as part of our parish family.



**JAKE STUHLSTAZ | PARISHIONER FOR 6 YEARS**

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My wife, Allie, and I have four children: Liliana, Jacob, Eliza, and Michael. We have been parishioners at Ascension Catholic Church for 6 years, and our children have attended Ascension Catholic School since that time. I have worked as a physical therapist in various settings for the past 10 years. This year, I joined the Parish Pastoral Council and am eager to serve in this new capacity.



**EVAN RYAN | PARISHIONER FOR 12 YEARS**

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I am husband to my amazing wife of 20 years, Wendy, and father to four incredible kiddos. As parishioners for over 12 years, it's been my pleasure to serve in many capacities including Eucharistic Minister, School Advisory Council, Marriage Prep and currently Parish Pastoral Council. When not chasing the kids around, I help people connect what's in their heart to their balance sheet. It's important to me to get to know my fellow parishioners, and I'd welcome any comments or suggestions on how we can continue to steward this thriving parish. Please feel free to snag me anytime on campus, or email me. God's blessings!



# MASS INTENTIONS +

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00AM **+Joan Ostmeyer**  
by Tom & Alice Kornhaus

12:00PM **+Janice Bluin**  
by Denny Walsh

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00AM **+Mike Blessing**

8:00AM **+Roy Sportsman**  
by Family

**+George Davenport**  
by Family

12:00PM **+Charlene Clements**  
by Ron & Sarah Marshall

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00AM —

8:00AM **+John Urbom**  
by McGilley Family

12:00PM **+Charlene Clements**  
by Ron & Geri Padley

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00AM **+Adele Neidlinger**  
by Lois Herr

12:00PM **+Bob Starr**  
by Dan & Vicki Snowden

**+Sylvia Ramones**  
by Beatrice Ho

**+Pat Boehm**  
by Joe Becker

**+Ben Kahookele**  
by Cathy Audley

**+George Munyer**  
by Kate Hanson

**+Kim McClaren**  
by Karla Welch

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00AM **+Terry Weiser**  
by David & Elizabeth McMIndes

12:00PM **+Bill Ryan**  
by Judy & Craig Arnold

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:30AM **+Eleanor & +Vincent Kohake**

4:30PM **+Mac McFarland**  
by Vi McFarland

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:15AM **+Gene Kanatzar**  
by The Kanatzar Family

10:00AM **Ascension Parishioners**

11:45AM **Living & Deceased Members  
of the Smeltzer Family**

5:00PM **+Annette Shobe**  
by Kay Lyons

# 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  
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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 06, 2024



## Paint By Heart | Benjamin Cello | Episode 5

Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart! The beauty of painting takes center stage as Giovanni Angelico or “Mr. Gelly” teaches Benjamin Cello and his friends how to “paint by heart”.



## The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

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Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



## 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**

- Sunday: 5:00AM, 1:00PM
- Monday: 10:00AM, 11:00AM
- Tuesday: 11:00PM
- Wednesday: 7:00AM
- Thursday: 8:00AM, 11:00PM\*\*\*
- Saturday: 7:00AM, 11:00AM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 10:00PM

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**



**YOUNG ADULTS 21-35  
BREW LAB 7925 MARTY  
OCT 14, 7PM LIVE MUSIC**

**PARABLES & PUBS (YOUNG ADULTS 21-35) • 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).



**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 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM–8:00PM for this practical talk on the Church’s daily prayer. No cost.

*Register: Scan the QR code*



**If you are caring for a loved one in need, we invite you to join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month** for an evening of community and connection with others walking the same beautiful and often challenging path.

**Each month, we tackle a different issue caregivers often face**, from memory loss, to burnout, to navigating family gatherings and more. Our talk is followed by open discussion, so bring your questions, stories, and concerns, and leave with coping skills and spiritual support for the road ahead.

*RSVP by calling Michelle Buzzard at (913) 484-2222.*



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**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • OCTOBER 16**

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

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*Questions? Call Michelle at 913-484-2222*



October 19, 2024  
4-7 pm  
Bishop Piege  
High School

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**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.

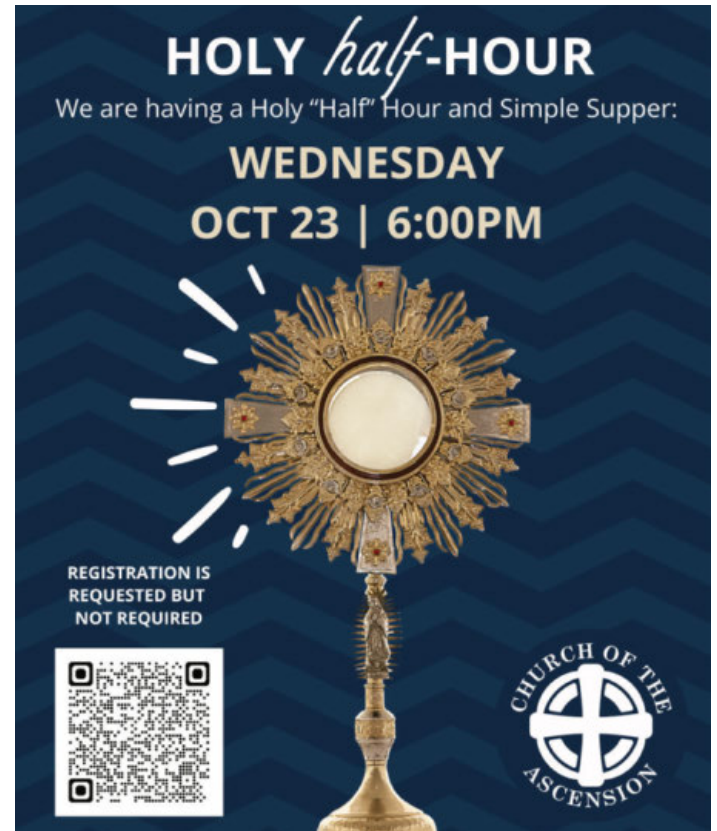
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non-alcoholic beverages) and attendees with Last Names beginning with A-L are asked to bring a dessert to share and M-Z a savory snack to share. Your \$5 registration fee can be paid online or at the door.

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**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



**Silver Soirée**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND  
6:00 – 8:00PM

PARISH HALL

**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

**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 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. 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!

**CAN A CATHOLIC BE A SOCIALIST? • OCTOBER 24**

5:30PM, *St. Mark Rm.*



“Pope Leo XIII wrote of the “harvest of misery” that socialism brings. Pius XI said it’s impossible to be a good Catholic and a good socialist. John Paul II spent his papacy combating socialism’s dehumanizing statism. Yet somehow this long-discredited economic philosophy is making a comeback, not only on college campuses and political talk shows but among sincere Catholics.” Class time will be spent listening to a presentation by Dr. Horn and then spending the rest of class time for open discussion/questions. No cost. Please register so that we have adequate space. **NO BOOK PURCHASE IS NECESSARY** Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff.

*Register: Scan the QR code*

**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 [KCAscension.org](http://KCAscension.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*

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**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • OCTOBER 28**

6:00PM, *Church*

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

**PROJECT CHRYSALIS • OCTOBER 29**

6:00PM, *Conf. Rm. (Upper 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 October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Conference Room at Church of the Ascension.

*Questions: Patty in the parish office at [pbillinger@kcascension.org](mailto:pbillinger@kcascension.org).*

**SHALOM HOUSE • OCTOBER 31**

*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 October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup.

*Questions: Contact Dan Tira at 913-991-7755*

**NOVEMBER**

**CHILDRENS WINTER COAT DRIVE • NOVEMBER 2-3**

*All Day, Gathering Area*

We are collecting coats for redistribution by Johnson County Christmas Bureau at their Holiday Mart for those in Johnson County who are in the most need. Please donate new or gently used coats, and all sized: mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to help those in need stay warm.

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# ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



## 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.

## PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

- TODAY! Life Chain Sunday on 10/6. Gather in front of Holy Cross School 1:30PM–2:30PM on 95th Street between Antioch and Metcalf. Families are welcome.
- PacknPlay weekend 10/24 for Advice and Aid. Please bring your donations.
- Join us on Saturday mornings to Peacefully Pray for life. 9:30AM–10:00AM in front of Planned Parenthood.

## FOOTBALL SEASON 2024 RAFFLE RESULTS

Congratulations to the four Ascension winners for Week 3. Checks will be mailed to these winners. Bill Fredrickson \$100, Cassie Heidrick \$50, Evan James \$50, Andy Kristen \$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](mailto:railtoad@aol.com).

## KNIGHTS CHOIR

Contact Patrick Kershaw at [captpat@wwdb.org](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:15PM, *Annex (Knights Room)*
- Council Meeting: Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://AscensionKofC.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **OCTOBER 6:** Life Chain Sunday, *Holy Cross School*
- **OCTOBER 7:** KofC Golf Tournament, *Falcon Ridge*
- **OCTOBER 10:** Advice & Aid Annual Fundraising Banquet

## FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- 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 FORMATION OFFERINGS

### 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.



## 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.

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

## Special Needs Youth Faith Formation

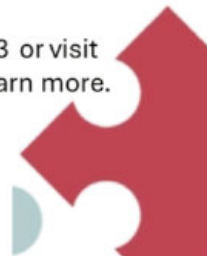
Currently inviting families with a special needs, disabled or learning challenged child age K-8<sup>th</sup> grade to sign up for the 2024-2025 Youth Faith Formation program

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!**

 YOUTH FAITH  
FORMATION







**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](mailto:jruoff@archkck.org)



## 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](mailto:snigrin@kcascension.org)*



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Contact Mary Bibler at 913-681-3348 ext. 134; or [mbibler@kcascension.org](mailto: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.

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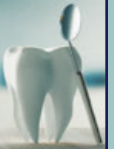
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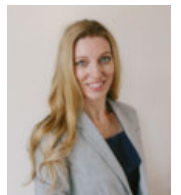
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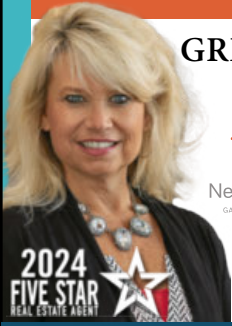
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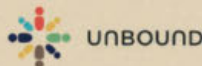
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