

OCTOBER 27, 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go your way; your faith has saved you.”

MK 10:52

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
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

BAPTISMS

Avery Mae Meyer

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Ben Bartnicke and Jennifer Faus
Jared Sharp and Rebecca Garretson
Eric Berner and Lindsay Huddleston
Jessi Meyer and Katie Rock
Kalen Richardson and Katelin Aldrich

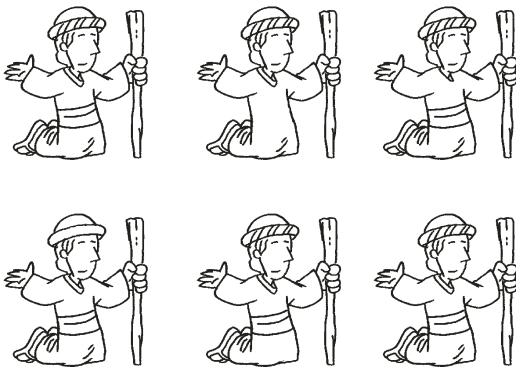
† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Timothy Stoehr
*Father of Olivia Govea, Father-in-law of
Nicky Govea and Grandfather of Hazel
Govea*

Rosemary Moran
*Sister of Sue Marti & Sister-in-law
of Dale Marti*

ASCENSION KIDS

Find the **matching pair**.



ANSWER: 1 and 6



**KAREN NEWKIRK'S
STEWARDSHIP CORNER**



Since Fr. Gary is on pilgrimage to Poland and it is almost time for our annual stewardship appeal, here are answers to some “Frequently Asked Questions” about Stewardship.

Why is there a Stewardship Appeal every year?

An Annual Stewardship Appeal is a time for us as Christians to take time to reflect on the gifts that we have been given, and to prayerfully discern how we have been faithful stewards of these gifts. We also want to reflect on where we have fallen short in receiving and sharing these gifts. It is a chance to ask, “Where is the Lord asking me to give of myself in a greater way this upcoming year?” It is a time for us as individuals, families, parishes and as a diocese/archdiocese to recommit ourselves to Christ by offering all that we are, and all that we have as a gift back to Him, the giver of all good gifts.

Why is it necessary to complete a stewardship commitment form each year?

“Why do we have to fill out a form?’ If we look at things logically, we realize that whenever we put things in writing and put our name to a form, the chances are we are going to fulfill it. If we just ‘promise’ to do something, we can always rationalize away that promise very quickly for all kinds of different reasons. If we have that form, we know what we have committed and are expected to follow through.” Msgr. Thomas McGread

The completed pledge forms are truly a gift that the parishioners collectively give to the entire parish family. The truth is that God has given each of us different gifts. The gifts are not given to us exclusively for our own benefit, but are given for the good of the whole. When I share the gifts I have received, the Body of Christ is strengthened and glorified. When I hoard the gifts I have received, the Body of Christ suffers.

Taken from Catholic Diocese of Wichita Website, Parish Stewardship Renewal Resources

Karen Newkirk
Minister for Stewardship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- ALL DAY **What's That Pack and Play For?** |
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 **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 12:30PM **4th Monday Afternoon Bridge** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **RCIA Class** | St. Mark Rm.
- 5:45PM **Finance Council Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **Holy Hour for Vocations** | Church
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Knights of Columbus Council
Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 10:00AM **Jesus: The Way, the Truth and
the Life** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **Project Chrysalis** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Church Music after Vatican II** | 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 30

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

- 9:30AM **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** | St. Luke Rm.
- 10:00AM **7 Secrets of Divine Mercy** | St. Mark Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe
Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.

- 4:30PM **Shalom House** | Off-Site
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** |
Youth Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 7:00AM **All Saints' Day Mass** | Church
- 12:00PM **All Saints' Day Mass** | Church
- 1:00PM **The Bible and Catechism NOT
in a Year** | St. Luke Rm.
- 2:30PM **Mahjonn** | St. Mark Rm.
- 7:00PM **All Saints' Day Mass** | Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- ALL DAY **Winter Children's Coat Drive** |
Gathering Area
- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe
Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM **Christ Renews His Parish Bible
Study** | St. John Rm.
- 9:00AM **Women of Ascension: Fellowship &
Prayer** | St. Luke Rm.
- 12:00PM **First Saturday Public Rosary** | Rosary
Garden

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- ALL DAY **Winter Children's Coat 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
- 12:00PM **Little Sisters of the Poor Spaghetti
Dinner Fundraiser** | Off-Site
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:15PM **Knights of Columbus Officers
Meeting** | Parish Hall Annex
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

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).

Catholic candle fundraiser

cordacandles.com/CTLA

CALLED TO LOVE AGAIN CANDLE FUNDRAISER • OCTOBER 26-28

Please join in supporting Called to Love Ministry–KC's local non profit ministry for divorce support and God's Healing Plan for Love, Sex & Marriage. Use this specific code link between Oct. 26–28 to purchase CORDA candles and they will donate a percentage to the ministry. Thank you for your support. We can't do it without you!



Holy Hour for Vocations

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, *St. Luke Rm. (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 October 29th at 6:00PM in the Conference Room at Church of the Ascension.

Questions: *Patty in the parish office at pbillinger@kcascension.org.*



CHURCH MUSIC AFTER VATICAN II • OCTOBER 29 & NOVEMBER 12

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

Did you know the Church has documents about what types, styles, genres, etc. of music / instruments to use during Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, and the sacraments? Have you ever wondered what goes into the process of choosing what music will be sung at Mass and when? Have you wondered about the progression of music from pre-Vatican II to Vatican II to post-Vatican II? Join Fr. Stull on Tuesday, October 29 and Tuesday, November 12 from 6:30PM–8:00PM for this series on Church music, which will include plenty of listening, study, and time for questions/discussion! No Cost.

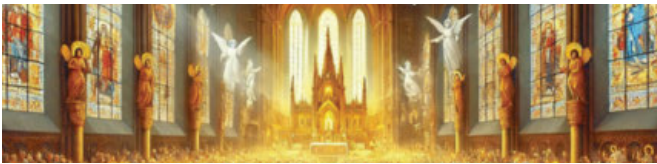


SHALOM HOUSE • OCTOBER 31

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. Please visit our signup by scanning the QR code.

Questions: Contact Dan Tira at 913-991-7755



ALL SAINTS' DAY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) • NOVEMBER 1

Church

Masses: 7:00AM, 8:00AM (All School Mass), 12:00PM and 7:00PM



Winter Children's Coat Drive
to benefit the Johnson County Christmas Bureau

Drop-off Location:
Ascension Gathering Area

Please Donate
New or Gently Used Children's Coats and All Sizes Mittens, Gloves, Hats and Scarves to Help Those in Need Stay Warm.

We are collecting coats for redistribution by Johnson County Christmas Bureau at their Holiday Mart for those in Johnson County who are in most need.

Sponsored by Ministry of Care and Social Justice

WINTER CHILDREN'S 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.

Sponsored by: Ministry of Care and Social Justice



ROSARY AND SOCIAL FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES • NOVEMBER 2

12:00PM, Rosary Garden

Join us for the monthly Public Rosary in the Rosary Garden at 12:00PM. We will gather for fellowship and food after.



Little Sisters of the Poor

SPAGHETTI Dinner Fundraiser

JEANNE JUGAN CENTER | November

8745 James A. Reed Rd
Kansas City, MO 64138

12:00 - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY **3**

ADULTS \$15 | KIDS [3-10 yrs] \$8

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER • NOVEMBER 3

12:00PM, Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Join the Little Sisters of the Poor for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Jeanne Jugan Center in Kansas City, MO! Enjoy delicious homemade spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and a drink. Eat here, take it to go, or drive thru on Sunday, November 3rd from Noon-5:00PM. Adult meals are \$15, and Kid's meals (3-10 years) are \$8. While you're here, browse our bake sale and craft sale, then try your luck in our Raffle. All proceeds benefit our Home for the elderly. Sorry, no gluten-free dinner options will be available.

Questions: Call 816-761-4744 or visit LittleSistersOfThePoorKansasCity.org



Everything we have, our lives, our individual talents, skills, attributes and any material blessings we have received are all gifts of God's varied graces.

“SO, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE GIVE!”

Derived from the Scripture verse above, this is the theme for this year's Stewardship Appeal.

As Each Has Received A Gift,

Church of the Ascension exists to draw people into transformational encounters with Jesus Christ and His Church by proclaiming the Gospel, worshipping wholeheartedly, serving generously, and loving like Jesus. Through our parish school and parish youth formation programs, we have formed countless children in the faith and prepared them for the sacraments.

- 8,760** Hours of Eucharistic Adoration
- 3,299** Families in our Parish
- 1,785** Youth Service projects
- 1,471** Adults in Faith Formation
- 573** Children in full-time school
- 410** Children in religious education
- 227** Vacation Bible School Participants
- 137** Confirmations, **101** Baptisms
- 129** First Communions
- 66** Adult Faith classes/retreats
- 34** Funerals, **23** Weddings

Use It To Serve One Another...

We have ministered to the sick and homebound, helped teens and young adults discern God's voice in their lives, served the poor and hungry in a wide variety of ways, inspired adults to learn more about the Catholic Faith and accompanied believers through participation in prayer groups, support groups and varied communal events.

- \$266,110** donated outside our Parish
- \$43,459 + 38,613 lbs** of food contributed to Pop the Trunk food drives
- \$14,515** in cash & gift cards + **3** large cargo trucks donated for Angel Trees
- \$12,850 + 295** turkeys & hams for Turkey Drive
- \$12,362** raised for Baby Bottle Boomerang
- 572** donated prayer blankets and quilts
- 352** donors at the Ascension Blood Drive
- 291** parishioners served in Liturgical Ministry

*Over the next few weeks, our parish family will be invited to reflect on how we can live our lives as Christian stewards. Let us prayerfully consider how we might recommit ourselves to being good stewards of all the gifts God has entrusted to us and our families.
For questions regarding the appeal, please contact Karen Newkirk at knewkirk@kcascension.org.*

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH COURSES



**THE STORY OF THE FAMILY • NOVEMBER 7-NOVEMBER 21
(THURSDAYS)**



**BIBLE & CATECHISM NOT IN A YEAR •
1ST & 3RD FRIDAYS OF EVERY MONTH**

MEN OF ASCENSION

Fellowship

MEN OF ASCENSION • FRIDAYS

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



ALTAR SOCIETY CHURCH CLEANING

NOVEMBER 9
9:15AM, Church

Come help clean the church for Christmas! We will be dusting and vacuuming pews, dusting statues and wiping down kneelers. Bring a bucket or a small vacuum if you have one. Many hands make light work!



THANKS-FOR-GIVING

IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR PARISH AND OUR PARTNER MINISTRIES, FR. GARY AND THE PARISH STAFF INVITE YOU TO A DINNER FOR MINISTRY LEADERS, VOLUNTEERS AND SPOUSES (ADULTS ONLY)

6:30 TO 8:30 PM IN PARISH HALL

SATURDAY **16** NOVEMBER



REGISTER NOW - SPACE IS LIMITED!
RSVP DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 7TH

Advent by Candlelight.

MODELING MARY'S "YES" - LIVING OUR EUCHARISTIC MISSION

THURS. DECEMBER 5TH
6:00-9PM*
PARISH HALL
**Doors open at 5:30PM*

REGISTER HERE:

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF OUR PARISH. JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP, DINNER, PRAYER, MUSIC, AND REFLECTION AS WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOR AT CHRISTMAS.

KCASCENSION.ORG/WOMEN-OF-ASCENSION

MASS INTENTIONS +

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00AM **+Howard Boeser**
by *Lois Herr*

12:00PM **+Pat Boehm**
by *Joe Becker*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Ron Lampe**
by *Kay Lampe*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00AM —

8:00PM **+Fred Zielinski**
by *Diane & Lee Frerker*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00AM **+Dan & LaVana Kane**
by *Dick Kane*

12:00PM **+Fred Zielinski**
by *Rosemary Berberick*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00AM **+Sean Clark**
by *Larry and Peggy McMillin*

8:00AM **+Bill Poteete**
by *Molly & Keith Johnson*

12:00PM **Pat & Bill Nachbar**

7:00PM **Ascension Parishioners**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30AM **Deceased Members
of the Parish**

4:30PM **+Ann M. Rizzi**
by *Bins Family*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:15AM **Ascension Parishioners**

10:00AM **+John Whigham**
by *Washburn Family*

11:45AM **+Kara Lee Gengler**
by *Steve Gengler*

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
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
Forrest Mistler
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 Surles
Fr. Tom Tank
Dan Tira
Collin Warrender
Bridget A. Weeks
Griffin Weyforth
Marilyn Wheeler
George Winkler
John Witt
Emy Yabut

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Bryan Atkins
Ken Becker
Marissa Bemis
Amanda Brower
Shari Chang
Lauren Collins
Audrey Cooper
Steve Dougherty
Katelyn Dulac
Bob Gleason
Anne Hauser
Colleen Heeter
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
Russell Rebman
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**

- 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.

 **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


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Week of October 27, 2024




The Catholic Take on Halloween

Remembering the dead in purgatory, celebrating the Saints, and the Catholic perspective on Halloween.



Brother Francis - All Souls Day

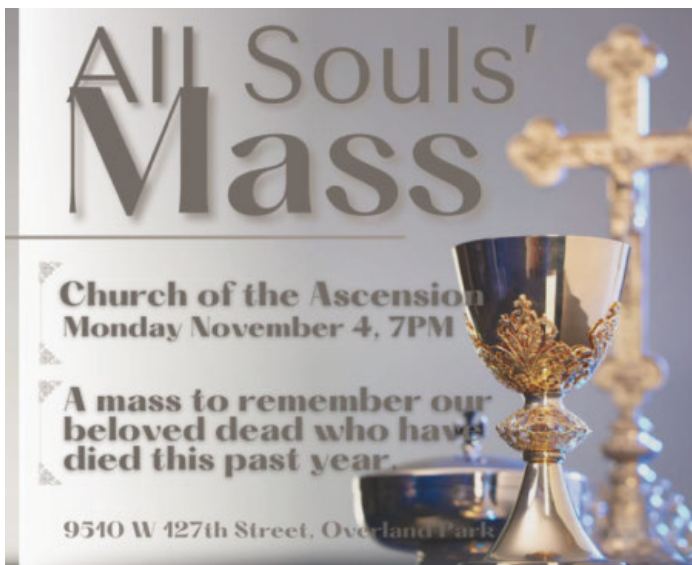
In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.



Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

NOVEMBER



ALL SOULS MASS • NOVEMBER 4

7:00PM, Church

Join us for Mass at 7:00PM to remember our beloved dead who have died this past year.



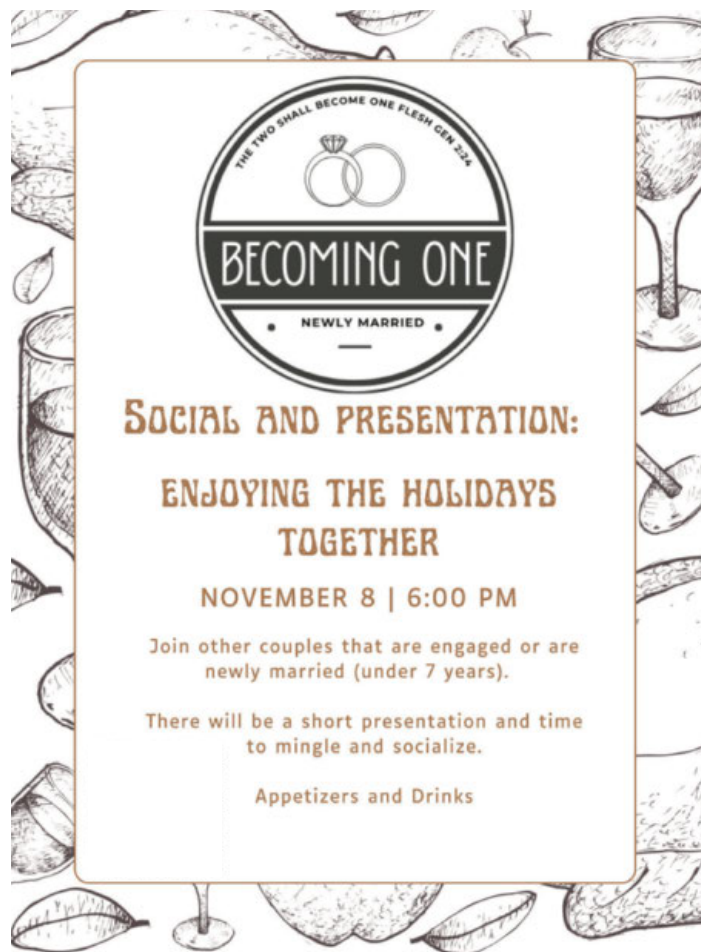
ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN • NOVEMBER 6

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 from 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/GetInvolved/ServiceOpportunities to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

Questions: Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314



BECOMING ONE: SOCIAL AND PRESENTATION • NOVEMBER 8

6:00PM, Church



Join other couples that are engaged or are newly married (under 7 years) on November 8th at 6:00PM for a social and presentation about "Enjoying the Holidays Together". There will be a short presentation and time to mingle and socialize. Appetizers and drinks provided!

Register: Scan the QR code



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY • NOVEMBER 9

9:00AM (After Morning 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.



ALTAR SOCIETY CHURCH CLEANING

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9:15AM, Church

Come help clean the church for Christmas! We will be dusting and vacuuming pews, dusting statues and wiping down kneelers. Bring a bucket or a small vacuum if you have one. Many hands make light work!



GUADALUPE HOUSE • NOVEMBER 12

Before 4:30PM, Dropoff 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 • NOVEMBER 9 & 10

10:00AM, Parking Lot

Join us helping community in need! The Knights of Columbus and Ministry of Care is having a Drive-Up Food Collection on November 9th & 10th. *Items needed: Peanut Butter, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Beans, Boxed Meals & Sides and Canned Vegetable.* We gratefully accept cash and check donations. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

Questions: David Whittaker 913-626-2676 or Johnette Martin 913-481-8663

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus and Ministry of Care



VETERANS DAY ALL SCHOOL MASS • NOVEMBER 12

8:00AM, Church



Ascension Catholic School will celebrate Veteran's Day with an all-school Mass on Tuesday, November 12th at 8:00AM. All veterans are invited to attend! We would like to recognize these heroes by name at our celebration. If you or someone you know is attending, please RSVP using the QR Code, call the school office or call the church office to RSVP. Please include the military branch and rank if possible.

RSVP to Recognize Heroes: Scan QR code, or call school or church office



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING • NOVEMBER 12 & 14

7:00PM & 7:30PM, Church

We will have altar server training on Tuesday, November 12, from 7:00PM–8:30PM, and Thursday, November 14,

UPCOMING EVENTS

from 7:30PM–9:00PM. Those interested may attend either session and need not attend both sessions. Both sessions will be held in the church. All boys and girls who are currently in grades 5th through 12th are encouraged to participate in the Mass as altar servers. Parents should attend the first 10 minutes of the training session, or they are welcome to stay for the entire session.

Questions: Deacon Kris at kkuckelman@archkck.org



ASCENSION BOOK CLUB • NOVEMBER 13
1:00PM, St. Mark Rm.

Our book for November will be *The First Ladies*, by Marie Benedict. We will meet on Wednesday, November 13th at 1:00PM. Come join our discussions!

Questions: Linda Cook at 913-897-3201



THANKS-FOR-GIVING • NOVEMBER 16
6:30PM, Parish Hall

In gratitude for your service to our Parish and our Partner Ministries, Fr. Gary and the Parish Staff invite you to a dinner for ministry leaders, volunteers and spouses (Adults only). Register now as space is limited! RSVP by November 7th!



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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Questions: Michelle at 913-484-2222

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FROZEN TURKEY DRIVE • NOVEMBER 23 & 24

All Masses, *Parking Lot*



Catholic Charities needs your help to provide frozen turkeys for Thanksgiving meals for our brothers and sisters who may be without. If you would like to help, please consider donating a frozen turkey to our drive—after all Masses November 23–24. Just look for the Catholic Charities truck in the Ascension parking lot.

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HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS • NOVEMBER 30

Before 7:30AM, *Drop off in St. John Hallway*

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 homepage and click Volunteer Signups to serve or bring food. Our next breakfast is scheduled on Saturday November 30.

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SHALOM HOUSE • NOVEMBER 28

4:30PM, *Off-Site*

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 November 28. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup.

Questions: Dan Tira at 913-991-7755

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5:30PM, *Parish Hall*



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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

- Join us on Saturday mornings to Peacefully Pray for life. 9:30AM–10:00AM in front of Planned Parenthood. Park in the west parking lot of Ottawa University, 4370 W 109th St, Overland Park, KS and join the group led by prayer vigil leader, Mike Bartkoski.

FOOTBALL SEASON 2024 RAFFLE RESULTS

Congratulations to the three Ascension winners for Week 6 (10/12/24). Checks will be mailed to these winners. Paul Taylor \$500, Phil Glasser \$100, Robert Anderson \$50.

ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thanks to the golfers, sponsors, donors, tournament steering committee and volunteers that made our golf tournament on October 7th a success. The net funds raised will help our Council support the many organizations we help annually.

KNIGHTS SOCCER CHALLENGE

Thanks to all of the youth that participated in the Soccer Challenge during the Fall Festival. We'll host it again next Fall and hope to see you again.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's organization open to all Catholic men ages 18 and over. Interested in joining the Knights? Contact Jordan Steel at railroad@aol.com.

KNIGHTS CHOIR

Contact Patrick Kershaw at captkershawret@icloud.com 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, October 28th, 7:00PM (*Parish Hall B*), preceded by the Knights Vocation Holy Hour and Rosary at 6:00PM.
- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, November 3rd, 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

- **DECEMBER 15:** Knights Christmas Party, *Cinzetti's*

FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- 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.



In 1882, Father Michael McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT. The goal of the group was to care for the poor and the widowed, to make its members better Catholics and better Americans, and to contribute to the spiritual and civic well-being of the church and the local communities of its members. It was a response, under Father McGivney's leadership, to the anti-Catholic sentiments and industrial abuses of the era in which he lived. McGivney contracted tuberculosis and eventually succumbed, at the age of 38, to the disease in August 1890. Widely mourned, his death did not signal the end of the Knights of Columbus, which because of its structure as a lay, fraternal organization (as devised by McGivney), could carry on its work after his death.



Join today:





DINNER FOR THOSE IN RCIA

Would you like to support the adults in this year's RCIA? We have 24 adults who come every Monday evening to learn about our Catholic faith and discern if this is where God is calling them. They come straight from work, kids, activities, caring for aging parents etc. and you can support them!

Each Monday night we feed a simple supper to the Inquirers and their sponsors which is 55 people total. We are looking for individuals or groups who can join together (friends, CRHP groups, ministry pals...) to provide a meal once this year.

Dinners should be dropped off between 5:00PM–5:15PM in the Matthew/Mark Room. Options include signing up for the whole meal or a portion of it. Scan the QR code to sign up for a date.



Questions? Contact Chris Slack at (913) 461-8319

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This is the only opportunity to order in 2024 for the 2025 subscription. Please contact Joyce Grashoff (913-271-0266) for any questions. There are free sample issues on the table in the gathering area.



RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER: A POST CHRISTIAN AGE?

On September 23, a federal judge in North Dakota issued a sharply worded opinion granting a preliminary injunction prohibiting federal regulations requiring religious employers to grant leave and other accommodations for abortions. The Diocese of Bismarck and an association representing 87 other Dioceses and 1400 other catholic organizations challenged the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) action. They argued that the EEOC betrayed the original intent of the law which was to protect pregnant women, postpartum mothers and their babies. It was not intended to force religious employers to engage in actions supportive of abortion. The judge granted the injunction because the religious organizations were likely to prevail in their lawsuit. He held the EEOC's rule would force members to choose between expressing sincerely held beliefs and compliance with government edicts. This would cause irreparable harm to them. He wrote: "It is a precarious time for people of religious faith in America. It has been described as a post-Christian Age." In a footnote to his opinion, the judge wrote: "Time and again the First Amendment rights of American citizens has been the subject of litigation in federal court. Organizations must continually sue to keep the federal government from infringing on basic and well-settled rights to freedom of religion." (*Sources: Judge blocks federal mandate...*, *Live Action*, *Bridget Sielicki*, 9/27/24; and others).

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ALREADY STARTED**



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

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).

Attention 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*

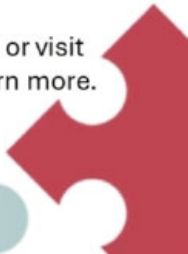
Special Needs Youth Faith Formation

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 CYO BASKETBALL

CYO BASKETBALL is for boys and girls in 3rd-8th grade. Registration and more details can be found at www.cyojwa.org → Registration → 2024 Grade School Basketball - Winter 2024

Program Duration: Nov 4 - Mar 1
3rd/4th Grade \$135 5th-8th Grade \$150

If you have questions, please reach out to Brad Cooper at ACSCYO@gmail.com or Travis Schieltz at ACSCYODSM@gmail.com.





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

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

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Contact the parish office at 913-681-3348

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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



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



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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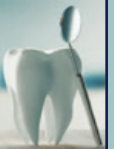


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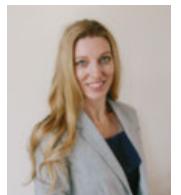
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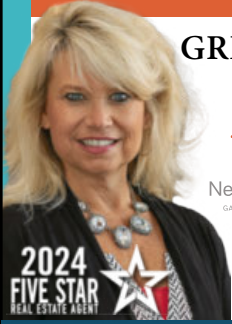
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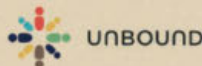
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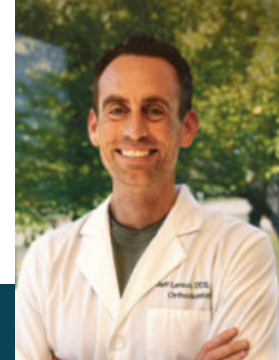
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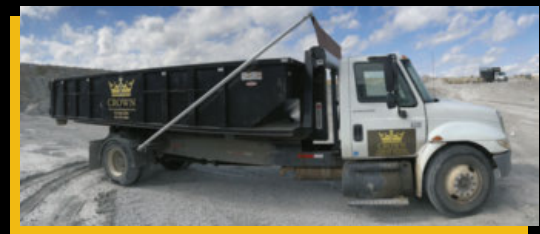
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