

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish

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OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE

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**"SO, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED,
WE GIVE!"**

CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION

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

☎ (913) 681-3348

✉ AscensionChurch@KCAscension.org

NEW PARISHIONERS

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Glock
Mr. and Mrs. Matt Buser and Family

BAPTISMS

George Eugene Gray
Matilda Frances Gittemeier

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

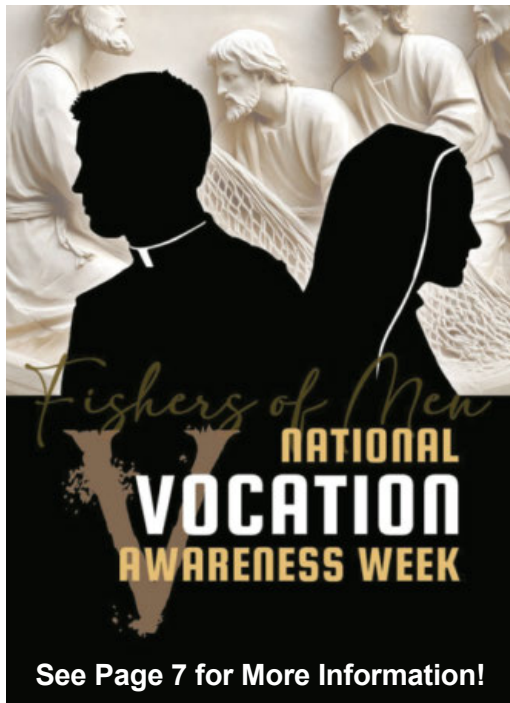
Eric Berner and Lindsay Huddlestun
Jessi Meyer and Katie Rock
Kalen Richardson and Katelin Aldrich

† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Ruth Jarantilla
*Mother of Jose Cocjin, Mother-in-law
of Eileen Cocjin*

John Schabron
Father of Bridget Schabron

James Burns
Father of Bob Burns



**FATHER GARY PENNINGS
PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Some people think that Christianity is just about rules and commandments. But the late Pope Benedict XVI clarified in his encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est* that “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.”

The Pope goes on to say, “Saint John’s Gospel describes that event in these words: ‘God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should ... have eternal life’ (3:16)”. The late Holy Father reminds us that love is at the core of Christianity.

In today’s Gospel passage, a scribe asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is. Jesus responds by saying: “love the Lord your God with all your heart, ...soul, ... mind, and ... strength” and “love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus Himself affirms love to be at the core of His teaching and of the Faith.

Personally, I see learning how to love rightly, to love in the way that Jesus wants us to love, as the greatest challenge in the Christian life. Because we are all sinners, to love rightly demands divine help. To love like Jesus means we must have our priorities right and we must be willing to deny ourselves and sacrifice for others.

This weekend, we launch our annual Stewardship Appeal. As a tithing parish, Ascension depends on every household doing their share in support of our parish, its apostolates, ministries and charitable outreach. The first commitment that is expected of one who claims Ascension as their parish is Sunday Mass attendance. Faithful worship at Mass is one of the best ways we show our love for God by honoring Jesus’ command to “do this in memory of me.”

To further fulfill the command to love God and neighbor, we are invited to “be doers of the word and not hearers only” (Jas 1:22). Each year parishioners of Ascension are invited to recommit to generously sharing their time, talent and treasure in support of the parish’s work.

Please review the Stewardship Appeal materials that you will receive in the mail this week. It is an invitation to respond to the Lord’s command to love.

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

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
- 7:00PM **Journey** | Library
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 11:00AM **Mothers of Young Children/
Rosary Group** | Nursery
- 5:30PM **FIRE (Middle School Youth Group)** |
Youth Center
- 5:30PM **RCIA** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **All Souls' Mass** | Church
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 10:00AM **Jesus: The Way, the Truth and
the Life** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **Family Formation** | Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **SAC Meeting** | Library
- 6:30PM **Virtues: The Path to Happiness** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 7:30AM **St. Mary's Food Kitchen** | Off-Site
- 10:00AM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | Church
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF Parent Gathering** | Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **Year I Classes** | ACS Classrooms
- 7:00PM **Choir Practice** | Church
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 9:30AM **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** | St. Luke Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe
Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **The Story of the Family** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Cub Scouts #3218 / Den Meeting** |
Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **Live the Mass Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:00PM **Project Genesis Meeting (Parent Only)** |
Library
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** |
Youth Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 7:00AM **ACS Donuts with Dads** | Parish Hall A

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 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.
- 9:15AM **Altar Society Church Cleaning** | Church
- 10:00AM **Drive-Up Food Collection** | Parking Lot
- 6:00PM **American Heritage Girls Lock-In** |
Youth Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:00AM **Coffee & Donuts** | Parish Hall A
- 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 **Baptism Class** | St. Luke Rm.
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- 6:00PM **Confirmation Large Group Gathering** |
Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Journey** | Library
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NOVEMBER 3-10



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



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



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.



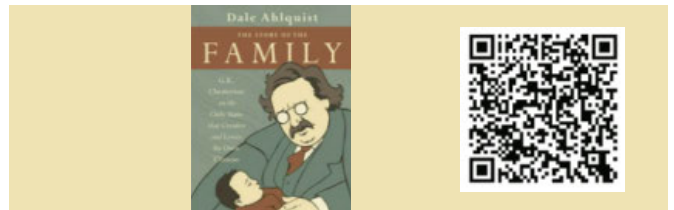
ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN • NOVEMBER 6

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



THE STORY OF THE FAMILY • NOVEMBER 7-11 (THURSDAYS)

5:30PM, St. Mark Rm.

It is said that sane society is based on the family's interests because the family is the basic unit of society. G.K. Chesterton wanted to join the Church that would fight for the family. For the rest of his life, he fought for the faith and for the family. Join us in this 3 week series, and be prepared to appreciate the brilliance and wisdom of Chesterton as he explains the history and beauty of the family according to God's plan and the ideologies, philosophers, sociologists, counselors, and other "elite experts" who are attempting to destroy everyone "because everyone is either a father, a mother, or a child." Dale Ahlquist. No cost. (Please register so that we have adequate materials and space. Please purchase the book, The Story of the Family, by G.K. Chesterton at Trinity House Books and Gifts or at Ignatius.com.) *Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff*

Register: Scan the QR code



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!

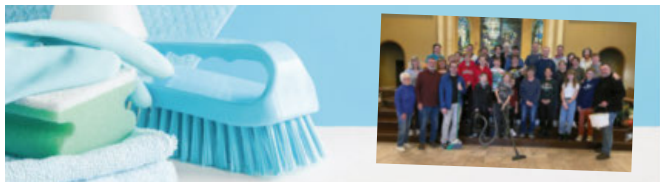
Register: Scan the QR code



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 • 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!



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



COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 10

After 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses

Downstairs in the Parish Hall



“SO, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE GIVE!”

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL MESSAGE FROM FR. GARY

As we launch our “So, As We Have Received, We Give!” annual stewardship appeal, you will receive a brochure in the mail this week introducing this initiative and asking for your support. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Church of the Ascension by supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

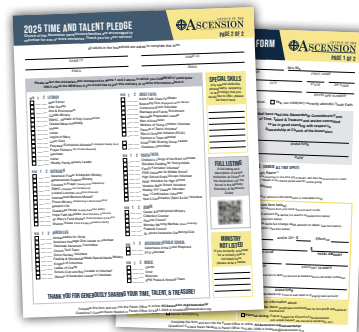
In order to continue in our important work, I am asking every household to:

- share in the prayer life of the parish through weekly participation in the Mass and Holy Days of Obligation
- to support the mission of the parish through acts of service by volunteering and assisting
- and to embrace the biblical tithing model of giving which is our tradition here at Ascension.

Please complete your commitment form, either on paper or online, to indicate your financial pledge and ministry involvement.



Online Form



Paper Form

Thank you for your generosity and support of Church of the Ascension!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

by Kim Sutton

ADULT FAITH



Our church is blessed to have an amazing Adult Faith Ministry, and I have been blessed to be part of it for so many years. Liz Willman has built a beautiful program for Adults that includes RCIA and the Adult Faith classes. I have been volunteering for over a decade. There are several of us who volunteer to lead these classes, and Liz always encourages us to find good, Catholic courses we are interested in to share with the parish each year. The classes all follow Catholic Doctrine and strive to help us all grow in our relationships with Jesus. Women and men of all ages come to our classes. Some know their faith well; others are just starting their journeys. The majority of classes offered do not require prior knowledge of the Faith or the Bible. For the rare occasions that you do need a little background, that will be stated clearly in the catalog description.

Our classes include reading, sometimes workbooks and videos, often small group discussion, and occasionally large group discussion. No one is ever forced to answer a question or speak to the class, but everyone is more than welcome to do just that. Each of us strives to create a warm, welcoming, non-threatening environment where everyone can relax and be themselves and learn at their own pace. This leads to another major benefit - fellowship and community. I have met so many wonderful people who have become friends and prayer partners. I have also watched friendships formed and strengthened throughout the classes. They often sign up together for more classes and even bring family, friends, and neighbors.

Everyone is always welcome! We would love to have you join us on our journey of faith, learning, making new friends, and ultimately falling more in love with our God. Classes and registration can always be found in the bulletin and the course catalog.

Please feel free to reach out if you have question about Adult Faith Classes at kdsutton90@gmail.com.



NOVEMBER 3-9

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 3-9, 2024, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Almighty Father, you have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts fruitful ground for your gift of vocations. Make our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious, those called to a chaste single life, and faithful husbands and wives who are a sign of Christ's love for his Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr,
The Archbishop of Cincinnati*



**Meet and pray for the
Religious from our parish**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 7:00AM **+Deceased Ascension Parishioners**
- 12:00PM **+Deceased Members of the St. Hubert Family**
by Jessy Innocent
- 7:00PM **Mass for the Dead (All Souls Day)**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 7:00AM **+Deceased Ascension Parishioners**
- 12:00PM —

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 7:00AM **+Deceased Ascension Parishioners**
- 12:00PM **+Charlene Clements**
by Ron & Sarah Marshall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 7:00AM **Memorial Mass**
- 12:00PM **+Deceased Ascension Parishioners**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 7:00AM **+Deceased Ascension Parishioners**
- 12:00PM **+Deacon Jack Thesing**
by Mary Thesing
+John P. Ryan
by Mary Thesing

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 8:30AM **+Mike Blessing**
by Ascension
+Christine "Chris" Poggie
by Ascension
+Bert Maidment
by Ascension
- 4:30PM **+Annette Shobe**
by Kay Lyons

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 8:15AM **+Bill Endsley**
by Lorie Endsley
- 10:00AM **Ascension Parishioners**
- 11:45AM **+David Fields**
by Carol Fields
- 5:00PM —

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

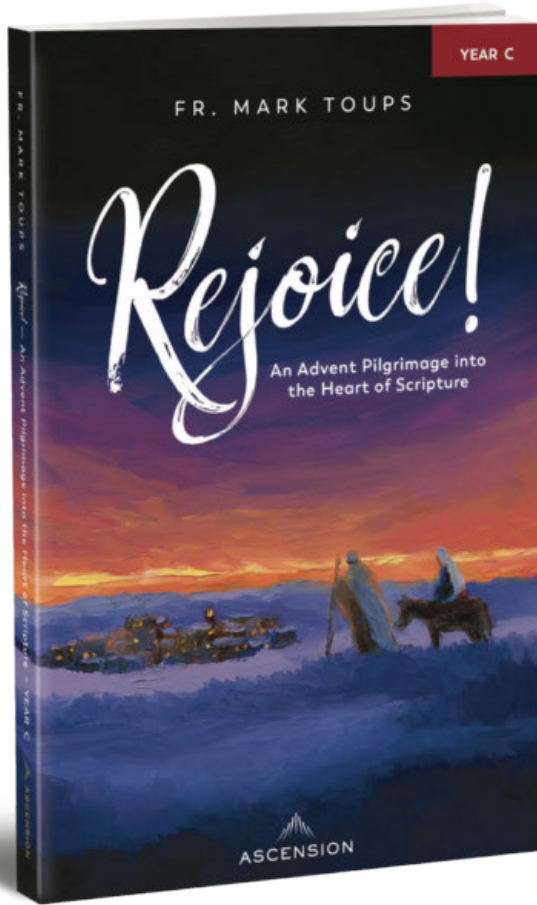
SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

- 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 Nogueras 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.



COMING SOON!

FR. MARK TOUPS

Rejoice!

ADVENT STUDY

Individual or Small Group Study

Look in the bulletin next week for more information.



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

NOVEMBER



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.



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, 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 11th!



**ASCENSION
ANGEL TREE**

Our Angel Trees will be up
in the Narthex
Saturday, November 16
through
Sunday, December 1.
Please consider donating.
Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities, JCCB,
Wyandotte/ Olathe and Kansas City Pregnancy Centers,
and Advice and Aid.

**ASCENSION ANGEL TREE •
NOVEMBER 16–DECEMBER 1**

All Day, *Narthex*

Our Angel Trees will be up in the Narthex starting Saturday, November 16th–Sunday, December 1st. Please consider donating. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities, JCCB, Wynadotte, Olathe and Kansas City Pregnancy Centers and Advice and Aid.



*Holy Hour
for Vocations*

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • NOVEMBER 18
6:00PM, *Church*

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

#iGIVECATHOLIC
ON GIVING TUESDAY

Advanced Giving starts Monday, November 18 through Tuesday, December 10, 2024



This year, your gifts will help us purchase NEW tables and chairs for the PARISH HALL, the central hub where we frequently come together for fellowship, celebrations, school lunches, and community events.



Open Camera.
scan to donate

**SUPPORT ASCENSION THROUGH #iGIVECATHOLIC •
NOVEMBER 18–DECEMBER 10**

Giving Tuesday is on December 3. This year, your gifts will help us purchase NEW tables and chairs for the Parish Hall. Advanced Giving for Giving Tuesday begins on November 18 and runs through December 10.

Learn More/Donate: Scan the QR code

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • NOVEMBER 20

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.

Questions: Michelle at 913-484-2222



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.

Sponsored by Ascension Knights and Ministry of Care and Social Justice

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 sign-up by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the sign-up.

Questions: Dan Tira at 913-991-7755

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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DECEMBER

GIVING TUESDAY

GIVING TUESDAY • DECEMBER 3

See ad on pg 11 for more information.



SATURDAY WITH SANTA • DECEMBER 7

9:00AM, *Parish Hall*

Join us for crafts, games, advent activities and a photo with Santa! Enjoy muffins, coffee, and hot cocoa too! Register by December 4th to be entered into a drawing to “jump the line!” Three winners will be notified on December 6th! Register with the QR code below. We hope to see you there!

Hosted by: Mothers of Young Children (MOYC)



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**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT •
DECEMBER 5**

5:30PM, *Parish Hall*

Join us for Advent by Candlelight modeling Mary's "YES" – living our Eucharistic Mission. Doors open at 5:30PM. 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.

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) • DECEMBER 9**

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

Monday, December 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. After consultation with the Holy See, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced that whenever the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred from Sunday, December 8 to Monday, December 9, it remains a holy day of obligation, beginning this year. This is a change of past practice, whereby the obligation to attend Mass was previously lifted with the transfer of the solemnity from Sunday to Monday. The Solemnity of

the Immaculate Conception has always been transferred to Monday when December 8 has fallen on a Sunday. But from now on, the transfer includes the obligation of the faithful to attend Mass. The Roman Catholic Church in the United States is dedicated to the patronage of Mary under the title of her Immaculate Conception. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is therefore the patronal fest of the U.S. Church.

**Please Note: that if you attend the 5:00PM Mass on Sunday, December 8, this does NOT fulfill the obligation for the Holy Day. You must attend another Mass on Monday, December 9.*

**You may attend a regular Sunday Mass on Sunday, December 8 AND attend the 5:00PM Sunday Mass. The 5:00PM Mass would then fulfill your Holy Day obligation.*

COVERED IN PRAYER • DECEMBER 12

6:00PM, *St. Luke Rm.*

Covered in Prayer is having a combined meeting for the months of November and December on Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 pm 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 150 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!

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7:00PM, *Parish Hall*

Come join us for Trivia Night on January 11th! Doors open at 6:30PM. Open to the whole parish (men and women). Prizes for: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place; 1st and 2nd Place Best Theme/Decorations and a Music Bingo Winner! Cost: \$25 per person or \$200 per team (8 people).

Register: Scan QR code

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ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Deacon Kris and Jami Kuckelman, our Family of the Month, and David Whitaker, our Knight of the Month for October.

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 one Ascension winners for Week 7 (10/19/24). Ascension tickets have now won four out of the seven top \$500 prizes this year. Check will be mailed to the winner. Jeff Julian \$500.

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 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

- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, November 3rd, 6:15PM, *Annex (Knights Room)*
- Council Meeting: Monday, November 18th, 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 and 2025 Dues can be paid at AscensionKofC.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NOVEMBER 9-10:** Food Collection for Catholic Charities
- **DECEMBER 7:** Nativity Set-Up at Ascension (*After AM Mass*)
- **DECEMBER 15:** Knights Christmas Party, *Cinzetti's*

FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- Assembly Honor Guard at Veterans' Day Mass at Ascension, 11/12, 8:00AM.
- Fourth Degree Officers Meeting, Wednesday, 12/4, 7:00PM, *Annex Knights Room*
- Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting, Tuesday, 12/10, 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.



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.



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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.



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RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER:

AN ANNUAL PROCESSION

On November 2, the Archbishop of Denver, Samuel J. Aquila, will lead an annual Eucharistic Procession around Planned Parenthood. In a recent article in the Denver Catholic, he explained the purpose of the Procession: "The unborn have no voice in the fight for their rights and their lives." We as citizens possess: "The ability to bring our values into the public square and advocate for the truth and dignity of human life which is one of the blessings of liberty that our constitution speaks of." Jeannine Duffield, the Director of Respect Life Denver, noted that by participating in pro-life activities, we act as Christ's hands and feet, working to create a just and compassionate society. Similar processions/walks, led by clergy of various denominations or the laity, are held each fall as the annual 40 Days for Life vigils conclude across the nation. (Sources: Catholic Archbishop Will Lead Prayer Campaign..., LifeNews.com, Grace Porto, 10/22/24; and others.)



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

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.

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Contact the parish office at 913-681-3348

CLASSES HAVE 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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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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PRAYER INTENTIONS

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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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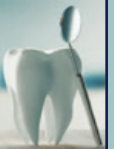


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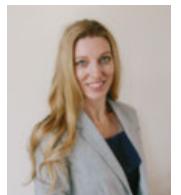
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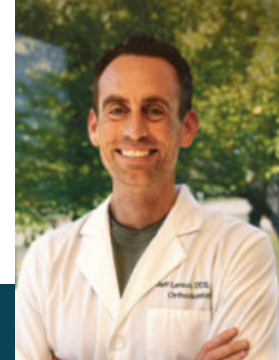
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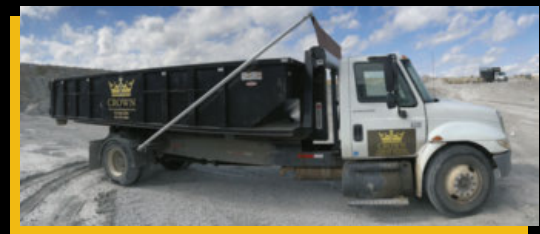
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