

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish



## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.”

MK 12:43

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION EXISTS TO *Proclaim* THE GOSPEL, *Worship* WHOLEHEARTEDLY, *Serve* GENEROUSLY, AND *Love* LIKE JESUS.

**WEEKDAY MASS** Monday–Friday: 7:00AM, 12:00PM / **SUNDAY MASS** Saturday: 4:30PM  
Saturday: 8:30AM / Sunday: 8:15AM, 10:00AM, 11:45AM, 5:00PM

**RECONCILIATION** Tuesday: 11:00AM, 6:30PM / Saturday: 3:00PM  
Wednesday: 5:30PM / Sunday: 4:00PM

**PERPETUAL ADORATION** Daily\*: 6:00AM–9:00PM / After Hours: 9:00PM–6:00AM  
\*Closed Monday & Thursday 2:00PM–3:00PM for cleaning (Code Required)

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday–Thursday: 8:30AM–4:00PM  
Friday: 8:30AM–12:00PM  
☎ (913) 681-3348  
✉ AscensionChurch@KCAscension.org

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Trueblood and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Matt Kenton and Family

**BAPTISMS**

Jack Thomas Trueblood  
Callaway Leopard Butler  
George Thomas Butler

**† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

James Burns  
*Father of Bob Burns*

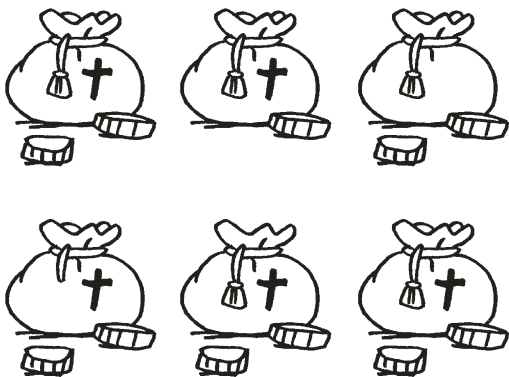
Heather Kelly  
*Sister of Craig Arnold &  
Sister-in-law of Judy Arnold*

Blake Martin  
*Grandson of Johnette Martin &  
Son of J.D. Martin*

Thomas Audley  
*Brother of Cathy Audley*

**ASCENSION KIDS**

Find the **matching** pair.



ANSWER: 1 and 6

**FATHER GARY PENNINGS  
PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The theme of this year's Stewardship Appeal is taken from the First Letter of St. Peter - "So, As We Have Received, We Give!"

Church of the Ascension has a long-standing custom of practicing biblical tithing.

Several places in the Scriptures call the People of God to recognize that all blessings come from God and that they should return a tenth of their blessings, crops, herds, wealth, etc. back to God.

While the Church does not demand that the Faithful practice the Old Testament biblical tithing model, all Catholics are encouraged to give generously and cheerfully (see 2 Cor. 9:7). The Church does, however, oblige the Faithful to assist in the Church's needs (see Canon 222).

In our modern world, it is common to allocate donations to churches or other charities from what is left over, from our excess wealth. But the Gospel passage today reveals a stark contrast between the large sums given by the rich and the mere two coins given by the poor widow. The Lord praises the poor widow for putting in more, because she did not give from her surplus wealth, but gave a sacrificial gift, one taken from her poverty. That is the attitude of a steward.

One of the blessings of Ascension Parish is that we do not depend on one or two wealthy families to sustain our parish. Instead, we invite all parishioners, rich or poor, to sacrificially give in accord with their ability. We expect all families to give a portion, the wealthy will give more, those of meager income will give less, but all participate. Thus, every household accepts responsibility for the work of the parish.

Stewardship, of course, is not just about money. All we do here at Ascension demands the generous gifting of parishioner's time and talent as they participate in ministries, volunteering their time and offering their services in support of our various apostolates. Good stewards share the most precious thing they have, themselves, in support of God's work.

Please review the Stewardship Packet that you received in the mail and prayerfully offer your gifts of time, talent and treasure in support of the Church's work here at Church of the Ascension.

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

*F. Gary*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

- 9:00AM **Coffee & Donuts** | Parish Hall A
- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Drive-Up Food Collection** | Parking Lot
- 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.
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:00PM **Confirmation Large Group Gathering** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Journey** | Library
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11** VETERANS DAY

- 5:30PM **RCIA** | St. Mark Rm.
- 5:30PM **RCIA Rite Practice** | Church
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Parish Council Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

- 8:00AM **Veterans Day All School Mass** | Church
- 10:00AM **Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life** | St. Luke Rm.
- 3:15PM **Blooming Girls** | Parish Hall B
- 4:00PM **Guadalupe House** | Off-Site
- 6:30PM **Church Music After Vatican II** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Altar Server Training** | Church
- 7:00PM **Cub Scouts #3218 Committee Meeting** | Conf. Rm.
- 7:30PM **Mothers of Young Children Speaker Event** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:30PM **Special Needs Team** | St. John Rm.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

- 10:00AM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Ascension Book Club Meetings** | 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 **Women of Ascension Service Project** | Parish Hall A

- 7:00PM **Choir Practice** | Church
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

- 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.
- 6:15PM **American Heritage Girls Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center
- 7:30PM **Altar Server Training** | Church

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **The Bible and Catechism NOT in a Year** | St. Luke Rm.
- 2:30PM **Mahjonnig** | St. Mark Rm.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM **Christ Renews His Parish Bible Study** | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM **Thanks-for-Giving Dinner** | Parish Hall A

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

- 10:00AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 11:45AM **Mass Live Stream: Families with Special Needs** | Nursery
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM **Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Special Needs Support Group** | St. Mark Rm.
- 7:00PM **Journey** | Library
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym



**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 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. *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*



**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](http://KCAscension.org), and click on Volunteer Signups/Guadalupe House. Please drop off supplies to the Parish Hall by 4:30PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, Novem-

ber 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 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kkuckelman@archkck.org)

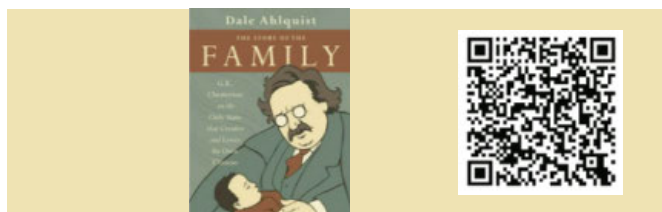


## ASCENSION BOOK CLUB • NOVEMBER 13

1:00PM, St. Mark Rm.

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

Questions: Linda Cook at 913-897-3201



## THE STORY OF THE FAMILY • NOVEMBER 14-21 (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](http://Ignatius.com).) *Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff*

Register: Scan the QR code



## THANKS-FOR-GIVING • NOVEMBER 16

6:30PM, Parish Hall

We, as a parish, are grateful for all of our incredible volunteers. This means YOU, all of you who serve in liturgical ministries, in our ministries of care and social justice, our respect life ministry, our adult faith programs, on leadership councils, at the school, in our youth faith formation and youth ministries, our coaches and scout leaders and so many more. 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 11<sup>th</sup>!** We look forward to seeing you there.



## ASCENSION ANGEL TREE • NOVEMBER 16-DECEMBER 1

All Day, Narthex

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

# Advent ADULT FAITH OFFERINGS

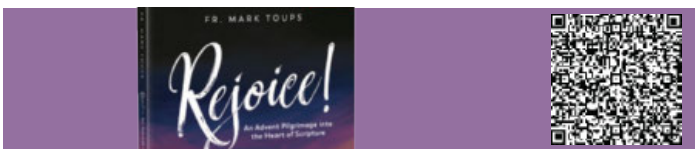


## ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL • DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22 (SUNDAYS)

9:30AM, *St. Mark Rm.*

Advent has a two-fold character as a season: #1 to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and #2 as a remembrance to direct the mind and heart to await Christ's 2nd coming at the end of time when "He will come again to judge the living and the dead" as is stated in the Nicene Creed. Death remains with us and it numbers our days. How do we understand and prepare for this reality we cannot escape? Eternal Rest presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom, truth, gentleness, and compassion. Join us for this award winning 4 week study during Advent. Cost: Order Study Guide "Eternal Rest" from Catholic Market on your own for \$15.95 plus tax.

*Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff*



## REJOICE: AN ADVENT PILGRIMAGE INTO THE HEART OF SCRIPTURE • DECEMBER 3, 4 AND 5 (TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY)

Various Times, *St. Mark Rm, St. Luke Rm.*

A 4-Week Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation. In this new installment of the Rejoice! series, Fr. Mark Toups guides you on a transformative journey to Bethlehem through the Sunday Mass readings. Drawing inspiration from Mary and Joseph's unwavering faith, you'll learn to recognize God's presence even in challenging times. Cost: \$5.00.

**Choose the best option for you:**

- Individual Prayer
- Form a Small Group – In the Comfort of Your Home
- Join a 3-Week Small Group (*4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent done on your own*):

December 3 (Tuesdays):  
10:00AM–11:30AM, *St. Luke Rm.* with Tamara James

December 3 (Tuesdays):  
1:00PM–2:30PM, *St. Mark Rm.* with Kim Sutton

December 4 (Wednesdays):  
9:00AM–10:30AM, *St. Luke Rm.* with Dave Sutton

December 5 (Thursdays):  
10:00AM–11:30AM, *St. Mark Rm.* with Ann Smith



## WAITING FOR CHRIST: MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS • DECEMBER 5, 12 AND 19 (THURS.)

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

St. John Henry Newman was one of the most beloved and well-known preachers of his time. Originally an Anglican priest, Newman converted to Catholicism and became a renowned Catholic priest and Cardinal. You are invited to journey with St. John Henry Newman through Advent into Christmas meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life with wonder and joy. Cost: Order the book from Catholic Market for \$14.95 plus tax.

*Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff*

### ADVENT ADULT FAITH REGISTRATION

NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

**I would like to sign up for:** (*Check all that apply*)

- Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well*
- Waiting for Christ: Meditations for Advent and Christmas*
- Rejoice: An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture*
  - December 3 (Tuesdays) 10:00AM–11:30AM, *St. Luke Rm.* with Tamara James
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## “SO, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE GIVE!”

### ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Last week, we launched our “So, As We Have Received, We Give!” annual stewardship appeal. Every household should’ve received a brochure and commitment form in the mail. You are invited to review the information and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Church of the Ascension by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

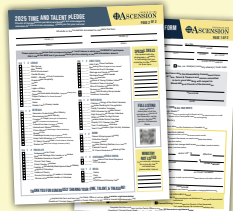
In order to continue in our important work, I am asking every household to:

- 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**

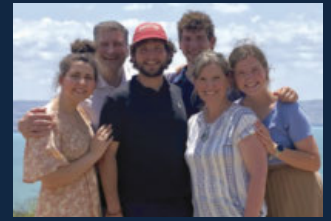


**Paper Form**

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Karen Newkirk, Minister for Stewardship and Engagement, (913) 681-3348 x160 or [knewkirk@kcascension.org](mailto:knewkirk@kcascension.org).

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

by John and Melissa Joerger



We are John and Melissa Joerger. We have been parishioners of Ascension for 21 years. We’ve been married for almost 26 years and have four children who attended Ascension school from K through 8th grade and are now ages 20-24 - all who are in college or graduate school. We’ve been very blessed to lead the Respect Life Ministry for approximately 11 years. When we took over as the coordinators, our family was pretty young, but it was such a beautiful ministry to do as a family, and our children refer to the experience many times when asked what helped shape their faith life.

We are both very passionate about life issues, but have had very different paths to make it something we wanted to devote our time and energy toward. John is a cradle Catholic, the second youngest of 11 siblings. He grew up in a very traditionally Catholic family that respected life at all stages, at all times without exception. That is what he was taught, and learned to believe and respect on his own as he became an adult. On the other hand, I am a convert, an only child, raised by a single mother as my father passed away when I was very young. My mom was quietly pro-choice. We didn’t ever discuss it - so it wasn’t really an issue for me until becoming an adult when I began wrestling with what I truly believe. When I joined the Catholic Church in 1997, the RCIA process educated me about the Church and Her teachings and the “why’s” of everything. Going through NFP classes when we were engaged and understanding God’s beautiful design and purpose of our bodies and human life really helped to cement my beliefs.

I feel very blessed that John and I have had such different pathways to get us to where we are as it allows us to have different perspectives as to how best to implement ideas and reach others. While leading the Respect Life Ministry, we’ve focused our time and energy on increasing awareness of life issues, educating parishioners about the issues and/or events and encouraging parishioners to get involved and take action. We recently decided to step back and give someone else an opportunity to lead this ministry. It has been such a blessing to us and we plan to stay very involved. As with most ministry work, it always seems as though so much more can and should be done. Protecting the dignity of LIFE is a broad issue - it is the foundation of all things as if we didn’t have life, we would have nothing else!

*If you would like more information on becoming a member of the Respect Life Ministry or would just like to learn more, please contact Cathy Madrid at [cathyfmadrid@gmail.com](mailto:cathyfmadrid@gmail.com).*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:00AM **+Fansie M. Connelly**  
by *Patty & Mike Bank*

12:00PM **+Eleanor & +Vincent Kohake**

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00AM **Marilyn Sechi**  
by *The Murray & Nach Families*

8:00AM **For All the Students at Ascension School**

12:00PM **+Ves Temaat**  
by *Diana Hornung*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00AM **Amanda Gress Petersen**  
by *Gress Family*

12:00PM **+Marie & +Frank Antunovich**  
by *Fran Esposito*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00AM **+Serapio Ladera**  
by *Marie Robb*

12:00PM **+Tom Griffin**  
by *John & Kathy Bins*

**+Samantha Spiller**  
by *Gary Montague*

**+Fred Zielinski**  
by *Joan Newmarker*

**+Don Yakshaw**  
by *Family*

**+Matthew Spotick**  
by *Family*

**Meredith Lamb**  
by *Family*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00AM **+Don Yakshaw, +Blake Martin and +Donald Wood**  
by *Knights of Columbus*

12:00PM **+Daniel O'Leary**  
by *Kathy O'Grady*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:30AM **+Bob Starr**  
by *Ascension*

**+Charlene Clements**  
by *Ascension*

**+Carol Romme**  
by *Ascension*

**+Ed Regan**  
by *Ascension*

4:30PM **+Joe Martin**  
by *Dee Winters*

# 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  
Joseph Garrison  
Scott Graham  
Mary Pat Harpenau  
Marsha Hatfield-Baker  
Pete Ingles  
Joan B. Johnson  
Wade Johnson  
Larry Judy  
Gabby Kelly  
Jerry and Pat Klimas  
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  
Virginia Ranallo  
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  
Emily Yabut

Michael Momsen  
Brad Morton  
Cindy Morton  
Yvonne Pennings  
Roslyn Perry  
Louis Raymond  
Russell Rebman  
Mark Reda  
Nicole Rizzo  
Bernadette Schwarz  
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 Noguera US Army;  
Captain Dan Prior, US Army;  
2nd Lt Tom Stivers, US Army;  
Captain Mitchell R Willis, Pilot, USAF

## SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Bryan Atkins  
Jennifer Baalman  
Ken Becker  
Marissa Bemis  
Joe Breault  
Amanda Brower  
Shari Chang  
Lauren Collins  
Audrey Cooper  
Steve Dougherty  
Katelyn Dulac  
Bob Gleason  
Anne Hause  
Colleen Heete  
Art Jeannet  
Donna Jones  
Sean Kavanaugh  
Maryanne Lally  
Dennis Larkin  
Ellen Loschke  
Blake Martin  
Gregg McNeely

*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.*

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:15AM **Ascension Parishioners**

10:00AM **+Mark Huppe**  
by *Rick & Mary Jane Doran*

11:45AM **+Bernice Petz**  
by *Waxman Family*

5:00PM **+Kevin Miller**  
by *Washburn Family*





# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of November 10, 2024



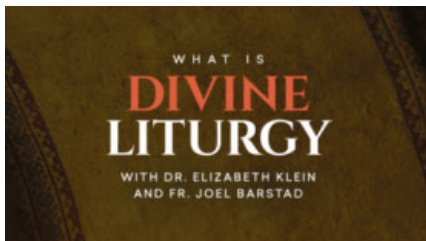
## Why Does the Church Canonize People | Angels

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss canonization: its definition, history, and how it works. Why do we honor the communion of saints? What leads to saints' official incorporation into public worship? What about miracles? Learn all about these topics in this episode.



## St. Ephrem the Syrian | Catholic Saints

An Eastern Father of the early Church, St. Ephrem the Syrian was arguably the most important saint and theological writer for the Syriac-speaking churches. He did not write many treatises or letters but devoted himself to writing hymns to God. These hymns, however, contain a wealth of knowledge and teaching that elegantly weave together images from the Old and New Testaments.



## What is the Divine Liturgy? | Catholic Rites

Byzantine Catholic Church, as they discuss the nature of Byzantine piety, Divine Liturgy, and the similarities and differences between the Eastern and Latin rites. This episode highlights the importance of icons, chanting, veils, and the reception of leaven bread and other key features of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy.



### 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, 2:00PM; First Sundays 1:00AM\*\*\*

Monday: 1:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:00AM

Tuesday: 11:00PM

Wednesday: 7:00AM

Thursday: 8:00AM

Saturday: 7:00AM, 11:00AM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 10:00PM

Plus other subs needed Saturdays at various times

Register: Scan the QR code or contact Debbie Engel at

913-485-8918 or [deborasuzanne@gmail.com](mailto:deborasuzanne@gmail.com).



### 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!



### HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Are you homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: Patty at (913) 681-3348

## NOVEMBER



### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • NOVEMBER 18

6:00PM, Church

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



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

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

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

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • NOVEMBER 20

6:30PM, St. Luke Rm.

If you are caring for a loved one in need, we invite you to join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



### HEARTACHE TO HEALING • NOVEMBER 21

6:30PM, St. John Rm.

Heartache to Healing – is a social support group for those widowed early in life. Come join us on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> for Game Night! Bring your favorite game, or just come and enjoy ours, at 6:30pm in the St John room. Please bring a snack and/or drink to share while we visit and play board/card games. Come meet some new friends, and pray and play with us! We look forward to meeting you!

RSVP: Laura at [khaeus1@hotmail.com](mailto:khaeus1@hotmail.com) or Damon at [damon452@yahoo.com](mailto:damon452@yahoo.com)



### FROZEN TURKEY DRIVE • NOVEMBER 23 & 24

All Masses, Parking Lot

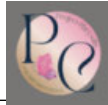


Catholic Charities needs your help to provide frozen turkeys for Thanksgiving meals for our brothers and sisters who may be without. If you would like to help, please consider donating a frozen turkey to our drive—after all Masses November 23–24. Just look for the Catholic Charities truck in the Ascension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

Sponsored by Ascension Knights and Ministry of Care and Social Justice

**PROJECT CHRYSALIS • NOVEMBER 26**

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.

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

**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*

**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](http://KCAscension.org) homepage and click Volunteer Signups to serve or bring food. Our next breakfast is scheduled on Saturday November 30.

*Sponsored by Ministry of Care and Social Justice*

**DECEMBER**

**ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL • DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22 (SUNDAYS)**

9:30AM, St. Mark Rm.

Advent has a two-fold character as a season: #1 to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and #2 as a remembrance to direct the mind and heart to await Christ's 2nd coming at the end of time when "He will come again to judge the living and the dead" as is stated in the Nicene Creed. Death remains with us and

it numbers our days. How do we understand and prepare for this reality we cannot escape? Eternal Rest presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom, truth, gentleness, and compassion. Join us for this award winning 4 week study during Advent. Cost: Order Study Guide "Eternal Rest" from Catholic Market on your own for \$15.95 plus tax. *Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff*

*Register: See page 6.*

All babies are as Precious as the **One** whose birth the World Awaits.

 PLEASE JOIN US IN SHOWERING NATIVITY HOUSE WITH NEEDED ITEMS:

- Receiving/swaddling blankets
- Sleep sacks (sizes 3-6, 6-9)
- Baby blankets
- Baby socks and mittens (newborn, 0-3, 3-6mo)
- Baby wash and lotion (fragrance free options)
- Baby monitors
- Baby carriers/carrying wraps
- Backpack style diaper bags
- Baby books
- Teething rings
- Burp cloths
- Towels, washcloths
- Twin sized sheets
- Baby bath toys
- Disposable nursing pads
- Kid friendly Christmas Nativity set
- Long & short sleeved onesies (newborn, 0-3, 3-6mo, +)
- Shampoo and conditioner for natural hair, oils & lotions (coconut & vitamin e products)
- Robes and slippers (adult sized)
- Walmart, Target & QuikTrip gift cards

ASCENSION GATHERING AREA | DECEMBER 2-15

**NATIVITY HOUSE • DECEMBER 2-15**

*Gathering Area*

Please join us in showering Nativity House with needed items: Receiving/swaddling blankets, Sleep sacks (sizes 3-6, 6-9), Baby blankets, Baby socks and mittens (newborn, 0-3, 3-6mo), Baby wash and lotion (fragrance free options), Baby monitors, Baby carriers/carrying wraps, Backpack style diaper bags, Baby books, Teething rings, Burp cloths, Towels, washcloths, Twin sized sheets, Baby bath toys, Disposable nursing pads, Kid friendly Christmas Nativity set, Long & short sleeved onesies (newborn, 0-3, 3-6mo,+), Shampoo and conditioner for natural hair, oils & lotions (coconut & vitamin e products), Robes and slippers (adult sized), Walmart, Target & QuikTrip gift cards.

**REJOICE: AN ADVENT PILGRIMAGE INTO THE HEART OF SCRIPTURE • DECEMBER 3, 4 AND 5**

Various Times, *St. Mark Rm, St. Luke Rm.*

A 4-Week Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation. In this new installment of the Rejoice! series, Fr. Mark Toups guides you on a transformative journey to Bethlehem through the Sunday Mass readings. Drawing inspiration from Mary and Joseph’s unwavering faith, you’ll learn to recognize God’s presence even in challenging times. Cost: \$5.00.

**Choose the best option for you:**

- Individual Prayer
- Form a Small Group – In the Comfort of Your Home
- Join a 3-Week Small Group (*4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent done on your own*):

December 3 (Tuesdays):  
10:00AM–11:30AM, *St. Luke Rm.* with Tamara James

December 3 (Tuesdays):  
1:00PM–2:30PM, *St. Mark Rm.* with Kim Sutton

December 4 (Wednesdays):  
9:00AM–10:30AM, *St. Luke Rm.* with Dave Sutton

December 5 (Thursdays):  
10:00AM–11:30AM, *St. Mark Rm.* with Ann Smith

Register: See page 6.

**ST. MARY’S FOOD KITCHEN**

**• DECEMBER 4**

9:30AM, *Off-Site*



Ascension has been a contributor to St. Mary’s Food Kitchen for many years. Ascension’s day is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month to provide supplies and prepare a taco salad luncheon. We leave Ascension at 9:30AM to prep the meal and get things set up. We serve the lunch at 11:00AM–12:30PM then return to Ascension. It is a real hands-on experience of serving people in need. Our needs are for parishioners to donate foods to make the taco salads, some to cook the hamburger so we can just warm it up at St Mary’s, and for servers the day of. Please visit [KCAscension.org/Get-Involved/Service-Opportunities](http://KCAscension.org/Get-Involved/Service-Opportunities) to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

Questions: Contact Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314

**WAITING FOR CHRIST: MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS • DECEMBER 5, 12 AND 19 (THURS.)**

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

St. John Henry Newman was one of the most beloved and

well-known preachers of his time. Originally an Anglican priest, Newman converted to Catholicism and became a renowned Catholic priest and Cardinal. You are invited to journey with St. John Henry Newman through Advent into Christmas meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life with wonder and joy. Cost: Order the book from Catholic Market for \$14.95 plus tax. *Facilitator: Joyce Grashoff*

Register: See page 6.

*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:**

**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.

Sponsored by *Women of Ascension*

*Saturday*  
 WITH SANTA  
 7 December, 2024  
 9:00-11:00AM in the Parish Hall  
 HOSTED BY  
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Ministry of young children  
**JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, GAMES, ADVENT ACTIVITIES AND A PHOTO WITH SANTA**  
**ENJOY MUFFINS, COFFEE, AND HOT COCOA**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> to be entered into a drawing to “jump the line!” Three winners will be notified on December 6<sup>th</sup>! Register with the QR code below. We hope to see you there!

Hosted by: Mothers of Young Children (MOYC)



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 8**   **HOURS 9AM-3PM**   **PARISH HALL LOWER LEVEL**

**ASCENSION WINTER BLOOD DRIVE**

By joining our blood donation drive, you really have the power to save lives and make a meaningful impact on your community. Many thanks for your support.

DONORS WILL RECEIVE A CHIEFS T-SHIRT

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP

**WINTER BLOOD DRIVE • DECEMBER 8**

9:00AM, Parish Hall Lower Level

By joining our blood donation drive, you really have the power to save lives and make a meaningful impact on your community. Donors will receive a Chiefs t-shirt! Many thanks for your support.

Register: Scan the QR code.

**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!

**JANUARY**



OPEN TO THE WHOLE PARISH (MEN AND WOMEN)

**Trivia Night**

HOSTED BY Women of Ascension

SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2025

7:00-10:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)

**TRIVIA NIGHT • JANUARY 11**

7:00PM, Parish Hall

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

Register: Scan QR code

Sponsored by Women of Ascension



# 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 three Ascension winners for Week 8 (10/26/24). Checks will be mailed to the winners. Fr. Gary - \$50 Tom White - \$50 Larry McMillin - \$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 [railroad@aol.com](mailto:railroad@aol.com).

## KNIGHTS CHOIR

Contact Patrick Kershaw at [captkershawret@icloud.com](mailto: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, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM (Parish Hall B), preceded by the Knights Vocation Holy Hour and Rosary at 6:00PM.
- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:15PM, Annex (Knights Room)

- Knights' Mass Friday mornings at 7:00AM with breakfast following at Hy-Vee
- 2024 and 2025 Dues can be paid at [AscensionKofC.com](http://AscensionKofC.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NOVEMBER 9-10:** Food Collection for Catholic Charities
- **DECEMBER 7:** Nativity Set-Up at Ascension (After AM Mass)
- **DECEMBER 7:** MOYC Saturday Santa Volunteer Opportunity
- **DECEMBER 8:** Knights Mass with Knights Choir and Assembly Honor Guard (Please attend this Mass wearing a Knight's shirt if available)
- **DECEMBER 15:** Knights Christmas Party, Cinzetti's

## FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- Assembly Honor Guard at Veterans' Day Mass at Ascension, 11/12, 8:00AM.
- Assembly Honor Guard at Knights' Mass at Ascension, 12/8, 11:45AM.
- Fourth Degree Officers Meeting, Wednesday, 12/4, 7:00PM, Annex Knights Room
- Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting, Tuesday, 12/10,



The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting on May 12, 1883, when James T. Mullen, who was then supreme knight, designed it. The emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formée cross. The shield is associated with a medieval knight. The Formée cross represents a traditional artistic design of the cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order. Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces (a bundle of rods bound together about an ax with the blade projecting) standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a short sword. The fasces from Roman days, carried before magistrates as an emblem of authority, symbolize authority that must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K of C, it proclaims this specific form of activity.



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



**DEADLINE DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

## Christmas Flower MEMORIALS

Remember your loved ones by helping Church of the Ascension beautify our sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. Christmas Masses will be offered for your loved ones. Envelopes are available on the table in the gathering area and can be placed in the locked box or turned into the parish office. Please print clearly so the information in the bulletin is accurate.

A suggested donation of \$20.00 is appreciated.

## SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER

Increase your knowledge, and deepen your faith, with the National Catholic Register. The NCR is owned by EWTN and is the oldest Catholic newspaper in the United States. Act now and you will receive 26 issues of the NCR, delivered biweekly and filled with national, world, and Vatican news, revealing interviews, in depth commentary, and features.



Receive this wonderful resource through our parish discounted bulk shipment program, saving you greater than 50% off the newsstand price. Just complete the information requested on the NCR envelopes in the gathering area and include your check for \$25.00 made out to Church of the Ascension. (That's less than \$1.00 per issue!) Deposit that envelope in the wooden box in the gathering area by December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and your first issue should arrive by early January.

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:

### 7 YEARS

In a continuing legal saga dating from 2017, a coalition of Jews, Muslims, Christians, 20 states and legal scholars have asked the Supreme Court, in *Diocese of Albany v. Adrienne A. Harris*, to block a New York mandate that religious organizations provide abortion coverage for employees. When the abortion mandate was initially proposed, the state promised to exempt all employers with religious objections. However, after pressure from abortion activists, New York caved and limited the exemption to only religious groups that primarily teach religion and primarily hire and serve those who share their faith. Obviously, the exception does not apply to most religious ministries because they seek to serve all people regardless of their faith. Consequently, it would not extend to an order of Catholic nuns that serves the elderly and dying regardless of religious affiliation. "New York is bullying nuns into bankrolling abortions because they serve all people, no matter their faith," said Eric Baxter, senior counsel at Becket. He added, "That is unacceptable—as this outpouring of support shows, religious organizations should be free to care for the needy without having to violate their beliefs." (*Sources: Numerous*).



*Love's Reply*  
A DISCERNMENT WEEKEND  
*for young women ...*

NOVEMBER 23-24  
PRAIRIE STAR RANCH  
[ juniors in high school to age 29 ]

**Love's Reply Discernment Retreat | November 23-24, 2024**  
*Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg, Kansas*

Young women are invited to join Sister M. Karolyn, FSGM and a host of other women religious for a weekend retreat designed to help them learn more about all things associated with a vocation to the consecrated religious life. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas Vocation Office. Open to all young women (juniors and seniors in high school up to age 29). Scan the QR code to register!

Questions: Vocation Office at  
913-647-0303 or [vocation@archkck.org](mailto:vocation@archkck.org).




*Embrace Grace*  
A Walking with Moms in Need Program

Please consider donating an item for the 4 women we are currently walking with at Ascension:



**Baby Shower**  
**Amazon Wish List**

Embrace Grace - Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas  
([archkck.org](http://archkck.org))

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025**



**Garden GALA**  
CELEBRATE ASCENSION

More Details Coming Soon!

We are looking for more people to join our Celebrate Ascension Committee for this parish-wide event.

If you are interested, please contact Becky Reed at: [breed@acseagles.org](mailto:breed@acseagles.org)

Mass 4:30 p.m. | Dinner, Auction, Dancing 5:30-11 p.m.

**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!





**WE ARE HIRING**  
JOIN OUR TEAM

## Facilities Maintenance Position

Church of the Ascension in Overland Park, a Catholic parish with parochial school, is seeking applicants for a part-time (25 hours per week) facilities maintenance position.

Applicants should be skilled in basic mechanical skills: carpentry, painting, plumbing repair, etc.

The role serves to assist the Facilities Director in addressing daily facility's needs, repairs and upgrades.

Applicants would be required to pass a background check and complete safe environment training. Ideal opportunity for retired craftsman who is looking to work 4-5 hours a day, M-F.

*Interested individuals should send contact information along with a list of past work experience to Susan Nigrin at the parish office. Email: [snigrin@kcascension.org](mailto:snigrin@kcascension.org)*



## NOW OPEN!

**"Sensory Friendly Room"**  
for the 11:45AM Mass.

In the Nursery downstairs there is a TV where we will live stream the mass. This low-light and low-volume room is specifically for children and adults who have sensory needs that prevent them from participating in the mass.

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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

**Voicemail Number: 1-888-684-6555**



# SUNDAY MASS GREETERS WANTED

We are looking for more friendly faces to join our ministry!! This is an EASY way to serve our parish and welcome our guests.

All you need to do is come to Mass 15 minutes early to offer a welcome and open doors, and then distribute bulletins after Mass. Scheduling can be flexible to meet your needs. This is a great opportunity for family service too!

Please contact Mary Bibler to sign up or for more information:  
[mbibler@kcascension.org](mailto:mbibler@kcascension.org)



# BREATHE

RESPITE CARE

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

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

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

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

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



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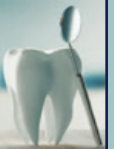
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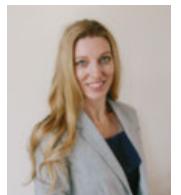
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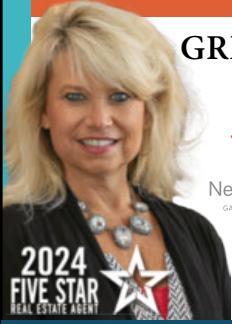
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