

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish

# KNOW THAT HE IS NEAR.

MK 13:29



## WEEKDAY MASS

Monday–Friday: 7:00AM, 12:00PM  
Saturday: 8:30AM

## SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 4:30PM  
Sunday: 8:15AM, 10:00AM,  
11:45AM, 5:00PM

## RECONCILIATION

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

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Daily\*: 6:00AM–9:00PM

\*Closed Monday & Thursday  
2:00PM–3:00PM for cleaning

After Hours: 9:00PM–6:00AM  
(Code Required)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30AM–4:00PM  
Friday: 8:30AM–12:00PM

☎ (913) 681-3348

✉ AscensionChurch@KCAscension.org

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

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**BAPTISMS**

Joseph Herbert Clifford

**† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Donna Jones  
*Sister of Dale Marti and &  
Sister-in-law of Sue Marti*

Mary Ann Ruskamp  
*Sister of Lorie Endsley*

Pearl Beemer  
*Mother of Mark Beemer and  
Mother-in-law of Aimee Beemer*

Ellen McKinzie  
*Grandmother of Sarah and Sean Kitts and  
Great-Grandmother of Cody, Eli and Owen Kitts*

Sharon Andersen  
*Wife of Bob Andersen*

Don Young  
*Great Uncle of Fr. Stull and  
Brother of Kay Feuerborn*

Matthew Kopff  
*Husband of Libby Kopff, Father of Kevin  
Kopff, Father-in-law of Jenny Kopff &  
Grandfather of Cooper, Lincoln, Beau &  
Crew Kopff*

Alice Andresen  
*Mother of Tom Andresen*

**ASCENSION KIDS**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

shaken	gather
chosen	clouds

shknae    \_\_\_\_\_

gthrae    \_\_\_\_\_

chsnoe    \_\_\_\_\_

cldsou    \_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER GARY PENNINGS  
PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we approach the end of the liturgical year (a new liturgical year will begin with the 1st Sunday of Advent), the scripture readings at Mass turn to end-times themes, what is often termed, "apocalyptic" writings.

Today in the reading from the Book of Daniel, we hear of a "time of unsurpassed distress" and how "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever...". In the Gospel passage, we hear Jesus speak of days that are coming, days that will follow a great tribulation, and that will be accompanied by cosmic signs. Jesus says, "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory...".

This passage is from Mark's version of what scholars have come to know as the "Olivet Discourse", a message delivered by Jesus on the Mount of Olives shortly before His crucifixion. In this discourse Jesus foretold two judgments. He predicts first a coming judgment upon Jerusalem including the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem – all of which is to take place soon, within one generation. The destruction of the Temple is a "prophetic sign" of the second judgment pronounced by Jesus: namely, the final judgment at the end of the world (see Mt 24: 1-31; Mark 13: 1-37).

We will hear these apocalyptic overtones from now through the First Sunday of Advent. The Church is preparing us to reflect, not only on the historical event of Christmas, when the Divine Word of God became flesh and was born in Bethlehem, but also to have us reflect on the Second Coming of the Lord, when He will return at the end of days to judge the living and the dead.

The Lord, Emmanuel, God with Us, came once to save us and to prepare us for His second coming, when He will usher in a New Heavens and a New Earth. The Season of Advent invites us to be watchful, to wait in joyful hope.

He IS coming, so be ready!

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

**MAGNIFIKID! MAGAZINES**

Be sure to pick up a Magnifikid magazine at weekend Masses!  
They are available in the back of church.



## 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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 5:30PM **FIRE (Middle School Youth Group)** | Youth Center
- 5:30PM **RCIA** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Holy Hour for Vocations** | Church
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Knights of Columbus Council Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 7:00PM **Men of Prayer** | Conf. Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 10:00AM **Mothers of Young Children/Little Angels** | Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **SAC Wellness Night** | Parish Hall B
- 6:30PM **CRHP Team 34 Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM **Virtues: The Path to Happiness** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Spiritual Mentoring** | Conf. Rm.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 10:00AM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:30PM **Ladies Beginners Bridge** | St. John Rm.
- 6:00PM **EPIC: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | Church
- 6:00PM **Year I Classes** | ACS Classrooms
- 6:30PM **Caregiver's Support Group** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Choir Practice** | Church
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 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/Pack Meeting** | Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **Embrace Grace** | Parish Hall B
- 6:00PM **Live the Mass Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Heartache to Healing** | St. John Rm.
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- ALL DAY **Frozen Turkey Drive** | Parking Lot
- 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 **Mary's Prayer Cenacle** | St. Mark Rm.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- ALL DAY **Frozen Turkey Drive** | 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 **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
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**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • NOVEMBER 18**

6:00PM, Church

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



**PRIORITY ONE RETREAT • NOVEMBER 18**

Departs 7:30AM, Off-Site

A one day retreat off campus that provides peace quiet and opportunities to encounter the living God. Cost: \$25

Learn More/Register: Scan the QR code



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



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.

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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 21st 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 or Damon at damon452@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 17-24



## LOVE'S REPLY DISCERNMENT RETREAT • NOVEMBER 23 & 24

10:00AM, Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Young women are invited to join Sister M. Karolyn, FSGM and a host of other women religious for a weekend retreat at Prairie Star Ranch in Williamsburg, Kansas 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).



## 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



## “SO, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE GIVE!”

### ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

As we continue our “So, As We Have Received, We Give!” annual stewardship appeal, every household should have 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 enable transformational encounters by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

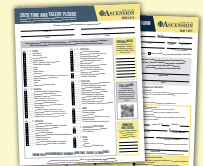
In order to continue in our important work, every household is asked to:

- 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, prayers and commitment to Church of the Ascension.

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).


# 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.* 

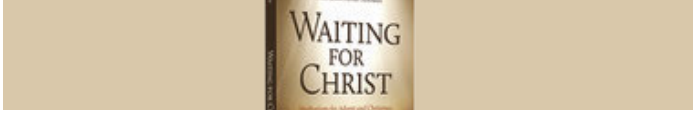
A 4-Week Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation. In this new installment of the Rejoice! series, Fr. Mark Toups guides you on a transformative journey to Bethlehem through the Sunday Mass readings. Drawing inspiration from Mary and Joseph's unwavering faith, you'll learn to recognize God's presence even in challenging times. Cost: \$5. Pick up your journal after Masses in the Gathering Area beginning November 22/23.

**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 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 4 (Wednesdays):  
1:00PM–2:30PM, *St. Luke Rm.* with Ann Smith\*

December 5 (Thursdays):  
9:30AM–11:00AM, *St. Mark Rm.* with Dick Kane\*



**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

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*NAME*

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*EMAIL*

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*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*

Individual Prayer (Book Only) Option  
 Form a Small Group - In the Comfort of Your Home  
 Join a 3-Week Small Group (4th week done on your own):
 

- December 3, 10:00AM–11:30AM; with Tamara James
- December 3, 1:00PM–2:30PM; with Kim Sutton
- December 4, 9:00AM–10:30AM; with Dave Sutton
- December 4, 1:00PM–2:30PM; with Ann Smith\*
- December 5, 9:30AM–11:00AM; with Dick Kane\*

Rejoice Journal: Place \$5 in wooden box in the Gathering Area, or register and pay online using the QR Code.

Order Eternal Rest or Waiting for Christ on your own. Click the link to order in your registration confirmation email.

*\*updated time and facilitator*



*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: 

WOMEN OF ASCENSION 

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

KCASCENSION.ORG/WOMEN-OF-ASCENSION



**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.



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

**ASCENSION WINTER BLOOD DRIVE**

ASCENSION 

DONORS WILL RECEIVE A CHIEFS T-SHIRT

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.

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP 



*Saturday*  
WITH SANTA  
7 December, 2024  
9:00-11:00AM in the Parish Hall

HOSTED BY **moyc**  
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
ministry of young children

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, GAMES, ADVENT ACTIVITIES AND A PHOTO WITH SANTA

ENJOY MUFFINS, COFFEE, AND HOT COCOA

REGISTER BY DECEMBER 4TH TO BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO "JUMP THE LINE!" THREE WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED ON DECEMBER 6!  
REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE BELOW. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!





**Trivia Night**

OPEN TO THE WHOLE PARISH (MEN AND WOMEN)

HOSTED BY **Women of Ascension** 

SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2025  
7:00-10:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)





**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN-REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE:**

If you feel that there is a situation that a child or vulnerable adult may be in an abusive situation within any ministry of the church (by cleric, employee or volunteer), please report ASAP. Make a report to Kansas Protection Report Center at 1-800-922-5330 or the Archdiocesan Confidential Report Line at 913-647-3051.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00AM **+Donald Wood**  
by *Teresa & Dan Clune*

12:00PM **+Lowell Peterson**  
by *Children and Grandchildren of Lowell Peterson*

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00AM —

8:00AM **Aimee Parsons**  
by *Women Gathering in Prayer Group*

12:00PM **+Bernice Petz**  
by *Thelma Cole Family*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00AM **Richard Morris**  
by *The Madrids*

12:00PM **+Msgr. Charles McGlinn**  
by *Judy & Craig Arnold*

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00AM **Marlene McCall**  
by *Jeff & Rena McCall*

12:00PM **+Gene & +Mary Rockers**  
by *Linda Boulter*

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

**Alex & Christine Lara**

**+Michael Beuerlein**  
by *Pat & Dotty Healy*

**+Kate Simpson**  
by *Jim & Tricia Baldwin*

**+Richard Gagnier**  
by *John & Sally Virgo*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00AM **+Tom Denesia**  
by *KC Breakfast Club*

12:00PM **+Chris Poggie**  
by *Jean Lundgren*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30AM **+Susie Santa Maria**  
by *Joan Supica, Milka Ramirez & Christian Supica*

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  
Louise Parizek  
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 Surlis  
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  
Jennifer Baalman  
Ken Becker  
Marissa Bemis  
Joe Breault  
Amanda Brower  
Shari Chang  
Lauren Collins  
Audrey Cooper  
Steve Dougherty  
Bonnie Galyean  
Bob Gleason  
Maureen Godar  
Anne Hauser  
Colleen Heeter  
Diana Heintz  
Art Jeannet  
Sean Kavanaugh  
Maryanne Lally  
Dennis Larkin  
Ellen Loschke  
Blake Martin  
Gregg McNeely  
Michael Momsen  
Steve Moran

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 Noguerras US Army;  
Captain Dan Prior, US Army;  
2nd Lt Tom Stivers, US Army;  
Captain Mitchell R Willis, Pilot, USAF

*Please note: Prior to publishing, permission from the individual you wish to add to the prayer listing must be obtained. Names will be retained for 6 months.*

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:15AM **+Marc Rottinghaus**  
by *Carol & Tim Hall*

10:00AM **+Melanie McKenzie**  
by *Chris Wasmund*

11:45AM **+Bernice Petz**  
by *Melba & Daniel Detmer*

5:00PM **Ascension Parishioners**



 **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.

 **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!

 **MEALS FOR PRIESTS**

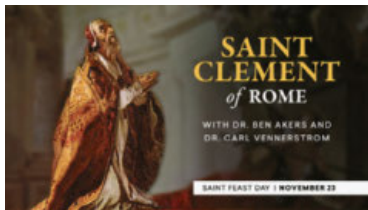
Do you love to cook? We have three priests with hearty appetites! Meals for Priests is a ministry that provides meals one day per week for our beloved priests. Interested in cooking and providing a meal, please visit [KCAscension.org](http://KCAscension.org); Scroll down to the Trending Section, Click Volunteer Sign Ups, Meals for Priests; or scan the QR code.

Contact: Patty (913) 681-3348



THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

Week of November 17, 2024



**St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints**

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.



**Confirmation | Brother Francis**

Join Brother Francis as he shows us what the Sacrament of Confirmation is, what it does, and why Jesus promised it to us!



**The Role of Art and Beauty in the New Evangelization**

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker as they discuss St. Cecilia and the role of Art and Beauty in the New Evangelization.

## NOVEMBER



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



### SHALOM HOUSE • NOVEMBER 27\*

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. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup. **\*Date changed due to Thanksgiving**

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



### HOPE FAITH THANKSGIVING DAY BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS • NOVEMBER 28

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



Ascension volunteers will serve breakfast on Thanksgiving Day to homeless patrons of Hope Faith. If you would like to donate food or supplies to support our ministry, please visit our sign up.

Donate Food or Supplies: *Scan QR code*

## 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: *Scan QR code*

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	-Long & short sleeved onesies (newborn, 0-3, 3-6mo, +)
-Sleep sacks (sizes 3-6, 6-9)	-Shampoo and conditioner for natural hair, oils & lotions (coconut & vitamin e products)
-Baby blankets	-Robes and slippers (adult sized)
-Baby socks and mittens (newborn, 0-3, 3-6mo)	-Walmart, Target & QuikTrip gift cards
-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	



ASCENSION GATHERING AREA | DECEMBER 2-15

## NATIVITY HOUSE • DECEMBER 2-15

Gathering Area

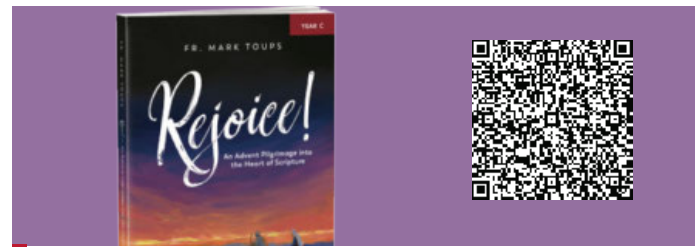
Please join us in showering Nativity House with needed items: Receiving/swaddling blankets, Sleep sacks (sizes 3-6, 6-9), Baby blankets, Baby socks and mittens (newborn, 0-3, 3-6mo), Baby wash and lotion (fragrance free options), Baby monitors, Baby carriers/carrying wraps, Backpack style diaper bags, 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.



## EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND SACRISTAN TRAINING & COMMISSIONING • DECEMBER 2 AND 7

6:00PM & 11:30AM, Church

Training and commissioning for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) both Outreach and those serving at Mass and Sacristans will be held on Monday, December 2 at 6:00PM and Saturday, December 7 at 11:30AM in the church. All existing EMHCs/Sacristans whose last commissioning was more than three years ago MUST attend - all others are strongly encouraged to attend since a number of procedural changes have been made of which you need to be apprised. Outreach EMHCs should also attend due to changes being enacted impacting that ministry. Any new parishioners who wish to join either or both of these ministries are most welcome. Those individuals should familiarize themselves with the following qualifications for these positions: A person baptized and confirmed and at least 16 years of age; If married, then in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church; Love of the Eucharist with faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist; Desire to grow in personal relationship with Christ in the Eucharist; A registered member of Ascension Parish; Weekly participation in the Eucharist; Willingness to serve as needed and available; Commitment to serve as assigned or to obtain a replacement. Those who do not meet these qualifications should discuss their situation directly with Fr Gary. We are in need of dedicated people in both ministries and ask that you prayerfully discern if you are being called to serve.



## 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. Pick up your journal after Masses in the Gathering Area beginning November 22/23 *\*updated times and facilitator*

### 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 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 4 (Wednesdays):

1:00PM–2:30PM, St. Luke Rm. with Ann Smith\*

December 5 (Thursdays):

9:30AM–11:00AM, St. Mark Rm. with Dick Kane\*

Register: Scan QR code

## 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 In-](http://KCAscension.org/Get In-)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

involved/Service Opportunities to see full details and explore volunteer opportunities!

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

**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

**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: Scan QR code

**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. We hope to see you there!

Register: Scan QR code

Hosted by: Mothers of Young Children (MOYC)

**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!

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.*

## GUADALUPE HOUSE • DECEMBER 10

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe House is an organization run by the Sisters of the Fraternity Missionaries of the Poor of Jesus Christ. The Sisters reach out to the poor and homeless in Kansas City, Kansas, and Ascension provides them with supplies needed for their ministry. If you are interested in supporting the Sisters with their cause by donating supplies, please visit the Church of the Ascension homepage at [kc.ascension.org](http://kc.ascension.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.

## 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 6:00PM to make blanket kits, separate fabric, talk and generally enjoy each other's company! You can come

and pick up material and take it home, or you can stay and learn how to make blankets. We send over 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!

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY • DECEMBER 14



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.

## JANUARY

## CATHOLIC SURVIVING DIVORCE GROUP • JANUARY 8-MARCH 26

7:00PM, *Conf. Rm.*

This group is facilitated by a licensed counselor, Mary Vorsten. \$30 fee for the workbook and 12 group meetings.

*Register: Mary Vorsten at [mytherapistmaryv@gmail.com](mailto:mytherapistmaryv@gmail.com) or 913-909-2002*



## 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 five Ascension winners for Week 9 (11/2/24). Ascension tickets have won the top \$500 prize in five out of the nine drawings. Checks will be mailed to the winners. Don Brazen - \$500, Fes Krebs - \$50, Michael Hawley - \$50, Susanne Bugjo - \$50, Mark Pugel - \$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. We will also be collecting toys (or cash) for Toys for Tots at the next Council meeting.

- 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

- **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 14 & 15:** Food Collection Volunteer Opportunity
- **DECEMBER 15:** Knights Christmas Party, *Cinzetti's*
- **MID-DECEMBER:** Salvation Army Volunteer Opportunities

## FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- Fourth Degree Officers Meeting, 12/4, 7:00PM, *Annex (Knights Room)*
- Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting, 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.

## DID YOU KNOW?

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:



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

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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.

**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.



**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

**RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER:**

**THE DEVELOPING BABY-I LIKE TO LISTEN TO MY MOMMY'S VOICE**

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**LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS**

**HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN**

*of divorced, separated or never-married parents*

**JANUARY 17-19, 2025  
KANSAS CITY, KS**

at Savior Pastoral Center

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*The Life-Giving Wounds retreat gave me space to grieve and be understood in this wound. It also gave me tools that integrate humanity and spirituality to lead me to forgiveness and healing. ~ Kevin*

**SPACE**

*This retreat was a beautiful, intentional space to be seen and heard, without judgment, in all my messiness. ~ Maggie*

**INSIGHT**

*So many "aha!" moments, especially in unpacking this wound with the sacraments. ~ Anonymous*

**FREEDOM**

*Learning about this basic, fundamental loss that was known but never understood gave me freedom from unhealthy patterns of behavior I didn't even know I was doing. ~ Anonymous*

**SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY!**



This peer-led weekend includes insightful talks, optional small group and one-on-one discussion, Eucharistic adoration, Mass and the opportunity for Reconciliation.

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 OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Adult children (18+) whose parents divorced, separated or were never married are invited to a Catholic healing retreat January 17-19, 2025. This peer-led weekend includes insightful talks, optional small group and one-on-one discussion, Eucharistic adoration, Mass and the opportunity for Reconciliation. For more information and registration scan the QR code in the ad above.

*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)

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

**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!**

 **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**



# 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

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*

## 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



## 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.

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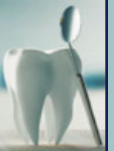
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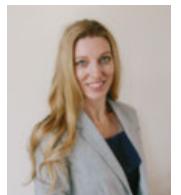
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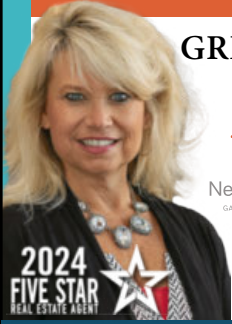
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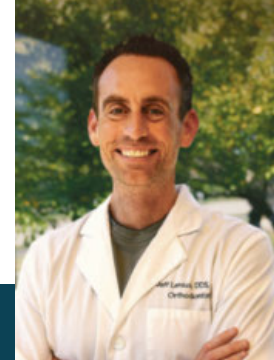
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