

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

JN 18:37

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

9510 W. 127TH STREET • OVERLAND PARK, KS 66213 • KcAscension.org

WEEKDAY MASS

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

SUNDAY MASS

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

RECONCILIATION

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Daily*: 6:00AM–9:00PM

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

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

☎ (913) 681-3348

✉ AscensionChurch@KcAscension.org

NEW PARISHIONERS

Mr. Jason Cross
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newsum and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cox and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Friling and Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Franke and Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Monteil

BAPTISMS

Grady Joseph Dohnalek

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

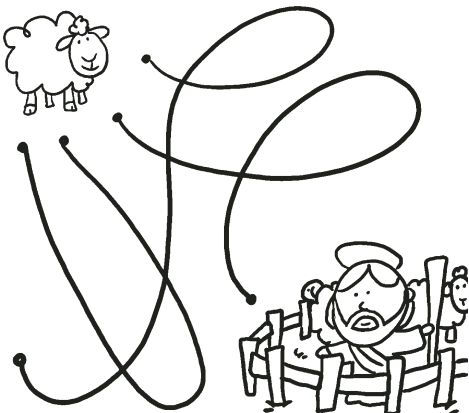
Chris Lamphier and Hannah Manganaro

† FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Marilyn Stump Butterfield
Sister of Ron Stump and Sister-in-law of Carol Stump
Shirley Brazen
Mother of Don Brazen & Mother-in-law of Deb Brazen
Ruth Freund
Mother of Chris Koettker

ASCENSION KIDS

Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.



**FATHER GARY PENNINGS
PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Jesus was born at a time when the Roman Empire, one of the most powerful empires in all human history, reigned. Through most of Christian history, the western world was ruled by kings (or queens). When Jesus proclaimed the Gospel in Galilee and Judea, the people understood the concept of a monarchy, a kingdom.

Furthermore, Jesus' first public words in St. Mark's Gospel refer to a kingdom. Jesus said, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Thus, Jesus is announcing a new kind of kingdom, not one of this world alone; not one dominated by human power, wealth or violence. Rather, as the Preface for the Mass on the Solemnity of Christ the King states, "an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

We complete the Year of Grace 2024 with this great feast day of Christ the King. How appropriate it is that we should conclude the liturgical year by honoring our Lord Jesus Christ under the title, "King of the Universe."

This world-wide Catholic feast day was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The Holy Father established this feast to emphasize the true kingship of Christ, in response to growing secularism and secular ultra-nationalism that was emerging in Europe following the fall of European kingdoms after World War I. The Pope decided to establish the solemnity to point to a king "of whose kingdom there shall be no end."

As the universal King, the Lord Jesus deserves allegiance, honor and obedience. He is a King motivated by love for His subjects. As members of His Kingdom, we are called to be good subjects and give all honor and fidelity to Jesus Christ, the King.

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 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
- 4:00PM **Al Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 7:00PM **Journey** | Library
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 12:30PM **4th Monday Afternoon Bridge** | St. Luke Rm.
- 12:45PM **Spiritual Mentoring** | St. John Rm.
- 5:30PM **RCIA Class** | St. Mark Rm.
- 5:45PM **Finance Council Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 6:00PM **Project Chrysalis** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 4:30PM **Shalom House** | Off-Site
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED **THANKSGIVING DAY**

- 7:30AM **Hope Faith Thanksgiving Day Breakfast for the Homeless** | Off-Site
- 9:00AM **Thanksgiving Day Mass (Only Mass of Today)** | Church
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

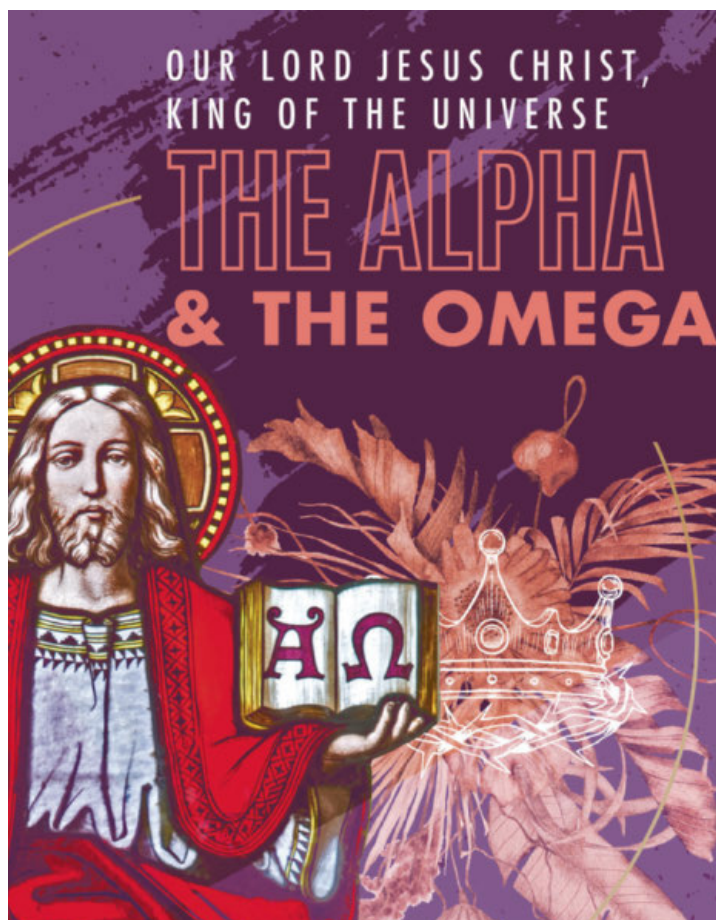
- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM **Christ Renews His Parish Bible Study** | St. John Rm.
- 7:30AM **Hope Faith Breakfast for the Homeless** | Off-Site

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 11:45AM **Mass Live Stream: Families with Special Needs** | Nursery
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- 6:15PM **Knights of Columbus/Officers Meeting** | Parish Hall Annex
- 7:00PM **Journey** | Library
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym





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 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



THANKSGIVING DAY • NOVEMBER 28

May Thanksgiving and the rest of the year remind us to be grateful for what we have. May your Thanksgiving be full of peace, love and joy! Happy Thanksgiving!

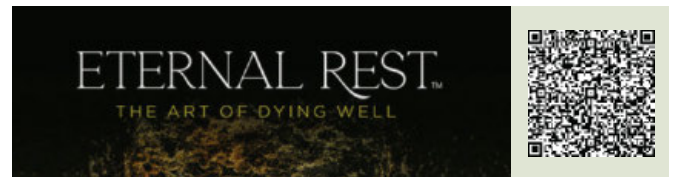


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ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL • DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22 (SUNDAYS)

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

AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A
gift
USE IT TO
serve
ONE ANOTHER, AS GOOD
stewards
OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE
CF 1 PET. 4:10



“SO, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE GIVE!”

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

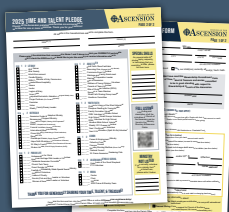
Your commitment to our parish through our “So, As We Have Received, We Give!” Stewardship Appeal will help Church of the Ascension enable transformational encounters by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future. We encourage the participation of all of our parishioners!

THANK YOU

Thank you to those parishioners who have submitted their commitments. If you have not yet had an opportunity, 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.

SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 2ND

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 2nd, 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.



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.



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.


Advent ADULT FAITH OFFERINGS



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

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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.* 

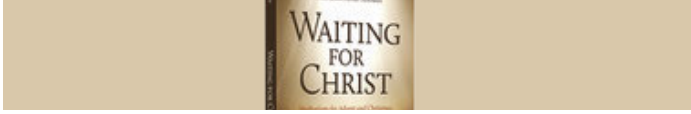
A 4-Week Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation. In this new installment of the Rejoice! series, Fr. Mark Toups guides you on a transformative journey to Bethlehem through the Sunday Mass readings. Drawing inspiration from Mary and Joseph's unwavering faith, you'll learn to recognize God's presence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

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

- Individual Prayer (Book Only) Option
- Form a Small Group - In the Comfort of Your Home
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 - 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*



Blood Drive

Get loud.
**Donors
needed.**



Join us and get
a Chiefs shirt!

Church of the Ascension

**Sunday, December 8th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Lower Level

9510 W. 127th St.

**Come in to donate and receive
a \$5 off coupon to The Golden Scoop!**

Prepare to donate



Eat well
and hydrate



Bring a
photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



Must be 17+ or
16 with parental
consent form



Meet minimum
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements
and COVID-19 information, visit
savealifenow.org/eligibility.



Sign up at savealifenow.org/group and use **group code KCJ3**. For additional details, contact Patty Billinger at (913) 681-3348 or pbillinger@kcascension.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00AM **Andre Earle-Gal**
by Lara Family

12:00PM **+Margaret Farnan New**
by Farnan Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00AM **+Timothy Pereda**
by Family

12:00PM **+Mary Katherine Lewis**
by Family

+Michelle Edwards
by Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00AM **+Terry Weiser**
by Marge & Don Sosna

12:00PM **+Ambrose Peitzmeier**
by Lorie Endsley

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00AM **Living & Deceased
Members of the
Ken Rethman Family**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Karen Schemmel**
by Denny Schemmel

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30AM **+Sean Clark**
by Cathy & Bob Burns

4:30PM **+Joe Martin**
by Judy & Craig Arnold

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:15AM **+James Burns**
by Jeff & Rena McCall

10:00AM **Ascension Parishioners**

11:45AM **+Denise Townsley**
by Family

5:00PM **+Charles McDowell**
*by Robert & Sally Ann
James*

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

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Bryan Atkins
Jennifer Baalman
Ken Becker
Marissa Bemis
Joe Breault
Amanda Brower
Shari Chang
Brigid Durkin
Lauren Collins
Audrey Cooper
Steve Dougherty
Bonnie Galyean
Bob Gleason
Maureen Godar
Anne Hauser
Colleen Heeter
Diana Heintz
Art Jeannet
Sean Kavanaugh
Bruce Kessler
Janet Kostelec-Voght
Maryanne Lally
Dennis Larkin
Ellen Loschke
Blake Martin
Gregg McNeely
Jean Mickel
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
Colleen Skinner
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.

Infant Baptism



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

Baptism class is offered monthly & required for new parents.

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

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

Contact the parish office at 913-681-3348

SAINT ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Say 15 times per day beginning Saint Andrew's Day (30th November) and ending on Christmas Eve.

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin at a stable at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires.

(Mention your intentions here.)

Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.

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, 10:00AM

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; Scroll down to the Trending Section, Click Volunteer Sign Ups, Meals for Priests; or scan the QR code.



Contact: Patty (913) 681-3348

DECEMBER

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.



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.

#iGIVECATHOLIC
ON GIVING TUESDAY




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.

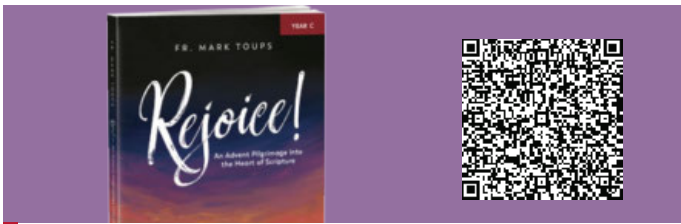


↑ Open Camera, scan to donate

GIVING TUESDAY • DECEMBER 3

Support Ascension through #iGiveCatholic! Giving Tuesday is on December 3rd. Advanced Giving for Giving Tuesday has started and runs through December 10th. Please note: Any Giving Tuesday contribution is not in lieu of our parish stewardship campaign, but an additional, tax-deductible donation.

Learn More/Donate: Scan the QR code



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 (*4th 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 1st Wednesday of the month to provide supplies and prepare a taco salad luncheon. We leave Ascension at 9:30AM to prep the meal and get things set up. We serve the lunch 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-

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

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

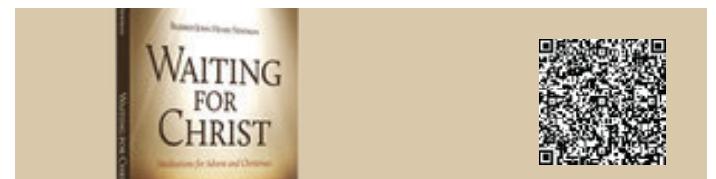


ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT • DECEMBER 5

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
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7 December, 2024
9:00-11:00AM in the Parish Hall

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TO "JUMP THE LINE!" THREE WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED ON
DECEMBER 6!
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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

SATURDAY WITH SANTA • DECEMBER 7

9:00AM, Parish Hall

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

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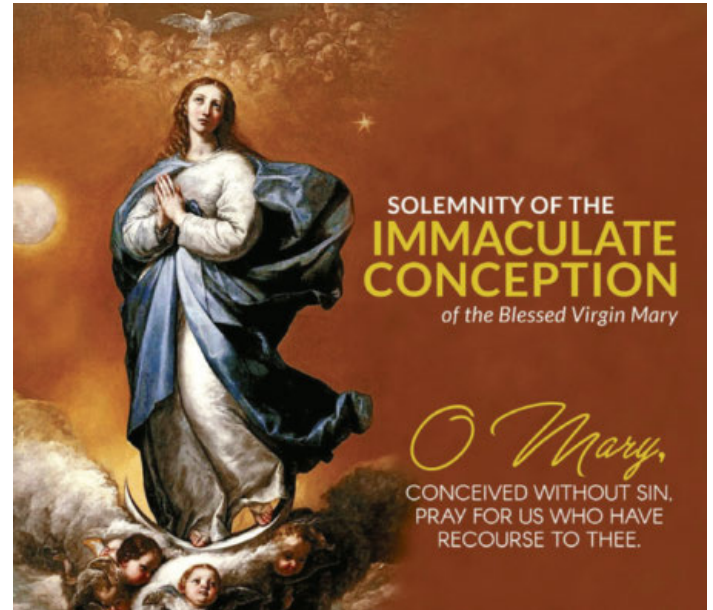
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SOLEMNITY OF THE
**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Mary,
CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE
RECOURSE TO THEE.

**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.*



**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8**

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9AM-3PM**

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WINTER BLOOD DRIVE • DECEMBER 8

9:00AM, Parish Hall Lower Level

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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, 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.

ASCENSION BOOK CLUB • DECEMBER 11

1:00PM, *St. Mark Rm.*

Our book for December is *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride*, by Joe Siple. We will meet on Wednesday, December 11th at 1:00PM in the St. Mark Room.

Details: *Linda Cook at 897-3201*

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FOOD DRIVE • DECEMBER 14 & 15

10:00AM, *Parking Lot*

Your help is needed! Catholic Charities' food pantry supplies are still at an all time low. If you are able, please help us care for our neighbors in need. Suggested Items: Peanut Butter, Beans, Canned Fruit, Dried Pasta and Soup. We accept unexpired foods only. The Ascension Drive-Up Food Collection is on December 14th and 15th from 10:00AM–2:00PM. You can always drop off donations in the food bin located in the St. John hallway. The Knights will gratefully accept all cash and check donations before and after all Sunday masses.

Contact: David Whitaker at (913) 626-2676 or Johnette Martin (913) 481-8663

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.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • DECEMBER 18

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

If you are caring for a loved one in need, we invite you to join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month for an evening of community connection with others walking the same beautiful and often challenging path. Bring your questions, stories, concerns, and leave with coping skills and spiritual support for the road ahead.

Sponsored by Catholic Community Health

Questions: Michelle at 913-484-2222

JANUARY

CATHOLIC SURVIVING DIVORCE GROUP • JANUARY 8–MARCH 26

7:00PM, *Conf. Rm.*

Join us for a 12-week session in our Catholic Surviving Divorce Group. 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 or 913-909-2002



ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Mark and Sarah Fortino and their son, Matthew, our Family of the Month, and Brian Yanez, our Knight of the Month, for November.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Please join Knights, spouses, and significant others for our annual Christmas Social on December 15th at Cinzetti's. Social at 5:30PM and Dinner at 6:30PM. See the Knights website for more details and to sign-up/prepay.

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 two Ascension winners for Week 10 (11/9/24). Checks will be mailed to the winners. Vince Ohalloran - \$50, Mike Schmidt - \$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.

KNIGHTS CHOIR

Contact Patrick Kershaw at captkershawret@icloud.com if you are interested in joining.

PRAYERS

Join us in prayer for our seminarians from Ascension – Alex Rickert, Michael Santamarina, Jack Oxley and ALL others including Trey Niesen and Matthias Saiiki. Also, please pray for Seminarian Ronald Aries from the Philippines whom the Ascension Council has sponsored through Unbound.org. Holy Hours dedicated to Vocations occur every Friday at 1:00PM and Saturday at 11:00AM in the Adoration Chapel.

ALTAR SERVERS

Thank an Altar Server and their families whenever you can for their commitment and devotion!

JOIN US FOR MASS AND MEETINGS

- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, December 1st, 6:15PM, Annex (*Knights Room*)
- Council Meeting: Monday, December 16th, 7:00PM, Parish Hall B, preceded by the Knights Vocation Holy Hour and Rosary at 6:00PM.
- Knights' Mass Friday mornings at 7:00AM with breakfast following at Hy-Vee
- 2024 and 2025 Dues can be paid at AscensionKofC.com

UPCOMING EVENTS *(Watch for email with sign-up and details)*

- **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 13 & 14:** Salvation Army Volunteer Opportunities
- **DECEMBER 14 & 15:** Food Collection Volunteer Opportunity
- **DECEMBER 15:** Knights Christmas Party, *Cinzetti's*

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.

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Join today:





DEADLINE DECEMBER 12TH

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: A PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF OUR NATION

Almighty God, our Rock and our Salvation, we beg you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon our fractured nation.

Heal the divisions that separate us and remove all obstacles to authentic unity.

May you guide this great country of ours and lead our citizens to embrace one another as neighbors and fellow countrymen, created in your own image and likeness.

Give us a fresh opportunity for renewal and true solidarity for the common good of our homeland.

May we return to our true identity as a people of faith & charity.

Help us always remain One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Amen.

(Source: CatholicPrayerCards.org-Pedro de la Cruz)

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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

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-8th grade to sign up for the 2024-2025 Youth Faith Formation program

Our specially trained leaders will provide faith formation and sacramental preparation in small group and individual sacramental preparation sessions that help your child growth in their faith through an adapted approach tailored for their needs.

Call the YFF office at 913-681-7683 or visit <https://kcascension.org/fwm/> to learn more.

Classes start soon!



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HEALING
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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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.

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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



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

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

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

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



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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.

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:
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RESPIRE 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



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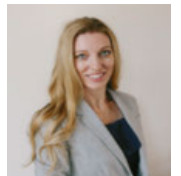
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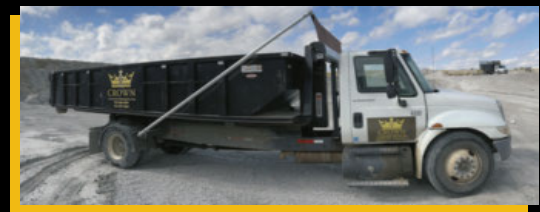
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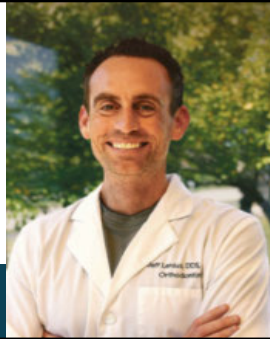
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