

JANUARY 12, 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish

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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

Amelia Mae Pemberton

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Alex Schannuth and Bonnie LeBeau

ASCENSION KIDS

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

J OHN	WATER	HOLY SPIRIT
MESSIAH	POWERFUL	FIRE
BAPTIZING	SANDALS	JESUS

A J T U A R B Y W E N
H O L Y S P I R I T O
E H A I T O S U F A M
J N E G Y W A T E R E
I Y B E H E U P L M S
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U D Y T O E A N G E D
S O B A P T I Z I N G

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE FOR 2025

If you plan to use Realm for your online giving in 2025, please be sure to select **“2025 Stewardship”** as the fund. If you previously had a recurring gift set up, you'll need to stop your gift for 2024 and begin a new recurring gift for 2025, setting an end date by 12/31/25.

Please contact Karen Newkirk at knewkirk@kcascension.org or 913-681-3348 with any questions. Thank you for your contributions!

**FATHER GARY PENNINGS
PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It marks the end of the Christmas Season. Last week we celebrated Epiphany, marked by the visitation of the Magi to the child Jesus. By that visitation, the truth about Jesus was revealed to the “nations,” represented by the Magi. The revelation of the God of Israel began to shine beyond the Jews.

The Baptism of the Lord is one more of the “epiphanies” of Jesus. At his baptism in the Jordan, as the voice came from heaven and as the Holy Spirit descended, Jesus’ true identity was revealed. The Lord’s baptism also points to his close connection with the people he came to save, as well as the beginning of his public ministry.

The baptism of John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance meant to prepare people’s hearts to turn away from sin and thus be ready to recognize the Messiah when he came on the scene. It is a reminder that sin always blinds us and prevents us from clearly seeing God’s presence in our lives.

Christian baptism, while similar to John’s baptism because it washes away sins, is something much more. When one undergoes Christian baptism, one is baptized with the Holy Spirit and dies with Christ in the waters of baptism and rises with him to new life. We are born anew in the waters of baptism - born once by nature and again, in baptism, by grace. We become an adopted son or daughter of the Most-High God through the merits of the one who is the only Son of God by nature, Jesus Christ. We become a member of the Church and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

When the grace of baptism is completed in the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are equipped to be witnesses to the Gospel and co-workers with the Lord in bringing others to know him. Baptism is a sublime gift!

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 11:45AM **Mass Live Stream: Families with Special Needs** | Nursery
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 3:00PM **NFP Session for Engaged Couples** | St. Mark Rm.
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM **Strong Fathers & Strong Daughters Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Strong Fathers Raising a Modern Day Knight Meeting** | Library
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 5:00PM **RCIA Rosary** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **RCIA Class** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **First Reconciliation** | Church
- 6:15PM **Women's Journey** | ACS Classroom
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troop #218** | Parish Hall A
- 6:30PM **Liturgy Committee Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 4:00PM **Guadalupe House** | Off-Site
- 6:00PM **SAC Meeting** | Library
- 6:30PM **New Parishioner Social** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) Meeting** | Parish Hall A
- 7:30PM **Special Needs Team** | St. John Rm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 10:00AM **Epic: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:30PM **Ladies Beginners Bridge** | St. John Rm.
- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 6:00PM **Epic: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | Church
- 6:00PM **Year I Class** | ACS Classrooms
- 6:30PM **Caregivers Support Group** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Choir Practice** | Church

- 7:00PM **Catholic Surviving Divorce Group** | Conf. Rm.
- 7:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 1:00PM **Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" Course** | St. Mark Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **The Great Book Series: Everlasting Man** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Cub Scouts #3218 Pack Meeting** | Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **Live the Mass Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- 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 **Forgiveness 101 Class** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **First Reconciliation** | Church

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GUADALUPE HOUSE • JANUARY 14

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 KCAscension.org, and click on Volunteer Signups/Guadalupe House. Please drop off supplies to the Parish Hall by 4:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next date is January 14th.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY | 6:30-7:30PM

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.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HEALTH
HOME CARE • HOSPICE • HOSPICE HOUSE
CatholicCommunityHealth.org
Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

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Questions: Michelle at 913-484-2222

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
\$225 (Commuting)
\$365 (Single room)
\$325 each (Double room- Must register with roommate)

Limited scholarships available for residents of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

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 "ahh!" 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.

Life-draining wounds can become a **LIFE-GIVING MISSION.**

archkck.org/LCW @bdupont@archkck.org OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS HEALING RETREAT • JANUARY 17-19

6:00PM, Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

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.

Register: Scan QR code

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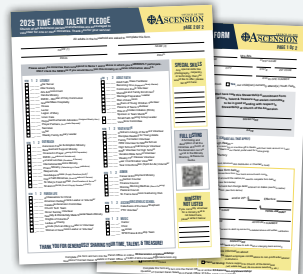


“SO, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE GIVE!”

We want to encourage the participation of all our parishioners, so if you have not yet completed your commitment form, we ask that you take a moment to fill it out either on paper or online, and indicate your financial pledge and ministry involvement for 2025.



Online Form



Paper Form

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have submitted their commitments for 2025. Your support will allow Church of the Ascension to continue enabling transformational encounters by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

Thank You!

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

MINISTRY NEWS

**NEW YEAR..... NEW NAME!
FROM RCIA TO OCIA!**

For years you have heard of “RCIA” – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the process we use to welcome Adults into the Catholic Faith.

This faith-filled journey is the same but the name has changed! It is now officially known as “OCIA” the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. This change was made to reflect more completely that it is a series of “Rites” that make up the whole process. Each Rite is intended to be a point of encounter with God.

Please pray for the 25 Adults in this year’s RCIA....I mean OCIA!

If you or someone you know is interested to learning more about the OCIA process, contact Liz Willman, Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith at lwillman@kcascension.org or (913) 681-3348 ext. 139

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY EVENTS



**Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat
Retroville**

**Jim Cosgrove “Mr. Stinky Feet” Concert
Sebastian D’Amico - Marriage Enrichment**

The Marriage Course (Starts Jan. 21)

**Strong Fathers Strong Daughters/
Raising A Modern Day Knight**



JAN 20TH
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 BREWLAB 7PM

7925 MARTY | YOUNG ADULTS

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Monday January 20, 2025
 6PM St. Mark Room

Church of the Ascension
 Lower Level



For registration, use QR code.

HOLY *half*-HOUR

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The Marriage Course

Navigate life together

A course to help couples strengthen their relationship

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January 25 through February 2

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!
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Live the Mass

A REFLECTIVE RETREAT

Save the Date

FEBRUARY 1, 2025
8AM-6:00PM

FEBRUARY 2, 2024
7:15AM-11:45AM MASS






The Veil Removed



JIM COSGROVE

Mr. Stinky Feet

We hope your family can join us for a *Mr. Stinky Feet* concert!

February 8 at 10:00AM
Parish Hall

To Register



Kid-rocker and author, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove has been delighting audiences for over 25 years with his high energy, interactive concerts. Come prepared to sing and dance during this fun show that will get the whole family rockin'.

Hosted by **moyc**
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Ministry of young children



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

Ascension Catholic School Gymnasium
Sunday, January 26th
Registration 8:30-9:00
Completion Begins At 9:00
Proof of Age Required
Winners Move On To Regional Competition
Contact: Jay Reinhardt jkreinhardt@sbcglobal.net

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00AM **Baby Robl**
by Q & C Robl

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Fred Sanchez**
by Kathy Tarbe

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00AM **+Jacob Raphael**
by Pecana

12:00PM **+Grace Herrera**
by Linda Scott

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00AM **Baby Robl**
by Q & C Robl

12:00PM **+Fred Zielinski**
by Joan Newmarker

+Janet Blessing
by Darleen Porch

+Donna Bogatitus
by Elaine England

+Laird Simons
by Jim & Tricia Baldwin

+Tom Audley
by Cathy Audley

+Diane Lindhardt
by Cathy Audley

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00AM **+Laird Simons**
by Knights of Columbus

12:00PM **+Robert Lee**
by Madrid Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30AM **Ascension Parishioners**

4:30PM **+Patricia Ann Boehm**
by Ebeling Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:15AM **+Mary Elizabeth Moley**
by Lisa & Neil Moynihan

10:00AM **+Susan Larmer Brown**
by Ron & Geri Padley

11:45AM **+Maurice Rodrigues**
by Cathy Madrid

5:00PM **Ascension Parishioners**

PRAYERS

FOR OUR SICK

Susan Arp
Bob Barr
Hugh Benson
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
Brian Kellerman
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 Mistle
Jenny Melookaran
Sarah Millsap
Deloris Moore
John Monteil
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
Bob Sherman
Janet Sherman
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
Kathy Glasser
Bob Gleason
Maureen Godar
Anne Hauser
Colleen Heeter
Diana Heintz
Parker Jantz
Sean Kavanaugh
Bruce Kessler
Janet Kostelec-Voght
Maryanne Lally
Dennis Larkin
Patty LeCluyse
Ellen Loschke
Kerri Martin
Gregg McNeely
Jean Mickel
Michael Momsen
Steve Moran
Brad Morton
Cindy Morton
Mark Murfield
Sally Norbert
Yvonne Pennings

Roslyn Perry
Louis Raymond
Russell Rebman
Mark Reda
Nicole Rizzo
Bernadette Schwarz
Suzanne Schaffer
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 Nogueras US
Army;
Captain Dan Prior, US
Army;
2nd Lt Tom Stivers, US
Army;
Captain Mitchell R Willis,
Pilot, USAF

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



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



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 Tuesday: 4:00AM, 11:00PM
 Wednesday: 7:00AM, 10:00AM, 1:00PM Thursday: 1:00PM
 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.



FAMILY ROSARY • TUESDAYS

6:30PM, Church

Join the Family Rosary every Tuesday at 6:30PM in the church. Together we will pray for our families, our nation and our world! Blessed Mother, pray for us!



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Are you homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: Patty at (913) 681-3348

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 12, 2025



The Bible (Part 1)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible.



Interior Life

We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life.



A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

JANUARY



JAN 20TH
PARABLES & PUBS
BREWLAB 7PM

PARABLES & PUBS (YOUNG ADULTS 21-35) • JANUARY 20

7:00PM, Off-Site

Join us at Brew Lab on January 20th for Parables and Pubs! There is no better place to bring a friend, talk about deep things, while sipping on a beverage. With live music, a short parable, and a great atmosphere, we can all hopefully journey to something better. So come on out to the next one, see you soon. Visit KCAscension.org/Parables.

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HOLY HALF HOUR • JANUARY 20

6:00PM, Church

We will begin in the Church with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a light dinner in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Register: Scan the QR code



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THE MARRIAGE COURSE (MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT) • JANUARY 21

6:00PM, St. Mark Rm.

Start 2025 with a course to help strengthen your marriage. This is a wonderful gift to your marriage while you enhance communication, renew your connection, strengthen problem solving skills, and enjoy fun and inspiration. Contact Marcia Jacobson with any questions. mjacobson@kcascension.org

Register: Scan the QR code



HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS • JANUARY 25

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

Ascension's date for cooking and serving breakfast at Hope Faith Ministries is the last Saturday of the month. If interested in helping, please go to Ascension website at KCAscension.org homepage and click Volunteer Signups to serve or bring food.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG • JANUARY 25-FEBRUARY 2

All Day, Gathering Area

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST • JANUARY 26

8:30AM, Ascension Gym

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the annual Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 in the Gymnasium at Ascension Catholic School on Sunday, January 26th. Registration opens at 8:30AM and the contest starts at 9:00AM. Please bring proof of age.

Register: Jay Reinhardt at jkreinhardt@sbcglobal.net



DEMONSTRATION MASS • JANUARY 27

6:30PM, Church

Are you finding Christ in the Mass? Do you know why our Mass is the way it is? Is Mass helping you become who God is calling us to be? Are you missing out on God's message during Mass? We would love for you to join Fr. Gary as he walks us through the processes of our Mass. Mark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Jan. 27 on your calendar. Come join Fr. Gary in the church as he walks us through a Demonstration Mass. It is a great time to ask questions and to learn more about why Mass is the way it is. **This is an instructional Demo Mass not a full Mass so there will not be a consecration of the Eucharist.*

PROJECT CHRYSALIS • JANUARY 28

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.*

archkck.org/ignite' and features the logo of The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas."/>

IGNITE & KS MARCH FOR LIFE • JANUARY 29

8:30AM, Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Join us in recognition of the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. IGNITE for LIFE is an inspirational, pro-love rally for the protection of preborn children and the dignity of women facing unplanned or challenging pregnancies. The morning consists of praise & worship music, motivational speakers, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. IGNITE for LIFE is sponsored by the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. All events are free. Registration requested for the IGNITE rally so that we can communicate in case of inclement weather.

Register: ArchKCK.org/Ignite

ROSES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN • JANUARY 29

All Day, Gathering Area **COMMUNITY EVENT**

In a state where the abortion rate has jumped 250% between 2021 and 2023, this campaign seeks to draw Congressmen's awareness of our pro-life beliefs. After Mass on January 18th and 19th, you will have the opportunity to take and sign a paper rose in support of life. All the roses from Ascension and neighboring parishes will be delivered to Topeka during the March for Life. Thank you for supporting life, please continue to pray for our leaders and vulnerable women. March for Life is on January 29th!



SHALOM HOUSE • JANUARY 30

6:30PM, Drop off in St. John Hallway

Shalom House is the only homeless shelter for men in Kansas City, Kansas. We prepare and deliver dinner, and bake desserts for our homeless brothers at Shalom House on the last Thursday of each month. Our next date is Thursday January 30th. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup.

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

RETROUVAILLE • JANUARY 31

Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

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Register: HelpOurMarriage.org; 800-470-2230

FEBRUARY



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FEBRUARY 1, 2025
 8AM-6:00PM
FEBRUARY 2, 2024
 7:15AM-11:45AM MASS

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8:00AM, St. Mark Rm.

Looking to get more out of the Mass? Come join us as we explore the history of the Mass and how it joins heaven and earth. This fast moving retreat will give you a greater understanding and appreciation for the Mass. *Note: This is not an overnight retreat.* Saturday, February 1st: 8:00AM–6:00PM Sunday, February 2nd: 7:15AM–12:45PM (Concludes with attendance at the 11:45AM Mass)

ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN • FEBRUARY 5

7:30AM, 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 and get set up. We serve the lunch from 11:00AM–12:30PM then return to Ascension. It is a real hands-on experience of serving people in need. We need parishioners to donate foods, cook the hamburger, and servers the day of.

Please visit KCAscension.org/GetInvolved/ServiceOpportunities to see full details!

Questions: Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314



JIM COSGROVE
Mr. Stinky Feet

We hope your family can join us for a
Mr. Stinky Feet concert!
February 8 at 10:00AM
Parish Hall

To Register



Kid-rocker and author, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove has been delighting audiences for over 25 years with his high energy, interactive concerts. Come prepared to sing and dance during this fun show that will get the whole family rockin'.

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10:00AM, Parish Hall

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Register: Scan QR code

Hosted by: MOYC (Mothers of Young Children)

DRIVE-UP FOOD COLLECTION • FEBRUARY 8

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: cereal, canned soup, canned beans, dried pasta and pasta sauce. We accept unexpired foods only. The Ascension Drive-Up Food Collection is on February 8th 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

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ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Trent and Geri Teager, our Family of the Month, and Conner Richenburg, our Knight of the Month, for December.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Join other Knights 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. Also, please join other Ascension Knights attending the Kansas Pro-life March & Rally on Wednesday, January 29th in Topeka, KS.

FOOTBALL SEASON 2024 RAFFLE RESULTS

Congratulations to our three Ascension winners for Week 16. Checks will be mailed to the winners. John Ekedahl - \$50, Nathan McBroom - \$50, Fr. Regie Saldhana - \$50. Father Sudeep Kodigandla from Nativity won the final \$1,000 prize drawing. Thanks to everyone who participated in this raffle which is a major fundraising opportunity for our Council and thanks to Phil Glasser for leading this project for the Council.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS

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

KNIGHTS CHOIR

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

PRAYERS

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

ALTAR SERVERS

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

JOIN US FOR MASS AND MEETINGS

- Council Meeting: Monday, January 27th, 7:00PM, *Parish Hall B*, preceded by the Knights Vocation Holy Hour and Rosary at 6:00PM.
- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, February 2nd, 6:15PM, Annex (*Knights Room*)
- Knights' Mass Friday mornings at 7:00AM with breakfast following at Hy-Vee
- 2025 Dues can be paid at AscensionKofC.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **JANUARY 11 & 12:** Food Collection for Catholic Charities
- **JANUARY 26:** Annual Ascension Knights of Columbus Free-throw Contest, 9:00AM, *Ascension Gym*
- **JANUARY 29:** Kansas Pro-life March & Rally, *Topeka, KS*
- **FEBRUARY 9:** Knights Masses with Honor Guard, Ushers and Choir, 11:45AM Mass
- **APRIL 6:** Knights Masses with Honor Guard, Ushers and Choir, 11:45AM Mass

FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- Ascension School Pancake Day, 1/17, Volunteer Opportunity
- Fourth Degree Officers Meeting, 2/6, 7:00PM, Annex (*Knights Room*)
- Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting, 2/11, 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 Knights of Columbus membership rose to 2.1 million members last year with 92,000 new people joining the fraternal organization — one of the best years for growth in the last century. The Knights spent more than 47 million hours “serving and sacrificing for the sake of others” and set a new record for charitable giving: \$190 million.



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The late Nat Hentoff was well known as a syndicated columnist reporting on assaults on free speech, civil liberties, education and human-rights violations. As for abortion, he did not see that an actual baby, a human being, was being killed by abortion. Why? Because about everyone he knew--- his wife, family members and the reporters he worked with at the Village Voice--- were pro-choice. But as he covered cases of failed late-term abortions with “a live baby bursting into the room to be hidden away until it died” he began to examine abortion more closely. It was a medical textbook for doctors “The Unborn Patient: Prenatal Diagnosis and Treatment” by Drs. Harrison, Golbus and Filly that turned him all the way around. In the 1980s, in his weekly column in the Village Voice, he openly and clearly declared himself to be pro-life. He says it was the most controversial position he ever took. While much of his writing was controversial, nothing was as incendiary as being a pro-lifer. Colleagues at the Voice stopped speaking to him and engagements to lecture on free speech at colleges and universities ceased. While he continued to win journalism awards including from the National Press Foundation, “for lifetime distinguished contributions to journalism,” that award had been opposed because he was a “pro-lifer”. He once wrote: “Having been out of step all these years, I have learned the most fundamental human right is the right to life—for the born, the unborn, the elderly who refuse to give up on life.” (Sources: Numerous)

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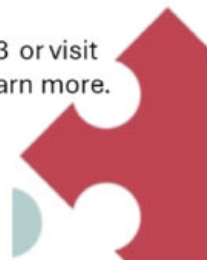
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When is it held?
It is held on the third Saturday of the month from 4-7pm. Some dates are flexible depending on holidays and other school related dates (Thanksgiving, spring break, prom, graduation etc.) Our proposed dates for the 2024-2025 calendar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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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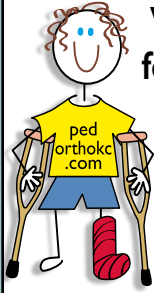
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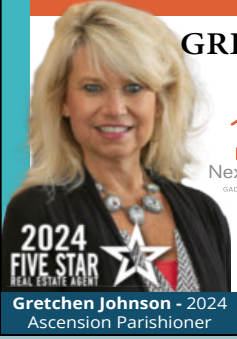
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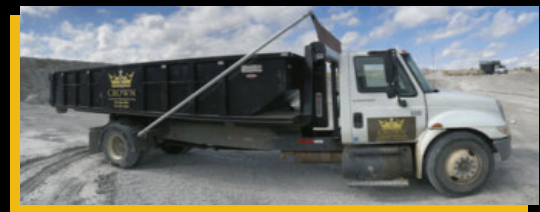
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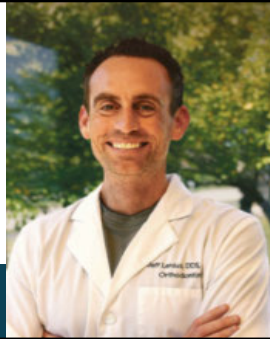
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