

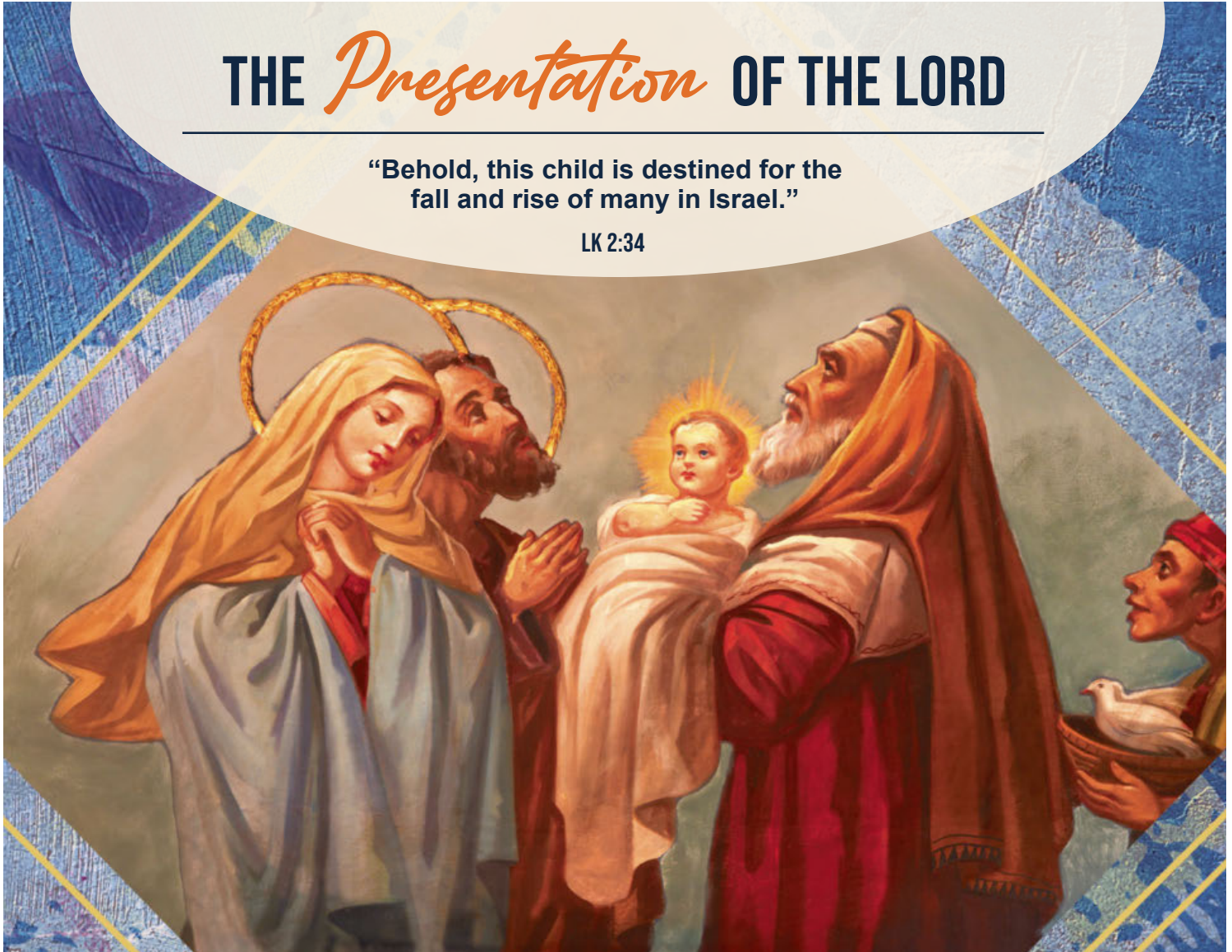
# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish

## THE *Presentation* OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.”

LK 2:34



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

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

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

**RECONCILIATION** Tuesday: 11:00AM, 6:30PM  
Wednesday: 5:30PM

Saturday: 3:00PM  
Sunday: 4:00PM

### OFFICE HOURS

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

☎ (913) 681-3348

✉ AscensionChurch@KCAscension.org

**PERPETUAL ADORATION** Daily\*: 6:00AM–9:00PM

After Hours: 9:00PM–6:00AM

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

(Code Required)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Andrew and Victoria Brachear  
 Chuck and Barb Brandenburgh  
 Nick and Liz Evans  
 Dominic Weber  
 Allie Macfarlane

**BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY**

Sam Parada and Annie Brill

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

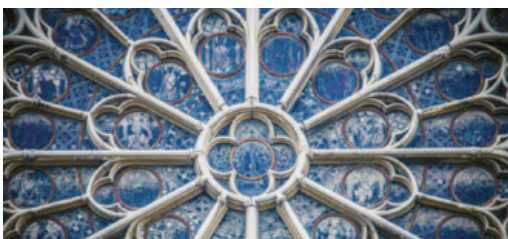
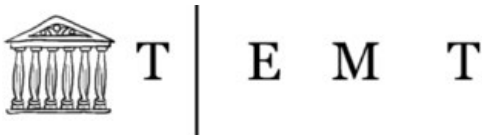
Jim Heit  
*Father of Tony Heit*

Joanne Arnold  
*Mother of Tim Arnold*

Joseph Kinsella

**ASCENSION KIDS**

What letter **begins** each picture name?



**FATHER GARY PENNINGS**  
**PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which happens to fall on Sunday, this year. This celebration commemorates when Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, in fulfillment of the Law of Moses and to offer the appropriate sacrifice.

Prior to 1969 this Feast was referred to as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. According to Luke's Gospel, the presentation of Jesus and the purification of the Blessed Mother took place in the Temple on the same day.

At the Temple they encountered a righteous and devout man named Simeon. He had been inspired by the Holy Spirit to wait for and look for the coming Messiah. When he saw the infant Jesus, he uttered his now famous prayer, known in Latin as the "Nunc Dimittis". In that prayer, Simeon referred to Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for [God's] people Israel."

This reference to Jesus being the light of revelation to the Gentiles plays a role in why this Feast is also called Candlemas Day, a day when Christians have their candles blessed and participate in candle processions. The Feast which occurs on February 2nd is forty days after Christmas and was traditionally the formal end of the Christmas season.

The Feast highlights the obedience of Mary and Joseph, the role of Jesus as not the destroyer of the Law, but the fulfillment of it, and it is another epiphany event of sorts when Jesus is revealed as the Light to the Gentile nations. Through the figures of Simeon and Anna, we are reminded to have hope in the Lord's promises, to persevere and wait for the Lord, and to trust that his promises will be fulfilled to those who persevere in faith.

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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- ALL DAY **Baby Bottle Boomerang** | Gathering Area
- ALL DAY **Call to Share Kickoff** | Gathering Area
- 7:15AM **Live the Mass Retreat (Continues)** | St. Mark Rm.
- 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
- 4:00PM **AI Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:15PM **Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting** | Parish Hall Annex
- 6:30PM **Strong Fathers & Strong Daughters Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Strong Fathers Raising a Modern Day Knight** | Library
- 7:00PM **Journey** | ACS Classroom 101
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 5:00PM **RCIA Rosary** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **FIRE Youth Ministry (Middle School)** | Youth Center
- 5:30PM **RCIA Class** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts Troup #218** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Knights of Columbus Honor Guard and Honor Guard Training** | Parish Hall B
- 7:00PM **Parish Council Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 5:30PM **Celebrate Ascension Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 6:00PM **Family Formation** | Parish Hall A
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 7:30AM **St. Mary's Food Kitchen** | Off-Site
- 10:00AM **Epic: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 6:00PM **Watch Dog Kickoff Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 6:00PM **Epic: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | Church
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF Parent Gathering** | Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **Year I Class** | ACS Classrooms
- 7:00PM **Choir Practice** | Church
- 7:00PM **Catholic Surviving Divorce Group** | Conf. Rm.
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 8:30AM **Women in Prayer** | St. Luke Rm.
- 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 Den Meeting** | Parish Hall A
- 6:00PM **RCIA** | Church
- 7:00PM **4th Degree Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting** | Parish Hall Annex
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 1:00PM **The Bible and Catechism NOT in a Year** | St. Luke Rm.
- 2:30PM **Mahjongg** | St. Mark Rm.
- 7:00PM **Women of Ascension Line Dancing Practice** | Parish Hall B

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Queen of Heaven Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM **Christ Renews His Parish Bible Study** | St. John Rm.
- 9:00AM **Bereavement Support** | St. Luke Rm.
- 10:00AM **Drive-Up Food Collection** | Parking Lot
- 10:00AM **Mr. Stinky Feet Concert (MOYC)** | Parish Hall A

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 10:00AM **Scout Mass** | Church
- 11:00AM **Scout Ceremony** | Church
- 11:45AM **Mass Live Stream: Families with Special Needs** | Nursery
- 12:30PM **Scout Ceremony Blue & Gold** | Parish Hall A
- 1:00PM **Baptism Class** | St. Luke Rm.
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
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**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 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 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](http://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'.

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

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Register: Scan QR code

Hosted by: MOYC (Mothers of Young Children)



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP • FEBRUARY 8**

After 8:30AM 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. Our next meeting is on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**WHITE MASS**

CALLING ALL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

DOCTORS, PHARMACISTS, ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS, NURSES, AIDES, THERAPISTS, MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, MEDICAL AND NURSING STUDENTS, EMS PROVIDERS, LAB AND RADIOLOGY TECHNICIANS, ETC

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 | 10:30AM**  
**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH**

BRUNCH FOLLOWING. FREE WILL DONATION  
SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

REGISTER: [Secretary@CatholicMedKC.org](mailto:Secretary@CatholicMedKC.org)

**WHITE MASS • FEBRUARY 8**

10:30AM, *Off-Site* **COMMUNITY EVENT**

The White Mass, so named by the color worn by those in the healing profession of medicine, gathers health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask God's blessing upon the patient doctor, nurse, and caregiver alike. Join us on February 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church for Mass. Luncheon Reception to follow in the church basement immediately after Mass. Jack Stack BBQ will provide the lunch menu, an assortment of KC BBQ favorites.

Register: [Secretary@CatholicMedKC.org](mailto:Secretary@CatholicMedKC.org)



FEBRUARY 2-9

*Sponsors:*  
*Ascension Knights of Columbus & Ministry of Care*




*drive-up*  
**Food Collection**  
Let's Make a Difference

**Saturday February 8**  
**10:00AM-2:00PM**  
**PARKING LOT**

**Suggested Items**

- cereal ✓
- canned soup ✓
- canned beans ✓
- dried pasta ✓
- pasta sauce ✓

**Questions?**  
David Whitaker 913-626-2676    Johnette Martin 913-481-8663

**We Accept Unexpired Foods Only**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

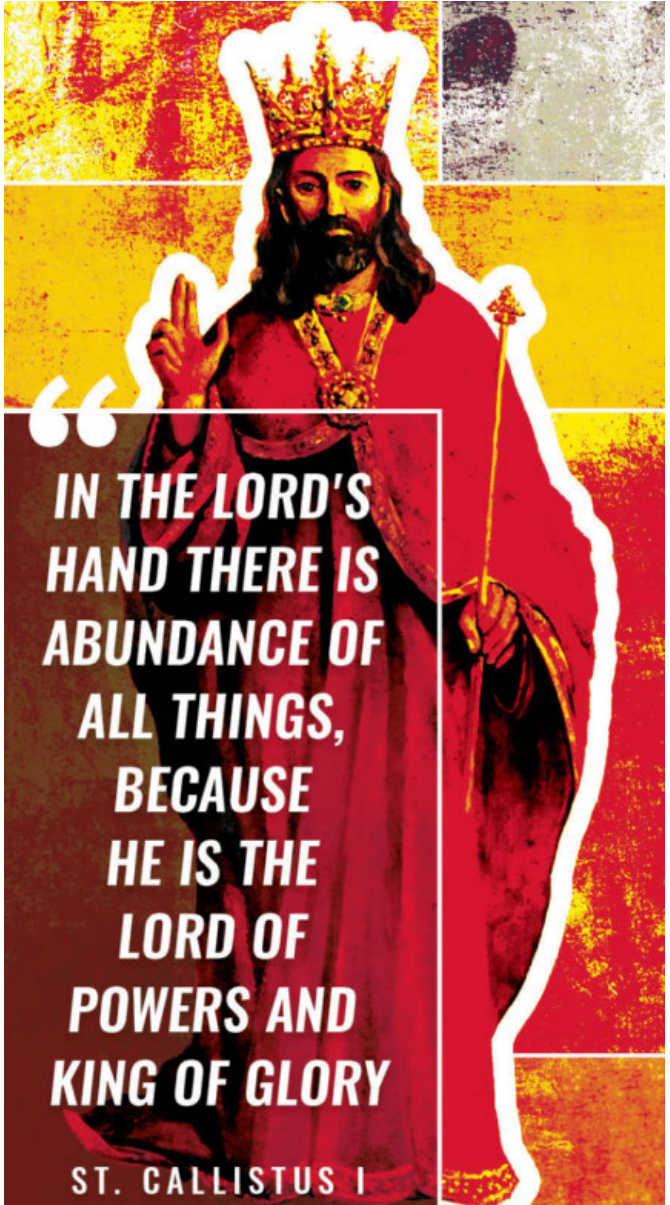
*Contact: David Whitaker at (913) 626-2676 or Johnette Martin (913) 481-8663*

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**YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2024**

We are grateful for our parishioners' past contributions of time, talent and treasure that support the work of our parish and provide for our financial stability. Year-End Giving Statements for 2024 were sent via email this week to those with an email address in our system. If we do not have an email address for you, your statement was sent in the mail. Please note that you can access your own statement in Realm at any time. From your desktop, go to "Giving," set the filter to "Last year" and click on the printer icon.

**If you have any questions, please contact Karen Newkirk at [knewkirk@kcascension.org](mailto:knewkirk@kcascension.org) or 913-681-3348 x160. Thank you for your generosity!**



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IN THE LORD'S  
HAND THERE IS  
ABUNDANCE OF  
ALL THINGS,  
BECAUSE  
HE IS THE  
LORD OF  
POWERS AND  
KING OF GLORY

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Marriage Enrichment

*Speaker:*  
*Sebastian D'Amico*

—∞—  
UNDERSTANDING GOD'S VISION FOR THRIVING MARRIAGES  
—∞—

TO REGISTER

 SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 15, 2025  
9:15AM

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

**LINE DANCING LADIES' NIGHT**





**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
**6:30-9PM | PARISH HALL**

OPTIONAL PRACTICE DATES/TIMES:  
JANUARY 21, JANUARY 28 AND FEBRUARY 7  
AT 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

EVENT IS FREE  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR  
PLANNING PURPOSES



**SILVER SOIRÉE**

**BEAT THE WINTER BLUES**  
**BINGO BASH**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**B I N G O**

All parishioners 60+ are invited to  
join us for a Mexican fiesta and  
BINGO night

**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$10 PER PERSON**

REGISTER  
HERE: 

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025**

*Garden*  
**GALA**  
CELEBRATE ASCENSION

  
More Details Coming Soon!

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

**TICKETS ON SALE:**







# Celebrating 50 Years of Your Generosity



## EDUCATION

*An essential component of the Church's ministry is the education of the next generation of disciples and the continuing formation of all its members.*

- Perfect Wings
- Children's Catechesis
- Marriage and Family Life
- Communications
- Donnelly College Blessed Seelos Institute
- High School Tuition Assistance
- Catholic Education Foundation
- Bishop Ward High School Operations Assistance



## OUTREACH

*Outreach—The Church is called to make Jesus's love real and tangible in the world today, especially to the poor, the vulnerable, and those on the peripheries. Through your support of these ministries, you serve the least among us.*

- Special Needs
- Deaf Ministry
- Social Justice
- Pro-Life Office (including Care Service Grant & Project Rachel)
- Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
- Villa St. Francis Catholic Community Health
- Catholic Community Hospice
- Catholic Community Service, In-Home Support
- El Centro – Topeka
- Tribunal



## EVANGELIZATION

*Go and make disciples of all nations is the commission that Jesus gave to the Church. The Church can never be content with itself as it is currently constituted. We must always be guided by a missionary impulse to share the gift of our faith with others. These ministries are just a few of the ways that we answer the call to be a disciple.*

- Adult, Young Adult, and Youth Evangelization
- Summer Camps (Camp Tekakwitha) and Prairie Star Ranch
- Native American Evangelization



## CONVERSION

*Facilitating an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ for its members and is at the heart of the Church's ministry. Central to what it means to be Catholic is the development of a friendship with Jesus through prayer and reflection.*

- Liturgy and Sacramental Life
- Hispanic Ministry (including Emporia satellite)
- Totus Tuus
- Savior Pastoral Center
- Christ Peace House of Prayer Retreat Center
- College Campus Ministry (5 Locations)



## STEWARDSHIP

*Catholics spiritually begin with profound gratitude resulting from the realization that everything, including life itself, is God's gift. Thus, the question for every Christian is: What is God calling me to do with all that he has entrusted to me?*

- Parish/School Emergency Fund
- Urban Core Operations Support
- Annual Appeal Expense (\*Expenses are held to 5% or less)

For more information on all of the ACTS funded ministries and to hear from those impacted by these ministries please visit [ArchKCK.org/Call-to-Share](http://ArchKCK.org/Call-to-Share)

# MASS INTENTIONS †

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00AM **+Sharon Andersen**  
 12:00PM **+Billie Stubbs**  
*by Jim Keefer*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00AM **+Pedro Bato**  
*by Family*  
 12:00PM **+Ralph & Alice Mickels**  
*by Jane Sak*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00AM **+LaVina Kane**  
*by Dick Kane*  
 12:00PM **+Eugene Twitty**  
*by Jim Keefer*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00AM **Memorial Mass**  
 12:00PM **+Bob Cincietti**  
*by Kathy Zielinski*  
**+Luis Manuel Tinarekku**  
*by Beatriz Ho*  
**+Mary Canavan**  
*by Cathy Audley*  
**+Stephen Gwartney**  
*by Cathy Audley*

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00AM **+Laird Simons**  
*by Knights of Columbus*  
 12:00PM **+Norma Bertch**  
*by James & Janet Daley*

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30AM —  
 4:30PM **+Mary Russell**  
*by Glenda & Jerry Flanagan*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:15AM **Ascension Parishioners**  
 10:00AM **+John Krim Jr.**  
*by Washburn Family*  
 11:45AM **+Norma Bertch**  
*by James & Janet Daley*  
 5:00PM **+Matthew Kopff**  
*by Mark & Diana Ebeling*

# 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  
 Dick Kane  
 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 Mistler  
 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  
 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  
 Emmalyn Malnar  
 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  
 Robert Michael Stuteville  
 Stephen Sullivan  
 John Tucker  
 Carol Wellinghoff  
 Hope Wellinghoff  
 Mike Wellinghoff

## ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

Lt. Colonel Diane Caranta, M.D.;  
 Captain Tyler H. Cordry, US Army;  
 Captain Stephen Cuff, US Army;  
 Ensign Edward Dodson, US Navy;  
 Corporal Aidan Egan, USMC;  
 2nd Lt John Fischbach, USMC;  
 Spc. J. Ben Froome II, US Army;  
 Corporal Margaret Gould, USMC;  
 Senior Airman Courtney Hinemeyer, USAF;  
 Larry Homan, US Army;  
 Lance Corporal Brooke L. Jalbert;  
 A.B. Leah Leis, USAF;  
 Captain Jacob Morin, USAF;  
 Alexander Noguera US Army;  
 Captain Dan Prior, US Army;  
 2nd Lt Tom Stivers, US Army;  
 Captain Mitchell R Willis, Pilot, USAF

*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.*



THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**

Week of February 02, 2025



**St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue**

Join Sister Imelda as she shares the amazing story of St. Josephine Bakhita, who, after being taken captive and made a slave, finds freedom by giving her life to God.



**The Presentation | Episode 5 | Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries**

The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.



**Bakhita: From Slave to Saint**

Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.



**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      Friday: 5:00AM\*\*\*  
 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



**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



**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!

**FEBRUARY**



**PARABLES & PUBS (YOUNG ADULTS 21-35) • FEBRUARY 10**

7:00PM, Off-Site

Join Us for a Night of Fun and Fellowship! Calling all young adults! Are you ready to unwind, connect, and have a blast? Join us on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at Brew Lab for an unforgettable evening filled with board games, live music, and good company. Don't miss out on this chance to relax and have fun in a welcoming space. Grab your friends, bring your competitive spirit, and let's make it a night to remember!



**GUADALUPE HOUSE • FEBRUARY 11**

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 scan the QR code. Please drop off supplies to the Parish Hall by 4:30PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Sign-Up to Donate Supplies: Scan QR code



**ASCENSION BOOK CLUB • FEBRUARY 12**

1:00PM, St. Mark Rm.

Our book for February is The Color of Water, by James McBride. We will meet on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM in the St. Mark Room.

Details: Linda Cook at 897-3201

**BREATHE**  
RESPITE CARE  
SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY  
Division of Family Life & Home

**NEXT EVENT:**  
February 15th  
Bishop Miege  
High School  
4:00-7:00 PM

Scan for Participant and Volunteer signup

**BREATHE RESPITE CARE • FEBRUARY 15**

4:00PM, Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

BREATHE is a respite care service for parents/guardians of a child with a special need to give them a break from caregiving. Volunteers work generally 1:1 or 2:1 in a recreational/leisure setting. Volunteers 16 and older are VIRTUS trained and all volunteers 14 and older have adult supervision. A registered nurse is on staff to provide medical care and any necessary procedures such as medications, tube feeding, and toileting needs. A meal is provided.

Register and/or Volunteer: Scan the QR code

Details: Josh Ruoff at 913-647-3054; jruoff@archkck.org

**Marriage Enrichment**

*Speaker:*  
**Sebastian D'Amico**

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S VISION FOR THRIVING MARRIAGES

TO REGISTER

**SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 15, 2025**  
9:15AM

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WITH SEBASTIAN D'AMICO • FEBRUARY 15**

9:15AM, St. Matthew Rm.

This is a wonderful start to the Saturday for you and your spouse. Topic: Understanding God's vision for thriving marriages. Nursery care is available (beginning at 9:15AM)



for children over one year old. For planning purposes, this must be indicated on your registration. Those under one are welcome to join you at the event.

Register: Scan QR code

Hosted by: MOYC (Mothers of Young Children)



**LINE DANCING LADIES' NIGHT**

Women of Ascension

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
**6:30-9PM | PARISH HALL**

OPTIONAL PRACTICE DATES/TIMES:  
JANUARY 21, JANUARY 28 AND FEBRUARY 7  
AT 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

EVENT IS FREE  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR  
PLANNING PURPOSES



**LINE DANCING LADIES' NIGHT • FEBRUARY 18**

6:30PM, Parish Hall

Join Women of Ascension for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual line dancing event in the Parish Hall. We'll provide the instructor, snacks and drinks. This event is FREE. Get energized, a little exercise and make new friends! OPTIONAL Practice Nights in Parish Hall: 1/21, 1/16, 1/28 and 2/7 from 7:00PM–8:30PM. Please let us know which nights you would like to attend if interested.

Register: Scan QR code

Question: Debbie Engel at [DeboraSuzanne@gmail.com](mailto:DeboraSuzanne@gmail.com)



FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

**FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE CAREGIVER SUPPORT • FEBRUARY 19**

6:30PM, St. Luke Rm.

Jamie Gold from Inclusion Connections will discuss the work they are doing to facilitate meaningful employment for our adult children with developmental disabilities. Additionally their Belong-KC initiative seeks to create a sustainable community in KC where adults with IDD can choose

to live with customized supports. Childcare provided in the church nursery during the meeting, for walking children age 1 and older.

Questions: Jim Hamilton at [marx.mk@gmail.com](mailto:marx.mk@gmail.com)



**SILVER SOIRÉE**

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES BINGO BASH

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**B I N G O**

All parishioners 60+ are invited to join us for a Mexican fiesta and BINGO night

**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$10 PER PERSON**

REGISTER HERE: 

**SILVER SOIREE: BINGO BASH • FEBRUARY 19**

6:00PM, Parish Hall

All parishioners 60+ are invited to come out and beat the winter blues with a Mexican fiesta and bingo night. Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM–8:00PM in the Parish Hall. A catered nacho bar and drinks will be provided, along with bingo games and prizes. Our special guest Fr. Stull will give a brief talk at intermission. The registration fee is \$10 per person. We hope to see you there!

Register: Scan QR code



**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.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • FEBRUARY 19**

6:30PM, St. Luke Rm.

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 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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*



**HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS • FEBRUARY 22**

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


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

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Attend with:  
Ascension Youth Ministry

**Sunday**  
**02/23/2025**  
7:00am - 6:00pm



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**ENCOUNTER: MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY • FEBRUARY 23**

*7:00AM, Off-Site* **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Encounter is a one-day event at Prairie Star Ranch, which aims to transform students through engaging activities, inspiring talks, and worship. We will leave from Ascension at 7:00AM and return at 6:00PM. We will provide a t-shirt, but participants can receive a bonus shirt by donating a bag of

apples or oranges for Catholic Charities on the day of the event. We are also looking for parent chaperones. If you are interested, please email or text Mary Beth (785) 221-1063

*Register: Scan QR code*



**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS • FEBRUARY 24**

*6:00PM, Church*

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



**PROJECT CHRYSALIS • FEBRUARY 25**

*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. Our next meeting is on Tuesday February 25 at 6:00PM in the St. Luke Room.

*Questions: Patty in the parish office at [pbillinger@kcascension.org](mailto:pbillinger@kcascension.org)*



**SHALOM HOUSE • FEBRUARY 27**

*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 February 27. 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*



# MARCH

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## SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, MARCH 3 | 1:00PM-6:00PM  
LOWER LEVEL, PARISH HALL

Use QR code to schedule an appointment.  
*Walk-ins welcome!*




### SPRING BLOOD DRIVE • MARCH 3

1:00PM, Parish Hall

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


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## STANDING STRONG AS A PARENT & GRANDPARENT



**DR. RAY GUARENDI** NATIONAL SPEAKER

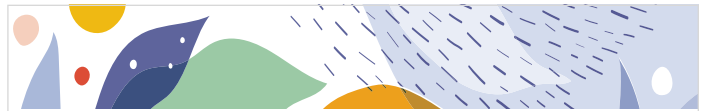
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### STANDING STRONG AS A PARENT & GRANDPARENT • MARCH 6

6:30PM, Church

Save the Date! More information coming soon.



## FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

Calling all energetic Adult Parishioners 21+, Adult Parishioners with Special Needs and Caregivers! Did you know that Ascension has a ministry just for you? We meet monthly, so don't miss out!

If you are interested in growing your Catholic faith alongside some awesome young adult parishioners, then we want to hear from you! Reach out to Joe Passantino (Young Adult Minister) or Lorrie Newman (Special Needs Adult Ministry).

We are in the process of growing our Special Needs Ministry and welcome others that have a calling to come alongside our fellow parishioners and grow this ministry.

**February 23 10:00AM:** Mass & Donuts in the Parish Hall

**March 21 4:30PM-5:30PM:** Stations of the Cross followed by Dinner at the Ascension Fish Fry

**March 29:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Fling Dance at Ascension

**April 5:** Ascension Monthly Rosary followed by Lunch

**May 31:** Feast of Ascension Dinner in the Parish Hall

**June 13:** Ascension Parish BBQ

Contact Lorrie Newman [lanewman322@gmail.com](mailto:lanewman322@gmail.com) or Joe Passantino [jpassantino@kcascension.org](mailto:jpassantino@kcascension.org) for more information or join us at one of our upcoming events!



## CYO SPRING REGISTRATION

Spring Registrations are now open for the sports below!

**Boys/Girls Track & Field - Girls Flag Football**

You can register at <https://CYOjwa.org/current-programs>



# ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Jay and Kathy Reinhardt, our Family of the Month, and Andy Banker, our Knight of the Month, for January.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:railtoad@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

- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:15PM, Annex (*Knights Room*)
- Council Meeting: Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM, *Parish Hall B*, preceded by the Knights Rosary at 6:30PM.
- Knights' Mass Friday mornings at 7:00AM with breakfast following at Hy-Vee
- 2025 Dues can be paid at [AscensionKofC.com](http://AscensionKofC.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FEBRUARY 8 & 9:** Food Collection for Catholic Charities
- **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

- 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?**



In 2024, our Ascension Knights collected 35,558 pounds of food and additional cash donations with our monthly collections for Catholic Charities.

Thank you to the Ascension parishioners for your generosity in this endeavor.



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**RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER:**

**WHO**

By Executive Order in January, 2025, the United States served notice that it is withdrawing from the World Health Organization (WHO) because of WHO’s mishandling of various global health crises; WHO’s failure to adapt needed reforms; its inability to demonstrate independence from inappropriate influence from other member states; and the continuing demand from the U.S. of onerous membership payments. As a consequence, this action cuts off significant U.S. taxpayer funding of this controversial group. How does this Order impact the unborn? U.S. funds will no longer be available to the Human Reproduction Program (HRP). The HRP, which is run by WHO, directed 11% of its funds for the 2022-2023 period to projects related to advance abortion. These projects included a package to lobby governments around the world to introduce “Do It Yourself” at-home abortions and HRP’s work to “scale up” the availability of Mifepristone and Misoprostol, the two “commodities” used in medical abortion. As Right to Life spokesperson Catherine Robinson said: “It is shocking to see the priorities of the World Health Organization.” (*Sources: “Withdrawing the United States From The World Health Organization, Executive Order, January 20, 2025; and other).*

## 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



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it in the wooden box in the gathering area this weekend through the end of February. All subscriptions are due on February 27. Your first issue will arrive in May.



Magnificats can be picked up in the back of the church each month. *For questions, contact Sharon Weems at 913-681-3348 or sweems@kcascension.org.*



### 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!



## LADIES OF CHARITY LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST 2025



March 13th, 2025  
Church of the Nativity  
3800 W 119th St, Leawood, KS 66209

Our speaker is Mary Sweat, who was a nurse in Vietnam in the 1970's, which was recently described in the novel, *The Women*. She plans to reflect some on her experience there and give an encouraging message for Lenten prayer and meditation.

- 8:15am - Daily Mass in church
- 9:00am - Potluck Breakfast
- 10:00am - Lenten Reflection

**NO CHARGE for this event and all are welcome!**

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# TICKETS ON SALE!

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

# Garden GALA

CELEBRATE ASCENSION



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

## 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**



## BREATHE

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.

Save the Date for our upcoming BREATHE events to be held at Bishop Miege High school. All events are held from 4-7pm. New volunteer trainings will occur as needed at 2:30pm

- February 15 2025
- March 22 2025
- April 12 2025
- May 17 2025
- June 21 2025
- July 19 2025

If you are interested in volunteering or participating in BREATHE please contact Josh Ruoff at [jruoff@archkck.org](mailto:jruoff@archkck.org) or 913.647.3054

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