

Garden GALA

CELEBRATE ASCENSION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Celebrate Ascension?

Celebrate Ascension is our annual parish fundraiser. Throughout the years, Celebrate Ascension (*formerly known as Mardi Gras*) proceeds have contributed to upgrading parish facilities. In 2025, funds raised will be directed to upgrading the Ascension parish hall.

When and where will Celebrate Ascension be held?

The 2025 auction will be held Saturday, March 1, 2025, in the parish hall. The event will begin with Mass at 4:30 PM. The doors open at 5:30 PM to kick off an evening of food, fellowship and fun.

Is there an event theme?

Yes! This year's event theme, "Garden Gala", will be an evening of floral festivity. The event promises to be a delightful affair, with entertainment, sumptuous cuisine and an opportunity to make a difference in our parish community.

Step into The Rose Room at the Celebrate Ascension Garden Gala for an unforgettable evening! Indulge in signature cocktails crafted to delight, enjoy lively conversation with fellow parishioners, and treat yourself to a special surprise that will make this night truly memorable. Don't miss your chance to be part of this exclusive experience—secure your tickets today via the [Celebrate Ascension Bidpal Portal](#) and let the celebration begin!

Secure your tickets to the pub and acquire the coveted martini glass via the [Celebrate Ascension Bidpal Portal](#) for the quantities are finite.

What is the attire?

Attendees are welcome to dress in royal gala attire (tiaras, jewels, sashes), formal or cocktail attire.

How much does it cost to attend?

Tickets are \$125 per person. The ticket includes dinner and dessert, open bar, fellowship, music, dancing, silent and live auction. Ticket sales begin December 1. Early bird pricing ends January 31, 2025 at midnight.

Tickets are limited and sell out early. Don't delay! Register through the [Bidpal Website](#).

What is the timing of the auction evening?

4:30 pm	Mass
5:30 pm	Celebrate Ascension Doors Open; Cocktails and Social Conversation
6:15 pm	Opening Prayer / Dinner Service
7:00 pm	Live Auction
8:00 pm	Fund-A-Need Update / Raffle Drawing
8:30 pm	DJ & Dancing
9:30 pm	The Rose Room Closes
10:00 pm	Silent Auction Bidding Concludes
10:30 pm	Last Call—Bars Close
11:00 pm	Event Ends

Note: The Rose Room will be closed during the Live Auction.

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Are there Sponsorship opportunities?

Yes, we have a variety of sponsorship opportunities to choose from. We appreciate our sponsors who help underwrite the various event expenses. To learn more, contact JoLynn Tarantino at JoLynn@reecenichols.com or 816-918-8784.

Raffle Tickets—Win up to \$5,000!

This 50/50 cash drawing will be held during the auction on March 1, 2025. A suggested donation of one ticket for \$50 or three for \$100. Purchase tickets in the parish, school, YFF offices and through the [Celebrate Ascension Bidpal registration link](#).

How do I donate auction items?

Auction items can be dropped off in the parish office.

Your donation contributes to the success of the event and is greatly appreciated.

How do I bid on auction items?

We are using [Bidpal](#) for silent and premier auction item bidding. You can access this app on your phone, tablet or computer.

Visit [Bidpal](#) to sign in or create a login. Once you are registered, please enter your credit card information at this time so your purchases are not delayed. You will receive texts with important messages and announcements.

Bidding on live auction items will happen in person the night of the event. A professional auctioneer will create a lively bidding atmosphere.

What happens if I can't attend the event, but I want to bid virtually?

You can virtually participate by registering through Bidpal to receive a free [Bidpal](#) number. This will enable you to bid on silent auction items remotely.

When can I pick up the auction items I win?

Check out will be held at the following times: Saturday, March 1 from 10pm-11pm and Sunday, March 2, from 10AM-1PM in the St. Matthew Adult Faith Room. If your purchase is not collected on Sunday, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment for item pick up. We encourage everyone to pick up their item(s) on Sunday to allow us to close out the event in a timely manner.

How do I volunteer?

Volunteers can sign up through the Celebrate Ascension event [website](#).

Who can I contact with additional questions?

Please contact Becky Reed, BReed@acseagles.org, for more information.

Resource Links

Celebrate Ascension Website:
<https://kcascension.org/celebrate-ascension>

Register for the Event (Bidpal)
<https://one.bidpal.net/celebrateascension2025>

Raffle Ticket Purchase
<https://one.bidpal.net/celebrateascension2025>

**We look forward to celebrating with
you on March 1, 2025!**