

## A Note From Monsignor

Lent is a time for prayer, penance and charity. The Church encourages all of us to a greater awareness and practice of these necessary elements of this holy season. Please consider coming to daily Mass during Lent. In addition to Mass, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday evening of Lent beginning at 7 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Little Church is open 24/7 for individual prayer and meditation, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on every Thursday from 8:15 am—8 pm. Please pray this Lent for all the special intentions of our parish, Archdiocese and Universal Church.



A spirit of penance must accompany any Lenten devotion. We are reminded to observe the fast and abstinence rules for Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent. We place special emphasis on this expectation on Good Friday. Remember that this is but the minimum. We should all make a resolution to do something extra. Maybe you will give something up that is special to you. Maybe you will try to do something health related like giving up alcohol or tobacco. Maybe you will try eating in a more healthy manner with exercise involved.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered throughout the Lenten season. Please make a “Good Confession” during this Lent.

Christian charity is to be extended to any and all. Perhaps there is a special cause or charity that appeals to you. The Archdiocese sponsors many particular charities. Certainly one of them could benefit from your Lenten resolutions and action. Operation Rice Bowl is one of the many opportunities to practice the virtue of charity. Rice Bowl collection boxes are available in the Church.

## Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed each Friday evening of Lent at 7 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Main Church.

## Children’s Envelope Alert

Please be certain your child’s name is written on their Sunday envelope every week. It is essential to crediting the children for their donation.

## Universal Lenten Directions

Are printed here in order that we may be reminded of what is expected of all Catholics for all the days of Lent.

1. Abstinence from meat (totally meatless days) is observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older (no upper age limit) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between 18 and 59. Those who are bound by this eat only one full meal; two smaller meals are taken to maintain strength according to each one’s needs.

3. Fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is not obligatory but recommended most strongly; if fasting is not observed, some other form of self-denial is obligatory not from Church direction but from Christ’s command.

4. Prayer is especially necessary to maintain the perspective of penance and to keep the motivation spiritual. Some substantial time must be given to prayer each day.

5. Almsgiving or charity is necessary to maintain and intensify the movement of the soul away from self-centeredness. A substantial donation of monetary funds and/or time and/or personal effort must be given to those in need.

## “Protecting God’s Children” Seminar

### Offered at Our Parish

There will be a “Protecting God’s Children” Workshop given here at Ascension Parish on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Reservations are required to attend so please call Ginger (532.3304) or email her at [gstamer@ascensionchesterfield.org](mailto:gstamer@ascensionchesterfield.org). The workshop will last approximately 2 hours. Attendance at a “Protecting God’s Children” workshop is mandated by the Archdiocese for all those who are in contact with children in any program that is sponsored by the parish or uses our facilities. This includes all educational, scouting, sports and youth ministry programs. For other available times and locations go to [www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org).

## To Visit The Sick

If a parishioner should have to enter the hospital for any reason, please have a family member call the rectory and do not rely only on the hospital to inform us.

## Parish Staff Directory

The Parish Elementary School: 636.532.1151  
Parish School of Religion: 636.532.1136  
Early Childhood Center: 636.532.3375  
Youth Ministry: 636.532.1995  
Adult Faith Formation: 636.532.9344  
Parish Office: 636.532.3304  
Parish Council:  
Mrs. Bridget Nations – 636.530.9433  
Liturgical Music:  
Mr. Ralph Winn – 636.537.2001

## Parish Organizations

Ambassadors:  
Mrs. Betty Seeney – 636.532.1864  
Athletic Association:  
Mr. Peter Lane – 636.519.0001  
Boy Scout Troop #597:  
Mr. Jerry Nowak – 636.465.3035  
Cub Scout Troop #597:  
Mr. Paul Hoffman – 636.230.8602  
Girl Scouts:  
Mrs. Suzanne Antonaros – 636.625.2446  
Knights of Columbus:  
Mr. Bernie Schmidt – 636.532.8186  
Respect Life:  
Mrs. Jane Winters – 636.537.8406  
Reach Out:  
Mrs. Kathy Massimino – 636.532.0501  
School Board President:  
Mr. John Schwarz – 636.537.9798  
**School Fathers' Club:**  
Mr. Norm Waterweise – 636.532.3637  
**School Mothers' Club:**  
Mrs. Joanie Frank – 636.536.2001  
Squires Circle:  
John Gouveia—636.728.1139  
St. Vincent DePaul Society:  
Rectory – 636.532.3304  
Ushers:  
Mr. Tony Ambrose – 636.537.2360  
Venture Crew:  
Mr. Bill Imming—636.530.9694

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 22

6:30 am Jack Sullivan  
8:00 am Lambert & Mildred Wigge  
8:45 am James Thum

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 am Charles Drebes  
8:00 am Julie Schaeffer  
8:45 am Healing of the  
Baur/Thum Family Tree

Wednesday, February 24

6:30 am The Mohen Family  
8:00 am Intentions of Jessica Kessel  
8:45 pm Arthur L. Dyer

Thursday, February 25

6:30 am For the Unborn  
8:00 am Jeanne Bishop  
8:45 am Bill & Mary Gereau

Friday, February 26

6:30 am Victor Koester  
8:00 am Kathy Sedovic  
8:45 am Steve Savis & Art Schierhoff

Saturday, February 27

8:00 am Intentions of Mary Beth Pavlison  
5:00 pm Alphonse Isaak

Sunday, February 28

7:00 am Anis Lombardo  
8:00 am Mary H. Miller  
9:15 am Special Intention  
10:45 am For Parish Family  
12:15 pm Special Intention  
5:30 pm David & Valeria Meyer

## Eucharistic Adoration

The Eucharist is reserved for private prayer in both the big and little Churches. The Little Church remains open 24 hours a day every day for those who wish to visit the Lord and pray.



The Legion of 200 is an informal organization of parishioners and others who pledge regular, weekly visits to the Lord in the Little Church; there are no meetings. The visit is recorded by signature cards located near the rear of the Little Church.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, February 28, 2010

### Readers

- 5:00 pm R1 Carol McGinnis  
R2 Marilyn Eppler  
7:00 am R1/R2 Tom O'Brien  
8:00 am R1 Laverne Thoman  
R2 Robert Moore  
9:15 am R1 James Klug  
R2 Barbara McLaurine  
10:45 am R1 Douglas Brown  
R2 Katherine Hipp  
12:15 pm R1 Bridget Nations  
R2 Dave Stockman  
5:30 pm R1 Chris Rausch  
R2 Kendra Willey

### Servers

- 5:00 pm Megan & Will Imming, Kristen Stolte  
7:00 am Annie, Alison & Amy Federer  
8:00 am Katherine & Margaret Cavanaugh,  
Madelyn Ennis  
9:15 am Trey Erbs, Michael & Ryan Rueckert  
10:45 am Kim Layton, Maggie & Kate Schwarz  
12:15 pm Wilson Hayward, Mary & Suzy Kickham  
5:30 pm Joey & Jessica Burleski, Alex Kreikemeier

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 21st, 2010

- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or  
3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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## Tuition Assistance

Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2010/11 school year must obtain a "FACTS" application from the Rectory. Students must attend a Parochial Elementary School or an Archdiocesan, Regional or Parochial High School to be eligible. The due date for the application is April 1, 2010 and must include a copy of your 2009 Income Tax Return. Grants for the 2010/11 school year are made possible through the generosity of the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Catholic Education Office appreciates the support of the ACA and all of its donors.

## Baptismal Preparation Class

Next class for new or prospective parents is March 9th, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Before Baptism, parents are requested to attend. Parents may attend any time during pregnancy. The class is offered monthly. Baptisms must be scheduled three weeks in advance. Please notify one of the priests if you are coming (532.3304).

## Ambassador News

On Wednesday, February 24th, the Ambassadors will meet at 12:45 pm in the Church parking lot for a visit to Wiegand's Studio. The studio has limited parking so we can carpool.

Our regular meeting is First Friday, March 5th, beginning with Mass at 8:45 am in the Little Church followed by our meeting in the Parish Hall. New Seniors please join us.

## PARISH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

### PSR News

Next Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents will meet in the Main Church at 7 pm for a Lenten Journey to Jerusalem with Jesus.

The following Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation candidates will meet from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Eighth graders will be excused from class on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to pray for our First Communion and Confirmation candidates and persevere in your Lenten practices.

## Ascension School News

At Ascension School, the children and faculty are taking "A Lenten Journey with Jesus". This is the theme of our Lenten activities and preparations this year. Every day, we will keep the season of Lent in the forefront of our prayers and activities. Our faculty will meet to pray together. We will begin every morning with a Lenten prayer over the P.A. system, and every Friday afternoon, we will participate in the Stations of the Cross. All School Masses will provide us an opportunity to come together as a community of believers to prepare our hearts and souls for Easter. We will study the Sacred Scriptures, as God's Word comes to life for us, in us, and through us. We will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, and promise to do penance. It takes a long time to prepare for a special event, and some would say that forty days is not enough time to be ready for Easter. Yet, every day well spent, remembering all the love and compassion our Lord has shown to us, proves that it's not the amount of time spent in preparation that matters. What really counts is the effort and prayer that we put into this time of waiting for the most joyous and glorious of celebrations: Easter. Please pray with us and for us during the Lenten Season.

## Calling All Preschoolers—Enroll Now!

The ASCENSION EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (The Little School) is accepting registration for the 2010-11 school year as well as Summer Camp 2010! Visit our website for information about programs offered and download Registration Forms - <http://littleschool.ascensionchesterfield.org>

## Little School Night at Chuck E Cheese

Thursday, February 25 - 3:00-9:00 pm is Little School Night at Chuck e Cheese's on Manchester Road in Ellisville. All Ascension parishioners, relatives, friends, neighbors are invited, and encouraged, to help support The Little School by attending this event. 15% of the proceeds from all food, merchandise, and tokens purchased at the register will be donated to The Little School.

## Ascension Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayers or know of someone who is hurting, please call and we will pray. Sue Schultz, 314.878.7086 or Florence Flynn, 532.0842.

## Adult Faith

Please pray for the women who will be attending their CRHP Renewal Weekend this coming Saturday and Sunday. See the flyer for more details.

**Men's 55 Minute Fellowship** will be meeting this Thursday at 7:00 am in the Parish Hall and will be discussing the Mass reading for the day.

**Wednesday Morning Group** We will continue to meet throughout Lent in the Parish Hall from 9:30 am-11:30 am.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will be meeting this week and will be discussing Matthew (Session 14) which will cover Matthew Chapter 14 from 7:00 pm-8:45 pm in the Parish Hall.

**Thursday Morning Women's (Mom's) Fellowship** will be meeting this Thursday from 9:45-11:30 am in the Parish Hall. We will be concluding our current series and will discuss the next series. You don't have to be familiar with the series to attend. Child-care is available.

**Adult Faith Formation** - Contact Chris Foeldi (532.9344) with any questions.

## St. Patrick's Day Party

A few unsold places still remain open for Ascension's Sixth Annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 13th; so, should you wish to attend, call Tim Walsh (532.5250) or e-mail him at [twalsh63017@gmail.com](mailto:twalsh63017@gmail.com). Great entertainment is planned and the cost is only \$12.00 per plate for this catered corned beef dinner; but, should you not be able to attend, call Tim Walsh to reserve carry-out dinners for only \$9.00 per plate.

## Reach Out Sunday

It was December 1981 that a small group of Ascension Parishioners asked permission from the Parish Council to start an on-going program to help the poor in St. Louis.

It was decided to adopt MAT Social Ministry and St. Vincent dePaul Parish. Our first Reach Out Sunday was February 20th, 1982. We have grown because of your generosity. We have made a difference in many lives.

Thank you for your prayers and sharing your gifts of time, money and talent.

## Youth Ministry

[www.ascensionyouthministry.org](http://www.ascensionyouthministry.org)  
[youthministry@ascensionchesterfield.org](mailto:youthministry@ascensionchesterfield.org)

### Prayers Needed

The weekend of Feb. 26-28, 55 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Luke 18 Retreat at Ascension lead by a team of almost 50 high school teens. Please pray that Holy Spirit is poured out as our 8<sup>th</sup> graders prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation!

### Focus

All high school teens are invited to join us this Sunday night for the 5:30 pm Mass, followed by snacks, fun, games, prayer, and other cool happenings in the Parish Hall. We end around 8:45 pm. Our theme this semester is "Be Transformed."

This week: Signs

Next week: No Focus following Luke 18

### Jump-Start Mondays—Location Change

Join us this Monday night from 7-9 pm at *Ascension in the basement of the Little Church* just to check in, hang out, and have fun. Some people will be finishing Luke 18 preparations. Feel free to bring homework if you want.

### Steubenville 2010

We have now reserved a limited number of spots for the Steubenville Youth Conference July 16-18. Reserve a spot for your teen on this life-changing weekend with your registration form (available online) and a \$75 deposit. The total cost for the weekend at Missouri State is \$215 and consists of awesome music, great speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confessions, and an amazing atmosphere with 3100 teenagers!!

### Lent Prayer Night

This Lent high school teens are invited to join us every Wednesday night from 7-8:30 pm in the basement of the Little Church to pray with each other and get ready for Easter.

## Visiting Statue of Mary

Some years ago we welcomed the Pilgrim Statue of Our lady of Fatima into our parish. Since that time, the statue has traveled throughout the parish visiting families and individuals for weeks at a time. If you and your family would like the opportunity to welcome Our Lady, call Mary Brewer (532.1699).



## Swing Dance Fundraiser

Ascension Squires Circle 4893 will be sponsoring a Swing Dance Party for ages 10 and up (Parents as well). It will be held at the "Pillar in the Valley" 229 Chesterfield Business Parkway. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-11:00 pm with Swing dance lessons from 6:30 to 7:00. Dress is business casual and the cost is \$5 a person. Portion of proceeds given to: Haitian Relief Fund, People to People.

## K of C 2009-10 Missouri State Essay Contest Winners

The Ascension Knights of Columbus Council would like to thank the students and teachers at the Ascension School for their outstanding participation in the Missouri State Essay Contest. Over 100 Essays were submitted to the Knights for judging. This years Essay topic is "Strong Families Build Strong Communities". In the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade bracket Olivia Holmes received an Honorable Mention for her Essay. In the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bracket the First place Essay was submitted by Keenan O'Reilly and the Second place Essay was submitted by Christine Lane. The winning Essay at the Council level will be submitted to the Knights at the Missouri State level for further competition. Thanks again for a tremendous effort in the Essay Contest.

## A Soldier Thanks Ascension

Capt. Justin M. Marshall, recently honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and son of Brother Knight Gerard and Aleta Marshall, spoke to the Ascension congregation. He thanked them and all of us for the support that he received during his two tours of duty in Iraq with all of the monthly care packages, prayers, cards, notes and letters from all of Ascension. You are invited to review the photo slide presentation on our website showing many of the parishioners thanking him, following his presentation, for his sacrifices in serving his Country during this time. Visit [www.ascensionkofc.org](http://www.ascensionkofc.org) and follow the link under the header - "Announcements". The Captain's speech is reproduced directly under the photos. Following his presentation, Captain Marshall received a thunderous applause and a standing ovation from the congregation while returning to the rear of the Church - Ascension's way of thanking him for a job well done!

## When You Have Lost Someone Precious to You

Let Martha Guild offer you support and comfort by preparing and serving a luncheon for your family and friends after the funeral. It will be prepared by parishioners who want you to know they care about you. Please call the Rectory for arrangements.

## Golf Registration

Ascension Golf registration has begun. All students 2nd–8th grade are invited to play. Please go to the Ascension Athletic website and download a registration form under the Golf heading. Forms should be returned to the Rectory by March 1st. For questions, please contact Cindy Munich at [ctmunich@charter.net](mailto:ctmunich@charter.net).

## Soles Needed!!!

The PSR 6th graders are not asking for your money but would like your soles - your shoe soles, that is. All during the month of February they are collecting used shoes for George, the Shoe Man. George sells the shoes then uses the proceeds to buy drilling rigs. These rigs drill water wells in Kenya & Haiti. It takes 100,000 pairs of shoes to buy one drilling rig so anytime during the month of February please bring in your used shoes and deposit them (before Mass) in the empty barrels located in the choir room.

## Girl Scout Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for Girl Scout Sunday Mass on March 14<sup>th</sup> during 12:15 Mass. We will have a small reception in the MPR following Mass. If you or someone in your troop has received a religious award, please notify Karey Pheneby at [kpheney@att.net](mailto:kpheney@att.net) so that we can recognize the award during the presentation.

## 40 Days For Life

This peaceful and prayerful witness for life brings awareness to the reality of abortion and the damage it causes the community. The campaign is scheduled to run between February 17 and March 28. People from all over the St. Louis area are asked to gather at the Planned Parenthood facility at Forest Park Blvd. and Boyle any time from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm to be a prayerful presence. If you are unable to get to the abortion facility, we ask that you pray and fast during this time (fasting may be simply abstaining from the Internet, chocolate, coffee or anything that may separate you from God).

## Catholic Employment Network (CEN)

### 5 Words Never To Say During a Job Interview...

Excerpts from a recent article by Paul Powers, EdD, cited the following five words that can undermine your job chances:

**Crisis:** Calling an ordinary workplace situation - such as employer's budget crunch or public relations headache - a crisis will make you seem like an alarmist. Use words such as "challenge" or "problem" to describe these situations.

**People person:** It's such a cliché that makes you seem uninteresting or evasive. It's so general and unverifiable that it tends to be offered by those who have no real skills or accomplishments to discuss. Identify your talent as "conflict mediation", "Coordinating teams" or "soothing upset customers."

**Can't:** Using negative words and phrases could make you seem like a negative person. Rather than saying "it can't be done" or "that's not going to work", you might say "Let's discuss some options we would have for getting the job done."

**Irregardless:** Not a word! Correct word is regardless. Another frequently used word that could hurt your chances is "literally," which often is used by those who mean figuratively.

**Fired:** It's fine to say your position was eliminated or you were laid off, but never say "fired" which has a negative connotation.

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**JOB OPENINGS NEEDED!!!** If you are a parishioner who is aware of a job opportunity, please let us know by emailing [jobleads@catholicemploymentnetwork.org](mailto:jobleads@catholicemploymentnetwork.org). We continue to have numerous unemployed/under-employed who may qualify for the open position.

**SEEKING EMPLOYMENT???** If you are unemployed and would like further details, contact us:

Office 636-530-9017

Jack Cerrone, Chairman (H)636-532-5912

Shirley Valentino, Office (H)636-536-1054

email [aen@ascensionchesterfield.org](mailto:aen@ascensionchesterfield.org)

website [www.aen.mustbehere.com](http://www.aen.mustbehere.com)

Ascension Church of Chesterfield Presents

## *“Pick up your Cross and Follow Me”*

Lenten Speakers Series 2010 -Friday Evenings Beginning  
February 19<sup>th</sup>

**Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM**

**Followed by Guest Speaker**

**Location:** 230 Santa Maria Dr.

Chesterfield, MO 63005



### **OUR SPEAKERS:**

- 02/19: Deacon Richard:** After growing up in the Baptist church, Richard took the "big left turn" as he calls it, toward worldly enticements  
Topic: Home at Last
- 02/26: Lynne-Dale Biondo:** Married & mother of 8 children. A former active member of the New Age movement  
Topic: From Lost Lamb to the Lamb's Apostle
- 03/12: Fr. Gregory Lockwood:** Lutheran convert, Father of 5 children, Professor of Church History at Kenrick Seminary  
Topic: Journey to the Catholic Church
- 03/19: Fr. Noah Waldman:** Convert from Judaism to Catholicism and now Catholic priest  
Topic: "Nicodemus and me"
- 03/26: Patty Schneier:** Radio host and witness to the beauty of the Church's teachings.  
Topic: "Unlock the Treasure"

***Invite Your Family and Friends!***

**Location:** Ascension Church • 230 Santa Maria Dr • Chesterfield, MO 63005

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Christ  
Renews

Make new friends!

# Last Week to Sign-up!

Women's Weekend is this weekend:  
February 27-28

His  
Parish



Meet Fellow Parishioners

Enjoy An Uplifting Spiritual Weekend

Grow with your Fellow Parishioners in the Lord!

The Bible is Brought to LIFE!

Find a sense of peace!

REVITALIZE YOUR FAITH!



Strengthen Your Relationship With God!

It Will Renew You!

Invite a friend!



Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

## Registration Form (Check One):

(Hand in to the Rectory or contact Chris Foeldi at 636-532-9344)

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite dessert: \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant person** in your life (Spouse, parent, relative, friend)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (if different from participant) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Become who Christ is Calling you to be this Lent!**