

A Note From Fr. Stehly

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.

Ash Wednesday

Schedule

On Wednesday, February 17th, the Church everywhere in the world observes Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Masses will be: 6:30 am, 8 am, 12 Noon, 5 pm and 7 pm. Ashes will be distributed during each of the Masses. The school children will join in Ash Wednesday Mass at a different time. All Masses will be in the Main Church.



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.

Poverty Supper-Wednesday, February 17

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring their annual Poverty Supper on Ash Wednesday. The event will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us -- children, teens, adults, Moms, Dads and Grandparents. Share the Lenten message with your family and your Parish Family as you enjoy a meatless meal of delicious soup, homemade bread, butter, lemonade and coffee. A donation of what you would spend on a Fast Food meal would be greatly appreciated -- proceeds will go to local charities. Questions, call Deanna Muzik (537.2452) or Theresa Koenig (532.6031).

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.

Parish Staff Directory

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Boy Scout Troop #597:
Mr. Jerry Nowak – 636.465.3035
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Mr. Paul Hoffman – 636.230.8602
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Respect Life:
Mrs. Jane Winters – 636.537.8406
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Mr. Norm Waterweise – 636.532.3637
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Ushers:
Mr. Tony Ambrose – 636.537.2360
Venture Crew:
Mr. Bill Imming—636.530.9694

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 15

6:30 am For the Intentions of Gus Kessel
8:00 am Margaret Loepker
8:45 am Bobby Mohen

Tuesday, February 16

6:30 am Bara/Milne Family
8:00 am Anna Carroll
8:45 am Thomas Wall

Wednesday, February 17

6:30 am Isabel dePenoloza
8:00 am Jim Delsing
12:00 pm Howard & Evelyn Arb
5:00 pm Harry J. Flynn
7:00 pm For Parish Family

Thursday, February 18

6:30 am The Healing of the
Bauer/Thum Family Tree
8:00 am Olszewski/Echele Family
8:45 am Joseph Dodich

Friday, February 19

6:30 am Iolyne Winget
8:00 am Intentions of Christian Horn
8:45 am Intentions of Jean Rallo

Saturday, February 20

8:00 am George Hohm
5:00 pm Lawrence Brinkman

Sunday, February 21

7:00 am For Parish Family
8:00 am Special Intention
9:15 am Mary & Joseph Kleszczewski
10:45 am Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Mooney
12:15 pm Paul Linhoff
5:30 pm Special Intention

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 21, 2010

Readers

- 5:00 pm R1 Suzie Marx
R2 Patricia Sheehan
7:00 am R1/R2 Mark Mager
8:00 am R1 Marilyn Depke
R2 Amy Jung
9:15 am R1 Gene Phillips
R2 Bill Lukas
10:45 am R1 Douglas Brown
R2 Katherine Hipp
12:15 pm R1 Bridget Nations
R2 Dave Stockman
5:30 pm R1 Mary Albrecht
R2 Annie Sescleifer

Servers

- 5:00 pm Marge Bleyer, Briget & Padraic Hennessey
7:00 am Brendan Crawford, Brandon & Andrew Long
8:00 am Grace & Clare Dressel, Sam Perry
9:15 am Jimmy & Kate Nisbet, Matthew Travers
10:45 am Sydney Peterson, Brendan & Irelyn Wingett
12:15 pm Susie & Alyssa LaFever, Austin Yuan
5:30 pm Tyler & Claire Borst, David Prost

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 14th, 2010

- Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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Take Note

The Priests and Parish Council wish to welcome those newly received into the Church by Baptism. We also wish to extend our sympathy to those who have lost a loved one during the past month.

Recent Baptisms

Seamus Micheal Hennessey,
son of Kevin & Ann Hennessey;
Andre Phillip Johnson,
son of Phillip & Lindsey Johnson;
Kaden Dominic Johnson,
son of Phillip & Lindsay Johnson;
Kendall Marie Long,
daughter of Dallas & Janet Long;
Addison Kate McManus,
daughter of Michael & Katherine McManus;
Abraham Henry Rolwes,
son of Christopher & Evelyn Rolwes;
Antonio Jose Ruiz,
son of Jose & Silvia Ruiz;

In Deepest Sympathy

To the Family of Our Parishioners
Valerie Bradshaw
Jeanne Bishop
Terry Dee
Patricia Mahmood
To Our Parishioner who has lost a Parent
Julia Wizeman, mother of Richard Wizeman
Robert Crump, father of Connie Musial

“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 23rd 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. 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.

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).

PARISH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

PSR News

There is no class tomorrow, February 15th, because of President's Day holiday. We hope to see everyone at the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on February 17th for an excellent beginning to Lenten prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving.

Please continue to bring in those used shoes to benefit the people of Kenya and Haiti.

Our Confirmation Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 6th, from 9 to 2:30 pm. Participants should bring a sack lunch and wear comfortable clothes. Sports equipment can also be brought for use during lunch break.

The Year for Priests

Pope Benedict XVI has designated this year as the “Year for Priests..” Please visit the Multi-Purpose Room on Sunday, February 21, (Bagels and Doughnuts Sunday), and write a note of thanks to our priests. You are welcome to pick up a note card to take home, as well. Any questions, please contact Bridget Nations (530.9433), or bridgetnations@yahoo.com.

Ascension School News

Today is Valentine's Day. Just like children and adults everywhere, Ascension School children look forward to a happy experience and some sort of fun celebration. Most people would agree that, even though there was a *Saint Valentine*, this day is not especially considered to be a religious or spiritual experience. Rather, it is a day that many, many Americans (with the help of greeting card, candy and flower companies) have recognized this as a day to express our love and affection for those who are nearest and dearest, and those we would like to impress with our unspoken affection. Valentine's Day is all about *Love*. It may be particularly meaningful that this week we also experience Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the Lenten Season. Could there ever have been any greater expression of everlasting love and affection and care and devotion than the Love shown to all of us by Jesus? He is our perfect Valentine. He loves us without boundaries and without reservation. None of us will receive cute Valentine cards from Him, but the gift He gives us is forever and priceless. He gives us the gift of Himself, and we remember His sacrifices on our behalf every year. He is the perfect Valentine, given freely and happily, regardless of the ultimate price. Happy Valentine's Day today, and all throughout the Lenten season.

St. Patrick's Day Party

Limited space is still available for the Ascension St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 13th; so, should you and your guests wish to attend, you are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible by calling Tim Walsh (532.5250) or e-mailing him at twalsh63017@gmail.com. Great entertainment is planned and the cost is only \$12.00 per plate for this catered corned beef dinner. Should you not be able to attend, carry-out dinners can be reserved for only \$9.00 per plate.

We Need Your Help!!

There is an eight year old from Nigeria who is in need of foster parents to enable her to stay another year at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf. She has only been here one year. For more information, please contact Rita Mooney (314.432.1523). Thank you!

Youth Ministry

www.ascensionyouthministry.org
youthministry@ascensionchesterfield.org

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."

Jump-Start Mondays Join us this Monday night from 7-9 pm at Kaldi's in the Valley just to check in, hang out, and have fun. Feel free to bring homework if you want.

Luke 18—Only a few spots remain! There are less than 10 spots left for 8th graders for this year's Luke 18, February 26-28. The cost for the weekend is \$70 and registration forms are available online and must be turned in as soon as possible!

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!!

NEW: Lenten Prayer Group 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 and get ready for Easter. Nights will be led by teenagers, so you won't want to miss it. **Ash Wednesday we will start by attending evening Mass together.**

Next "AAP" Collection Day, Sunday, February 21st

Ascension's K of C "Adopt/A/Platoon Committee announces that following the 7, 8 and 9:15 am Masses on Sunday, February 21st, our committeemen and parishioners will be staffing our "AAP" tables in the Multi-Purpose Room. We are pleased to accept your food/snack/hygiene items for forwarding that same week to our Ascension Military stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lost & Found

Please check the Lost & Found for lost articles. Items will be sent to reach Out after a period of time.

Adult Faith

WINGS – Please join us this week on Thursday, February 18 as we explore service opportunities for our group and reflect on how we can be God's hands here on earth. One service opportunity we will be discussing focuses on Our Lady's Inn, which provides pregnant women and their children shelter & hope for a new life through humble acts of love. Could God be calling you to 'love' this ministry through prayer and service? Child care is available (just let us know in advance) and something small to eat for breakfast is provided. Come find out more, enjoy fellowship and yummy food. All are welcome - call Chris Foeldi with any questions.

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

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

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.

Bagel & Donut Sunday, February 21st

The Ascension Knights of Columbus cordially invite all Parishioners to have a moment of camaraderie, get to know each other at the Multi Purpose Room, enjoying the taste of a good cup of high-octane Colombian coffee, or a Donut, or a glass of Florida orange juice or hot chocolate, and remember the famous "Frugurt" made of fresh cut fruit with or without the "low" fat yogurt, also, we have the exquisite deli Bagels of many flavors. For the children some moments of entertainment watching videos, all are offered after the 7, 8 and 9:15 Masses. The Knights will welcome you.

Attention All Cub Scouts

The Blue & Gold Mass and Banquet for Pack 597 is being held on February 21st at 2 pm. All Scouts are invited. Please call if your Scouts are working on any religious badges so we can recognize them and publish their names in the program. Call Kate Herrell (537.1313).

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 February 28. For questions, please contact Cindy Munich at ctmunich@charter.net.

Respect Life Upcoming Events

Please try to join us praying for a respect for all human life at one of the following events:

- Wednesday, February 17, 5:00 pm, Pro-Life Rosary, Little Church
- Saturday, February 20, 8:00 am, Mass & Witnessing, Cathedral Basilica
- Thursday, February 25, 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Prayers for Life, Little Church
- Saturday, February 27, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Witnessing for Life, Planned Parenthood

If you have any questions, please call Jane Winters (537.8406).

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.

Casserole Bakers

Casseroles are due Thursday, February 18th. Thank you for feeding God's poor! New bakers are always welcome! If interested, please call Joann Barnes (537.2392).

Catholic Employment Network (CEN)

Embarrassed because you lost your job???

Being “let go” in this day and age is as simple as being in the wrong job at the wrong time and shouldn't be a rational cause for embarrassment. In many cases, given the magnitude of the current downsizing, restricting, merging trend, job loss is unavoidable and the feelings of embarrassment/shame are misplaced.

Parishioners who have joined the ranks of the unemployed need to realize that, in most cases, your job loss was/is part of a larger company strategy and the current economic environment; it is not a reflection on your performance or personality.

Now it is time for you to concentrate on your self-worth and get control of your job search.

- Look back at your career objectively. The experience of being unemployed may cause you to overlook your successes and dwell on your mistakes. Be honest about failures so you don't repeat them but be equally honest about your successes. Try “strength bombardment”, a process in which you review your career successes and the personality traits and skills which helped you achieve them.
- Seek support from family members, outplacement counselors, former colleagues, networking contacts.
- Consider joining one of the Catholic Employment Network's (CEN) individual parish support groups. Visit www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org to learn which parishes offer support groups. At Ascension, our group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month, 7 pm, in the basement of the Little Church... why not plan on seeing what we're all about at the next meeting?

CEN will be presenting a workshop on “Your Next Phone Interview”, Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Mary Queen of Peace. Look for details in next week's parish bulletin.

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Ascension Church of Chesterfield Presents

“Pick up your Cross and Follow Me”

Lenten Speakers Series 2010 -Friday Evenings Beginning
February 19th

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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Ascension Catholic Church

Sixth Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

Sponsored By: Ascension Knights of Columbus



Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM (Self-Served Buffet Dinner Starting at 6:30 PM)
Place: Ascension's Multi Purpose Room
Note: Entry To The Party Will Be Through The Ascension School Entrance

Entertainment, Great Food, Door Prizes and Good Company All Provided

Dinner Reservation Form

Your Name (please print): _____
Spouse or Guest Name (see below to reserve for a large group): _____
Street Address: _____
City & State: _____
Zip Code: _____ **Phone Number:** _____ - _____ - _____

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
Dine-In Buffet Corned Beef Dinner		\$12.00 each	
Carry-Out Corned Beef Dinner		\$ 9.00 each	
Raffle Tickets (5 - \$100.00 Prizes)		\$5.00 each (3 for \$10.00)	
Total Amount Due (please make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus – 11139):			

- **To Make Reservations:** Mail this form (with your payment) to Tim Walsh at 1343 White Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017-2411 or phone 636-532-5250. Seating is limited; so, please make your plans as early as possible.
- **Buffet Dinners:** Prepaid dinner tickets will be required and will be mailed directly to you or to your guests (unless otherwise requested) prior to March 13th. The distribution of tickets directly to your guests is encouraged.
- **Carry-Out Dinners:** Prepaid dinner tickets will also be required. Your tickets and pick up information will be mailed directly to you prior to March 13th.
- **Table Reservations:** Tables will be reserved for groups of eight (8) or more. When making your dinner reservation, please provide full payment and the names and addresses of all your guests.
- **Sorry, no refunds after Monday, March 8th.**