

A Change In Location

Due to the beginning of the school year, the 8:45 am mass will return to the Main Church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The 8:45 am Mass on Mondays and Fridays will remain in the Little Church.

Take Note

The Priests and Parish Council wish to welcome those newly arrived in our parish during the month of July.

Welcome to Our Parish

Patricia Coleman
Robert & Sandra Davis
Mike & Lisa Elstro
Thomas & Shannon Fendya
Peter & Eileen Gent
Scott Krietemeyer
Joseph Langowski
Dallas & Janet Long
Boris & Maria Naraev
Patrick & Heide Quirk
George & Mary Springmeyer
Brian & Lori Ziha

I. PARISH MEETINGS

Baptismal Preparation Class

Next class for new or prospective parents is October 14th, 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).

St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting

This month's meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Ascension will be held on Saturday, September 27th, after the 8:00 am Mass. The meeting will be brief and will be held in the Parish Hall behind our Little Church. We will then bag cookies for St. Patrick's Center. We have committed to 900 cookies a month. Come join us! New members are welcome. A big thank you to all non-members who generously donate cookies for our dispersal. Members please don't forget your cookies.

II. PARISH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

School News

On Tuesday, September 16th, we will have our first Parent Grade Level Mass at 8:45 am. Fifth Graders and their parents will celebrate Mass together, and then come over to school for a donut breakfast. On Tuesdays, Grades 4 & 5 attend Mass at 8:45 am. 6th, 7th & 8th graders attend Mass on Wednesday mornings at 8:45 am, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders attend 8:45 am Mass on Thursdays. About once a month, we celebrate an ALL SCHOOL MASS with a special theme. Our All School Mass for this month will be at 8:45 am on Tuesday, September 30th. On rare occasions, we will celebrate a Mass at a special time, but for the most part, **it's 8:45 am Mass that we attend.**

At Ascension School, celebrating the Mass together is a very important element of our school life. We work together, and we also pray together. On occasion, our parents make that extra effort to come to school to celebrate Mass with their children. The message is simple but profound: our Faith Community is important and vibrant and alive. We make celebrations of our Faith a key component of our school year because we are all, children and adults, **"Growing Up With God"**. This is our school theme. More importantly, this is our direction and our purpose and our privilege.

We thank all of you who attend Mass daily for sharing those wonderful celebration times with us. We are all part of the Ascension Parish family, and we hope that we will all be included in your prayers daily.

Ascension School Fall Mum Sale

The Ascension Mother's Club will be selling assorted colored mums. Orders may be picked up on the Church grounds on Friday, September 19th from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. If you have any questions please call Liz Schwarz at 636-519-1157. We appreciate your support. Order forms are due in the Rectory or school office by September 15th. Order forms can be picked up in the Rectory, or visit www.ascensioncatholicsschool.org and click on Wednesday News.

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

The Parish Elementary School: 636.532.1151

Parish School of Religion: 636.532.1136

Early Childhood Center: 636.532.3375

Sunday Pre-School:

Mrs. Sharla Soriano — 636.536.0858

Youth Ministry: 636.532.1995

Adult Faith Formation: 636.532.9344

Parish Office: 636.532.3304

Parish Council:

Mr. Paul Carter — 636.530.9262

Liturgical Music:

Mr. Ralph Winn — 636.537.2001

Parish Organizations

Ambassadors:

Mrs. Betty Seeney — 636.532.8805

Athletic Association:

Mr. Brad Sellenriek — 636.728.0790

Boy Scout Troop #597:

Mr. Jerry Nowak — 636.530.7437

Cub Scout Troop #597:

Mr. Bill Imming — 636.530.9694

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. Mike Loynd — 636.530.9158

School Fathers' Club:

Mr. Norm Waterweise — 636.532.3637

School Mothers' Club:

Mrs. Cathy Perry — 636.537.9807

St. Vincent DePaul Society:

Rectory — 636.532.3304

Ushers:

Mr. Tony Ambrose — 636.537.2360

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 15

6:30 am Josephine Lofredo

8:00 am August Beine

8:45 am Gary & Margaret Thompson

Tuesday, September 16

6:30 am Evelyn Waltman

8:00 am Paul Higgins, Jr. & Suzanne Stelmacki

8:45 am Marcella Billing

Wednesday, September 17

6:30 am Jim Weber, Sr.

8:00 am Loretta Mettes

8:45 am Robert Walker

Thursday, September 18

6:30 am Milne/Bara

8:00 am Ben & Mary Jane Messerly

8:45 am Rita Przybylski

Friday, September 19

6:30 am Jeanne Nurse

8:00 am Stanley Hill

8:45 am Eggering/McCarthy

Saturday, September 20

8:00 am Theresa Tuttle

5:00 pm Sam John, Jr.

Sunday, September 21

7:00 am Margaret Sullivan

8:00 am Special Intention

9:15 am Msgr. Russell Obmann

10:45 am Dorothy Helen Keeney

12:15 pm For Parish Family

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, September 21, 2008

Readers

- 5:00 pm R1 Marilyn Eppler
R2 Carol McGinnis
7:00 am R1 John Marino
R2 Steve Joehl
8:00 am R1 Frank Vonesh
R2 Marilyn Depke
9:15 am R1 George Zamborsky
R2 Laura Zamborsky
10:45 am R1 Carol Keeney
R2 Pat Orf
12:15 pm R1 Bridget Nations
R2 Karen Adams
5:30 pm R1 Gary Bertolucci
R2 Andrew Genova

Servers

- 5:00 pm Rachel Andert, Connor Atwood, Tim Avery
7:00 am Alex Benben, Adeline Caldwell
8:00 am Brendan Ackerman, Patrick & Kathleen Siegmund
9:15 am Michael & Joseph Hill, Alyssa Waitz
10:45 am Allison, Amy & Annie Federer
12:15 pm Jacqueline Benz, Brendan Crawford, Christiana Wright
5:30 pm Ella Whitworth, Zach Wilhelm, Hannah Wilke

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 14, 2008

- Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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PSR News

Private school students who are registering for Confirmation classes in January should call the PSR Office or download a registration form from our website psr.ascensionchesterfield.org to get a registration form.

This Wednesday, September 17th, our 4th grade PSR families will attend a Bible Blessing Ceremony in the Little Church at which their new bibles will be blessed and they will receive a short catechesis on the scriptures.

This Saturday, September 20th, there will be a Catechist Meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room after the 8 am Mass. Please bring your questions, concerns, ideas. There will be light refreshments, a main group meeting discuss the *Catechist's Toolbox*, and then opportunity for smaller grade level meetings for as long as you wish to stay.

Anyone with questions about coming events—or any other PSR related questions—should call the PSR office number listed in this bulletin for more information.

Thank You!!

A special thank you to everyone who signed the petition to get Proposition 1 on the November ballot. This has been accomplished and all will have a chance to vote on this proposition to keep kids in St. Louis County safe and to make sure they have access to services they desperately need.

Next Sunday Is K of C Bagels & Donuts Sunday

Next Sunday, the 21st, Ascension's Knights of Columbus will host another Bagels & Donuts Sunday for all parishioners, families and friends. Please come join us and enjoy the camaraderie and make new Ascension friends following the 7, 8 and 9:15 AM Masses in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Chef Benitez has tripled the "Fr. Nelke Special" donuts to ensure we'll not run out of them two months in a row. This special donut, formerly known as the Old Fashion Buttermilk donut, was Fr. Nelke's favorite, thus our tribute to him by renaming this most scrumptious and "dunkable" donut.

We'll also have the usual juices, milks, coffees, teas, bagels and a variety of other donuts.

Youth Ministry

Focus-- Sundays, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall
Meet new people, engage in some great discussion, awesome programming and entertaining games.

-September 14—Walk the Talk

-September 21—Being Real

-September 28—Leaving the Comfort Zone
(Social Justice)

Small Groups

Our Small Groups continue to form. If you're in high school and are interested in joining a small group for weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly hang-out time, please call or e-mail Amanda: YouthMinistry@AscensionChesterfield.org or (532.1995).

Mark your Calendars!!!

Fall Retreat--November 21-23

March for Life--January 21-25

Luke 18 Prep--Saturdays in February & March

Luke 18 Retreat--April 3-5

Back to School Party

All High School Students are invited to join our BACK-2-SCHOOL party on Friday, September 26. There will be games, food, and tons of fun. E-mail the Youth Office for more information: YouthMinistry@AscensionChesterfield.org

Fall Festival & Haunted House

Need service hours? Want to help out at our parish Fall Festival (Oct. 19) or the Trunk-or-Treat/Haunted House (Oct. 25) in a variety of ways and have some fun? Please e-mail Amanda at YouthMinistry@AscensionChesterfield.org to put your name on the list.

Respect Life Silent Auction

The Respect Life Committee is now accepting donations for its Silent Auction held in conjunction with the Fall Festival on October 19. Tangible items as well as gift certificates and tickets to sports and entertainment activities would be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory during business hours or picked up by calling Jane Winters (537.8406).

Respect Life Rosary

A rosary for a respect for all human life is prayed every first and third Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the Little Church. Plan to stop by and pray with us!

Adult Faith

CRHP Please note that the men's CRHP weekend has been pushed back to either the first or second week in October. We will let you know which weekend it will be next weekend. If scheduling problems prevented you from attending in September, please let us know that you are interested in attending in October. Contact Chris Foeldi (532-9344).

Fall Bible Study There will be a new Fall Bible Study on Fridays during lunch-time in the Parish Hall. We are targeting all mothers in the Parish. The mothers of this program will share babysitting responsibilities. We plan to meet on September 19th at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall to discuss the direction of the program. If you are interested, contact Chris Foeldi (532.9344).

Wednesday Morning Program We have begun meeting this September!! We meet at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall and conclude at 11:30 am. We have decided to begin the Catholic Adult Education series by Scott Hahn. This is a DVD program that will dedicate the first hour to the watching of the content and the second hour dedicated to discussing the content. There are six modules with each having four or five rich topics. This week we will be watching Scott Hahn talk about his conversion story and then share any stories we have that may relate to our personal conversion experience.

Wednesday Evening Program Our Wednesday evening Bible Study is planning on going through "The Bible Timeline – The Story of Salvation" by Jeff Cavins. This is a very interesting in depth DVD Bible study program that is designed to be meaningful for beginners to experts. Warning, this program does require homework that involves reading a little bit the Bible each week. There is a \$40.00 fee for a Bible study kit if you are interested. We will be handing out materials this week and watching the introduction by Jeff Cavins. Please contact Chris (532.9344) if you plan on joining us for this 24 – part series so we can have your Bible study kit available.

Guest Speakers Please spread the news that we will be having two guest speakers on September 22nd who will discuss "Voting Responsibly as Catholics." Author Bill Federer and Christina Heddell, the Director of the Life Apostolate, will discuss the important issues we should consider as responsible voters. The talk will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00 pm with Question and Answer to follow. Please come and invite a friend.

3rd Annual Steve Ostermueller Memorial Golf Tournament

Please save the date for the 3rd annual Steve Ostermueller Memorial Golf Tournament. This year's event will take place on Friday, October 3, 2008 at The Falls Golf Course in O'Fallon, MO with a 1:00 pm shotgun start. Player's fee is \$125 and includes Lunch, Golf, BBQ Dinner and beverages on the course. A special Parent/Child player fee will be offered for any parent who wants to participate in the tournament with their son or daughter. Sponsorship opportunities will also be available.

Proceeds from this tournament will benefit the Ostermueller Children's Education Fund and a Scholarship Fund to assist those who might not otherwise have the resources to get a Catholic education. Questions can be directed to the Tournament Chairman, Scott Goodman at sgoodman@enterprisebank.com

"Adopt/A/Platoon" Collection Day

Next Week, the 20th and 21st:

Ascension's Knights of Columbus will be available and collecting food/snack/hygiene items, as well as monetary contributions for our Ascension military, as follows:

*Saturday Evening 5:00 pm Mass - In the rear of our Church at the Choir Room doorway.

*Sunday Morning, in the Multi-Purpose Room, following the 7, 8 and 9:15 am Masses.

*Sunday morning, afternoon and evening - 10:45 am, 12:15 pm and 5:30 pm Masses - In the rear of our Church at the Choir Room doorway.

For an up-to-the-minute Update of our "Adopt/A/Platoon" program, we invite you to review our website - www.ascensionkofc.org, under Announcements - click on "read more" - and view our updated article on our "AAP" program, as well as the article entitled "Grateful Messages From Iraq", and finally photos from our guys from Iraq.

The article "Grateful Messages From Iraq" says it all, and reflects how thankful our Ascension Military guys are to our parishioners, Knights and friends for our support of them while in harm's way.

We're extremely delighted that Capt. Chris Higgins returned home safely last Sunday, while Sgt. Jay Oefelein will be home in December. Capt. Justin Marshall and Sgt. Bryan Hoffman are scheduled to be home some time in '09.

Young Adults

Not a youth but still not quite ready to declare yourself an "adult." Sometimes the 20-somethings get lost in the shuffle. We'd like to offer something especially for you. If you're interested in more opportunities to get involved in the parish through discussion groups, Bible Studies, and social events, please contact Amanda at abuehrig@AscensionChesterfield.org or Chris Foeldi (532.9344) and keep checking the bulletin for more information. Our first Social Event will be October 4th. Call for more details!

Turkey Bakers Needed!

If anyone is interested in baking a turkey for the upcoming Fall Festival which takes place on October 19th, please contact Michelle Ostermueller at 537-1314 or mmostermueller@sbcglobal.net. We provide everything you need including the turkey, the roasting pan, stuffing mix and instructions. Frozen turkeys will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, Oct. 14th from 2:00-4:30 pm near the School Kitchen door. If that pick-up time doesn't work for you, we can make arrangements for you to pick it up at a more convenient time. Thanks for helping to make such a wonderful meal for all of our families and friends to enjoy!

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball continues on Tuesday nights at 8:15 pm in September and October. All shapes and sizes welcome! Questions? Call John Schwarz (537.9798).

Basketball Registration

Basketball Registration for this year is underway for Kindergarten through 8th grade girls and boys. Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders will take part in a training league focused on introducing those young athletes to the game of Basketball, while the 3rd through 8th graders will compete in league play. The Kindergarten and 1st grade program will occur during November and December. The 2nd grade program will run from January through February. Please visit the Ascension website for details and registration of all kids from Kindergarten through 8th grade.



Entertainment Books

To place an order for the new cost-saving 2009 Entertainment Book call Rick Walsh (537.9890), Bill Lukas (537.9801), Del Nichols (532-0904) or Tim Walsh (532-5250). Each book contains hundreds of discount coupons on dining, entertainment, travel, retail and various services throughout the greater St. Louis area and the proceeds from this Knights of Columbus fundraiser will help many local area charities.

Attention Golfers!!!

Mark your calendars for the Ascension Athletic Association's 22nd Annual Mick Brady Memorial Golf Tournament! The tournament will be held on Friday, September 19th, at the Landings at Spirit Golf Club. The shotgun start will be at 1 pm and both lunch and dinner are provided. For registration information, call Scott Mangus (314.922.7395) or Megan Brady (346.5813).

If you are not a golfer but would like to contribute to the event, we are in need of prizes, auction items and hole/special event sponsorships. Please contact Scott or Megan for additional information.

Pro-Life Mass

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants will have their monthly Mass at 8:00 am on September 20 at the Cathedral Basilica. A prayerful witnessing will follow at the abortion facility at Forest Park and Boyle. Those unable to make the walk may remain in the Cathedral and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Special Kids Soccer - Volunteers Needed

CYC is asking for volunteers to assist with the Special Kids Soccer (SPENSA) program. These sessions are held for nine (9) Saturdays in a row, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, starting September 6th. They are conducted at the Anheuser-Busch Center, otherwise known as Soccer Park. We would prefer the volunteers, boys or girls, to be at least in the 8th grade and we would accept individuals or teams. This is especially good for those athletes who need service hours and want to help the less fortunate. If they are interested, they are asked to call Shirley McBroom (343-5542).

Thank you for your support in this important endeavor.

Ascension Chapter of the Catholic Employment Network (CEN)

CATHOLIC EMPLOYMENT NETWORK announces an upcoming workshop: Thursday, September 24, 7 pm at Incarnate Word Parish. Patti Bitter will discuss job loss from the spousal side (as well as therapist perspective). She has invited her husband to be part of this presentation - his job loss, her support and what she did to help him and herself during this time. Bring your spouses!

Is someone in your household unemployed?

Or perhaps you have a family member.....a friend.....who is looking for employment?

If you can answer yes to either of these questions, perhaps the Catholic Employment Network (CEN) can help.

For those of you who aren't familiar with CEN, you'll be interested to learn that the organization's mission is to help job seekers find employment. The group is made up of ministry representatives from Ascension and the following parishes:

Holy Infant, Ballwin
Incarnate Word, Chesterfield
St. Alban Roe, Wildwood
St. Clare of Assisi, Ellisville
St. Joseph's, Cottleville
St. Gerard Majella, Kirkwood
St. Joseph's, Manchester
St. Richard's, Creve Coeur
Sacred Heart, Valley Park

Each parish ministry has its own individual parish job search endeavor and is open to any/all seeking employment. One does not have to be a parishioner to benefit from any parish's job support group.

One of CEN's objectives is to stay in touch with job seekers via periodic emails which include job leads, job hints, networking events...information that offers support and guidance to the unemployed, under-employed, those in transition. Interested persons can sign up for the email by going to the CEN website, www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org and clicking on the sign up section (on the home page).

While visiting the website, one can learn more about the organization, including the schedule of parishes holding individual job support groups to which any/all are invited.

JOIN US OCTOBER 19TH



**ASCENSION'S
ANNUAL
FALL
FESTIVAL**

1 – 6 p.m.

Ascension School and Church Grounds

- Delicious turkey dinner – dine in or carry out
 - Fun games for children of all ages
- Fabulous silent auction items benefiting Respect Life
 - Wonderful raffles
 - Pony rides

It's sure to be a day of fun for the **WHOLE family!**

The Knights of Columbus

Third Annual Soccer Challenge

Sunday Sept 28th
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Ascension Soccer Field
(across from the main church)

Competition is open
to boys and girls
ages 10 – 14
Age is as of Sept. 01, 2008



Rules:

Contestants compete against others of the same age and same gender.

Contestants Attempt 15 Penalty Kicks.

Scoring is based upon number of goals scored and the placement of those goals.

10 winners will be contacted during the week of September 29th.

Local Council Champions are eligible to compete at a District Competition and can advance to Regional and State Levels.

Please direct questions to:
Steve Martinez,
Knights of Columbus Youth Director,
stevem5247@earthlink.net