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Thank you for joining us to discover the goodness, truth, and beauty of God here at Ascension Catholic Church. Learn more about our impact in the local community, and encounter our digital ministry space at asc.church.

Worship with us at Mass

Sunday, 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM*, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM, 5:30 PM Monday - Fridays, 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM*, 12:00 Noon Saturday, 8:00 AM*, 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

Encounter healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday, 7:30 AM (until all are heard), Saturday, 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM or by appointment

Spend time with Jesus through a Eucharistic Visit

The "Little Church" is open 24/7 for visits and prayer. Adoration: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 AM - 7 PM, in the Little Church

* Livestreamed to 😝 🛗







From Fr. Molini

Our Advent continues...

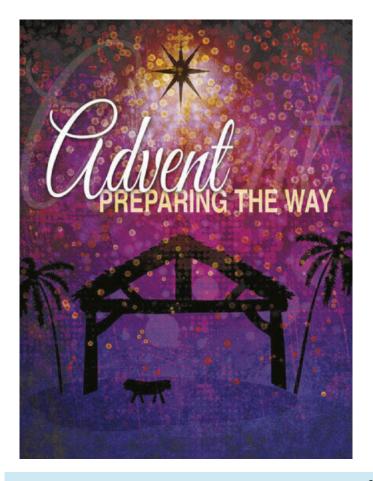
As we move through this season of grace, are we noticing the opportunities to let Christ into our lives? Here are my suggestions for Advent with the current week highlighted:

<u>First Week of Advent</u>: If we haven't been going to Sunday Mass as a family, start now. It's a new liturgical year!

<u>Second Week of Advent</u>: Reconcile with a relative with whom we've had a difficulty. Ask forgiveness and share forgiveness generously. Also, you could join us for the Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, December 10 at 7:00 pm.

<u>Third Week of Advent</u>: Consider a gift for the poor and your religious family, the parish, in this time of gift giving.

<u>Fourth Week of Advent</u>: Make a good confession in preparation for Christmas. Additional confession times will be offered on the evenings of December 20 and 21.



Soon comes our Lord and King:

let us all adore Him."

Please join us to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Weekdays at 7:30 a.m.
Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
December 20 (Monday) at 7:00 p.m.
(until all are heard)
December 21 (Tuesday) at 7:00 p.m.
(until all are heard)

Masses for the Celebration of Christmas

December 24, Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m., Main Church **and** MPR 6:00 p.m., Main Church

December 25, Christmas Day
All in Main Church
12:00 Midnight (Carols beginning at 11:15 pm)
7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.,
12:15 p.m.
No evening Mass on December 25th

Masses for The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31 - 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass January 1 8:00 a.m., & 10:00 a.m. No 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 1

Epiphany of Our Lord –Sunday, January 2 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am 12:15 p.m., 5:30 pm



Baptismal Preparation Class

If you need to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism, please call the Parish Office to sign up for the class (636-532-3304). The next class is scheduled for **January 11th** in the Main Church at 7 pm.

PRAYER FOR OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

God of Mercy and source of our strength,

I ask your blessing upon
our healthcare providers.

Bless their hands, their hearts and their minds that they continue to be fit instruments of your loving kindness and healing.

Amen

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Monday, December 20

6:30 am Charles & Chuck Hodges

8:00 am August Baechle

12:00 pm Timothy Powers

Tuesday, December 21

6:30 am Peter Noce

8:00 am Arlene Neary

12:00 pm Dorothy Keeney

Wednesday, December 22

6:30 am Intentions of Iosh & Stephanie Coffman

8:00 am Jeff Wilding

12:00 pm August J Mantia

Thursday, December 23

6:30 am Baby Paul Feagan

8:00 am Frank Hoeltcher

12:00 pm Mary Virginia Brunner

Friday, December 24

6:30 am Mary Claire Pike

8:00 am Chris M Albrecht



4:00 pm Intentions of Larry Wilson (MC)

4:00 pm Norm Hosenfelt (MPR)

6:00 pm Jack Kinealy

12:00 am Bob & Corlyne Chappell

Saturday, December 25

7:00 am Emily Meyer

8:00 am Jack & John McGuire

9:15 am Dr Robert O'Brien

10:45 am Helen Rohlman

12:15 pm For Parish Family

Sunday, December 26

7:00 am Agnes Kramer

8:00 am Robert Whalen

9:15 am Fran Szyhowski

10:45 am Al Policarpo

12:15 pm For Parish Family

5:30 pm Rachel Gallagher

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR Sunday, December 26, 2021

Readers

7:00 am R1/R2 Joan Heath

8:00 am R1 Mary Jo O'Connell

R2 LaVerne Thoman

9:15 am R1 Jack Giebe

R2 Katherine Hipp

10:45 am R1 Christine Eilerman

R2 Chris Foeldi

12:15 pm R1 Carol Swiecicki

R2 Carmen Iglesias

5:30 pm R1/R2 Patrick Barry

Servers

7:00 am Grant Heidbrink, Isabella Mahoney

8:00 am Evelyn & George Dean

9:15 am Max Crutchfeld, Zach Munro,

Patrick Ozbun

10:45 am Nolan Fitzgerald, Katherine Kirsch,

Jenna Waters

12:15 pm Dan & Kennedy O'Reilly,

Juliana Malpiedi

5:30 pm Ava & Allie Wright, Maggie Leahy

PSR News...

- Regular PSR this week: December 19th & 20th
- NO PSR January 2nd & 3rd
- PSR resumes January 9th & 10th

Have a Blessed Christmas Season.

Prayer for the Military/Police

Almighty God, we stand before You asking for Your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with Your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of service, at home or abroad. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families.

Early Childhood Center News

 MANY THANKS to everyone who sent donations for the "SWEET BABIES" program at St.



Mary's Hospital. They were amazed and very appreciative to see so many items for the newborn babies.

 Merry Christmas everyone! The Little School wishes you and your family a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 19, 2021

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c]

and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,

11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,

8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10

and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps

89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk

1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,

29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk

2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-

7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/

Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf.

1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 Or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk

2:41-52

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Christmas 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I send my warmest and most sincere greetings at this holy time of the year to all of you, and to all your families and loved ones!

This past year has been a challenging time for everyone. It has also been a year of great grace. We have witnessed the love and concern of people for one another. So many have been willing to make tremendous sacrifices to keep people safe, and try and curb this global health crisis. We have much to be grateful for as we move a step closer to the end of the pandemic. Now is the time for Catholics to step forward, giving generously to help those in need.

Each year, the people of the archdiocese are asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him as they discern a vocation to the holy priesthood, and have dedicated themselves to living, growing, and serving in His love as they prepare for a life of parish ministry. God-willing, these men will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2,000 years ago to future generations.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. How wonderful it is to have the faithful back in church to celebrate Christ's birth. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

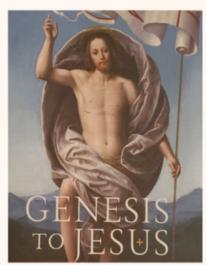
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MEN'S AWAKENING

All men of the parish are inivited



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Christmas Bonfire Caroling

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Generosity of Treasure

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? Psalm 116:12

November, 2021

Offertory Collection:

424 Online Giving Gifts; 1,299 Envelopes October Total: 197.947.02 Fiscal Year-to-date Total: \$ 983,936.07

Collection vs. Contributions Goal:

Fiscal Year-to-date Goal: 936,400.00 Actual as a % of Goal: 105.1%

Year-to-date Totals:

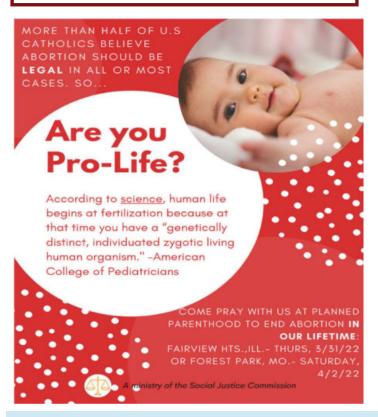
2,091,412.55 Ordinary Income (Offertory, Tuitions, Gifts) Ordinary Expenses 1,774,336.56 Capital Expenses

132,468.56

Special Collections in October:

Human Development	\$ 3,196.00
Retired Religious	\$ 6,151.00
LifeLine	\$ 650.00
St. V DePaul/Food Pantry	\$ 7,259.00
Reach Out	\$ 6,961.00

We are grateful for your gift to God. Thank you for your continued support and sacrifice for our parish.





SUNDAY ASCEND

6:30-8:45

Join us for 5:30 Mass followed by food, talks, prayer, and community in the Parish Hall

OPEN OFFICE

Thursday 7:00-9:00 Just come and hang out for fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/19-23/22: Generation Life, contact Lara for more information

> For more information Call Lara at 314.960.4125 or Email her at youthministry@ascensionchesterfield.org



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Adult Faith

- Our Wednesday Morning Group meets every Wednesday from 9:30 am - 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing *Jesus*, the Way, the Truth and the Life. All are
- Our Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study will meet this Thursday in person and via Zoom at 7:05 am (after the 6:30 am Mass). For a Zoom invite, contact Chris Foeldi at: cfoeldi@asc.church.

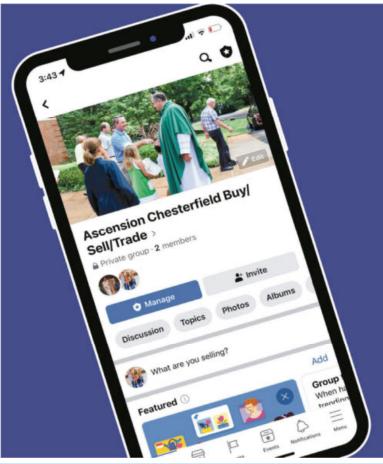
Visiting Statue of Mary

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:

Sandra Tarnowski (636.778.0540).







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Please join your Ascension Family in praying the Rosary on Thursdays, 11:30 am in the Main Church. You can also send your prayer intention requests anytime to:

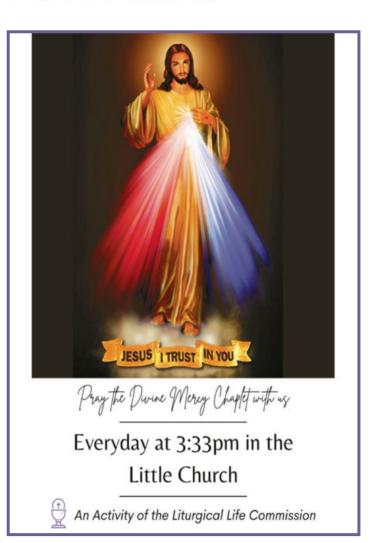
Asc.rosaryintentions@gmail.com
The Legion of Mary will also be praying for your intentions at our Saturday meetings.

Ascension Prayer Line
If you are in need of prayers or know of someone
who is hurting,
please call and we will pray.
Dan Lischwe (314.280.1904/docdanhl@gmail.com)
Marlene Lischwe (314.402.6530)



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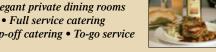


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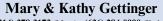
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