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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

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The Holy Family December 26, 2021

From Fr. Molini

The Feast of the Holy Family Immediately after Christmas, the Church pauses to consider the beauty, truth, and goodness of the Holy Family. As we honor St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child, we are invited to rest in their love, harmony, peacefulness, and quiet joy. Perhaps the condition of their poor environment depicted as they are in a stable may move us to greater charity for those in need. Consider their unity as a family and reflect on how we can nurture unity in our own family. As the Holy Family shared the presence of God with the shepherds, how does our family share God's love with those who visit?

Our celebration of the Holy Family gives us the opportunity to ask how our family can be more holy, more generous, more grateful, more unified in our love for God? May we use this feast to do a spiritual inventory of our own family:

- Do we pray together as a family?
- Do we discuss and foster the teachings of the Church in our home?
- Are we forgiving, a place of reconciliation and compassion?
- Are we generous to the poor and our parish community?
- Do we encourage our children to prayerfully consider their vocation in life?



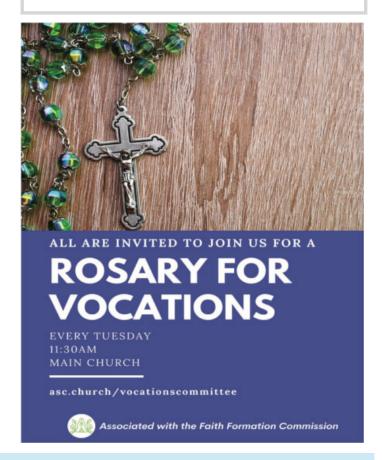
Masses for The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31 - 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass January 1 6:30 a.m., 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

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.



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 27

6:30 am June Reilly

8:00 am Marty Clerc

12:00 pm Mike Bruin

Tuesday, December 28

6:30 am Tom Mannion

8:00 am Art & Dorothy Marx Henschke

12:00 pm Mindy Brusseau

Wednesday, December 29

6:30 am Teddy Federer

8:00 am Tim Powers

12:00 pm Fr Robert Rieker

Thursday, December 30

6:30 am Maureen Powers

8:00 am Wigge/Callahan Families

12:00 pm Steve Pretak

Friday, December 31

6:30 am Cecilia M Kavadas

8:00 am Bruce & Mary Ann Beckmann

12:00 pm Donna Licavoli

5:00 pm Grace Lavrich

Saturday, January 1

6:30 am Robert Andrews

8:00 am Intentions of John Buck

10:00 am Intentions of Judy Fabick

Sunday, January 2

7:00 am For Parish Family

8:00 am Leo Seiler Sr

9:15 am Mary Ann Bockskopf

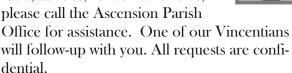
10:45 am Intentions of Jason Federer

12:15 pm Ray Hoven

5:30 pm Intentions of Fr Molini

St. Vincent de Paul Assistance

If you (or someone you know in the Chesterfield area) needs help with food, utilities, rent or other bills, please call the Ascension Parish



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 Crutchfield, 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 Allie & Ava Wright, Maggie Leahy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

December 26, 2021

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5–2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8

[7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

[11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10

[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13

[11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/

Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

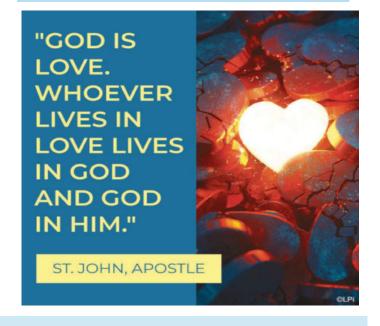
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Liturgical Publications



PSR News...

- NO PSR on December 26th & December 27th.
- NO PSR January 2nd & 3rd.
- PSR resumes January 9th & 10th.



Help support Ascension's Young Families!

The Respect Life Committee is starting a new meal initiative to support LIFE and our parish's young families! We're looking for volunteers who would be willing to make meals for families welcoming a new baby. Interested? Sign up now: asc.church/mealtrain



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Ordinary Faithfulness

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January 7-9, 2022

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With the holiday hustle and bustle past, settling into our "everyday" roles of mother, wife, sister, friend, disciple, can feel tedious, bland, maybe even difficult. The Gospels are filled with characters who provide for us remarkable stories of fidelity—Mary, John, Paul. But there are also many, many people who knew Jesus personally and yet whose encounters with him are detailed only very briefly—the shepherds, the child with the loaves and fishes. These "anonymous" characters who encountered Jesus personally have much to teach us in the simple faith of their ordinary lives. Come join us for these days of prayer and reflection, recognizing the very powerful gift of your own everyday faithfulness.



Retreat Presenter: Virginia Herbers is a retreat director, lecturer, and spiritual director who uses story and theology to shed contemporary light on traditional Scriptural texts. Virginia has been an educator in the United States and Taiwan, a blogger for the USCCB, a regular columnist for Global Sisters Report, and a frequent presenter at retreat centers and parishes across the country. She has an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from Aquinas Institute and currently lives in St. Louis, Missouri, serving as Director of Spiritual Formation in Mission and Identity at Saint Louis University. Retreat attendees will receive a copy of Virginia's book, Gifts from Friends We've Yet to Meet, published by Liturgical Press, October, 2021.

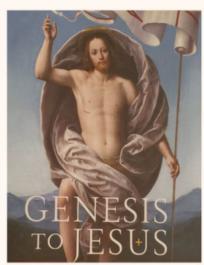


Naming and Commendation Rite

The Order for the Naming and Commendation of an Infant Who Died Before Birth was created to assist those who are grieving for a lost infant, seeking to set the death of an infant within the context of faith, and uniting the grieving parents and family members to our merciful God. Based on Christian faith and hope, this rite provides parents the occasion to name their child and commend it in faith to the loving mercy of God. We will hold this Order for the Naming and Commendation Rite at Christ Prince of Peace Parish in Manchester, on Saturday, January 8 2022, following the 8:00 am Mass in church. A certificate will be given to the parents during the ceremony. All family members are welcome to attend this scripture service. Your RSVP to the our parish office would be appreciated. Please call 636-391-1307

MEN'S AWAKENING

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AT DKEYS2001@HOTMAIL.COM

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Your overwhelming generosity has resulted in achieving **112%** of our gift-card collection goal! The \$25-gift cards, along with your monetary and Meal-a-Month / food donations enabled St. Alphonsus and St. Vincent's parishes to help their many families in need this Christmas. **YOU** are living the true meaning of Christmas. May God continue to bless us, everyone!

"...Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."



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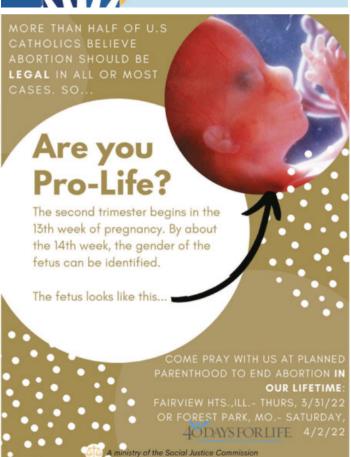


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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 invited!
- 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).



Paper or Plastic?

While paper grocery bags may be recycled through your curbside recycling program, plastic grocery bags may not. Ascension parishioners now have an opportunity to recycle their plastic bags.

What can be recycled?

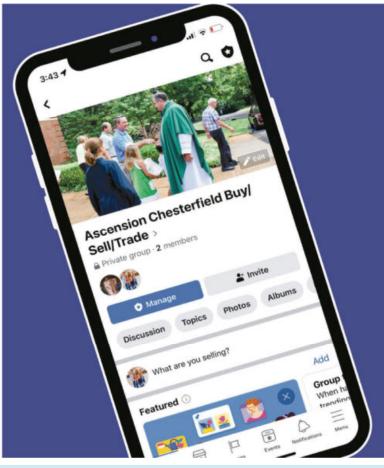
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Please join your Ascension Family in praying the Rosary on Thursdays, 11:30 am in the Main Church. You can also send your prayer intention requests anytime to:

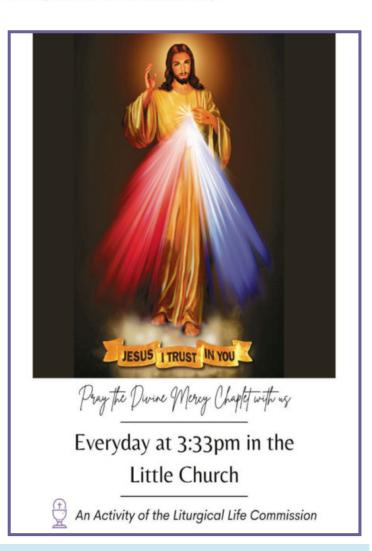
Asc.rosaryintentions@gmail.com
The Legion of Mary will also be praying for your intentions at our Saturday meetings.

Ascension Prayer Line
If you are in need of prayers or know of someone
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Dan Lischwe (314.280.1904/docdanhl@gmail.com)
Marlene Lischwe (314.402.6530)



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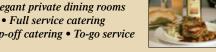


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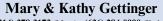
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