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Welcome!



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

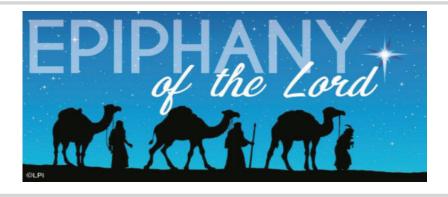
Spend time with Jesus through a Eucharistic Visit

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

Epiphany of Our Lord

In this season of seeing so many friends and family, the feast of the Epiphany asks if we have made time to see Christ. We honor the journey of the Magi for their determination to see the Newborn King, and making a significant effort to spend time before Him. Will we use this year to do the same? Will we make the effort to spend time with Christ in prayer, at Mass, in adoration, in quiet reflection?

As we celebrate the visit of the Three Kings who humbled themselves before a child, may we humbly approach our Savior frequently this year.

Ongoing Masking...where are we?

I am writing this on December 22 so things may change, but our hope is to move to a "mask-optional" status in our schools in mid-January. For our Parish School of Religion, that means allowing parents to decide about their children wearing masks on January 9th and 10th. For the Elementary School, that option opens on January 18th.

We have been "mask-optional" in the church for some time and while not universally applauded, it has seemed to work. We continue to welcome those choosing to wear the mask, and certainly reserve the right to move back to a stronger masking policy if necessary.

I also wish to add a note of gratitude to our parents who have been, and continue to be, exemplary in monitoring their children's health. This heightened attention has helped us face these challenging years as together we strive for the healthiest environment for the children. It also has allowed our schools to remain open for most of the pandemic.



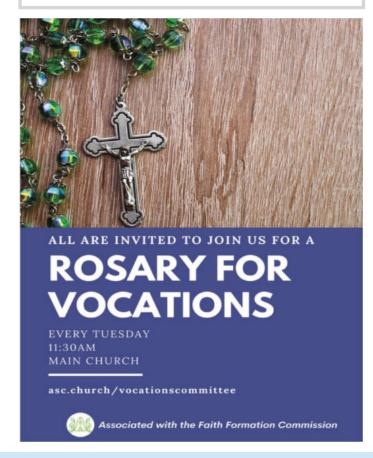
Ambassadors (55+ senior group) 'Let the year ahead fill your New Year be filled with Adventures'.

Join the Ambassadors Friday, January 7th, 10:00 am at 'The Original Pancake House' at 17000 Chesterfield Airport Road as we remanence the old and welcome the New Year. We will be in the back room.

Please call Suzie Marx (314.708.0685) if you are planning to attend and did not sign up at the last meeting. (Restaurant will provide separate checks). New Members welcome.

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, January 3

6:30 am Deceased Relatives & Friends of Parishioners

8:00 am Terry McHugh

12:00 pm Mikail Pidgorodetskiy

Tuesday, January 4

6:30 am Carol Keeney

8:00 am Emily Meyer

12:00 pm Terry Mannion

Wednesday, January 5

6:30 am Kathleen Lane

8:00 am Lou Kern

12:00 pm Carl Emerick

Thursday, January 6

6:30 am Intentions of Erik Depke

8:00 am Anna Carroll

12:00 pm Lloyd Sharpe

Friday, January 7

6:30 am Mel Trotier

8:00 am Ray Hoven

12:00 pm Joseph Keeney

Saturday, January 8

8:00 am Teddy Federer

10:00 am Maxima Poblete

Sunday, January 9

7:00 am Charles Rallo III

8:00 am Mary Ann Friet

9:15 am James Cittadino

10:45 am Nate Olk

12:15 pm Deborah Castiglioni

5:30 pm For Parish Family

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



Office for assistance. One of our Vincentians will follow-up with you. All requests are confidential.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR Sunday, January 9, 2022

Readers

5:00 pm R1/R2 Suzie Marx

7:00 am R1/R2 Dana Wiele

8:00 am R1 Bob Kalinich

R2 Gerard Marshall

9:15 am R1 Bill Lukas

R2 Jan Lukas

10:45 am R1 Brad Sellenriek

R2 Bob Francesconi

12:15 pm R1 Gary Sharpe

R2 Jimena Sasamoto

5:30 pm R1/R2 Youth Ministry

Servers

5:00 pm Eliott Grasso, Charlotte Parks,

Sawyer Turall

7:00 am Hudson Darnell, Emma Kallial

8:00 am Patrick Ozbun, Eliza Thompson,

Annabell Tichacek

9:15 am Kate Cerny, Nolan Fitzgerald,

Zach Munro

10:45 am Maggie Leahy, Kendall Long,

Blake Mueller

12:15 pm Stella & Brady Vogt, Magdalen Lambert

5:30 pm Natalie & Josie Benoist, Emma Joson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 2, 2022

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt

4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk

6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk

6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,

17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-

20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a

and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/

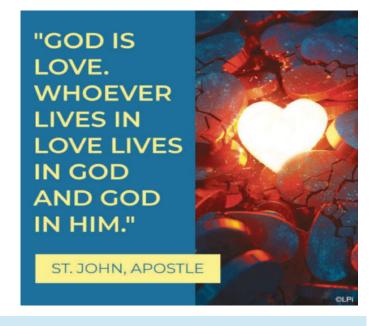
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Liturgical Publications



PSR News...

- NO PSR January 2nd & 3rd.
- PSR resumes January 9th & 10th.
 Have a Blessed Christmas Season!



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

A women's retreat to reflect on the hidden gospels of our everyday lives, the oftentimes overlooked faithfulness of ordinary time.

January 7-9, 2022

Marianist Retreat & Conference Center

For more information and to register, visit: marianistretreat.com/events

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.

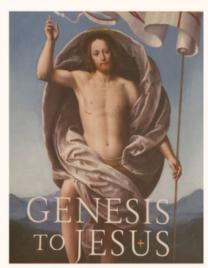


Naming and Commendation Rite

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

All men of the parish are inivited



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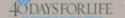
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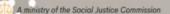
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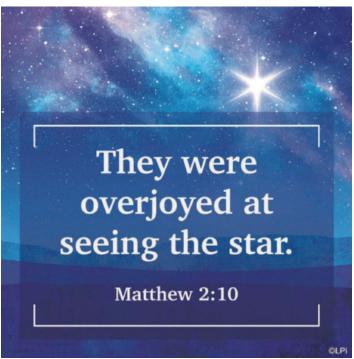


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Adult Faith

- 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).

Prayer Shawl Ministry AT ASCENSION

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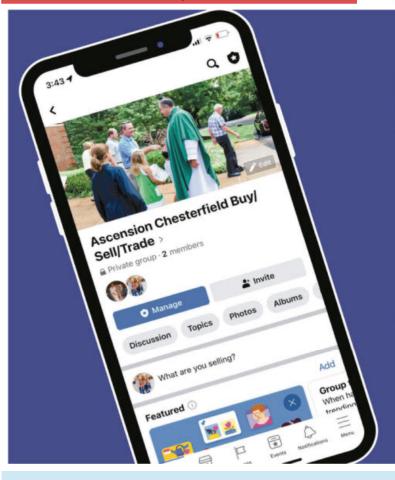
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Please join your Ascension Family in praying the Rosary on Thursdays, 11:30 am in the Main Church. You can also send your prayer intention requests anytime to:

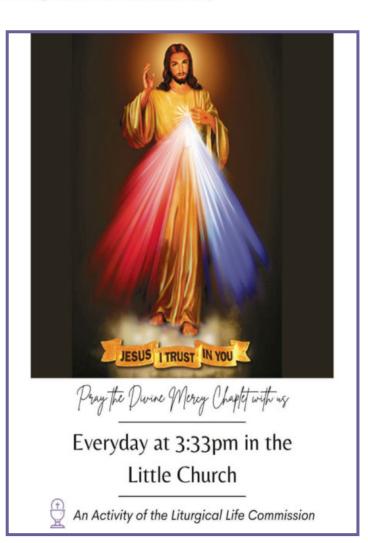
Asc.rosaryintentions@gmail.com
The Legion of Mary will also be praying for your intentions at our Saturday meetings.

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



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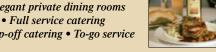


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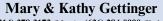
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