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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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Special Upcoming Events

January 11 – Baptism Class & Respect Life Meeting January 12 – Prayer Shawl Ministry & Ladies Night Out January 18 – Bunco for Birthright January 19 – Recollection for Women January 29 & 30 – Winterfest January 30 – School Open House

From Fr. Molini

Baptism of Our Lord

The conclusion of the Christmas season brings the celebration of Our Lord's Baptism by John the Baptist. How momentous is this baptism as the giver of eternal life models for us the path to the Sacraments. In this act of humility, He teaches us to accept God's grace through outward signs. Through Baptism we receive a special dignity; freed from sin, we are reborn as children of God and configured to Christ by an indelible character. We are incorporated into the Church. This grace continues to call us to our true home in heaven to be with our Father forever. It is the gateway to all Sacraments and provides a foundation of faith which we carry for all our life. No matter our sinfulness or distance we place between God and ourselves, the grace of Baptism tugs at us to respond to the Love of God. We are always one of the Baptized, and offered a place with Christ. This weekend is a good opportunity to prayerfully reflect on our baptismal promises which have been renewed by us each Easter.

- Do I consistently reject the evil one, and all his works?
- How do I live my belief in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
- Do I allow my faith to be reflected in my daily life and the choices I make?
- Does my baptism still form the foundation of my life of faith, building upon the love of the Trinity and shared in the community of the Church?

Thanks and Thanks, Again.

I regularly receive "thank you" notes from groups that benefit from your charity. In a recent note from Fr. Ed Murphy, CM (the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul) he begins with, "Our mission to serve the poor in our area is made easier because we know we can count on Ascension Catholic Church to help us." He goes on to note the consistent generosity of Ascension parishioners through the REACH-OUT program, and thanks us on behalf of the poor. What a grace for us to care for those in need, and a continual call to justice. May our charity be born of our recognition of the dignity of each person, and our common call to be one in Christ.

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.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Ascension School is looking for certified teachers or individuals with their substitute certification. We are currently looking for individuals to substitute in grades K-8th. (Substitutes



must have Protecting God's Children/ Prevent and Protect STL.) If you are interested or know someone who is interested please contact aobrecht@acsk8.org. Thank you!



Your Invitation to Adoration

If drawing closer to God is one of your resolutions for 2022, Adoration is a great opportunity to nourish that relationship with just one hour a week. Tuesdays & Thursdays

7 am to 7 pm
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RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Respect Life Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm in the School Library. The meeting with start with praying the rosary for a respect for all human life and will then commence with ordinary committee business. All are invited to join us.

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 10

6:30 am Intentions of Fr Lampe 8:00 am Ray & Eleanor Meier

12:00 pm Donna Gould

Tuesday, January 11

6:30 am Maureen Powers

8:00 am Laura Hardy

12:00 pm Bob Lueg

Wednesday, January 12

6:30 am Gloria Harrison

8:00 am Tozef Czczyczon

12:00 pm Intentions of Fr Rich

Thursday, January 13

6:30 am Emily Meyer

8:00 am Tom Blankemeyer

12:00 pm Walter Lerch

Friday, January 14

6:30 am Barbara Stewart

8:00 am Intentions of

Garrett & Lauren Luthans

12:00 pm Joan Brady

Saturday, January 15

8:00 am Mark Carroll

5:00 pm Marie Fassi

Sunday, January 16

7:00 am Lynn Feltmann

8:00 am Intentions of Donna Reinhardt

9:15 am Lloyd Sharpe

10:45 am John McGuire

12:15 pm Teddy Federer

5:30 pm Eduardo Basurco

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 16, 2022

Readers

5:00 pm R1/R2 Susan Volk 7:00 am R1/R2 Marilyn Depke

8:00 am R1 Jim Klug

R2 Larry Thiemann

9:15 am R1 Mike O'Brien

R2 Bonnie O'Brien

10:45 am R1 Jay Smith

R2 Kathi Broughton

12:15 pm R1 Janice Naumann

R2 Boris Coto

5:30 pm R1/R2 Gary Bertolucci

Servers

5:00 pm Hailey Alfonso, Jimmy Holman,

Mark Schoemehl

7:00 am Jacob & Joey Tomaszkiewicz

8:00 am Jack & Stephanie Gilman,

Elinor Hanrahan

9:15 am Allie & Ava Wright,

Cecelia King

10:45 am Emily & Ryan Trammell, Rex Diebold

12:15 pm Max Crutchfield, Everett Runnells,

Jack Zeiser

5:30 pm Eliott Grasso, Charlotte Parks,

Nolan Fitzgerald

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

January 9, 2022

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-

19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,

8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-

8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-

25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-

19/Mk 2:1-12

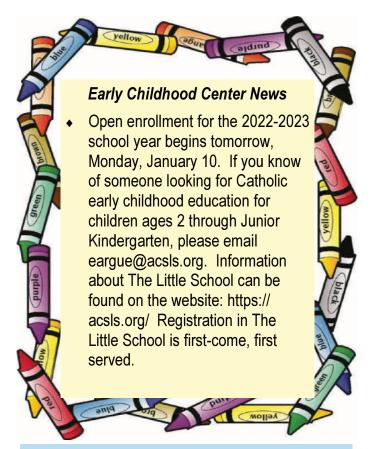
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-

5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

[3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Liturgical Publications



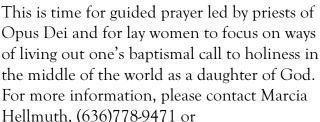
PSR News...

- ⇒ Reguar PSR Sessions this week.
- ⇒ 8th Graders will participate in a service project this week.
- ⇒ All 8th graders, please bring a loaf of bread, sandwich meat & sandwich cheese.
 Go Directly to Multi-Purpose Room for PSR on Sunday/Monday.
- ⇒ There will be NO PSR on January 16th & 17th in Honor of MLK Day.

Monthly Recollection for Women

Please join us for a day of recollection on Wednesday,

January 19, 9:30 - 11:30 am.



mbh322@msn.com

Respect Life Mass:

Please join fellow parishioners and friends for a special Mass remembering the tragic Roe v Wade decision making abortion legal in our country. The Mass will be on Friday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Church. It is important that we continue to pray for the innocent lives that need protection.

Reach Out: Next Sunday, Jan 16, is our next Reach Out collection for our brothers and sisters assisted by St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church. Please bring your donations of food including Meal-a-Month along with gently-used clothing and household items to the multipurpose room before noon. At this time, the "Rock" church can only accept food donations so clothing / household items will be delivered to St. Vincent's Parish. This would be an excellent time to donate adult or children's winter coats that have been outgrown or that are no longer being worn.

If you would like to volunteer to help the Reach Out Program or if you have questions, please call Tom Massimino (636-532-0501). "...Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."

Meal-a-Month Menu for Jan

2 packages Knorr Red Beans & Rice Envelope biscuit mix Canned mixed vegetables Canned pears Plastic bottle juice

Extras: box of powdered milk, cereal with fruit, powdered drink mixes, peanut butter, crackers, canned beans (red, black, etc)

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:

Dianne Donahue 636.532.3888.

Ascension Parish is planning a Pilgrimage to see the once-in-decade world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, July 7 – 17, 2022. This is the rescheduled trip, originally planned for 2020, but cancelled due to Covid. Join other Ascension parishioners on this faith-filled journey.

In addition to the Passion Play, you will visit Vienna, Prague, Salzburg and the amazing monasteries, chapels and abbeys that are a part of this beautiful countryside. Your adventure includes daily mass in some of the historical churches, 9 nights accommodations, daily continental breakfast, 4 dinners, and sightseeing and entry fees at the attractions included in the detailed itinerary.

If you are interested in attending, please email Franms1012@gmail.com or call 314.369.3859 for details.





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.

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)



SUNDAY ASCEND

6:30-8:45

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

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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.



WINTERFEST 2022

Saturday, January 29th 5:30pm – 8:30pm Complimentary Chili and Hotdogs

Sunday January 30th 9:00am – 2:00pm 8:30am-12:30pm Ascension School Open House Chili Cook-off (to enter your chili email carol@murphy.us)

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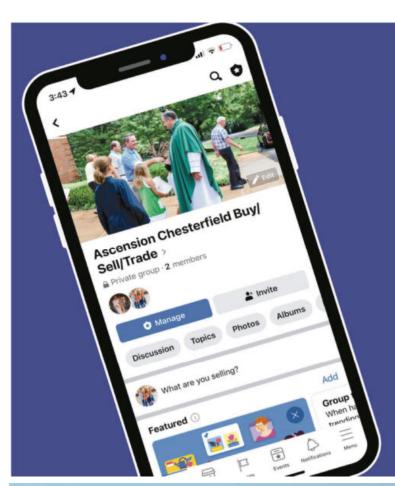
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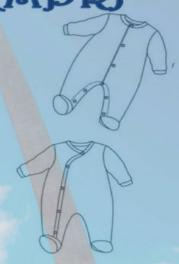
Admission is diapers, wipes, or sleepers and \$5.00 to play. This will be a fun evening of community and getting involved in your Faith.

Wine, Soda, and snacks are provided.

Don't worry if you have never played, this is a game where you can talk and throw dice at the same time.

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R.S.V.P.s are appreciated for space set up. Contact Carol Murphy, carol@murphy.us, 636.236.4520 By January 17,2022



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Ascension's Prayer Shawl Ministry knits/crochets prayer shawls and baby blankets for those who need comfort from a life altering diagnosis, mental health issue, or loss of a loved one.

To date, we've gifted 422 prayer shawls! We would love for you to join us in this ministry.

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To Visit the Sick

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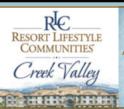


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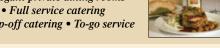


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