

A S C E N S I O N

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 😱 🔚

Special Upcoming Events

TODAY! - Reach Out Sunday January 18 – Bunco for Birthright January 19 – Recollection for Women January 20 – Casseroles due January 29 & 30 – Winterfest January 30 – School Open House March 2 – Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

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 **February 8th** 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 Text or call Bev 314-249-5865 brwilson777@outlook.com

Generosity of Treasure

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

December, 2021

Offertory Collection:

451 Online Giving Gifts	1,76	61 Envelopes
December Total:	\$	407,916.16
Fiscal Year-to-date Total:	\$	1,392,252.23

Collection vs. Contributions Goal:

Fiscal Year-to-date Goal:\$ 1,266,100.00Actual as a % of Goal:110.0%

Year-to-date Totals:

Ordinary Income \$		2,708,266.51
(Offertory, Tuitions,	Gifts)	
Ordinary Expenses	\$	2,110,350.22
Capital Expenses	\$	142,029.89

Special Collections in December:

\$ 750.00
\$ 1,835.00
\$ 8,405.00
\$ 2,447.00
\$ \$

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

LET GO OF YOUR FEARS

Casserole Bakers

Casseroles are due this Thursday, January 20th. Thanks for feeding the poor and homeless at Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen. To join casserole bakers, please call Joann Barnes (636-537-2392).

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

Ascension Parish Team

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Monday, January 17 6:30 am Lee Fasching 8:00 am Virginio Fuentes 12:00 pm Madeline Reuther Tuesday, January 18 6:30 am Karen Kastel 8:00 am Ioan Bockerstette (SM) 12:00 pm Jerry Barnes Wednesday, January 19 6:30 am James L Gerling 8:00 am Betty Sue Carney 12:00 pm Poor Souls Thursday, January 20 6:30 am Intentions of Fr Rich 8:00 am Bob O'Brien 12:00 pm Mary Lou Francis Friday, January 21 6:30 am Dorothy Keeney 8:00 am Emil & Joann Hellmuth (ASM) 12:00 pm Mel Trotier Saturday, January 22 8:00 am John Roberts 5:00 pm Jerry Borgers Sunday, January 23 7:00 am For Parish Family 8:00 am Intentions of Joe & Shari Hoette 9:15 am Jim Callahan 10:45 am Intentions of Josh & Stephanie Coffman 12:15 pm Jim Cittadino 5:30 pm Maureen Powers

SM* (School Mass) ASM* (All School Mass)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR Sunday, January 23, 2022

Readers

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5:00 pm	R1/R2 Lois Callaghan
7:00 am	R1/R2 Karen Adams
8:00 am	R1 Mary Jo O'Connell
	R2 Barb Takavitz
9:15 am	R1 Katherine Hipp
	R2 Pat Mohrman
10:45 am	R1 Christine Eilerman
	R2 Chris Foeldi
12:15 pm	R1 Gary Sharpe
	R2 Spanish Reader
5:30 pm	R1/R2 Ken Dorn
Servers	
5:00 pm	Evelyn & George Dean,
	Isabella Mahoney
7:00 am	Nolan Gladson, Patrick Ozbun
8:00 am	Katherine Kirsch, Juliana Malpiedi,
	Jenna Waters
9:15 am	Kate Cerny, Maggie Leahy,
	Charlie Wagner
10:45 am	Nolan Fitzgerald, Zach Munro,
	Patrick Donaldson

- 12:15 pm Dan & Kennedy O'Reilly, Will Nunnelee
- 5:30 pm Stella & Brady Vogt, Eliza Thompson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

	January 16, 2022
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
	and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
	Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b,
	2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
	10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
	Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-
	3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
	15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
	Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
	Liturgical Publications

Early Childhood Center News

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- The Little School is closed Monday, January 17, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is currently being accepted. The Little School offers Catholic early childhood education for children ages 2 through Junior Kindergarten. Information about The Little School can be found on the website: https://acsls.org/ Please email eargue@acsls.org if you have questions.
- Please consider eating at PAPA JOHNS in Chesterfield Valley this Thursday, January 20. (1670 Clarkson Rd, Chesterfield. 636-537-5416) Up to 25% will be donated back to The Little School! Please use PROMO CODE SSA005. Thank you in advance for your support.

Monthly Recollection for Women

Please join us for a day of recollection on Wednesday,



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

This is time for guided prayer led by priests of Opus Dei and for lay women to focus on ways of living out one's baptismal call to holiness in the middle of the world as a daughter of God.

For more information, please contact Marcia Hellmuth, (636)778-9471 or 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.

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. PSR News...

- ⇒ There will be NO PSR on January 16th & 17th in Honor of MLK Day.
- ⇒ Confirmation Candidates worked hard last week and we delivered 600 sandwiches to Peter & Paul Community Services! Well Done. They were served for lunch and dinner.
- ⇒ PSR delivered 185 pounds of your Halloween candy to the Missionaries of Charity. Thank you for your generosity! The candy will be distributed to those in need who frequent their facility.
- ⇒ Confirmation Event on prayer will be on Wednesday, January 19th. Candidates please gather in the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 pm.
- ⇒ First Communicants Looking Ahead: First Communion Bread Service will be on Thursday, February 24th. Gather in the Main Church at 6:30 pm. Families are welcome, but for sure the First Communicant and at least one parent should be present.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS ΑVΑΠ

STARTING JANUARY 18, 2022

Looking for a scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
 All Catholic high schools
 Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis
- Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG

Deadline is February 28th, 2022.



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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

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

> > follow us @ascensiongram

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.

Men's Awakening will be meeting • We are currently Saturday mornings. studying Scott Hahn's program. "From Genesis to Jesus", The program was produced by the St Paul Center for Biblical Theology. Meetings will be held in the Parish Hall and by ZOOM. The Hall/zoom opens at 6 am, with the program starting at 6:30 am and will be running through March 26. If you missed a few sessions, don't worry, you can join the group any time. For more information, contact David Kevs: dkeys2001@hotmail.com or Chris Foeldi: cfoeldi@asc.church.



January 29. 2022 5:30pm-8:30pm Sunday January 30. 2022 9:00am-2:00pm

It's Time to Stop Hiding Our Talents and Embrace Our Gifts!!

Chili cook-off: Show off your Chili cooking skills

Kids Cookie decorating table * Ascension Commissions and Ministries

Tables in the Gym will showcase the Commissions and their ministries/ organizations at Ascension Parish. *Something for everyonel* Come find out more about these groups and see if your talent or time fits their needs and your desires. While visiting the other ministries feel free to tour

> Ascension School & Little School Open House Sunday ~ 9:00am -12:00pm

Saturday: Chili, Hotdogs and drinks Sunday: Chili tasting/judging, hotdogs, coffee and hot chocolate and Kids cookie decorating corner

COME EXPLORE THE TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND GOODNESS OF YOU & THE CHURCH COMMUNITY!!

Contact Carol Murphy, carol@murphy.us to sign up for the chili cook-off on Sunday or to reserve your mission/organization table

ROSES FOR LIFE

This year, instead of asking you all to sign a rose for life to be delivered to our lawmakers, we ask you to take a rose home with you as a reminder to pray for an end to abortion. Each rose is stamped with the website:

www.9daysforlife.com, sponsored by the USCCB. This novena starts on January 19th and runs through the 27th. Each day, just open the email and read the prayer. Divine Mercy Chaplet cards and prayer cards are also available.

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.

CLUB 150 RETURNS IN 2022:

Last year, Club 150 raised nearly \$15,000 for local charities and provided \$10,000 to Ascension Parish and School. The effort continues into this year, with each \$150 raffle ticket entering into three \$500 award drawings and one \$3,000 grand prize drawing. Visit the Knights of Columbus website at www.ascensionkofc.org for more information and to complete a form.

Reach Out: Today, Sunday, Jan 16, is our 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 Multi-Purpose 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 January

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)

Pray the Rosary with us!

- 7:30 am Monday Saturday
- 11:30 am Tuesday for Vocations
- 11:30 am Thursday with Legion of Mary for Healing

All in the Main Church

Bunco for Birthright

Tugaday January 18, 2022 7:00pm

Multipurpose Room (MPR)

WINGS (Women in God's Service)

Come join us for the Annual Bunco for Birthright. 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. Just Rolling Fun!

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

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Please join us as we gather together for delicious bread and meatless soups dinner. Dinner hosted by the Ascension Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. This supper is **free** to everyone so please invite your family and friends to this special event. This is an excellent way to begin the Lenten Season.



Date: Wednesday, March 02, 2022 Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Place: Ascension MPR



We will be serving three different meatless soups: tomato, clam chowder and vegetable. Fresh bread donated by Bob & Bev Menendez, Sunset 44 Bistro & Banquet. Beverages: Ice Tea, Lemonade and Coffee.

Any questions please contact Rosanna Beenitez 636-346-7790 or Sandy Politte 314-226-3980

We will have a donation box out for anyone who would like to make a free will offering to those in need.



more info or to register: ASCENSIONATHLETICASSOCIATION.ORG Want to Donate Furniture?

Trying to dispose of some useable, no longer needed furniture? Many poor people are in need of usable furniture. So rather than trash it, here is a more honorable option: Dorothy, from St Cronan's SVDP Conference has a ministry focused on providing furniture to Neighbors in Need throughout the city.

If you are downsizing, upgrading, moving a parent into a assisted living or looking to repurpose furniture, just call Dorothy at 314-803-1858. Please allow for a 2 week window for pick-up.

To Visit the Sick

If a parishioner should have to enter the hospital for any reason, please have a family member call the Parish Office and do not rely only on the hospital to inform us.



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