



Church of the Ascension

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April 17, 2022

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

LET US
rejoice
AND BE
glad!

Psalm 118

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Mission Statement

Committed to build, strengthen, and nurture the Body of Christ.

Our community welcomes all who come through our doors to worship and seek spiritual nourishment. As a Stewardship parish, we respect and embrace an individual's time, talent and treasure. To join our faith community, please contact the office.

Weekend Collection

April 2 - 3



Attendance:	642
Plate:	\$10,758
ACH:	\$ 9,598
Total:	\$20,356

Average Weekly Plate Income:
\$13,962

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office at 480-837-1066 to have a name to be added or removed from either list.



Richard Arvizu, Astrid Asche, Joan Asche, Patti Beers, Ann Blakely, Lorraine Brady, Molly Campbell, Cameron Collins, Charles Cooper, Basil Cousins, John Diggins, Darlene Dyrhaug, Tom Elliott, Karen Fjeldheim, Jim Gannon, Cindy Germscheid, John Greenwood, Gary Hollar, Juanita Hollar, Traci Jacobs, Ken Jeschke, Carol Jones, Jim Kelly, Richard Mars, Anthony Mazzucchi, Jim McCarthy, Ramona McCarthy, Fr. Larry McCarty, Konnie Middleton, Larry Milano, Lynn Milano, Carol Moloney, Dennis Parks, Denise Petzinger, Diana Philip, Melvin Philip, Teresa Roberg, Patricia Sanagorsky, Robert Sanagorsky, Christian Sawatzky, Dennis Sparks, Jessica Swearingen, Lance Swearingen, Jackie Teale, Linda Travis, Lynn Tupy, Philomena Weyell, Judy Wiggins, Rose Zeidas, and Roxanne Zeidas



Remember...

It's time to bring back your family's Lent Rice Bowl.



The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, April 18th in observance of Easter

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Nagel, Brian R., Capt., USAF
Nagel, David M., Capt., Army
Travis, Adam, Lt. Col., AZ National Guard

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WEEKLY PRAYER



+ = Deceased Loved One
♥ = Wedding Anniversary
* = Living Intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35
- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

16-Saturday	7:30 pm	+Kathleen Kousouris
17-Sunday	6:30 am	People of the Parish
	8:00 am	+William Ayers
	10:00 am	+Ziggy Gampe
18-Monday	8:00 am	+Casey Vilandre
19-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Mildred Casadei
20-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Charles Koenig
21-Thursday	8:00 am	+John Reichert
22-Friday	8:00 am	+Marge Colbert
23-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Gaylord Bovee
24-Sunday	8:00 am	+Tony Blazejewski
	10:00 am	People of the Parish

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2022

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter; St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter; St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Alleluia, Christ is risen! What a glorious and holy day. The resurrection of Christ speaks of freedom, new life, restored faith and enduring, unconditional love. The huge stone, separating death and life, has been moved, allowing God's radiant power to usher in eternal life. When we see the truth of Christ's resurrection through eyes of love, we see the fullness of timeless beauty, truth, and wonder revealed. The emptiness of the tomb is filled with the eternity of love. We have many stones and boulders blocking the path to freedom, love, and joy. They are often too big for us to move, and they cripple us. We can take a leap of faith today and believe with all our heart, mind, and soul that there is much more than can be seen by the naked eye. There is something very holy, sacred, and eternal stirring within us. We want to live forever! Christ's resurrection brings us joy and allows us to see ourselves as we are meant to be seen, as God's children destined for glory!



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)



PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)



GOSPEL

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.

GET INVOLVED

Ascension Picnic 2022

Was held at Golden Eagle Park on Sunday, April 3rd. Thank you all for coming, we couldn't have done it without you.



Meet the MANA House Raffle Quilt Winner!

Congratulations Diane Smith! The Matthew

Community raised \$1100 for MANA House through the raffle and announced the winner at the Annual Picnic.

MATTHEW COMMUNITY

Weekender Bags

Food Bags for the month of March totaled 156 bags for a total cost of \$858

Thank you for your continued support throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

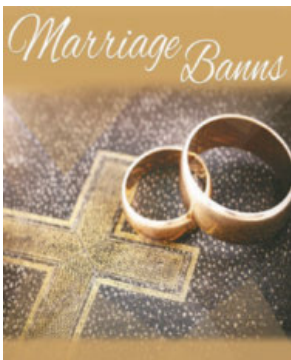
Thank you,
The Matthew Community



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Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us for a beautiful celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 24th at 3:00 beginning with Mass, Exposition & Benediction, and prayers.



April Weddings

April 23

Ronald Fett & Janet Pickle

The Church of the Ascension Pastoral Council is Looking for a Few Parishioners!

Spring is the time of year when the Pastoral Council invites interested Parishioners to consider their gifts and talents, to advise the Council of your willingness to become a Council member.

If you are interested in learning more about the Pastoral Council and how we work, you are welcome to observe the Council in action at this upcoming meeting:

Monday, April 25, 2022

7:00 PM in the Conference Room

In order to properly accommodate everyone wishing to attend, please contact the President or Vice President of the Council and leave your name and telephone number no later than Friday before the meeting.

President: Karen Ramos 480-532-0310

Vice President: Amy Butler-Kobylka 480-785-6000

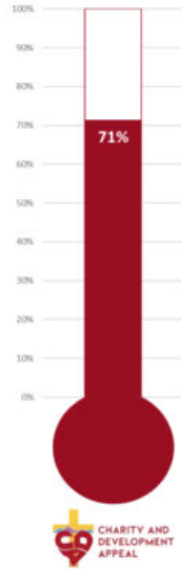
As of 04/07/2022

Parish Goal:
\$77,000

Current: \$54,854

Family Participation:
261 out of 829;

Current Participation
31%



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For more information regarding Religious Education at Ascension contact Virginia O'Brien in the parish office at email: familyfaith@ascensionfh.org or at 480-837-1066.

Welcome to our newly baptized child and congratulations to the family

*Bear Brown Cuff
son of*

Ryan and Shannon Cuff

*Their Son was baptized on
Sunday, April 9th, 2022*



Fruits of Holy Communion

Question:

What are the "fruits" of holy Communion?

Answer:

The Eucharist, like all sacraments, offers its own unique grace. We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life.

The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holy Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life.

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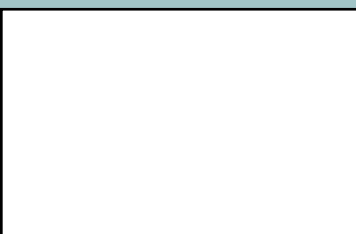
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