



Parish Mission Statement

We of Ascension Church are a welcoming and caring family who come together in Christ's name, actively sharing our faith through worship, education and ministry to one another and our community

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

December 26, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 12/26 8:30 AM	People of the Parish
12/26 11:00 AM	+Will Washburn
12/26 5:00 PM	+Marsha Hale
Monday, 12/27	No Mass
Tuesday, 12/28	No Mass
Wednesday, 12/29	No Mass
Thursday, 12/30	No Mass
Friday, 12/31	No Mass
Saturday 1/1 9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 1/2 8:30 AM	People of the Parish
1/2 11:00 AM	+Mary Campbell
1/2 5:00 PM	+John Held

Please join us for the Rosary half hour before each Mass

Confession times: Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm

By appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS, JANUARY 2022

- 1/2 No CRE, EDGE, or LIFETEEN
 1/4 RCIA, Room 4, 6:30 PM
 1/6 Bible Study (Luke 17-19) 7:00 PM
 1/9 CRE (PK-6) 9:45 AM
 Take down Christmas Decorations after 11:00 AM Mass
 Synod Listening Session-MS/HS Youth, 5:00 PM
 1/11 RCIA, Room 4, 6:30 PM
 Knights of Columbus, 7:00 PM
 1/12 Synod Listening Session, Women of the Parish, 6:30 PM (PH)
 University of Dayton Class, Room 4, 6:00 PM
 1/13 Bible Study (Luke 20-21), 7:00 PM (Last Session until Lent)
 1/17 Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), Pope Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center
 1/16 CRE (PK-6) 9:45 AM
 EDGE (Grades 7-8) 5:00 PM
 LIFETEEN (Grades 9-12) 7:00 PM
 1/17 Synod Listening Session, Parish Council, 7:00 PM
 1/18 RCIA, Room 4, 6:30 PM
 1/19 University of Dayton Class, Room 4, 6:00 PM
 1/23 CRE (PK-6) 9:45 AM
 EDGE (Grades 7-8) 5:00 PM
 LIFETEEN (Grades 9-12) 7:00 PM
 1/25 RCIA, Room 4, 6:30 PM
 Synod Listening Session, Men of the Parish, 7:00 PM (PH)
 1/26 Ascension Women's Club Meeting, Parish Hall, 6:00 PM
 University of Dayton Class, Room 4, 6:00 PM
 1/29 K of C Chili Cookoff and Trivia Night, 5:00 PM
 1/30 CRE (PK-6) 9:45 AM
 EDGE (Grades 7-8) 5:00 PM
 LIFETEEN (Grades 9-12) 7:00 PM
 1/31 Finance Council Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:00 PM

Please note days the church office will be closed:

December 27th and December 30th—January 3rd

Collection Totals 12/11-12

General: \$5,558.00 CCC: \$300.00
Christmas: \$50.00 Imm. Conception: \$ 235.00
Flowers: \$190.00 Religious Retirement: \$1366.00
Online: \$565.00

Totals from 12/18-19 to be in upcoming bulletin

SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 in you Mary placed her trust;
 with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 show yourself a father
 and guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
 and defend us from every evil.**



ADORATION HOURS AVAILABLE

Thursdays: 1-2pm, 2-3pm 3-4pm
 Fridays: 11-12 noon and 5-6pm

31 CLUB—PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

- 12/26 Perkins Family
 12/27 Helen Boley, Susan Bowles
 12/28 Joan Phillips, Vic Stallard
 12/29 Duggan Family
 12/30 Cathie Perry
 12/31 Brittane Anania
 1/1 Joan Zappitelli
 1/2 Wanita Hutchins, Patty Jones

Homebound: Janet Albright, Katherine Albright, Harry Cramer, Christine DeHaven, Gaynell Funk, Daryl Haid, Sheryl Hipple, Jack Hipple, Steve Kappa, Joe Maddox, John Moran, Tom Robinson, Joyce Voorhees, Bunny Weiskircher, Joe Weiskircher, Tony Williams

Nursing Home: Serina Baker, Ray Bolyard, Leta Burgess, Mike Goff, Carol Grandbouche, Patricia Grey, Virginia Groves, Rose May, Barbara McCormick, Buz McCormick, Michael McDonald, Helen Sherman, Ann Stricker, Stella Yeager

Other: Delaney Galvin, Renee Garber, Scarlett Griffin, Hannah McDonald, Jim Nauman, Karen Nowviskie, Jim O'Connor, Jacqueline Portillo, Bob Siebel, Grace Taylor, Christian Walroth, Nathaniel Weiskircher

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next meeting date: 12/28



ASCENSION WOMEN'S CLUB

Follow the NEW FB Page @Ascension Women's Club

BACKPACK PROJECT REQUESTS: Canned Fruit, Nutrigrain bars, Mac & Cheese Family-sized boxes, Juice boxes, Pop Tarts, Fruit cups, Hot Chocolate packets, Canned Pasta (please, no peanut-based products)

One of the club's members received news about a child we service through the "Backpack Buddies" program. She has been recently adopted. She told her new mother that if it were not for the backpacks, she would not have eaten on weekends.

THANK YOU to all who so generously participated in our Christmas Blessings program! We were able to sponsor 24 complete families with clothing and toys/gift items for each child, a family gift, a toiletries basket and food box. Thank you for supporting this great advent tradition in the parish.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD REQUESTS:

Toiletries, especially toothbrushes

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

This city, beginning with the letter "P," has the second highest number of relics in the world (the Vatican is #1): *Paris, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Prague*

Last week's answer: **Emmanuel** means "God is with us."

GENERAL TRIVIA

The only state capital city that borders another country: *Bismarck, Juneau, Montpelier, Santa Fe*

Last week's answer: *Prospero and Antonio* are two main characters in **The Tempest**.

WINTER SPORTS ATHLETES

We will publish the names of our middle and senior high school athletes in the January 9 bulletin. Please email Fr. Bill with the name(s) of your children who are participating in the following sports this season:

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Swimming
- Wrestling

Thank you!

"CATHOLIC BELIEFS"

This six-week course is being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). This is a LIVE course which is being held at Ascension Parish in Hurricane, WV, on six consecutive Wednesdays from January 12 – February 16, 2022, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. This course will enable the student to appreciate the function of doctrine and the process of theology through which doctrines develop in the Roman Catholic Tradition. In addition, students will develop the skills to articulate personal beliefs, explain the role and function of faith in theology, and describe the role of the catechist in passing on the tradition. The course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. The Diocese pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the book associated with the course. The course instructor is Gerri Wright, a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish and the Director of the Pope Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center.

To register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org with your name, address, and phone number.

Please refer any questions relating to the course content to Gerri Wright at gwright@dwc.org.



Holy Family and Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 26th, 2021

Opening Hymn Hark! the Herald Angel Sings

Verses

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -

1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,

1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the

1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
2. God - head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as

1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915.

Gloria

Mass of Heritage

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayers; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings com

fort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1: 38

R. Alleluia

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Gospel Luke 2: 41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Away in a Manger

Holy

R. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

R. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen

R. Amen

The Lord's Prayer


Lamb of God

R. Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. (Repeat) (3rd time) Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.


Communion Hymn

Angels we have Heard on High

Verses



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.

Reflection O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Concluding Rites

Closing Hymn Go Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry -
where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

Verses

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

1. Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925, alt.
Music: Spiritual.

Annual License Renewal, Category E average weekly attendance 401 to 700. A-722727 for Jul 01, 2020 - Jun 30, 2021
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