



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

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 2, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 1/2 8:30 AM	People of the Parish
11:00 AM	+ Mary Campbell
5:00 PM	+ John Held
Monday 1/3 12:00 PM	A. J. Corsaro
Tuesday 1/4 9:00 AM	Willene Ingram Family
Wednesday 1/5	No Mass
Thursday 1/6 6:30 PM	People of the Parish
Friday 1/7 9:00 AM	+ Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Tyler, Sr.
Saturday 1/8 4:30 PM	+ Betty Pittenger
Sunday 1/9 8:30 AM	+ Gerald Schornack
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS, JANUARY 8-9

- 4:30 PM N. Dawson (L), B. Matheny (EM), E. & G. Williams (AS), L. & L. Johnson (G)
- 8:30 AM Ab. Rock (L), B. Haynes (EM), E. Cienas, T. Haynes (AS), J. & V. Ballengee (G)
- 11:00 AM A. Newman (L), M. Sacco (EM), P. Jones, M. Pezzano (AS), M. & M. Trimble (G)

Please note days the church office will be closed January 3rd

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.



31 CLUB—PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

- 1/2 Wanita Hutchins, Patty Jones
- 1/3 Jeff and Shirlene McCormick
- 1/4 Jeri McDonald
- 1/5 Martha Blankenhorn
- 1/6 Becky Dunn
- 1/7 Huey and Cathy Lovejoy
- 1/8 Maureen Ryan
- 1/9 Martina Hart

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 Nowvickie, Jim O'Connor, Jacqueline Portillo, Bob Siebel, Grace Taylor, Christian Walroth, Nathaniel Weiskircher

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next meeting dates:

1/11 & 1/25



CATHOLIC TRIVIA We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on the Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Family. However, the original date of the feast is: *January 1, January 6, January 10, January 19*

*Last week's answer: **Pittsburgh** is the city with the second largest collection of relics. There are about 5,000 located in Saint Anthony Chapel.*

ASCENSION WOMEN'S CLUB

Follow the NEW FB Page @Ascension Women's Club

Backpack Program 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)

GENERAL TRIVIA According to the Chinese calendar, 2022 is the year of the ____: *Horse, Ox, Rat, Tiger*

*Last week's answer: **Juneau** is the only state capital city that borders another country (Canada).*

WINTER SPORTS ATHLETES

We will publish the names of our middle and senior high school athletes in next week's 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

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Toiletries, especially toothbrushes and toothpaste.

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ADORATION HOURS AVAILABLE

Thursdays: 1-2pm, 2-3pm 3-4pm



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS, JANUARY 1-8

Marylynn Antoine	Fr. Neil Buchlein
Teresa Cook	Kendra Grant
Jennifer Nelson	Sue Setter
Ashley Thompson	Kevin Thompson
Lori Zachwieja	

"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.



Epiphany of the Lord January 2nd, 2022

Opening Hymn Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: CM with repeats: based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1764-1748, alt.
Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759;
adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace, 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., have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us, 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

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 1: 38

R. Alleluia

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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

We Three Kings

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

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say, Was to cer -

1. tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where_ they

1. lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night_ that was_

1. so deep. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

Reflection O Sacrament Most Holy

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

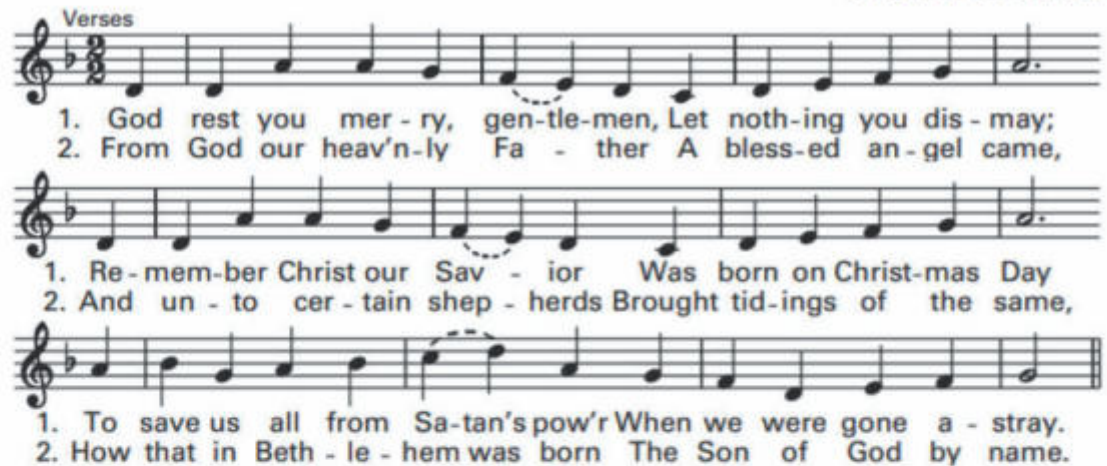
Concluding Rites

Closing Hymn

God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman


GOD REST YOU MERRY

Verses



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came,
1. Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day
2. And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
1. To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
2. How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.

Refrain



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and
joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

Text: 86 86 86 with refrain; trad. English carol, 18th cent.
Music: Trad. English carol; melody fr. *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1846.

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

Annual License with podcasting | E, 401 to 700 average weekend attendance.

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