

A Note From Monsignor

Lent is a time for prayer, penance and charity. The Church encourages all of us to a greater awareness and practice of these necessary elements of this holy season. Please consider coming to daily Mass during Lent. In addition to Mass, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday evening of Lent beginning at 7 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Little Church is open 24/7 for individual prayer and meditation, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on every Thursday from 8:15 am—8 pm. Please pray this Lent for all the special intentions of our parish, Archdiocese and Universal Church.



A spirit of penance must accompany any Lenten devotion. We are reminded to observe the fast and abstinence rules for Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent. We place special emphasis on this expectation on Good Friday. Remember that this is but the minimum. We should all make a resolution to do something extra. Maybe you will give something up that is special to you. Maybe you will try to do something health related like giving up alcohol or tobacco. Maybe you will try eating in a more healthy manner with exercise involved.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered throughout the Lenten season. Please make a **“Good Confession”** during this Lent.

Christian charity is to be extended to any and all. Perhaps there is a special cause or charity that appeals to you. The Archdiocese sponsors many particular charities. Certainly one of them could benefit from your Lenten resolutions and action. Operation Rice Bowl is one of the many opportunities to practice the virtue of charity. Rice Bowl collection boxes are available in the Church.

Servers Needed For Holy Week

We are in the process of making our schedule for Altar Servers for Holy Thursday, April 1st and Good Friday, April 2nd. If you would like to offer your services for 7 PM either day, please call the Rectory (532-3304).

Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed each Friday evening of Lent at 7 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Main Church.

Universal Lenten

Directions

Are printed here in order that we may be reminded of what is expected of all Catholics for all the days of Lent.



1. Abstinence from meat (totally meatless days) is observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older (no upper age limit) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between 18 and 59. Those who are bound by this eat only one full meal; two smaller meals are taken to maintain strength according to each one's needs.

3. Fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is not obligatory but recommended most strongly; if fasting is not observed, some other form of self-denial is obligatory not from Church direction but from Christ's command.

4. Prayer is especially necessary to maintain the perspective of penance and to keep the motivation spiritual. Some substantial time must be given to prayer each day.

5. Almsgiving or charity is necessary to maintain and intensify the movement of the soul away from self-centeredness. A substantial donation of monetary funds and/or time and/or personal effort must be given to those in need.

Tuition Assistance

Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2010/11 school year **must obtain a “FACTS” application from the Rectory.** Students must attend a Parochial Elementary School or an Archdiocesan, Regional or Parochial High School to be eligible. The due date for the application is April 1, 2010 and must include a copy of your 2009 Income Tax Return. Grants for the 2010/11 school year are made possible through the generosity of the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Catholic Education Office appreciates the support of the ACA and all of its donors.

To Visit The Sick

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

Parish Staff Directory

The Parish Elementary School: 636.532.1151
Parish School of Religion: 636.532.1136
Early Childhood Center: 636.532.3375
Youth Ministry: 636.532.1995
Adult Faith Formation: 636.532.9344
Parish Office: 636.532.3304
Parish Council:
Mrs. Bridget Nations – 636.530.9433
Liturgical Music:
Mr. Ralph Winn – 636.537.2001

Parish Organizations

Ambassadors:
Mrs. Betty Seeney – 636.532.1864
Athletic Association:
Mr. Peter Lane – 636.519.0001
Boy Scout Troop #597:
Mr. Jerry Nowak – 636.465.3035
Cub Scout Troop #597:
Mr. Paul Hoffman – 636.230.8602
Girl Scouts:
Mrs. Suzanne Antonaros – 636.625.2446
Knights of Columbus:
Mr. Bernie Schmidt – 636.532.8186
Respect Life:
Mrs. Jane Winters – 636.537.8406
Reach Out:
Mrs. Kathy Massimino – 636.532.0501
School Board President:
Mr. John Schwarz – 636.537.9798
School Fathers' Club:
Mr. Norm Waterwiese – 636.532.3637
School Mothers' Club:
Mrs. Joanie Frank – 636.536.2001
Squires Circle:
John Gouveia—636.728.1139
St. Vincent DePaul Society:
Rectory – 636.532.3304
Ushers:
Mr. Tony Ambrose – 636.537.2360
Venture Crew:
Mr. Bill Imming—636.530.9694



Monday, March 15

6:30 am Shirley Goldman
8:00 am Marie H. Imming
8:45 am Sam Zito

Tuesday, March 16

6:30 am Thomas Wall
8:00 am Olszewski/Echele Families
8:45 am Marianne Thum

Wednesday, March 17

6:30 am L. R. Rozycki
8:00 am Jim Delsing
8:45 pm Paul Linhoff

Thursday, March 18

6:30 am Helen Loretta Tasch
8:00 am Murphy/Carroll Families
8:45 am Eleanor Mohen

Friday, March 19

6:30 am The Healing of the
Baur/Thum Families
8:00 am Intentions of Lauren Horn
8:45 am Intentions of Margaret Imming

Saturday, March 20

8:00 am St. Vincent dePaul Society Members
5:00 pm Lawrence Brinkman

Sunday, March 21

7:00 am Special Intention
8:00 am For Parish Family
9:15 am Intentions of Bill Keppner
10:45 am Special Intention
12:15 pm Nancy Kramer
5:30 pm David & Valeria Meyer

Eucharistic Adoration

The Eucharist is reserved for private prayer in both the big and little Churches. The Little Church remains open 24 hours a day every day for those who wish to visit the Lord and pray. The Legion of 200 is an informal organization of parishioners and others who pledge regular, weekly visits to the Lord in the Little Church; there are no meetings. The visit is recorded by signature cards located near the rear of the Little Church.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR
SUNDAY, March 21, 2010

Readers

5:00 pm	R1 Kurt Studt
	R2 Elizabeth Bresnahan
7:00 am	R1/R2 Steve Joehl
8:00 am	R1 Gerard Marshall
	R2 Barbara Kelly
9:15 am	R1 Barbara McLaurine
	R2 Jack Giebe
10:45 am	R1 Pam Miller
	R2 Bob Francesconi
12:15 pm	R1 Edward Rolwes
	R2 Joe DeLuca
5:30 pm	R1 Gary Bertolucci
	R2 Marc Fernan

Servers

5:00 pm	Ashley Glickert, Briget & Padraic Hennessey
7:00 am	Tyler & Claire Borst, Jack Piephoff
8:00 am	Lucy Gavlick, Megan & Will Imming
9:15 am	Annie, Alison & Amy Federer
10:45 am	Jack McFerron, Colleen & Corey O'Connor
12:15 pm	Connor & Liam FitzGerald, Kalie Moloney
5:30 pm	David Prost, Jack & Nina Theobald

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 14th, 2010

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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Dear Parishioners:



The Knights of Columbus has been actively engaged in striving to Build a Better World since its establishment by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Conn., 128 years ago.

You and your family can be part of that effort right here at Ascension by considering joining the Knights of Columbus. This group of Catholic men and their families has become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. Last year Knights throughout the world gave more than \$150 million and more than 70 million hours of volunteer service to a broad range of Church, community, family and youth charities, programs and activities.

At every level -- in the Vatican and right here in St. Louis and Ascension, the Knights of Columbus stand in support of the Church and priests. Whether it is restoring the Maderno Atrium and the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica or Seminarian support; whether it is taking the lead in evangelization on a global scale or sponsoring a family hour of prayer at this church, the odds are you will find that the helping hands are those of the Knights. For example, right here in Chesterfield, the Knights have the Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Challenged.

Currently the Knights of Columbus is conducting a special membership campaign under the theme of Building a Better World One Council at a Time. The Knights have a goal. They are working to invite every eligible Catholic man and his family to join them in their efforts. Next week, they will be in our parish collecting names of parishioners who would like to learn more about membership in the Order.

I encourage you to provide them with your name, attend the informational meeting on Sunday March 21st after all Masses in the Multi-Purpose Room and join them in their good works! Our Church needs the Knights. Our families need the Knights. The Knights need you!

*Yours in Christ,
Monsignor Dennis Stehly*

St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting

This month's meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Ascension will be held on Saturday, March 20th, after the 8:00 **am** Mass. The meeting will be brief and will be held in the Parish Hall behind our Little Church. We will then bag cookies for St. Patrick's Center. We have committed to 900 cookies a month. Come join us! New members are welcome. A big thank you to all non-members who generously donate cookies for our dispersal. Members please don't forget your cookies.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Next class for new or prospective parents is April 13th, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Before Baptism, parents are requested to attend. Parents may attend any time during pregnancy. The class is offered monthly. Baptisms must be scheduled three weeks in advance. Please notify one of the priests if you are coming (532.3304).

II. PARISH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Ascension School News

This week, Daylight Savings Time begins. It's always a messenger of impending Springtime when the daylight hours lengthen, and the long-awaited green buds begin the mighty push towards the sunlight. Imagine the forces of nature and the energy and vibrancy of that emerging plant, against all odds, stretching towards the sun. At Ascension School, the children reflect the spirit of anticipation and growth, change and renewal. Lent is a perfect mirror of hopeful waiting. Remembering the many sacrifices that Jesus made for all of us, we look forward to the eventual triumph of Life over death. Just like the early spring bulbs that will eventually emerge in the sunshine and warmth, our Faith and Hope grows and is nurtured by our daily reflections on the Sacred Scriptures. We begin each morning at school with a reflection from "A Lenten Journey with Jesus...Prayerful Steps for Each Day". We pray the Stations of the Cross together on Fridays. Each day, we add a footstep to our school hall decoration that is tracing our steps towards Calvary with Jesus. Waiting is often slow and difficult, but the eventual joy is worth the wait.

Casserole Bakers

Casseroles are due Thursday, March 18th. Thank you for feeding God's poor! If interested, please call Joann

PSR News

There will be no PSR classes on March 14th, and 15th because of Spring Break in Parkway and Rockwood School Districts. Enjoy your vacation but remember to bring Jesus along!

On Monday, March 29th, at 4:30 p.m., there will be an opportunity for PSR students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with their families. All PSR families are encouraged to come. Attendance at this reconciliation service will count as a make up for one unexcused absence for Sunday and Tuesday students. **It's a great chance to clean up our souls!** Monday Kindergarten and 1st grades will have class as usual. Other Monday grades will attend the service with their families or with their catechists if parents are not free to attend with them. Those attending with family will be excused after they have completed their prayer in church. Catechists will dismiss the rest at regular dismissal time.

Please continue to pray for our First Communion and Confirmation candidates.

Athletic Association Swap Meet

HEY! Got any sporting equipment and/or uniforms that are just collecting dust? Need to find another home for these other than in your closet, drawer, attic, garage, or even under the bed? Well, have we got an opportunity for you! The Ascension Athletic Association is hosting a swap meet for just this purpose. Bring in your "gently" used items for sale or to horse-trade with a fellow enthusiast. **We don't care what the sport is as long as you can get the stuff through the door. THIS IS NOT A DROP-OFF EVENT!** Anything left unattended at the close of the day will be donated to a local charity.

The event is intended to provide a venue for our players and their families to purchase and/or exchange sporting equipment and uniforms. It will be held on Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. For additional information, feel free to contact Cindy Munich by email (tmunich@charter.net) or phone (519.1689). We will be accepting a "give from your heart" donation to be sent to a local charity.

Protecting God's Children Workshop

To find a class locations and times use the Archdiocesan website: www.archstl.org.

Youth Ministry

www.ascensionyouthministry.org

youthministry@ascensionchesterfield.org

Focus

All high school teens are invited to join us this Sunday night for the 5:30 pm Mass, followed by snacks, fun, games, prayer, and other cool happenings in the Parish Hall. We end around 8:45 pm. Our theme this semester is "Be Transformed."

Jump-Start Mondays

Join us this Monday night from 7-9 pm at Kaldi's in the Valley just to check in, hang out, and have fun. Feel free to bring homework if you want.

Steubenville

Our spots for this amazing weekend in Springfield, Missouri, are filling up quickly, so make sure to get your registration form and \$75 deposit turned in quickly. The dates are July 16-18 and the total cost is \$215.

Christpower 2010 is Here!

Christpower registration has begun! There are a limited number of spots for this weeklong service retreat June 20-26. We stay at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and go to service sites across St. Louis. A flyer with more details and registration form are online and will be in next week's bulletin!

Lent Prayer Night

High school teens are invited to join us this Wednesday night from 7-8:30 pm in the basement of the Little Church for an awesome night of prayer and friends!

Legion of Mary

Come explore the opportunities Legion of Mary is bringing to our parish.

- Place: Parish Hall
- Date: Every Saturday morning
- Time: 8:45 am (following Mass & Rosary in Main Church)

Please come and join us!

Power Volleyball

The spring session of Sunday Night Power Volleyball starts on April 11th and goes through June 27th from 7:00-10:00 pm. Good skills are required as USAV rules are enforced. Come out and enjoy the fun. The cost is \$25. For more information, call Ray Cook (314.610.8987).

Adult Faith

adultfaith@ascensionchesterfield.org

532.9344

Women's Faith Sharing Group

Women's Faith Sharing Group will not meet this week due to our monthly WINGS event (See flyer for details). The next time we will meet will be March 25 and the topic will be the Wedding at Cana. We would like to encourage you to come, learn and share with us during this Lenten season. Please contact Diane Ruzicka at dmrcar@earthlink.net for more information.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

We will be meeting this week and will be discussing Matthew Session 17 from 7:00-8:45 pm in the Parish Hall.

Men's Fellowship

Men's 55 Minute Fellowship will be meeting this Thursday at 7:00 am in the Parish Hall and will be discussing the Mass reading for the day.

K of C Basketball Free-Throw Championship District Results

The Ascension Knights of Columbus Council would like to thank all the Ascension boys and girls who participated in the Basketball Free-Throw Championship at the District Level of competition.

District winners at St. Richard's on January 31st from Ascension are as follows: Bridget Carter was the 10-year-old girls' champion. In the 14 year-old bracket, Madeline Childs was the girls' champion and Drew Miller was the boys' champion. Each of the above District winners were invited to compete in the Regional competition which was held on Sunday, February 21st at Noon at Duchesne High School in St. Charles.

The Missouri State Competition will be held at the Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, MO on Sunday, March 21st at noon.

Congratulations to all the Ascension boys and girls who participated in the Basketball Free-Throw Championship at the Council and District Level. We look forward to seeing the District winners at the Regional and State competition.

Ascension Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayers or know of someone who is hurting, please call and we will pray. Sue Schultz, 314.878.7086 or Florence Flynn, 532.0842.

The Year of The Priest

Pope Benedict XVI has designated this year as "The Year for Priests." In celebration of this event, please join the entire Ascension Parish family in praying for our priests of Ascension Parish. Wednesday, March 24, 2010, has been set aside as a day for each of us to pray for Monsignor Dennis Stehly, Fr. Brian Hecktor, and Fr. Matthew O'Toole. Please keep them in your prayers on this special day.

Calling All Preschoolers—Enroll Now!

The ASCENSION EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER (The Little School) is accepting registration for the 2010-11 school year as well as Summer Camp 2010! Visit our website for information about programs offered and download Registration Forms - <http://littleschool.ascensionchesterfield.org>

Post Abortion Healing

Project Rachel, the post-abortion healing ministry of the Archdiocese, is hosting a day-long retreat focusing on spiritual direction and prayerful reflection for women wounded by abortion. The retreat is held in a private, home-like setting. Location information is kept confidential and shared only with those who are registered to attend. To register or to learn more, please contact Marisol Pfaff (314.792.7451) or ihnpfaff@swbell.net.

Bagels & Donuts/AAP Collection Day

Sunday, the 21st, is our next Bagels & Donuts Sunday-Adopt/A/Platoon Collection Day sponsored by Ascension's Knights of Columbus. We hope to see you all in the Multi-Purpose Room following the 7, 8 and 9:15 Masses. Great way to jump-start your day!!

Pro-Life Mass

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants monthly Mass will be at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 20 at the Cathedral Basilica. A prayerful witnessing will follow at the abortion facility at Forest Park and Boyle. Those unable to make the walk may remain in the Cathedral and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to take part in this witness for life.

Lost & Found

Please check Lost & Found for lost articles. Items will be sent to Reach Out after a period of time.

Catholic Employment Network (CEN)

Some Words of Wisdom

In the weekly *Executive Session with ExecuNet Founder and CEO Dave Opton* teleconference for members, advice for how to stay motivated during job search was a discussion point.

"Get out from behind computer," urged Opton. "The big trap is sitting behind the computer firing off emails and résumés. That is not how to expand your personal network. "Eighty percent of life is just showing up. So get out of the house; go to (at least) a monthly networking event and bring a friend. It's a low-risk opportunity to expand your network and become more comfortable with how you present yourself."...it's common to lose motivation during job search, particularly "when you are doing all the things you think you should be doing and not getting positive results." But Opton reminds us that it's not about you, and working with an executive coach could present new perspective. "Coaches don't have the emotional investment you do, so they can step back and help you look at the structure and approach it differently. "Stepping away from job seeking and taking the time to volunteer and get involved in new activities has also proven helpful on a few different levels. "Show up. Show up more than once and give people a chance to know you," recommended Opton. "You're not there for business cards, and it also keeps you mentally engaged. It won't make every day warm and wonderful, but it's better than sitting at home."

Employed parishioners, please note:

If you're in a hiring capacity, check out qualified CEN candidates on our Mini Resume Directory website: www.aen.mustbehere.com ... AND let your business associates, HR Department, friends know about the website.

If you're looking for employment, visit the CEN website www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org and sign up for our twice-weekly CEN emails which include networking events, job leads, job seeker advice. AND look into the CEN parishes that hold support group meetings. Ascension's is the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7 pm in the Little Church basement. Registration not required - just come!

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Sunday March 21st

7:45 AM – 2:00 PM

K of C Open House and Reception!

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (K of C),
LADIES AUXILIARY, AND THE COLUMBIAN
SQUIRES IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR
ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE PROJECTS!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR
COOKIES, JUICE AND COFFEE WHILE YOU
LEARN ABOUT THE WORKS, FUN AND
REWARDS ENJOYED BY THE MEMBERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHILE SERVING
ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH.

MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
EXPLAIN AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

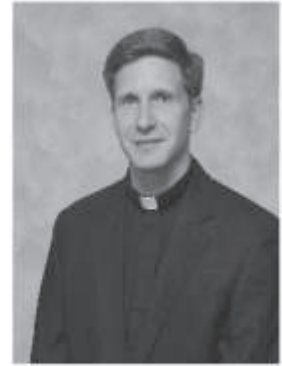
PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A
MEMBER!!!!!!

WE NEED YOU!



WINGS

Women In God's Service



W.I.N.G.S is a ministry which aspires to foster spiritual friendship among ladies of all ages and life stages, as we seek to fully live and enjoy our roles as Catholic women.

W.I.N.G.S meets once each month in the
Parish Hall from **9:30-11:00am**.

Breakfast and coffee are provided. Childcare is available.

Please join us this month on **Thursday, March 18**
for a morning of fellowship and inspiration.

Our very own Fr. Hecktor will be speaking on
Prayer and Penance,
and offering the sacrament of Reconciliation.
What a perfect opportunity to prepare our hearts
for Holy Week!

We look forward to seeing you there.

For childcare, please RSVP to Christine Schmidt
christinetschmidt@yahoo.com