

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.

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.

Children’s Envelope Alert

Please be certain your child’s name is written on their Sunday envelope every week. It is essential to crediting the children for their donation.

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.

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.

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.

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:
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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 Waterweise – 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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 1

6:30 am Irene Erickson
8:00 am Morgenthaler Family
8:45 am Deceased Relatives & Friends
of Parishioners

Tuesday, March 2

6:30 am Gwen Huels
8:00 am Family of Lydia Saenger
8:45 am Brooks/Schneider Families

Wednesday, March 3

6:30 am Special Intention (NT)
8:00 am Helen Gaoteofe
8:45 pm Successful Chemotherapy

Thursday, March 4

6:30 am Special Intention (TB)
8:00 am Floyd T. Wuellner
8:45 am Benefactors of Parish

Friday, March 5

6:30 am Special Intention (MS & TS)
8:00 am Charles Kloecker
8:45 am Intentions of Ambassadors

Saturday, March 6

8:00 am Tom Mooney
5:00 pm Joan Marie Scherer

Sunday, March 7

7:00 am For Healing
8:00 am Special Intention
9:15 am Rose Bandielli
10:45 am For Parish Family
12:15 pm Nancy Kramer
5:30 pm Special Intention

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 7, 2010

Readers

- 5:00 pm R1 Bob Buck
R2 Robert Cummiskey
7:00 am R1/R2 Jan Lukas
8:00 am R1 Joe Gallagher
R2 Bob Kalinich
9:15 am R1 Pat Mohrman
R2 Jim Brockland
10:45 am R1 Kathi Broughton
R2 Celeste Schattnik
12:15 pm R1 Bridget Nations
R2 Ann Bardgett
5:30 pm R1 Philip Nahlik
R2 Paul Hoffman

Servers

- 5:00 pm David & Tim Buback, Maggie Atkinson
7:00 am Patrick Rice, Daniel & Lauren Wacker
8:00 am Kaelie & Keenan O'Reilly, Christopher White
9:15 am Alison, Nicole & Ryan Zink
10:45 am Bridget Adler, Paul Hofstetter, Andrew Prather
12:15 pm Kevin Church, Katie & Elizabeth Nations
5:30 pm Ethan Lichvar, Jack & Nina Theobald

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 28th, 2010

- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or
3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/
Lk 13:1-9

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I. PARISH MEETINGS

Ambassador News

Our regular meeting is First Friday, March 5th, beginning with Mass at 8:45 am in the Little Church followed by our meeting in the Parish Hall. New Seniors please join us.

Athletic Association Meeting

The next general meeting of the Ascension Athletic Association will be Tuesday, March 9th, at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. All interested Ascension sports enthusiasts are invited and encouraged to attend. Please come to learn about, and support, our efforts for the children of Ascension Parish.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Next class for new or prospective parents is March 9th, 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

February draws to a close today, and March is literally just around the corner. March is the perfect month to represent *waiting*. We are patiently (or not so patiently) **waiting for springtime, but it's not here yet.** We are waiting for warmer weather and more sunshine, but it **hasn't arrived yet.** We are waiting for an end to snow showers and a beginning of crocuses and daffodils peeping cautiously from their earthy beds, but not just yet. Waiting is difficult. Waiting takes both patience and perseverance. We know that all of these events will **take place, but not yet.** That's why March is a perfect month for Lent. We are waiting. We will commemorate Jesus' supreme sacrifice for us, but not yet. We will move away from the solemn, quiet days and look to the joyous, happy days, but not yet. Eventually the days will brighten, and the earth will soften to allow new growth, and the breezes will warm. Eventually we will realize that our small sacrifices are good for us, and they help us to build strength and character. Eventually, we will make our hearts ready for a glorious resurrection, but **not just yet...**

PSR News

This Thursday, March 4th, 5th graders and their parents will meet in the Main Church at 7 pm for a Lenten Journey to Jerusalem with Jesus.

Next Saturday, March 6th, Confirmation candidates will meet from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Eighth graders will be excused from class on March 7th and 8th.

Please continue to pray for our First Communion and Confirmation candidates and persevere in your Lenten practices.

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>

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.

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.

Adult Faith

Please pray for the women who will be attending their CRHP Renewal Weekend this coming Saturday and Sunday. See the flyer for more details.

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.

Wednesday Morning Group We will continue to meet throughout Lent in the Parish Hall from 9:30-11:30 am. Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be meeting this week and will be discussing Matthew (Session 15) which will cover Matthew Chapter 16 from 7:00-8:45 pm in the Parish Hall.

Thursday Morning Women's (Mom's) Fellowship will be meeting this Thursday from 9:45-11:30 am in the Parish Hall. We will be concluding our current series and will discuss the next series. You don't have to be familiar with the series to attend. Child-care is available.

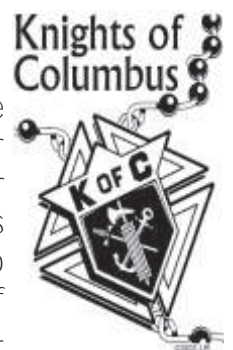
Adult Faith Formation - Contact Chris Foeldi (532.9344) with any questions.

Poverty Supper A Success

The Ladies Auxiliary of The Knights of Columbus want to thank all who helped make our Annual Ash Wednesday Poverty Supper a success -- generous Sponsors, Ladies of the Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, School Children, PSR Children, Ascension parents, Confirmation Candidates, Dave Sommerhauser and his crew and the Bulletin, School and PSR Staffs. Last but not least, a special thanks to all the parishioners that attended the Poverty Supper. All the proceeds will go toward the many charities that we sponsor.

Are You...A Male 18 Years Or Older?

Do you have the feeling that you are not contributing enough to your church and community?? Consider sharing your good fortune and talents by giving of yourself!! Don't feel so left out! - say Yes to this opportunity of joining the Knights of Columbus Ascension Council. Attend the Ascension Knights of Columbus Open House/Information Day on Sunday March 21st in the Multi-Purpose Room after all morning Masses! For advance information, please call Mel Trotier (532.3647) or mtrucky@aol.com.



Youth Ministry

www.ascensionyouthministry.org
youthministry@ascensionchesterfield.org

Prayers Needed

The weekend of February 26-28, 55 8th graders will participate in the 13th annual Luke 18 Retreat at Ascension led by a team of almost 50 high school teens. Please pray that the Holy Spirit is poured out as our 8th graders prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation!

Focus

No Focus Sunday, February 28, due to Luke 18 this weekend!

Jump-Start Mondays at Kaldi's

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 2010

We have now reserved a limited number of spots for the Steubenville Youth Conference July 16-18. Reserve a spot for your teen on this life-changing weekend with your registration form (available online) and a \$75 deposit. The total cost for the weekend at Missouri State is \$215 and consists of awesome music, great speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confessions, and an amazing atmosphere with 3100 teenagers!!

Lent Prayer Night

This Lent high school teens are invited to join us every Wednesday night from 7-8:30 pm in the basement of the Little Church to pray with each other and get ready for Easter.

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 Mary Brewer (532.1699).



Girl Scout Sunday, March 14th

Please join us for Girl Scout Sunday Mass on March 14th during 12:15 Mass. We will have a small reception in the MPR following Mass. If you or someone in your troop has received a religious award, please notify Karey Phenehy at kpheney@att.net so that we can recognize the

High School Scholarships

The Ladies Auxilliary of Ascension Knights of Columbus is sponsoring two \$1,000 scholarships, good for any Catholic High School. The first scholarship is open to all eighth graders. The second is for current high school students. WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Your parents must be registered members of Ascension. Any eighth grader or high school student, regardless of the school that you are now attending, may enter. This includes entrants and recipients for the past years. WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO? You need to fill out an entry form, write an essay entitled, "What Does A Catholic Education Mean To Me?" Obtain a letter of recommendation from your principal or a teacher. Bring all these items in an envelope to the Rectory no later than March 26, 2010. These scholarships are based solely on your essay, your activities, and the recommendation. We do not question grades or family finances. Ascension School and PSR will receive applications. If you home school or attend school elsewhere, please call Barb Kelly (394.0073) or Suzie Marx (532.0685) for an entry form.

The Legion of Mary is Coming to Ascension

We are honored to announce that The Legion of Mary is coming to Ascension. Are you already doing corporal works of mercy within the parish, but feel the desire to meet, pray and add a spiritual dimension to your ministry with fellow parishioners? Would you like to get involved in a parish activity honoring our Blessed Mother through prayer and charitable acts of kindness? Then please join us for a meeting to learn more about the Legion of Mary on Saturday, March 13, 8:45 am in the Parish Hall. A representative from the Legion of Mary Holy Infant will join us to answer questions. Any questions, please contact Mary Rose Schuster, mschu12@yahoo.com, (532.1011), or Jan Lukas, janpsr@aol.com, (532.1136).

FoodBank Volunteers

Anyone wishing to begin monthly service (first Wednesday of each month from 9 until noon) to the FoodBank in Earth City should meet at the Rectory parking lot this Wednesday, March 3rd at 8:30 am. Please call Deb Klug (530.4582) if you are coming.

Reach Out Sunday

Sunday, March 21st is our next Reach Out Sunday for our brothers and sisters served by MAT Social Ministry. We thank the Knights for their help in passing out our Meal-A-Month menus.

Meal-A-Month for March is:

- 1–2 cans of Tuna
- Box Tuna Helper
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned pears
- Can evaporated milk (for Tuna Helper)
- Iced Tea mix

Extras:

Large jar of peanut butter, large can of deviled ham, box of Saltine Crackers, a few envelopes of presweetened drink mixes, large box of unsweetened cereal containing fruit such as Raisin Bran.

Golf Registration

Ascension Golf registration has begun. All students 2nd–8th grade are invited to play. Please go to the Ascension Athletic website and download a registration form under the Golf heading. Forms should be returned to the Rectory by March 1st. For questions, please contact Cindy Munich at ctmunich@charter.net.

Lenten First Friday Vigil, March 5th

We offer our prayers to all Priests especially our Parish Priests and their Associates in support of the “YEAR of the PRIESTS”. Please join us for First Friday and First Saturday all night vigil which will be held at the Ascension Church in Chesterfield, All Saints Church in University City, and St. Anthony of Padua in Quincy, Illinois starting at 7:30 pm or after Stations of the Cross then Holy Mass for the Sacred Heart is at 8:30 pm. All night confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament allow worshippers to spend time with our Lord and the Blessed Mother. First Saturday Holy Mass is at 12:00 am. The Communion of Reparation vigil provides the all-important elements necessary to restore holiness and unity in the home, parish, diocese, and society. The Vigil is sponsored by the Alliance of the Two Hearts under the auspices of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For more info, please contact Mary Hodge (532.0337), Emy Joson (314/452.5609), and Ruby Casino (314/283.7123).

Attention All Crafters!!

Calling all Knitters, Crotchetier, and Crafters!! Bring your projects and join us in the Parish Hall at 12:30 on Wednesday, March 10th, for some prayer, sharing of ideas, suggestions of projects for charity, help with your work—whatever!! It’s fun, please come help us make a difference in somebody’s day. Saint Polycarp wants you.

Catholic Employment Network (CEN)

Getting on with your Life... You’re out of work – where do you start? Perhaps some of the tips below will help you prepare for starting over after the bad news:

Stay positive: Job loss isn’t a personal judgment, but a fact of life. Negative thinking about your abilities is counterproductive.

Hide the credit cards: Don’t build up credit card debt. If you’ve set aside a rainy day fund, use it.

Clip coupons: Become one of those people who drive you crazy at the checkout – and save money.

Avoid liquid cures: Neither the solution nor an escape. Use your new-found spare time wisely.

Network: The best way to find a new job is often how you found your first job – through friends and other people in your field.

Create solutions: Many companies out-source work to independent contractors. Your skills might be used on long or short-term jobs.

Remember, God is on your side!!!

JOB OPENINGS NEEDED!!! If you are a parishioner who is aware of a job opportunity, please let us know by emailing jobleads@catholicemploymentnetwork.org. We continue to have numerous unemployed/under-employed who may qualify for the open position.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT??? If you are unemployed and would like further details, contact us:

Office 636-530-9017

Jack Cerrone, Chairman (H)636-532-5912

Shirley Valentino, Office (H)636-536-1054

email aen@ascensionchesterfield.org

website www.aen.mustbehere.com



2010 Lenten Series - Pick up your Cross and follow me will not be meeting this Friday due to it being the First Friday when The Alliance of the Two Hearts gather for worship.

03/12/2010 - Fr. Gregory Lockwood, a Lutheran convert and married priest speaks about his journey into Catholicism.

03/19/2010 - Fr Noah Waldman, who is a convert from Judaism to Catholicism speaks about "Nicodemus and me."



03/26/2010 - Patty Schneier, a radio host and national guest speaker speaks about "Unlocking the Treasure" in our Catholic Faith.

These Lenten Speakers will be sensitive to the fact that children may be present.

Men, Women and Couples

Would you be interested in attending a one day workshop at Ascension? Several people has suggested that we have a one day workshop at Ascension and now we are assessing what kind of workshop would meet your needs. Please fill out the information below and either leave in the collection basket at Mass or mail to Church of the Ascension.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Workshop Interest: (Please circle any that apply to you)

Men's Workshop Women's Workshop Couples Workshop

Days that work best for me (us)

Week Days (Which Day)

Saturday