



The Dome

ASCENSION CHURCH OF OAK PARK

*A Stewardship Parish, Sharing Our God-Given Gifts in Service
April 3, 2011, Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Light

Take time this week to reflect and pray over today's Reading's: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-4,1,6-9,13-17,34-38

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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To help you prepare for the Fourth Sunday in Lent: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 3-7,17,20-27,33b-45



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Lent This Week

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday, April 4, 7:00 PM

EVENING PRAYER

Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 8, 7:30 PM

LENTEN PROJECT

Got A Dollar? - Guatemala!

LENTEN CROSSES

Household Activities for Every Family

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving for the poor

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 PM Saturday; 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,
5:00 PM Sunday

ROSARY

Monday through Friday, 7:45 AM

DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday, 8:15 AM

CONFESSION

Saturday, 4:00 – 4:30 PM, or by appointment

PRAYER AND REFLECTION ONLINE

- Daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org/nab
- www.sacredspace.ie
- www.pray-as-you-go.org
- www.30goodminutes.org
- <http://www.franciscanmedia.org/sections/stw/default.aspx>
- www.word.op.org
- www.wordonfire.org



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Infant & Toddler Care is available
during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses in the
Cry Room of the Church.

From the Pastor

DEAR FAMILY OF ASCENSION,

Lenten Greetings!

I have some great and wonderful news to share with you. Dan Lawler, our Youth Minister, is back with us full time, effective this past Friday, April 1. We were able to re-instate Dan for a variety of reasons, but the top two would be generosity and keeping our weekly operating costs down. Please look for a more detailed explanation shortly, but for now, this is very, very good news. Thanks Dan for “hanging in there/hanging out with us” during this crunch time. I also want to thank the parish teens and adults who came forward with helping hands during this time. Thanks, everyone, for your support of our Youth Minister Dan and our Youth Ministry Program. We can move on now in ministering and caring for the youth of our parish, the future of the Church— but as they say, “the future is now!”

Thanks to our Peace and Justice Committee for sponsoring last Thursday evening’s Oak Park Candidates’ Forum. It was good to put faces to the names on the posters all over the village. The meeting was informative and well-organized and well-run by our Peace and Justice Committee, and it was done in a very fair way, so that all present were able to address the questions/concerns. I was enlightened last week as I have been by past Oak Park Forums.

I would like to thank Lynn Fredrick, Mark Winters and all our chefs and excellent wait-staff for last Friday’s Lenten Fish-fry. Although I was unable to be there, I heard wonderful feedback on the delicious and plentiful food and all the friendly socialization that went on. Thanks to one and all.

On behalf of the 8:15 a.m. Mass group and myself, I would like to thank Anonymous for the Daily Petition book that was left for us. I use it daily and it so well fits the Scriptures of the Day. Whoever you are, thank you!

Thank you to our parishioners who participated in last Monday’s Formation Night concerning the new edition of the Roman Missal over at St. Giles. It was a good and informative evening with Todd Williamson’s explanation and answering of concerns. Please look in the months ahead for what we will be doing here at Ascension to help everyone understand the new Roman Missal.

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The clout-heavy owners of Park Grill, known for their variety of hot-dogs and for getting out of having to pay property taxes on their restaurant, may be looking to get out. No one is saying why they want to pitch a "For Sale" sign, but something is up. Perhaps the government is investigating their "hot-doggin'" antics.

As we begin the 4th Week of Lent, please remember this week we have additional opportunities for public worship. Monday April 4 at 7 p.m. we will celebrate our annual Lenten Reconciliation Service. As in the past, we will have a Word Service followed by the Individual Rite of Reconciliation, and closing with prayer and song. We will have number of priest-confessors with us this night to help us celebrate the sacramental forgiveness of our Lord. On Tuesday the 5th, we will have our weekly Lenten Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.. On Friday the 8th, the traditional Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:30 p.m.. Please continue to look through our DOME for the many possibilities for Almsgiving this week.

On a totally different subject, Saturday night April 9 at 8 p.m., Ascension's The Not Ready for Pine Room Players present *Songs in the Key of Daley* (a variety show of parochial proportion) in our Pine Room. Tickets are available here in the Parish Center and at the door on the 9th. All proceeds benefit our Ascension Lenten Project. A cash bar will be available. I have enjoyed the past Variety Shows and I am looking forward to this year's show. Please join us.

I hope you have noticed that the box tower in the vestibule of the church is beginning to fill up with your various acts of service. We are certainly off to a good start towards reaching 100,000 hours of service. As you can see, you do not have to use the provided forms in the pews. Your home-made ones are just fine! You can drop your acts of service in the tower or just drop them in the offertory basket as it passes you by. You are so compassionate and wonderful with your acts of service within our parish as well as outside it, whether large or small, major or minor. May God bless you for your goodness! Please be on the outlook for more "Spotlight on Service" sharings in the DOME in the weeks and months ahead.

I am glad that Spring has arrived for lots of reasons, especially baseball. But, I am also glad Spring 2011 is here on a practical level. With the blizzard and all the other snow-storms, our snow plowing bill was an extra \$6,200+. Ouch!

Elsewhere in our DOME is last week's offertory collection summary. Thank you for your generosity, especially as we bring Dan back. Thank you for ALL that you do for our Family of Ascension.

Well, now. Until July 1st I am also on-call to help at St. Mary of Celle Parish, in Berwyn, as part of a priest funeral team. St. Mary of Celle has a new Administrator, Fr. Bill Stenzel, a wonderful priest who was ordained two years ahead of me. He is also a pastor of one of the biggest southwest side parishes of the archdiocese, St. Bede the Venerable. I can't imagine how in the world can he do both until July. So I am "on" to help with the funerals there. But know that Ascension always will come first if I get called to St. Eulalia for a weekend Mass or a funeral at St. Mary of Celle. I am glad to help these parishes, but it is frustrating for me that the Vatican hierarchy, knowing the serious problems that the decrease in the celibate male priesthood causes, refuses to discuss or even think about "out of the box" options on how to serve the growing Catholic population, most especially our sacramental life. God the Holy Spirit, guide us and enlighten us!

I pray for you every day.

A Wheeling woman was overjoyed about her new Adidas shoes and in her excitement, jumped for joy but then she took a major tumble. She is suing the shoe company saying her shoes stuck together. I guess this shows it is not always good to go 'head over heel' in showing excitement.

Have a good and holy Fourth Week of Lent.

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



Lenten Crosses— Decorating Your Cross

We know from the life of Jesus that the cross does not always end in death. We believe there is a life beyond the cross, a life that is stronger than death. This week, our task is to adorn our crosses in such a way that this essential tenet of our faith becomes visible in them.

It is difficult to look beyond the cross. It is so heavy, so difficult, so draining of my strength, my joy, my spirit. As I've worked with my cross these past weeks, I could not imagine what I would use as decoration. Right now I can't even envision the new life it holds for me. I have just finally decided what holds it together. I will need to reflect a bit longer in order to decide what I will use to decorate it. Perhaps, if nothing comes to mind I might choose a seed, or a bud—something that holds within it a strong potential, even if I don't recognize what it will become. For those who can see the new life beginning to break through your cross, your task this week might be much easier. The thing about carrying a cross is that we are all at different stages in our journey. Let us look to those who have hope and let those who have hope invite us into it.

There are several different suggestions in the Lenten Crosses booklet for how to decorate **your** cross. Take some time to pray and reflect on this part of the journey. Know that your sisters and brothers of Ascension join you in this activity. Let us pray for one another this week.

You are invited to bring your cross to the Pine Room on April 10. It will be displayed alongside of others from the parish. If you choose, you can fill in the yellow insert page to identify your cross or just display it anonymously.

Christine Ondrla

Got a Dollar?—GUATEMALA!

Last Wednesday was my grandson's birthday. He received many wonderful gifts. He added them to a house full of good things. He is very blessed. The children of Guatemala have many blessings but materials things are not among them.

Maria Enriquez and Mario Ramirez and their three children lost their home in the flooding and mudslides following Tropical Storm Agatha in May 2010. They now live in a house made of corrugated steel and plywood. They are planning to work with Common Hope to get a permanent home, depending on where they can find land they can afford and isn't at risk for future flooding.

Maria works as a domestic and Mario works as a baker. Neither of them has more than a third grade education. Their oldest daughter, Karen, is just starting sixth grade this year. This can present a number of challenges for a family, since Karen can't rely on her parents for homework help, and because some parents can feel intimidated by their child surpassing them in school. Common Hope works with teenagers and their parents to negotiate this complicated situation.

Many Guatemalan families cannot afford the school fees to send their children to school. It is possible to sponsor a child for a year so they can attend school through Common Hope, hundreds of children are on the waiting list for sponsors. See www.commonhope.org. Your donations to the Lenten Project can help children like Karen continue to attend school and to live in safe homes.

We don't know when Karen's birthday is. Happily, children connected with common hope receive a special gift for their birthdays. The contribution for one of these gifts is \$20. Add up the ages of all the children in your family. In gratitude for the many blessings in their lives, can you contribute \$1 for each year?

Christine Ondrla

Thank You

Sincere thanks to all of you who came to my aid when I fainted last Sunday at the 11:00 Mass. Your faces were blurry and your names unclear, but your compassion was easily felt. You are in my prayers.

Claudia Hallissey



My experience of service has impacted my past life, my present, and definitely my future. During a specific period of my life, I was experiencing extreme emotional pain. I had a broken heart. The pain was terrible; a constant burning that did not seem to go away until I met my “prayer partner.”

The day I started working with Shirley was the day my spiritual connection began. Every day we started to pray together. She is the reason that my faith is as strong as it is today. She taught me to never give up, and to fight the fight of faith! She taught me to walk by faith and not by sight!

She was on a mission, a service mission, to make me feel better. And it was definitely a mission accomplished! Although we do not work together anymore, every morning we share a prayer with each other. We learn to thank God and believe in the power of prayer. She always taught me when two people are praying for the same end result, it has to come true! I am strong and I am blessed to have Shirley in my life. She sacrificed her patience and her time to teach me how faith can move mountains. She continues to be my angel; and in return I learn to spread my wings in my own life to help people.

Gia Gnolfo, parishioner, daughter of Ascension maintenance man, Michael Gnolfo, and biggest fan of Farther Larry

Yes, these “on the job” Acts of Service really do count towards our 100,000 goal!

Blessing for Ascension Gardeners and their Gardens



With winter receding from our consciousness as God’s greenery is everywhere bursting forth those parishioners planting their family gardens are encouraged to gather for a few minutes of spiritual reflection.

At 10 AM, Saturday April 16, Fr. McNally will bless seeds, gardening implements and gardeners for the growing season that has begun. Please attend this service with your family and a meaningful item for your garden to be blessed.

Footwashers Wanted

Each year the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper includes the washing of feet, in response to Jesus’ command that we serve each other in this way. At Ascension, everyone is invited to have their feet washed. This means we need several people to carry the bowls and pitchers in the procession and to begin the washing of the feet. Adults and high-school teens are welcome to sign up alone or in pairs. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by a parent. Anyone who has ever done this in the past has found it to be a moving experience. If you would like to be part of this ministry on Holy Thursday, please contact Vicky Tufano at 434-1533 or vtufano@ascensionchurch.com and leave your name, phone number and/or email address. You will need to attend a rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, April 17, at 2:30; Mass of the Lord’s Supper is Holy Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 pm.

And They Knew Him in the Breaking of the Bread

On Saturday morning, April 16, 115 children preparing for First Eucharist will gather in the Pine Room. Together with parents and catechists, they will participate in baking bread and other activities which will focus on The Eucharist. They will end the morning with a Prayer Service in church at 10:30 AM. All parishioners are invited to join us for both of these joyful events. If you know a child preparing for First Eucharist and would like to send a card to him or her, please address it in care of the Religious Ed Office.

April Book Club Selection

Mary's Song: Living Her Timeless Prayer, by Sr. Mary Catherine Nolan, O.P. This slim book (126 pages) has become a classic in translating Mary's words into a message applicable to contemporary times. It leads us on a journey through Mary's prophetic song of praise. You will never read the Magnificat the same way. Sr. Mary Catherine is a theologian, a spiritual director, a writer and advocate for peace and justice in our times. She has been honored for her work in promoting justice for farmers in Minnesota. An added bonus to reading this book is that the author will be making a presentation sponsored by Adult Formation on May 3rd. The book may be purchased at the Book Table for about \$11. It will take about week for it to come.

Religious Education classes will resume on Sunday, April 3; Tuesday, April 5; and Wednesday, April 6. We hope you had an enjoyable Spring Break.

Rainbows for All God's Children

Please join us for an information meeting about how the Rainbows program can help a child who is grieving a death, divorce or other life-altering crisis. We will meet in the Pine Room on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm. The five facilitators who have recently been trained will be available to answer your questions about how the program can help your child/ren. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please call Christine Ondrla at 708-848-3099.

Men's Spiritual Formation Group Meeting

All men of the parish are invited to join us Saturday, April 16th at 7:30 am in the Pine Room. We get together to support each other and share our experiences in living a Christian life. We talk, laugh, pray, sing, read Scripture, reflect. Our goal is to support one another by creating an atmosphere of fellowship and community. Come join us as we complete our Lenten season preparations for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. New comers are always welcome.



Girl Scout Mass



This year's Girl Scout Sunday Mass will take place April 10th during the 11:00 mass. All Girl Scouts of the parish, young and old, are welcome to process into Mass together and join in hospitality following mass in the gym. The Girl Scouts will be collecting toiletries for PADS. A basket will be placed in the vestibule of the church for your donations. Please direct any questions to Rita Atwood at atwood14@comcast.net or call 708-328-9662.

***Operation Rice Bowl Update
Fourth Week of Lent:
See as God Sees***

In today's Gospel, Jesus recognizes the blind man as one who has been made in God's image and likeness. Jesus demonstrated God's goodness to all by healing the blind man. By giving to Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we support health programs in Honduras and around the world, which continue the healing work of Jesus and demonstrate God's love for all of our human family.

School Openings

Ascension's Blue Ribbon School has openings in morning and afternoon classes for 3 year-olds, and in its afternoon class for 4 year-olds. There are also openings in other grades. The school website www.ascension-school.com has information and registration forms. Call 386-7282 to find out more.

Thank You Ascension!

Thank you to the members of the parish, and especially this year's Confirmation Class, for donating sweatshirts and other outer clothing that have been given to those detained at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Broadview, IL. Many detainees have no warm clothing and are being deported to their home countries, or released wearing only thin tee shirts and shorts. Through your generosity, we have been able to give over 100 pieces of clothing to the agents in charge.

Kate Kinser, parishioner

Good Friday Men's Choir

All men of the parish, high school age and older are encouraged to join the Good Friday Men's Choir. We sing at the Solemn Good Friday Celebration at 7:30 p.m. on Good Friday (April 22). We rehearse on the two Sunday afternoons before Good Friday. Please join us. Our goal is to have 40 men sing this year!

Rehearsals are on Sunday April 10 & 17 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. in the choir loft of church. Questions? Contact David Anderson danderson@ascensionchurch.com

CROP HUNGER WALK 2011

CROP WALK this year will be May 1. For newcomers to the parish: CROP WALK was started in Oak Park in 1983, and Ascension has been participating since 1984. This past year some 2,000 U.S. communities joined together in 15,999 CROP Hunger Walks and raised \$14.3 million to help end hunger at home and around the world.

Last year Ascension raised \$11,135.00 in our CROP WALK. 25% of the money raised stays locally to fund OPRF Food, Pine Avenue Food, Forest Park Food, Proviso Food, Columbus Park Food, and St. Eulalia ECHO Food Pantries; plus West Suburban PADS, the Cluster Tutoring Program and OPRF Walk-in Ministry. These are all worthy causes.

Soon you will see someone at the back of Church, or in front of the Church, or you may get a phone call, or a piece of mail asking that you become a Walker or contribute towards other walkers from the parish. More details on that later. Please consider walking this year or becoming a sponsor.

***Engaging in Ethical and Respectful Dialogue
in Service to the Church
An Application of the Principles of Cardinal Bernardin
Wednesday, April 6th, 7:30 PM, Pine Room***

Feast of Faith

THE SECOND READING

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

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Tavern Theology at Molly Malone's

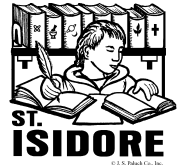
All adults are welcome to join the Fenwick Young Alumni and Campus Ministry for Tavern Theology, where adults come together to delve deep into spiritual and theological subjects of today. Join us at Molly Malone's Irish Pub in Forest Park every third Tuesday of the month. Our topic this month be "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: Reflections on Bunnies, Beer, and the Bible" by Fr. Andy McAlpin, O.P., Fenwick's Director of Campus Ministry. Join us for fellowship, drink specials, and some serious spiritual growth.

Readings for the Week

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	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Feast Days

Monday:	St. Isidore
Tuesday:	St. Vincent Ferrer
Thursday:	St. John Baptist de la Salle



BAPTISMS



Welcomed into the Family of God
and the Ascension Family in March:

Drew Patrick Brice

Child of Daniel & Ashley Brice

Giovanni Anthony Carrera

Child of Epifanio & Elvia Carrera

Jenevieve Pearl Castaneda

Child of John & Jacqueline Castaneda

Christian Travis Lark

Child of William & Leah Lark

April Gisele Poleski

Child of Matthew & Wendy Poleski

Matthew Brian Poleski

Child of Matthew & Wendy Poleski

Conor Mitchel Quinn

Child of Tony & Diane Quinn

Mass Attendance

Mass Attendance1427

Financial Update

Total Weekly Offering \$15,249.00

Weekly Need..... \$19,275.00



YTD Budget \$751,725.00

YTD Offering \$703,549.50

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Ascension Parish is entirely funded by private donations. Thank you for your kind and generous support of all the ministries of our community.



CAPITAL DEBT \$186,942.04

Ekklesia

A program titled “Healing Through Forgiveness” will be presented at 9:15 a.m., Wed., April 6.

Father Jeffrey S. Grob, Doctor of Canon Law, Pastor of St. Celestine Parish; Judge on the matrimonial Court of Appeals for the Province of Illinois; Archbishop’s Delegate to the Review Board, will speak at St. Giles’ McDonough Hall, 1101 N. Columbian, Oak Park.

The lecture fee is \$6. The site is wheelchair accessible.



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Meetings and Events

Today	April 3		
Religious Ed Class	CP/LL		9:00 am
RCIA	209 & 215		9:30 am
Religious Ed Class	PR/LI		10:00 am
Extending the Word	Dining Room		10:15 am
Youth Fellowship	Pine Room		3:30 pm
UPAJ w/Village Cand.	Gym		7:00 pm

Monday	April 4		
VS Rehearsal	Pine Room		7:00 pm
Cub Scout Leaders	Chapel		7:00 pm
Religious Bd Meeting	Dining Room		7:30 pm

Tuesday	April 5		
Girl Scout 41072	Pine Room		3:00 pm
Religious Ed Class	PR/DR/CP/LL		6:55 pm
Evening Prayer	Church		7:00 pm
Schola	Church		7:30 pm
VS Rehearsal	Pine Room		8:00 pm

Wednesday	April 6		
Girl Scout 40928	Pine Room		3:00 pm
Cherubs	Church		3:00 pm
Religious Ed Class	DR/CP/LL		3:30 pm
Vigil Choir	Church		6:45 pm
Maintenance Comm	Dining Room		7:00 pm
Choir	Church		7:30 pm
Cardinal Bernardine	Pine Room		7:30 pm

Thursday	April 7		
Confirmation Mtg	School		7:00 pm
VS Rehearsal	Pine Room		7:30 pm

Friday	April 8		
VS Rehearsal	Pine Room		7:00 pm

Saturday	April 9		
Work Ministry	Dining Room		7:30 am
WSSRA PancakeBrkfst	Pine Room		8:00 am
Baptismal Prep Class	Dining Room		9:30 am
Variety Show	Pine Room		8:00 pm

Sunday	April 10		
ASP Sales	Church(after Mass)		
Religious Ed Class	CP/LL		9:00 am
RCIA	209 & 215		9:30 am
Religious Ed Class	PR/LI		10:00 am
Extending the Word	Dining Room		10:15 am
Good Fri. Men’s Choir	Church		2:00 pm
ASP Formation	Pine Room		6:00 pm

Masses for the Week

Pray for the Sick

Marty Biau, Sarah Bowman, Michael Brady, Kay Bracco, Lorraine Brzozowski, Josephina Carmona, Joe Cassidy, Mary Colombo, Charles Crowe, Rey Dominguez, Jennifer Fischer, Malissa Groth, Simon Gutierrez, Meri Hale, William Hall, Bruce Hanesian, Patricia Hanley, Ester Hitchner, Pat Koberstine, Thomas P. Kragie, Anne Marie Kuhny, Fay Kutz, Kathleen O'Bryan Kurrle, Annina Lementavich, Gerry & Mary Logan, Jan Lorenzen, Rosita Malmis, Mary Massura, Mary Ruth McGrath, Dellwyn Meeves, Ken Morten, Frank Murphy, Emilia Ortiz, Estelle Pargulski, Regan Pierce, Philip Rice, Joseph Rigali, Anne Sandow, Caleb Savino, Tom Slott, Steven Sobie, Annette Spillane, Mary Stapleton, Elizabeth Stohl, Mary Strenski, John Sugrue, Mikayla Sweeney, Sr. Joan Thomas, Mary Thomas, Jesse & Sonia Vasquez, Nancy Welch and David Wojcik, Jean Sullivan, Jeanne Riordon, Heather Kadlac, Scott Krusinski.

May our prayers bring them healing and peace.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Marcella Stumbaugh, mother of Joanne Grandy
William Shulze, brother of Loretta
 and for their family and friends.

This Week	Next Week
5:00 pm Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Jerry Bleem
7:30 am Fr. Jerry Bleem	Fr. Larry McNally
9:00 am Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Richard Woods
11:00 am Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Larry McNally
5:00 pm Fr. Ray Guiao	Fr. Larry McNally

SUNDAY – April 3

Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 5:00 (Sat) Patricia Quaid / Grace Kevil
- 7:30 Hayes-Kragie Family
Margaret & Ed Heffernan
- 9:00 Loris Touhey / Kathy Cliff
- 11:00 Edward Zych / Marty Grimes
- 5:00 Howard King

MONDAY - April 4

St. Isidore, bishop, doctor of the Church

- 7:45 Rosary (Monday—Friday)
- 8:15 Our Parishioners

TUESDAY - April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer

- 8:15 Tom Kane

WEDNESDAY - April 6

Lenten Weekday

- 8:15 Stephen Sarnowski

THURSDAY - April 7

St. John Baptist de la Salle

- 8:15 Charlotte Moreth

FRIDAY - April 8

Lenten Weekday

- 8:15 Peter W. Hermanns

SATURDAY - April 9

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 5:00 Deborah Richards / Brayden Hammer
Arthur & Barbara Anderson

SUNDAY - April 10

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 John Burns & Corinne Prindiville
Kathy Wiedow
- 9:00 Fred & Agnes Brandstrader
Leo Pargulski
- 11:00 Joseph Parillo / Eileen Gull
- 5:00 Elizabeth Murphy / Thomas Leous

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM.

Infant Baptism: Our parish celebration of infant Baptism takes place at 1 p.m., on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. A preparatory session for parents is held on the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Center at 9:30 a.m. First-time parents are required to attend. To register for a preparatory session, or to schedule a baptism, please call the parish office.

Adult Initiation: Adults interested in information about the Catholic faith or wanting to become Catholic, should contact Vicky Tufano, ext 233.

Weddings: Please make an appointment with Fr. Larry to pick up a wedding information packet at the Parish Office at least a year prior to selecting a date or reception hall.

Sick Calls: If there is anyone at home who cannot attend Mass or receive the sacraments because of illness or old age, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Ministers of Care Coordinators: Susie Cahill, 383-7238, Linda Dunne, 848-5574, or Cece Masella, 383-3785.

Registration: All newcomers are welcome to the Ascension family and are asked to pick up a census/registration envelope at the entrance of the Church or by downloading a form from the parish website. Parishioners who marry, have a baby, or move to a new address should also notify the Parish Office.

Audio Devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please see an usher or greeter before Mass.

Lost & Found Box is under the table in the church vestibule.
Parish Office: 708-848-2703

Bulletin deadline: Monday 5 p.m. Please deliver articles to Parish Office or email to ascensiondome@msn.com