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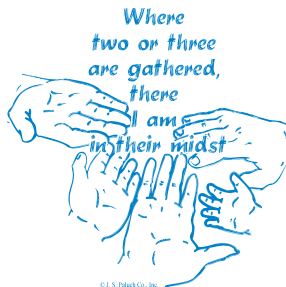
ASCENSION CHURCH OF OAK PARK

*A Stewardship Parish, Sharing Our God-Given Gifts in Service  
September 4, 2011, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## A Message of Love

*Take time this week to reflect and pray over today's Reading's: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20*

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.



Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he, too, will be held

responsible.

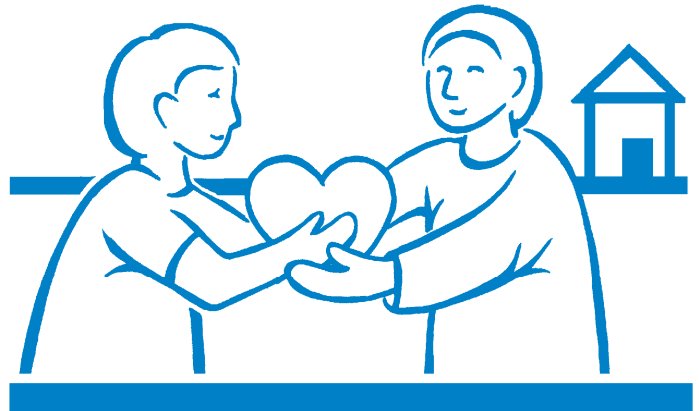
We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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*To help prepare for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sirach 27:30-28:9; Psalm 103; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35.*

**OUR REGULAR 5 P.M. SUNDAY MASS  
RESUMES NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 11TH.**

**LOVE  
ONE  
ANOTHER**



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## Welcome to Ascension Church

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Our church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Parish Registration forms are at all church entrances or you can also download a form at [www.ascensionchurch.com](http://www.ascensionchurch.com) (Administration/Forms/Join the Parish).

We are so glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.

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during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses in the  
Cry Room of the Church.

## *From the Pastor*

### DEAR FAMILY OF ASCENSION,

Labor Day holiday greetings!

Now that another successful Ascension PADS Summer Lunch Program has been compassionately completed, I want to thank Carol Ford, Mary Stapleton and so many parish volunteers of ALL age groups for their service. I want to thank the many volunteers who gave up their Saturday mornings/afternoons to help serve the poor and needy. A thank you goes out to those who provided any kind of donation towards this program. As I mentioned a few weeks back, our PADS guests, many times over, said thank you to me for taking care of them. So thanks, everyone, for your thoughtfulness. I thank you for your compassion and putting into action the Gospel of Jesus, especially the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew where the Corporal Works of Mercy can be found. God Bless!

I thank Gino and Cece Masella for their donation of our new weekend chalices and plates in memory of Peggi Masella Pooler.

I thank Mary Strudeman and her family for their donation of a new weekend chalice and plate in loving memory of Tom Strudeman's Life. We will be using these chalices and plates every weekend when we have a weekend assistant celebrating Mass; Peggi and Tom will be remembered in prayer. I thank the Masella's and the Strudeman's for their generosity.

For preparing and then serving our farewell reception for Fr. Bleem last Sunday, I thank ALL our many helpers. And thank you to our 11 a.m. Mass attendees for giving Fr. Bleem such a rousing and standing ovation at the end of Mass. That was great!

It is certainly a pleasure to see the smiling faces at the church doors on Sunday, and I am sure they bring a good and welcome feelings to our parishioners and visitors alike. I thank you, our newest *Ministry of Greeters*, for your wonderful and welcoming ministry. However, we are still in need of *Greeters* for the two evening Masses, Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m. You are only asked to "greet" once a month by coming 15 minutes before Mass and staying a few minutes after. If you have any questions or are interested, please call Doug Wyman at 383-4038 or email Doug at: [doug@salesdirectors.com](mailto:doug@salesdirectors.com). Again, thank you!

This week Thursday, September 8, we will resume our monthly

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Holy Hour. Our prayer will begin at 6 p.m. by praying the Rosary in honor of Mary's Birthday. We will end our Holy Hour with Benediction, which will begin at 6:50 p.m. The between time of the Rosary and Benediction, there will be a combination of spoken as well as silent, reflective prayer. I hope that you can join us for some part of this Holy Hour. We will resume our usual third Thursday of the month starting on October 20th.

Next Sunday, September 11, we will resume our Sunday Evening Mass at 5 p.m. and we will continue it until each and every Sunday evening until June 24, 2012 (except, of course, for Easter Sunday and Memorial Day weekend.)

And also next weekend, we will prayerfully acknowledge the events of September 11, 2001. Please also see page 7 for a special invitation from our neighboring parish.

As September arrives, so do our Parish Organizations and Ministries meetings. Our Parish Council will have their first meeting on the morning of September 10 from 9 - 11 a.m. with a retreat morning. Alicia Creyts, a former Council Member who possesses a Master of Divinity Degree, will be our presenter. Our first regularly scheduled meeting isn't until the 21st of this month.

We have been given a good lead on a Jesuit just back from a sabbatical as a possible weekend replacement for Fr. Bleem. I will not be able to meet with him until later this week or next. He comes highly recommended and is held in high regard by the Jesuits, as well as by the folks in his last weekend assignment. A change in parish personnel where he had been celebrating Mass has made him available to us. I will keep you informed.

*I see where a restaurant owner in Naperville was recently attacked by a dissatisfied customer. Unhappy with everything, the customer filled a bag with coins and threw it at the owner which knocked him over, but he was not hurt. It must have been a bag of wooden nickels.*

As Christine shared with us last weekend, our ever-

growing Religious Education Program is in need of Catechists on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Christine will certainly be a wonderful mentor for you throughout the Religious Ed Year and the Holy Spirit will be right with you in your ministry; what a combination! As I always said through the years, Catechists get more out of the program than they put in. Our Religious Education students and parents will do that to you! For further information or to volunteer your service, please call the Religious Education Office at 848-3099. I thank you for your consideration of this wonderful and important ministry within our parish.

As a football fan, I am delighted that the NFL lockout is over and we will have profootball and possibly even a Super-Bowl Team from Chicago. But the end of the lock-out also means that once again, we can have *Football Mania*. It has been fun the past few years and some our "Players" have won, so let's do it again! Tickets can be purchased after Mass today or this week at the Parish Center. Please note that they must be purchased by this Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup>! Ascension's Football Mania benefits the *Teach the Children Fund* for tuition assistance, another win-win situation. If you have any questions, please call the Advancement Office at 434-1541. Thank you!

Our parishioner and journalist, Ken Trainor, has received a lot of positive press concerning his writings on Vatican II, which will soon celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Here are a few suggested readings that I have read as follow-up: James Carroll's book, *Practicing Catholic*, and *Documents of Vatican Two* by Walter Abbott, and most of Gary Wills' book, *Why I Am a Catholic*. I recommend them. There is another titled, *What Happened at Vatican II?* by John O'Malley. I will have more suggestions next week.

Elsewhere in our DOME is last week's Offertory collection summary. I thank you for your generosity. I thank you for ALL that you do for our Family of Ascension.

I pray for you every day.

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My family joined Ascension in February after moving here from GA. One of the many gifts this parish has to offer is its focus on stewardship. The idea of putting our "faith in action" is not new to me, but the actual doing is. In the last year, I have come back to the Catholic faith in a whole new way and devotion. I believe, and did believe, in putting my "money where my mouth is" but never knew how. I felt stuck in the "I'm praying for you" or "for this" and sitting there waiting. I was challenged by a scripture study I was in last fall and making little strides. I would like to share a time when I FAILED and how it has transformed my life into stewardship.

Last Thanksgiving we were visiting family in NYC. We took in the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving day and the next day went into the city for some sight-seeing. There was a sea of people everywhere. The sidewalks were packed, the weather was frigid and bitter. As we walked down a particular sidewalk on 5th Ave., I saw 2 bare-legged stumps sticking out from a doorway. The person was obviously sitting on the cement (without feet!) and at least 4-6 people deep away from me. As we walked by, I deliberately looked away and watched my 10-year old son look and be horrified and then look to us. I glanced back over my right shoulder and the man had leaned forward and was looking me in the eye - through all those people! In my mind I heard "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, that you do unto me" and I felt shame. We continued to move forward in the sea of frenetic people and I had not helped him or been an example to our son. I said a prayer.

His face haunted me. For days, and two weeks, his face haunted me, constantly. I said lots of prayers. I told my scripture study facilitator and she said "What are you going to DO about it?" That took my breath away. How could I do anything now?! I finally went to confession - the beautiful sacrament of reconciliation - for the first time in over 3 years. I confessed sins and talked about coming back - and then broke down crying and shared about the footless man I had ignored. In the grace of the sacrament (and the Holy Spirit blessed priest's counsel), he asked me to hold this man's face in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to pray for his needs, and to bring extra groceries for the St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry.

I obeyed tenfold, and found glorious peace for the first time in ages. I still can see his face. But I no longer feel shame. I feel gratitude and mercy. I now DO before I can think, but still rely on prayer. I am still learning "to do and to listen." Thank you for helping me continue in my journey of faith.

*Tonia Binder belongs to the Respect Life committee, AWC, Angel Cooks, Greeters, Daily Mass Cantor, and donates to every pantry; she makes sure to give SOMETHING to almost every homeless or needy person she sees.*

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*I see where the former CEO of Arby's has taken a managerial position with Popeye's Chicken. He is going to be in the public relations complaint department. That does make sense since he is used to dealing with the "beef."*

I hope you are enjoying this holiday weekend and have a good week.

GOD'S BLESSINGS!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Father Larry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

## ***For Immigration Reform***

Here is one of the case scenarios on immigration we are asking people to "solve" using the Bishops' pastoral "*Strangers No Longer*" for Thursday, September 22. You are an immigration judge and have before you Juan Perez who is 35 and came to the U.S. from Mexico as an infant with his illegal parents. He is employed and has 3 children, all born here to an American wife. There are several exemptions for not deporting him but they require extreme circumstances. Are there sufficient reasons in our document that you should strive to include him under one of these exemptions?

Reminder: copies of the pastoral, as well as these case scenarios will be available at the Parish Center on Tuesday, September 6. The pastoral is also on line <http://www.losembajadores.org/public/files/Strangers%20No%20Longer.pdf>.

## ***New Eucharistic Ministers: A Call to Service***

We are looking for those members of Ascension Parish who feel a call to service in the Eucharistic Ministry, serving their fellow parishioners in the role of an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at Mass. For those who are interested, we will have formation and a training session at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, in the Church

So we know how many plan to attend, please drop me an e-mail at [rtcreed@comcast.net](mailto:rtcreed@comcast.net) or leave a message at 708-227-2698. If this is inconvenient for you, please let me know an alternative date that might work.

*Bob Creed*

## ***Current Eucharistic Ministers: A Call for Renewal***

We have not met in a long period and it is time to renew our mandation from the Archdiocese. In order to do this, I would like us to gather together on Saturday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church to meet for formation, sharing and start developing a new schedule for the coming year.

So we know how many will attend, please drop me an e-mail at [rtcreed@comcast.net](mailto:rtcreed@comcast.net) or leave a message at 708-227-2698.

If this is inconvenient for you, we are considering 7:00 p.m. on the 27. Please let me know if this would be better for you

*Bob Creed*

## ***New Greeters Needed***

On September 11, the 5 p.m. Sunday night Mass resumes and we need additional greeters for it and the 5 p.m. Saturday night Mass. Your commitment is one Sunday a month, and requires that you come to church 15 minutes early to “greet” people and stay a few minutes after Mass to wish all “a great day.”

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Doug Wyman at 383-4038 or email him at [doug@salesdirectors.com](mailto:doug@salesdirectors.com). Thank you!

## ***Christ the Lord: “The Road to Cana”***

Please join us for a discussion of the New York Times Bestseller, *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana*, by Anne Rice, the second book in her ambitious series of historical novels told from the perspective of Jesus, Son of God. The discussion will take place on Thursday, September 29, in the Parish Center dining room from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The author of *Interview with the Vampire* undertakes to present a realistic, fictional portrait of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the events leading up to the Wedding Feast at Cana and the beginning of his ministry. Copies of the book are available at Maze Library. Parishioner Brendan Nelligan will lead the discussion, and refreshments will be served.

## ***Trivia Night!***

Tailgating in the Pine Room? Eighty opportunities to demonstrate just how brilliant you are. The chance to win a cash prize while enjoying a fun evening with friends and family. All these things are possible if you join us for Ascension’s, first ever, Trivia Night, Friday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pine Room.

The entrance fee is \$15 per person or \$150 for a team of 10. Create a team of your own or come alone and join with others to form a team. We will provide each team with a table for your “tailgate” food. Team with the highest score wins the top cash prize. Start sharpening your skills by memorizing every trivial thing you can think of.

Registration forms are available at the parish office or you can register online at [www.ascensionchurch.com](http://www.ascensionchurch.com).

***If you are able to donate produce  
from your garden, please  
bring it to the parking lot of the  
Parish Center between 6:15-7 p.m.  
on Tuesday nights.  
We collected over 100 lbs. last week!***

## **Got Choir?**

All choirs are beginning regular rehearsals in the next two weeks:

11 a.m. Adult Choir

Wednesday, September 7th, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

9 a.m. Schola

Tuesday, September 13th, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Choristers (for young people in grades 3-8)

Wednesday, September 14th, 3:05-4 p.m.

Questions? Please call or email David Anderson at 434-1535 or [danderson@ascensionchurch.com](mailto:danderson@ascensionchurch.com).

## **P.O.L.O**

### **(Parents of Little Ones)**

Please join us with your little ones, preschool age and younger, for good friends, good conversation, and good fun. We will be meeting at Randolph Tot Lot (corner of Randolph and Grove) on Wednesday, September 7, from 8 to 10 a.m. Feel free to stop by any time during this 2-hour period. In case of rain, we will email an alternate location prior to the day's event

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to be added to our email list, please email or call Juliette Dols at [juliettedols@gmail.com](mailto:juliettedols@gmail.com) or at 773-220-7939.

## **PADS Coat Drive**

In our continuing effort to reach out to our homeless brothers and sisters, and families in need, Ascension will be hosting a winter coat distribution day and lunch on Saturday, October 15th. We are asking for new or clean, gently used winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. Donations may be placed in the box marked PADS COAT DRIVE in the vestibule of Church.

Since many of the homeless people we service are males, we are in greater need of men's coats. If you do not have a coat to donate, but would still like to help, we would greatly appreciate gift cards to Kohls, Target, or Walmart. We would use the cards to purchase needed items. Cards may be purchased at the Parish Center, put in an envelope and placed in Mary's mailbox, 723 Wesley, Oak Park. Any questions please call Carol Ford 708-848-3971 or Mary Stapleton 708-524-1130.

## **Welcome, New Horizon Folks!**

Our gathering for the "Over 55 Group" will begin this month on Tuesday, September 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Pine Room. We hope you will join us as we kick off the year showing off our musical talents learning about the *History of Castanets!*

Questions? Please call May at 773-366-9047; we look forward to a fun year!

## **Ascension School Classes Have Begun—For Parents Too!**

The 2010-2011 Ascension School year started wonderfully. Teachers and staff greeted students enthusiastically on Thursday, August 25, following three enriching days of excellent presentations and workshops. We are particularly grateful to the school's Climate Committee and presenters John Williams, Oak Park Director of Youth Services, and Oak Park Police Commander Phyllis Howard for their informative sessions.

School parents with children in Grades 1 through 8 are encouraged to attend *Back to School Night* on Tuesday, September 6. We will begin in the Church at 6:30 p.m. for an introductory session on our math curriculum and the *Olweus Anti-Bullying Program*. Parents will have an opportunity to meet teachers in classrooms afterward. Parents with children in PK 3, PK 4, Multiage and Kindergarten will have their *Back to School Night* on Wednesday, September 7. The introductory session will begin in the Pine Room at 6:30 p.m. and visits to classes will follow.

Our outstanding *Early Childhood Program* has limited openings for 3 and 4 year-olds. Visit our website at [www.ascension-school.com](http://www.ascension-school.com) or call the office at 708-386-7282 for more information.

As always, we are grateful to our supportive Parish Community and many alumni.

*Mary Jo Burns, Principal*

## **Ladies Over 50 Auction Party**

Please join your hosts, Colleen Bracco, Marybeth Granholm and Kathy Marifjeren, for *The Fourth Annual Ascension Auction Gift Gathering Party*, for the fabulous women of Ascension who are over 50 (or who wish they were) on Friday September 23, at 611 Clinton, Oak Park. Supper will be served and we suggest a donation of \$25 (but, we will accept larger gifts!). Please make checks payable to Ascension and RSVP to Marybeth at [mgranholm@ascensionchurch.com](mailto:mgranholm@ascensionchurch.com) or at 708-445-1644 by September 20th.

## **Little Rock Bible Study Begins**

The Little Rock Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 15, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center Dining Room. This season we will be studying the challenging *Book of Revelations*. Please consider joining us for spirited discussions and fellowship. For further information and to order a commentary and study guide, please contact Arlene Connell at 708-456-8897.

**PADS Overnight Shelters  
Reopening This Month**  
*Many hands are needed for Friday  
night into Saturday morning at  
St. John Lutheran School  
in Forest Park.*  
**Please Call Kathie Walsh,  
708-366-0884, if you can help.**

## **Calling All Men**

The Men's Spirituality Group is pleased to announce that our own Deacon Joe Walsh will join us on Saturday, September 17, from 7:30-9:30 a.m. in the Pine Room where a light breakfast will be served. As you are well aware, Deacon Joe is an excellent speaker and he will lead us in a process of listening, discussion, prayer and personal reflection on *Spirituality and Service*, a topic that is of concern to men today. See more on he posters around church today.

We ask that you please register by Thursday, the 15th, by calling the Parish Center, 848-2703.

## **REMEMBERING 9/11/01 Prayer Service**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> – 7:00 P.M.**

**ST. GILES CHURCH, 1045 COLUMBIAN AVE., OAK PARK, IL**

September 11, 2001 is a date in history none of us will ever forget. Many lost their lives as a result of the horrible terrorist attacks on our nation. September 11th also demonstrated the bravery and honor of extraordinary men and women. As thousands of people were attempting to flee these sights of terror, Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Crews were converging on the scenes rushing in to help protect the innocent and rescue those who were injured. During the days that followed, our nation discovered the true definition of heroism.

True heroes aren't the men rushing for touchdowns, or recognized because they wear a baseball uniform. True heroes aren't the modern day pop stars driving around in their big limousines. True heroes are the men and women who are rushing to the scene of a burning building or an automobile accident – willing to risk their own lives to save the life of someone else. They are the men and women in Police and Fire uniforms. They are the ones who are wearing scrubs in the Emergency Room and at the operating tables. They are the officers driving around in cars that promise to "protect and serve." They are the men and women who willingly put their lives on the line and make personal sacrifices every day.

St. Giles Parish invites all the men and women heroes in our community (Firefighters, Police Officers, Emergency Medical personnel and members of our Armed Forces to join us at our special *Remembering 9/11/01 Prayer Service* so that we may personally thank you for all you do for us and ask God's continued blessings upon you. You are the everyday heroes and the people of St. Giles want you to know how very much we appreciate your service to our community. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## Feast of Faith

### REMEMBERING

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, “Do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our Eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. “Do this,” Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now.

After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the *anamnesis*, a Greek word that means “remembering.” In this part of the prayer, “the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ’s dying and rising. “We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection” (*Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II*). Obeying Christ’s command, we remember.

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## Feast Days

Thursday: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Peter Claver

## Boys, Are You Ready?

Boy Scouts Troop 20 will host its first meeting of the year on Monday, September 12, at 7 p.m. in the Pine Room. This is an introductory meeting.

Boy Scouts is open to all boys ages 10-18 and no prior scout experience is necessary. Bring along anyone who is interested in scouting. There will also be a court of honor; therefore, current scouts should wear Class A uniforms.

Mary Bowman

## Readings for the Week

Monday	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

## BAPTISMS



Welcomed into the Family of God and our Ascension Family in August:

### Addison Julia Boehm

Child of Bryan & Abby (Cosentino) Boehm

### Finley Harlan Kovar Cascarino

Child of Jason & Jennifer (Kovar) Cascarino

### Wylie George Kovar Cascarino

Child of Jason & Jennifer (Kovar) Cascarino

### Thomas James Dickson

Child of Steven & Elizabeth (Fox) Dickson

### Anthony Joseph Georges, Jr.

Child of Anthony & Rhonda (Macoy) Georges, Sr.

### Thomas Miles McGrath

Child of Thomas & Lee (Miles) McGrath

### Reilly Ann Marie O'Connor

Child of Brendan & Kelly (Diaz) O'Connor

### Ila Rose Otto

Child of Matthew & Lisa (Finder) Otto

### Jackson Richard Otto

Child of Matthew & Lisa (Finder) Otto

### Samuel Anderson Otto

Child of Matthew & Lisa (Finder) Otto

### Jane Elizabeth Roach

Child of Jeremy & Marisa (Bloomquist) Roach

### Nathaniel Wilson Roche

Child of Daniel & Carolyn (Wilson) Roche

### Bradley Christian Vaskovsky

Child of Ryan & Gina (DiGiore) Vaskovsky

### Penelope Isabella Walski

Child of James & Gwendolyn Sampson

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## Mass Attendance

Mass Attendance .....1,251

## Financial Update

**Total Weekly Offering ..... \$16,614.00**  
**Weekly Need ..... \$19,275.00**



YTD Budget..... \$173,475.00  
 YTD Offering ..... \$150,651.87  
 Deficit ..... (\$22,823.13)

The above is the report for your weekly and holy day contributions which represent approximately 40% of the overall parish operating income. The additional 60% of operating fund income comes through tuition, fees, fundraising and designated giving. 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 ..... \$168,673.81**

## Meetings and Events

<b>Today</b>	<b>September 4</b>	
Extending the Word	Dining Room	10:00 am
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 5</b>	
Parish Offices Closed for Labor Day		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 6</b>	
Drama	Pine Room	3:00 pm
WSSR Volleyball	Gym	6:00 pm
Back to School	Church	6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 7</b>	
EC Back to School	Pine Room	6:30 pm
Maintenance Comm	215	7:00 pm
TT Team Meetings	LL	7:00 pm
Cub Scout Pack 20 Lds	Chapel	7:00 pm
Choir	Church	7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 8</b>	
Drama	Pine Room	3:00 pm
Holy Hour	Church	6:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 10</b>	
Work Ministry	Dining Room	7:30 am
Open Door Reh	Pine Room	9:00 am
Parish Council Retreat	Chapel	9:00 am
Baptism Prep	Dining Room	9:30 am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 11</b>	
Good Shepherd	S/CP/LI/LL/PR	9 & 10 am
RCIA	209 & 215	9:30 am
Extending The Word	Dining Room	10:00 am
Boy Scout Reg	Pine Room	12:00 pm
Open Door Reh	Pine Room	2:30 pm

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## New Hymnal Order Form

*Questions? Contact David Anderson, 434-1535 or [danderson@ascensionchurch.com](mailto:danderson@ascensionchurch.com)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Banns of Marriage***

III John Jirasek & Violet Ortega  
 III John Hopkins & Rebecca Kunde  
 II Ivan Ramos & Stephanie Ramos  
 I Kelly Von Ebers & Dan Lawler

## ***Pray for the Sick***

Marty Biau, Sarah Bowman, Michael Brady, Kay Bracco, Lorraine Brzozowski, Josephina Carmona, Joe Cassidy, Mary Colombo, Danny Doyle, Jennifer Fischer, Simon Gutierrez, Meri Hale, William Hall, Bruce Hanessian, Patricia Hanley, Sam Harnisch, Ester Hitchner, Heather Kadlac, Pat Koberstine, Thomas P. Kragie, Scott Krusinski, Anne Marie Kuhny, Fay Kutz, Kathleen O'Bryan Kurrle, Annina Lementavich, Gerry & Mary Logan, Jan Lorenzen, Rosita Malmis, Mary Massura, Mary Ruth McGrath, Dellwyn & Nora Meewes, Ken Morten, Frank Murphy, Emilia Ortiz, Estelle Pargulski, Regan Pierce, Philip Rice, Joseph Rigali, Jeanne Riordon, Anne Sandow, Caleb Savino, Valerie Schoennman, Tom Slott, Steven Sobie, Elizabeth Stohl, Mary Strenski, Mikayla Sweeney, Sr. Joan Thomas, Mary Thomas, Jesse & Sonia Vasquez, and David Wojcik.

May our prayers bring them healing and peace.



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Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Amy Forsythe**, Paul's wife  
**Evelyn Atwood**, Larry's mom  
**Frank Condon**, Mary Waadt's brother  
 and for their family and friends.

**This Week**  
**September 4/5**

**Next Week**  
**September 10/11**

5:00 pm	Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Larry McNally
7:30 am	Fr. Richard Vega	Fr. Larry McNally
9:00 am	Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Richard Woods
11:00 am	Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Ray Guiao
5:00 pm	No Mass	Fr. Larry McNally

# ***Masses for the Week***

## **SUNDAY – September 4**

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 (Sat) Carol Mulvihill / The Nappi Family  
 7:30 George Tenca / Bruno Grzybek  
 9:00 Dan Sadowsky / Clair Wilcoxon  
 11:00 John & Helen Farley / Linda Rose Vazquez

## **MONDAY - September 5**

*Weekday*

7:45 Rosary (Monday—Friday)  
 8:15 Rose Chausse / Lloyd Farlee

## **TUESDAY - September 6**

*Weekday*

8:15 Michael Sullivan /  
 Fred & Agnes Brandstrader

## **WEDNESDAY - September 7**

*Weekday*

8:15 James & Jane Foy / Tom Woods

## **THURSDAY - September 8**

*The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15 Marie Wold

## **FRIDAY - September 9**

*St. Peter Claver, priest*

8:15 Robert Dunne, Sr. / Sulpicio Kibir  
 The Mlady & Houha Families

## **SATURDAY - September 10**

*Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1:00 *Nup: John Jirasek & Violet Ortega*  
 3:00 *Nup: John Hopkins & Rebecca Kunde*  
 5:00 Joan Pinter Bodeau / Robert Kapacz /  
 The Hayes & Kragie Families

## **SUNDAY - September 11**

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 John Burns & Corinne Prindiville  
 9:00 Irene Sobczak /Matthew Rothcock  
 11:00 James & Mary Agnes Crowley /  
 Barney & Fran Jaskiewicz  
 5:00 For Deceased Parishioners

## 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](mailto:ascensiondome@msn.com)**