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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Church of the Ascension is a Catholic community in Johnstown, Ohio that keeps Christ at the center of our hearts, families, homes and parish, so we can live the truth and share it with others*

*(John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:15).*

*With the help of sacred scripture, tradition, and the sacraments, we strive to know, love and serve God in this world, while encouraging others to do the same, so we may live eternally in heaven with Christ, the angels, and the saints*

*(Ephesians 2:4-8).*

Ascension of Christ, Gebhard Fugel (c. 1893)

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.

### HOLY DAYS

Vigil 6:30 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. • 7:00 p.m.

### ADORATION

Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

### DAILY MASS

Monday 8:00 am  
Tuesday 6:30 pm  
Wednesday-Saturday 8:00 am

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.  
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JUNE 2, 2024 • THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of  
Luke &  
Rebecca Morrison  
by Stan &  
Elizabeth Hawbaker

8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions

4:00 p.m. Parish Family

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:30 a.m. Gordon Cromwell  
by the Cromwell Family

11:00 a.m. Pamalyn Withers  
by Gary &  
Theresa Shively

### MONDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 a.m. No Mass

### TUESDAY, JUNE 4

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions

6:30 p.m. Wilbur DePue  
by Rosemary DePue

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 a.m. Victor Kwiat  
by the Carter Family

### THURSDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 a.m. Loren & Barbara Winn  
by the Barb Family

### FRIDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 a.m. Antonio "Tony" Pellegrini  
by Karen Hottinger

### SATURDAY, JUNE 8

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of  
Donna Dellapina  
by Art & Pat Urban

4:00 p.m. Cynthia King  
by Susan & Tom Bryan

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:30 a.m. Butch Carter  
by the Carter Family

11:00 a.m. Parish Family

## Pastor's Corner

### Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The origin of Corpus Christi began with a Eucharistic miracle, which is a moment of divine intervention aimed at confirming the faith in the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. While there are many websites and resources documenting Eucharistic miracles throughout history, one of the best is the compilation by Blessed Carlos Acutis: [miracolieuucaristici.org](http://miracolieuucaristici.org). Here is the description of the event in 1263:

*In 1263, a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena [Italy] while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He... [was] a pious priest, but one who found it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina (located in the church named for this martyr), he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal. The priest was immediately confused. At first, he attempted to hide the blood, but then he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV resided. The Pope listened to the priest's account and absolved him. He then sent emissaries for an immediate investigation. When all the facts were ascertained, he ordered the Bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of blood to Orvieto. With archbishops, cardinals and other Church dignitaries in attendance, the Pope met the procession and, amid great pomp, had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen corporal bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto. It is said that Pope Urban IV was prompted by this miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Proper for a Mass and an Office honoring the Holy Eucharist as the Body of Christ. One year after the miracle, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV introduced the saint's composition and, by means of a papal bull, instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi.*

This was when St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the hymn containing the verses of Tantum Ergo. The papal bull, Transiturus, ordered Corpus Christi be celebrated annually on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday throughout the Latin Church. Why Thursday? Perhaps as a reminder that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on the Thursday before His passion. In modern times, this feast is commonly transferred to the following Sunday to accommodate the faithful.

So why another feast, so similar to the Last Supper, and why now – after the Ascension and Pentecost? Maybe as a reminder of the last verse of Matthew's Gospel, where, just before His ascension into heaven, Jesus tells His disciples: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." At the time, it may have seemed contradictory that Jesus was leaving them while also telling them He would be with them – how was this possible? The answer is simple: the Eucharist! Jesus confirmed His actual presence in the Holy Eucharist until the end of time.

Let us rejoice in the gift of Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist and trust in his promise that He will remain with us always, until the end of the age. Happy Corpus Christi!

*God bless,*

Fr. Smith

The **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** this weekend are in memory of Sydney Giannini by the Giannini Family.

## *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, JUNE 1-2, 2024*

|                                 | <i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i> | <i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i> | <i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>           | Ethan Wnek                  | Paul Cuthbert             | CC Zirille                 |
|                                 | Ryan Neal                   | Austin Eckstein           | Jack Smithhisler           |
|                                 | Mike Keebaugh               | Billy Stanearth           | Joey Barb                  |
|                                 |                             |                           | Alex Smithhisler           |
|                                 |                             |                           | Volunteers Needed          |
| <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:</b> | Dennis Murnane – Host       | Jerri Burgel – Chalice    | Cathy Biancone – Host      |
|                                 |                             | Tom Stanearth – Chalice   |                            |
|                                 |                             | Michael Robbins – Host    |                            |
| <b>LECTORS:</b>                 | Barbara VanHoose            | Adele Robbins             | Volunteer Needed           |
|                                 | Dave Bogner – Angelus       | Aaron Locker – Angelus    | Diana Lewis – Angelus      |
| <b>GREETERS/USHERS:</b>         | Shelli Writesel             | Mark Sheehan              | Zirille Family             |
|                                 | Jan Orkis                   | Mary Sheehan              | Mary Ann Shaffer           |
| <b>LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:</b>     |                             |                           | Smithhisler Family         |

## *Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, JUNE 8-9, 2024*

|                                 | <i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i> | <i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i> | <i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>           | Gary Shively                | Billy Stanearth           | Bode Cherry                |
|                                 | Isaac Dorsten               | Paul Cuthbert             | Mathew Cherry              |
|                                 | Christian Dorsten           | Annie Muntz               | Cole Fox                   |
| <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:</b> | Theresa Shively – Host      | Tom Stanearth – Chalice   | Karla Fox Somar – Host     |
|                                 |                             | Mary Sheehan – Chalice    |                            |
|                                 |                             | Jerri Burgel – Host       |                            |
| <b>LECTORS:</b>                 | Barbara VanHoose            | Nadia Stanearth           | Chuck Bernthold            |
|                                 | Peter Lührman – Angelus     | Ali Stanearth – Angelus   | Kelly Bernthold – Angelus  |
| <b>GREETERS/USHERS:</b>         | Mary Ann Shaffer            | Tom Stanearth             | Lora Dunfee                |
|                                 | Jan Orkis                   | Ali Stanearth             | Mike Dunfee                |
| <b>LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:</b>     |                             |                           | Misiunas Family            |

### *Your Prayers are Requested*

Your prayers this week are asked for Bob Muench, Sally Blubaugh, Ernie Burnam, Bob & Sylvia Freed, Rick Potter & Family, Justin King, Virginia Ankrom, Maxine Nann, Letha Patton, Wesley Potts, Susan Welch, Joyce Curran, Gabrielle & Shawn, Dana Caswell, Suzanne Kubin, Sharon Freitag, Di Habash, Joe Lindsay, Ivan Booth, Donna Dellapina, Mark & Cathy Mann, Peggy Hall, Terry Baesmann, John & Helen Tomich, Barbara Penhorwood, Margie Easterday, John & Neva Stover, Jared Writesel, Don Vocca, Karen Reitz, Jeff Ankrom, JoAnn Wright, Ron & Ann Mullins, Ron Gallo, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

**Are you or someone in your family on active duty in the military? Please let us know and we will add the names to our Prayer Requests.**



## Your Gifts to God

**WEEKLY NEED \$7,115.00**

430 REGISTERED FAMILIES

**MAY 25/26, 2024**

|                     |    |          |
|---------------------|----|----------|
| Total Offering      | \$ | 6,287.49 |
| 59 Envelopes        | \$ | 5,168.99 |
| Loose Cash          | \$ | 440.50   |
| Online              | \$ | 678.00   |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ | 140.00   |

Do you return a portion of your time/skills/possessions to God in a spirit of gratitude? Looking for an easier way to give? Scan the QR code to open a link to the Church of the Ascension ParishSOFT Giving. Simply hold your phone's camera over the square and touch the link that appears at the top of your camera screen, or visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ascensionjohnstown>.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Many thanks for your continued support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### THE APPEAL 2024, RESPOND TO HIS LOVE

Thank you to all those families that have made a gift or pledge. Your support will help to continue the vital work of the various ministries and services that reach so many in need. Your gift to the 2024 Appeal is vital to the success of the Diocesan-wide campaign and will benefit our parish. We are off to an excellent start with pledges of \$29,656.17 toward our parish goal of \$42,436.17 and we can achieve this together. 100% of every dollar collected exceeding this goal will return to our parish for our needs and priorities. Please prayerfully consider your gift today and contribute to The Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!



### THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Just as a reminder, the American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission.

Many thanks to all those who gave blood on May 20.

We surpassed our goal. The Red Cross has decided to

do away with the additional Blood Drive rotation that began during COVID. There has not been a great attendance for those drives. They will continue to offer a drive here at Church of the Ascension every other month (there must be at least 56 days between donations). Please note that Blood Drives will take place on the following dates for the rest of this year: Mondays, July 15, September 16, and November 18, 2024.

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is seeking volunteers to serve on our local Advisory Board. CSS provides programming that assists senior citizens and disabled individuals to live independently in the community. Programs include Transportation Services, Supportive Services, and Payee Services. All services are available to individuals, regardless of denomination or faith. Interested parties can email Dave Desender at [dender@colscs.org](mailto:dender@colscs.org) or call 740-345-2565, ext. 107, to learn more about this opportunity to serve.

### ARC – ACTIVE RETIRED CITIZENS

ARC will be meeting on Monday, June 3 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Murphy Hall at St. Francis. Please come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Euchre and Bingo – your choice of fun!! There will be refreshments and “fabulous door prizes.”

Bring a friend or make new ones. Questions? Call Chris at 364-0449 or Deb at 366-6924. Hope to see you on the 3rd.

### ORA ET LABORA DAY

Children of Mary Sisters invite you to come to **Ora et Labora Day on Saturday, June 8**. The Sisters need help cutting, splitting and stacking firewood, weeding the gardens, and various other jobs around their convent/retreat houses. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m. in their beautiful log chapel, with work, then lunch provided at Noon, and ending with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome! 8353 Pleasant Chapel Road, Newark, OH. Email [childrenofmarysisters@gmail.com](mailto:childrenofmarysisters@gmail.com) or [www.childrenofmary.net](http://www.childrenofmary.net) or call 740-323-1977 for more information and to register.

### QUO VADIS VOCATION DISCERNMENT CAMP

Quo Vadis is a Vocation Discernment Camp led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus and is supported by the Diocesan Office of Vocations.

When: July 28-31, 2024

Who: Young men entering Grades 9-12

Where: The Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus

Cost: \$50.00 – Scholarships available

Registration Deadline: July 19. To register or for more information, visit <https://www.vocationscolumbus.org/quivadis> or email [columbusquivadis@gmail.com](mailto:columbusquivadis@gmail.com).

# Eucharistic Adoration for Children & Families June 20th – 1-3pm

**Adoration 1-1:30**  
**Gathering in Pavilion**  
**1:30 – 3pm**






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## ASSE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is currently looking for Host Families for exchange students who will be attending local high schools in the upcoming 2024-25 school year. We strongly believe that student exchange programs contribute to world peace at a grassroots level, and our host families play a crucial role in achieving that. ASSE students are all of high school age (15-18) and come to the United States with their own insurance and spending money, eager to learn about America through their host family and the local community. To get a glimpse of some of the hopeful students who are eagerly waiting to be matched with their host families, you can click here to view their profiles and read some of their captivating letters. These students are genuinely grateful to you and the USA for giving them the chance to live with your family and become part of your community for a year. Visit <https://asse.com/become-a-host-family/> for details.

## YOUTH GROUP CEDAR POINT TRIP

The YOUTH GROUP is planning a trip to Cedar Point on June 27. Cost is \$75.00/person, which includes park admission, drink every 15 minutes and food every 90 minutes. We will need adults to come with us who are compliant with PGC and several willing to drive, as well. Please RSVP to Mary at [mnelson@johnstowncension.org](mailto:mnelson@johnstowncension.org) by June 2!

## MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

We have many open dates for Mass Intentions on our calendar. Please contact us in the office at 740-967-7871, [office@johnstowncension.org](mailto:office@johnstowncension.org) or drop a note in the collection with the intention and your name. The Mass Stipend is \$10.00. We will do our best to accommodate any special date requests.

## COME JOIN US FOR VBS 2024: SCUBA!

VBS will take place June 10-14 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and is for kids entering Kindergarten to 5th grade. Please sign up by going to [www.johnstowncension.org/register](http://www.johnstowncension.org/register). It will be a fun week, full of games, music, friendship and, of course, awesome Bible stories. Email me at [kpertee@johnstowncension.org](mailto:kpertee@johnstowncension.org) to volunteer. Volunteers can be going into 6th Grade to adult. If you are over 18 years old, a background check and Protecting God's Children are required.

Activities for Children

# The Body of Christ

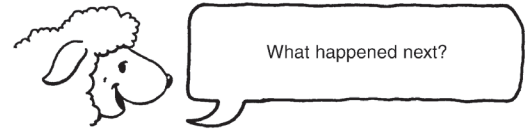
Jesus and His disciples were preparing for a special meal. What was it called?

Fit the pieces of the puzzle together to find out.

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Jesus to \_\_\_ ad, gave tha \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ ke it, and ga \_\_\_ it to His disciples. He took the \_\_\_ p, gave thanks and offe \_\_\_ it to \_\_\_ em, and they all dr \_\_\_ from it. When they had su \_\_\_ a hymn, they \_\_\_ nt out to the Mount of Olives.



Jesus sent two of His disciples out to find a place for the Passover. What did Jesus say to do to find the place for the Passover?

Use this code to find out.

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What happened next?

Lead the disciples to the city and read the words of Jesus along the way.

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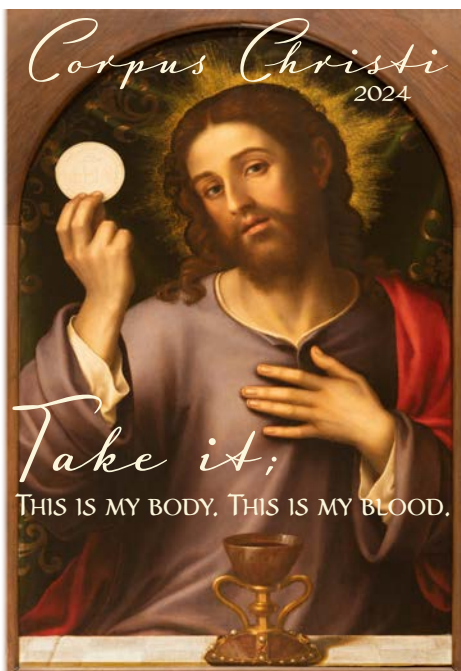
## LASTING SUPPER

*Reflection on Mark 14:12-16, 22-26*

The Last Supper, where Jesus gave us His most precious Body and Blood, takes place within the Jewish tradition of Passover, a feast which celebrates God's liberation of His people from bondage. We can also call this event the "Lasting Supper," as its celebration has continued throughout the ages, nourishing God's people and freeing us from all that binds us.

How can we keep our weekly celebration of the Eucharist from becoming routine where we do and experience more than go through the motions? I believe we can do so by focusing on how we prepare for Sunday Mass. Key to our participation is the "Offertory" of the Mass, and we can prepare for each Mass by recalling just what I am offering, in particular, at this Mass, in this moment. Rather than prepare our offering as a kind of Memo to God with all that we need help with (which treats God as my assistant) right now, make your offering an admission of what it is that "binds" you at this time. Perhaps it is an addiction, a bad habit that I cling to, a refusal to open my heart to someone, a harmful attitude. Offer it on the altar with the bread and wine, and ask God to transform you, to liberate you from the bondage. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is the grace that liberates!

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, June 2, 2024

*Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

Ex 24:3-8  
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18  
Heb 9:11-15  
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

### Monday, June 3, 2024

*Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

2 Pt 1:2-7  
Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16  
Mk 12:1-12

### Tuesday, June 4, 2024

*Weekday*

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18  
Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16  
Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday, June 5, 2024

*Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12  
Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef  
Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday, June 6, 2024

*Weekday*

2 Tm 2:8-15  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14  
Mk 12:28-34

### Friday, June 7, 2024

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9  
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19  
Jn 19:31-37

### Saturday, June 8, 2024

*The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Tm 4:1-8  
Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22  
Lk 2:41-51

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the New American Bible,  
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at  
<https://bible.usccb.org>



## SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS

*Saint of the Day: June 3*

*Patron Saint of: Youth and Catholic Action on Africa*

One of 22 Ugandan martyrs, Charles Lwanga is the patron of youth and Catholic action in most of tropical Africa. He protected his fellow pages, aged 13 to 30, from the sexual demands of the Bagandan ruler, Mwanga, and encouraged and instructed them in the Catholic faith during their imprisonment for refusing the ruler's demands.

Charles first learned of Christ's teachings from two retainers in the court of Chief Mawulugungu. While a catechumen, he entered the royal household as assistant to Joseph Mukaso, head of the court pages.

On the night of Mukaso's martyrdom for encouraging the African youths to resist Mwanga, Charles requested and received Baptism. Imprisoned with his friends, Charles' courage and belief in God inspired them to remain chaste and faithful.

For his own unwillingness to submit to the immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, Charles was burned to death at Namugongo on June 3, 1886, by Mwanga's order.

When Pope Paul VI canonized these 22 martyrs on October 18, 1964, he also made reference to the Anglican pages martyred for the same reason.

Like Charles Lwanga, we are all teachers and witnesses to Christian living by the examples of our own lives. We are all called upon to spread the Word of God, whether by word or deed. By remaining courageous and unshakable in our faith during times of great moral and physical temptation, we live as Christ lived.

Read the full article: "Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [franciscanmedia.org/saint-charles-lwanga-and-companions/](http://franciscanmedia.org/saint-charles-lwanga-and-companions/) (Accessed May 20, 2024).

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