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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).

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 Ascension of Christ, Gebhard Fugel (c. 1893)

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. TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 740-967-7871.

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JUNE 9, 2024 • TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

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

8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions 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

MONDAY, JUNE 10 8:00 a.m. No Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

5:00 p.m. NO Adoration & Confessions (Due to VBS) 6:30 p.m. NO MASS (Due to VBS)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 a.m. Judy Wolford by Karen Hottinger

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

8:00 a.m. Anthony D. Kinslow by Kathy Oglevee

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 8:00 a.m. Bob Muench by Art & Pat Urban

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 a.m. NO Mass 8:30 a.m. NO Adoration & Confessions 4:00 p.m. Les Zajac by Mike Haefs

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:30 a.m. Parish Family 11:00 a.m. In Celebration of all Fathers by Mark & Joanne Hawkins

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is important to remember as we begin again this season of Ordinary Time, that it is anything but "ordinary."

The *ordinary* in Ordinary Time does not refer to a season of dull routine but rather the listing of ordinal, or sequential, numbers. This is what is meant by the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, etc. (Interestingly, there is no First Sunday in Ordinary Time, because it is replaced by the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.) Rather than making a statement about degrees of importance, the term *Ordinary Time* refers to the order of Sundays in the church year that do not fall into the major liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter.

The season of Ordinary Time consists of 33 or 34 weeks and is divided into two parts. *The Roman Missal – Third Edition* instructs that Ordinary Time "begins on the Monday following the Sunday after January 6 and continues until the beginning of Lent; it begins again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and ends on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent." Prior to the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, these periods of Ordinary Time were referred to as "the season after Epiphany" and the "the season after Pentecost." Although Ordinary Time takes place in two parts, it is still considered a single season.

It is easy to mistakenly think the liturgical year is about sanctifying time. The truth, however, is that the liturgical year is about growing in relationship with Jesus Christ. The richness of Ordinary Time is found in the opportunity to know Christ more intimately in the everyday realities of life.

The scripture proclaimed in Ordinary Time reveals the teaching and healing and mission of Christ, allowing us to better understand God who became human. We learn that Christ is about humility rather than pride, vulnerability rather than power. We learn that Christ is about including the excluded, eating with social and religious outcasts, and dismantling structures of sin and injustice. We learn that Christ is about self-giving love that is only possible through authentic relationship.

Ordinary Time is anything but monotonous. These are the days where we grow into who we are called to be by imitating the lived reality of Jesus. Allow this Season of Ordinary Time to be a season of transformation in your heart!

God bless,

Fr. Smith

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 \$32,311.17 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 FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR this weekend are in memory of Mike Shull by Judy Shull.

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

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ALTAR SERVERS:	Ethan Wnek	Claire Barb	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
	Isaac Dorsten	Joey Barb	Ryan Neal
	Christian Dorsten	Austin Eckstein	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Mike Haefs – Host	VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Chalice	Mark Hawkins - Host
		Jerri Burgel – Chalice	
		Rachel Barb – Host	
LECTORS:	Dave Bogner	Diana Lewis	Mike Rush
	Tom Nann – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	Mike Dunfee – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Shelli Writesel	Mark & Mary Sheehan	Lora Dunfee
	Jan Orkis		Mike Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for 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

JUNE 1/2, 2024

Total Offering	\$ 8,361.00
69 Envelopes	\$ 5,282.00
Loose Cash	\$ 571.00
Online	\$ 2,508.00
Home Missions	\$ 118.00
Holy Father	\$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 210.00
SOLT	\$ 50.00

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.

SVDP NEIGHBORS IN NEED FROM JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 6

2020 – 32 neighbors assisted 2021–21 neighbors assisted 2022 – 45 neighbors assisted 2023 – 16 neighbors assisted 2024 – 53 neighbors assisted On average from January 1 to June 6, 31 neighbors are provided financial assistance. This year, we have exceeded the average by 21 more neighbors in

the average by 21 more neighbors in need. There will be a second collection the second Sunday of the month. If you forget, bring it the next week, earmark it for SVDP and put it in the collection basket. SVDP thanks you for your generous contributions to our neighbors in need. God Bless You and yours.

WALK WITH US IN THE JOHNSTOWN FIREMAN'S PARADE

On June 22, Church of the Ascension will be in the Johnstown Fireman's Parade. If your kids (adults are welcome, too!) want to walk with our float, join us that morning at 10:30 in the middle school parking lot. We'll need help throwing candy, passing out flyers and waving at everyone. We're also taking candy donations. If you'd like to contribute candy to throw in the parade, label it "parade candy" and leave it in the parish lobby after Mass the weekend of June 8/9 or 15/16. Thanks for your help with this important and fun community outreach.

WOMEN OF ASCENSION MEETING REMINDER.

Due to VBS this week, the WOA will have their monthly meeting **next** Wednesday, June 19th, at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. Please join us – all women of the parish are welcome.

DIOCESAN SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATION IS JUNE 20

Come join us and our Bishop Earl K. Fernandes at the 45th annual **Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration on Thursday, June 20, 2024**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 3730 Broadway, Grove City. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. This annual event is a great opportunity of prayer, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from the 23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus. Registration for the celebration is \$20.00. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, payable to Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information, call 614-241-2540 or email at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Online registration is at https://dioceseofcolumbus.org/social-concerns-online-payments. Registrations are requested by June 14.



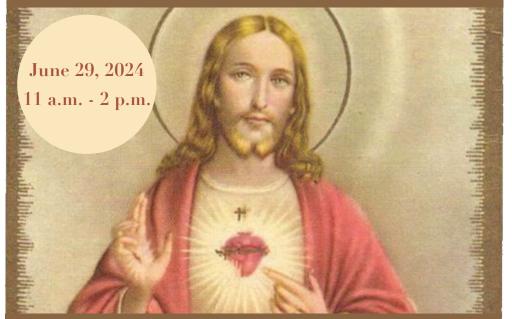
COME JOIN US FOR VBS 2024: SCUBA!

VBS will take place this week! June 10-14 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. It will be a fun week full of games, music, friendship, and of course, awesome Bible stories. Please pray for our volunteers and for the kids who will be attending!



Women of Ascension invites you

Women Blessing Women The Women of Ascension are hosting a ladies' tea for all women of the parish.



This year we would like to bless other women in our community as part of our women's gathering. We have invited Darcey McCampbell of Kingdom Pillars Strong Tower to come speak to us. She leads a local ministry that serves the young women of our area who are coming out of human trafficking or are at a great risk. Please keep in mind this is a sensitive topic when considering the age or situation of your guests.

The Women of Ascension want to place this ministry and all of the young women it serves in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will be praying a litany of the Sacred Heart as well as an opportunity to donate needed items for the ministry.

Refreshments and tea will be served as well as time for fellowship.

RSVP to Adele Robbins at adelerobins6@gmail.com or 614.406.7023. Or complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

Name(s)

Email

Phone

Number of people attending.

YOUTH GROUP **CEDAR POINT TRIP**

The **YOUTH GROUP** is planning a trip to Cedar Point on June 27th. We still need a few more youth to join us to get the group discount. Cost is \$75.00/per 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@ johnstownascension.org by June 15th.

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@ johnstownascension.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.

REST IN PEACE

We ask your sympathy and prayers for the repose of the soul of Bob Muench who passed away on June 4, 2024. There will be a funeral Mass at Ascension on Saturday, June 15 with visitation from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Mass at 11:30 a.m. Burial following at St. Joseph Cemetery and luncheon to follow. Please keep his family in your prayers. May God grant him eternal rest.



The St. Leonard Women's Guild invites you to a day of reflection on Thursday, June 13, 2024. Father Mark Ghiloni will be Mass celebrant and speaker. The retreat will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with Reconciliation at noon. The Theme for the day's retreat is "From Despair to Hope," a reflection on grief. Contact Mary Morman at 740-243-0045 for reservations. Walk-ins are welcome. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

Please RSVP

by June 19

The latest stats of the hunger rate in Ohio shows 1 in 5 children face hunger. You can help. Every Saturday and Sunday, Panera gives their leftovers (50 pounds of bread and pastries) to The Church of Ascension.

All we need to do is pick it up and deliver it to the Haven on Saturday or the church lobby on Sunday. More Details in the Flocknote Sign-up

Available Saturdays this summer are June 15, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 10 and August 17.

Available Sundays this summer are June 23, July 14, July 28, August 11 and August 25. We are having difficulties with the QR Code for Sunday. We will post it when it is operational.

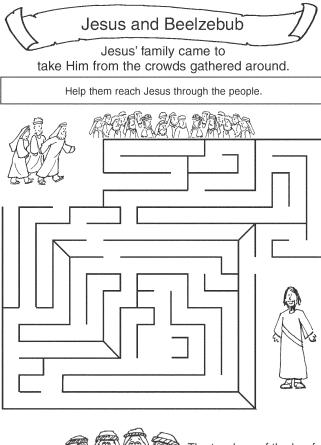
Sign-up Saturday https://churchoftheascension18.flocknote.com/signup/117789 Or use this QR code.

Not Cellphone savvy? Just text or call Diane at 859-380-1944.

Thanks, your help is desperately needed and appreciated.



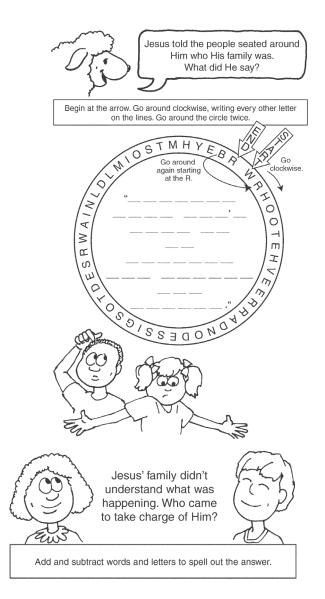
Activities for Children



The teachers of the law from Jerusalem didn't understand why the crowds gathered to hear Jesus teach.

Find what they said by answering each math problem. Write the word by the correct answer on the line.

1. 12÷3=	2. 8-6=	3. 1x1=	4. 9÷3=		
1. The	1. Run	1. possessed	1. along		
2. Soon	2. is	2. tired	2. from		
3. We	3. talk	3. sang	3. by		
4. He	4. comes	4. talking	4. forever		
5. 18÷6=	6. 2x2=	7. 10÷10=	8. 13-10=		
1. spirits	1. Lost	1. the	1. sun		
2. trees	2. Found	2. in	2. moon		
3. Beelzebub	3. Under	3. out	3. prince		
4. water	4. By	4. around	4. stars		
9. 14÷7=	10. 6-5=	11. 20÷5=	12. 6÷3=		
1. change	1. demons	1. They	1. one		
2. of	2. try	2. girl	2. is		
3. afraid	3. warm	3. man	3. dark		
4. ask	4. cold	4. He	4. night		
13. 21-18=	14. 12-8=	15. 1+0=			
1. day	1. under	1. demons			
2. light	2. through	2. birds			
3. driving	3. over	3. fish			
4. warm	4. out	4. friends			
" 	2	3 !	4		
8		10			
12 13 14 15 (But the teachers of the law were wrong!)					



Jesus'







FAMILY

Reflection on Mark 3:20-35

In these divisive and polarizing times, it is necessary to be reminded by this Gospel that we all belong to the family of Jesus: "Here are my mother and my brothers..." So often we let our political ideology, our liturgical preference, our perceived social standing, our economic reality, our views on immigration, our personal agenda, keep us from embracing all in our church and communities as our brothers and sisters.

The Eucharist, both meal and sacrifice, is a celebration of our unity, a unity that is far greater than anything that divides us. Even more than a celebration of unity, it is a call to unity, empowering us to extend love to the whole family of Christ, giving us the mission of being peace and harmony in our portion of the world.

Some of the key principles of our Catholic Social Teachings include the inherent worth and dignity of every human person, the call to family, community and participation, and options for the poor and vulnerable. All of these become our work, our mission, through our participation in the Eucharist. This work is also expressed in the truth of the integration of knowledge and action as the basis of wisdom, which springs from our Catholic Intellectual Tradition. ~ Fr. Jav

> I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption. Psalm 130:5,7



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, June 9, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 3:9-15 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 2 Cor 4:13–5:1 Mk 3:20-35

Monday, June 10, 2024 Weekday 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 5:1-12

T<mark>ues</mark>day, June 11, 2024

Saint Barnabas, Apostle Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 Weekday 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 14, 2024 Weekday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Mt 5:27-32

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Weekday 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 Mt 5:33-37

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

SAINT EPHREM

Saint of the Day: June 9 Patron Saint of: Spiritual Leaders/Directors

Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant in his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church.

Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem fled as a refugee to Edessa, along with many other Christians. He is credited with attracting great glory to the biblical school there.

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus.

It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and, using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit."

Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373.

Many Catholics still find singing in church a problem, probably because of the rather individualistic piety that they inherited. Yet singing has been a tradition of both the Old and the New Testaments. It is an excellent way of expressing and creating a community spirit of unity as well as of joy. An ancient historian testifies that Ephrem's hymns "lent luster to the Christian assemblies."

Read the full article: "Saint Ephrem" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-ephrem/ (Accessed May 24, 2024).

