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







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#### JULY 114, 2024 • FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 13**

8:00 a.m. Camillo J. Lee

by the Kim Family

8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confession

4:00 p.m. Mark Mann

by Mark &

Joanne Hawkins

#### SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:30 a.m. Lee Ann Fausnaugh

by the Paider Family

11:00 a.m. Parish Family

#### **MONDAY, JULY 15**

8:00 a.m. NO Mass

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 16**

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confession

6:30 p.m. Selma Sund

by the Carter Family

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17**

8:00 a.m. For the Intention of

Benson & Lora Hargens

by Ben & Monica Huber

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 18**

8:00 a.m. Bob Muench

by the

Alexandria Buckeyes

#### FRIDAY, JULY 19

8:00 a.m. For those battling cancer

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 20**

8:00 a.m. Virginia Gutridge

by the Kim Family

8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confession

4:00 p.m. Les Zajac by Mike Haefs

#### SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:30 a.m. Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Gordon Cromwell

by the Cromwell Family

## Pastor's Column

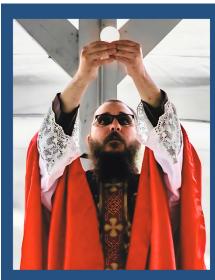
#### Dear Brothers and Sisters.

This weekend, we officially welcome Fr. Jins Devasia as our new Parochial Vicar. Fr. Jins moved in last Monday and hit the ground running! He will be a great addition to our parish, and I am excited to welcome him to his new home. Please introduce yourself to him after Mass this weekend!

I am away this week attending the School Pastor's Institute at the University of Notre Dame. Due to the complexities of having two schools at my next assignment, the Diocese encouraged me and any pastor of our Diocese with schools to attend. I am excited for this opportunity and happy to be equipped with information that will be helpful as I move on to my new assignment at the end of the month. Please keep me in your prayers!

Finally, our youth group is attending the Steubenville Youth Conference this weekend, where they will be able to experience opportunities for worship, Adoration, Mass, hear talks on the sacraments and our faith, and be offered the opportunity to experience some vocational discernment. I had the opportunity when I was in high school to attend several of these conferences and gained a lot of insight during my time there. Please keep our youth in your prayers this week as they experience this wonderful opportunity. God bless,

Fr. Smith



# JOIN US AS **WE SAY FAREWELL** TO FATHER SMITH

Parish Breakfast in the Pavillion July 28th 9:30 -10:45am

Pastor of Church of the Ascension July 6, 2021 - August 1, 2024

Join us as we say farewell to our Pastor, Fr. Stephen Smith, on July 28, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Father Smith will begin his appointment as Pastor of St. John Paul II Scioto Catholic Parish on August 1. A box for cards or well wishes for Father Smith will be in the church Gathering Space. Godspeed, Father, on your new appointment!

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 13-14, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Gary Shively	Claire Barb	Ryan Neal
	Isaac Dorsten	Joey Barb	Jack Smithhisler
	Christian Dorsten	Austin Eckstein	Alex Smithhisler
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Linda Droege – Host	Mary Sheehan – Chalice	Laura Sammons – Host
		Jerri Burgel – Chalice	
		Rachel Barb – Host	
LECTORS:	Peter Luhrman	Rodney Tornes	Mike Dunfee
LECTORS:	Barbara VanHoose – Angelus	Joey Barb  Austin Eckstein  Mary Sheehan – Chalice  Jerri Burgel – Chalice  Rachel Barb – Host	Sally Blubaugh – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Dennis Murnane	Mark Sheehan	Mike Dunfee
	Jan Orkis	Mary Sheehan	Lora Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler Family

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20-21, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Shelli Writesel	Veronica Botts	Ryan Neal
	Jolene Bogner	Paul Cuthbert	Jack Smithhisler
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jackson Wernette	Alex Smithhisler
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Mike Haefs – Host	Tom Staneart – Chalice	Bernadette Fox – Host
		Billy Staneart – Chalice	
		Jerri Burgel – Host	
LECTORS:	Dave Bogner	Nadia Staneart	Peter Luhrman
LECTORS:	Tom Nann – Angelus Ali Staneart – Angelus	Carrie Suess – Angelus	
GREETERS/USHERS:	Mary Ann Shaffer	Tommy Botts	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
	Maureen Keebaugh	Andrea Botts	
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler Family

# Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for Angela Taylor, baby Carmen, 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.

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# Your Gifts to God

#### **WEEKLY NEED \$7,115.00**

430 REGISTERED FAMILIES

#### JUNE 29/30, 2024

Total Offering	\$ 8,335.00
77 Envelopes	\$ 5,057.00
Loose Cash	\$ 525.00
Online	\$ 2,753.00
Holy Father	\$ 25.00
Home Missions	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 65.00
SOLT	\$ 5.00

#### JULY 6/7 2024

Total Offering	\$ 7,462.00
69 Envelopes	\$ 4,800.00
Loose Cash	\$ 444.00
Online	\$ 2,218.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 230.00

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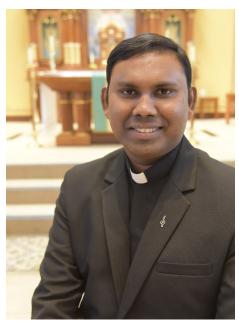
https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/ giving/ascensionjohnstown

# HOMESCHOOL MOMS' DAY OF REFLECTION

Join other homeschooling mothers to spend time in prayer and reflection as you begin preparing for the next school year. Meet new friends, evaluate your previous school year, get encouragement and inspiration for next year!

When: Saturday, July 27 at Ascension. Begins with 8:00 a.m. Mass, Adoration and Confession ends at 3:00 p.m. with lunch out together!

For more information or to register, please contact Elizabeth Hawbaker at 1familyhawbaker@gmail.com or 972-965-5021.



#### WELCOME, FATHER JINS

Father Jins Devasia will be joining us as our fulltime Parochial Vicar on July 9, 2024. Please give him a warm Ascension welcome! Reverend Jins Devasia, H.G.N., is a priest from the Heralds of Good News order. Born in India, he was ordained on April 15, 2010. His first appointment was in one of their schools and parish at Yernagudam in India as assistant correspondent and assistant parish priest. Then he was appointed as the assistant parish priest for the Archdiocese of Ernakulam and Angamaly. After a year of service in that diocese, he was appointed to be in charge of the construction of their house for the destitute and named the director of the destitute house after its completion. After working there, he left for Papua New Guinea for a period of five years as a volunteer missionary. After returning

from the Papua mission, he was appointed as the assistant correspondent and administrator of a school at Bonakal, India. When he was in Bangalore, he received the assignment to the Diocese of Columbus. He speaks some local languages of India and Pegion (Tokposin). Fr. Devasia has been the Parochial Vicar at St. John Neumann Church in Sunbury, Ohio since July 2022.



#### DONATE BLOOD

Summer schedules can get hectic with time off and fun summer activities — making it a tough time to keep a sufficient blood supply. When blood donations go out the door faster than we can collect them, a shortage may happen and delay essential medical care. Help prevent a blood shortage from happening this summer. DONATE BLOOD — Mark your calendar now for the next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE that will take place at Ascension on Monday, July 15, 2024 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. All donors who come to donate blood July 1-31 will get a Fandango Movie Ticket by email — which they can use to see the bigscreen thrill ride TWISTERS on us!\* Donors who come to give in July also will be entered automatically for a chance to win a 2025 Ram 1500 Big Horn®! The blood collected at your Blood Drive can give patients in-need the opportunity to have more sunny days, enjoy more thrilling adventures and create more memories this summer. Please make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcross.org, sponsor code ProlifeJohns.

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.



# The Appeal

**Supporting Catholic Ministries** 

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#### THE APPEAL 2024, RESPOND TO HIS LOVE

WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR 2024 APPEAL GOAL! Many thanks 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. Our pledge total to date is \$46,086.17. 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!

#### CHRIST, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us for fellowship on Friday mornings after Mass; we will have continuous conversations on various topics on Catholicism. Any questions, please contact Carrie Suess at 302-377-1755 or carriesuess@yahoo.com.



#### **EARLY FALL RETREAT!**

Spend time this fall enriching your relationship. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend in the Central Ohio area is September 6-8, 2024. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org or contact Kim and Don Downs at 614-893-1935. Early registration is highly recommended.

#### 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.

#### MINISTERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

Please consider giving an hour of your time to be ministers to the Lord at Mass. We are in desperate need for all Mass times, especially the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (5th Grade-Adult) and Greeters. Training provided. Contact Fr. Smith at frsmith@johnstownascension.org.

#### 40 HOURS OF ADORATION AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

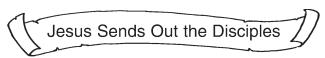
5750 N. High Street, Worthington 9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 20– 6:00 a.m., Monday, July 22

All those who are unable to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis are invited to unite our prayers with them as we pray for an increased awareness of the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Sign up for an hour of Adoration! You can sign up at https://stmichaelchurchwor.flocknote.com/signup/170632.

#### ST. PEREGRINE CANCER PRAYER SERVICE

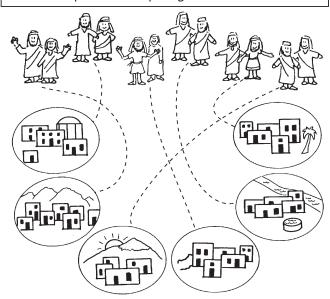
The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times a year, a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, July 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine. org or call 419-925-4532.

## Activities for Children



Jesus sent His disciples out in groups of 2. They went to preach to the people.

Help these disciples get to the towns.



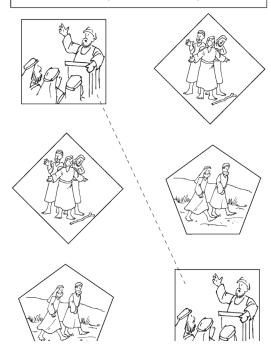
Jesus told the disciples to take nothing but a staff with them.

Connect the dots of a disciple carrying a staff.
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQR



The disciples preached and healed many who believed.

Match the pictures of the disciples.



Jesus told them that if a place did not welcome them, they should shake the dust from their feet. Then they should move on.

(Circle) 7 differences in the 2nd picture.





#### **MISSION**

Reflection on Mk 6:7-13

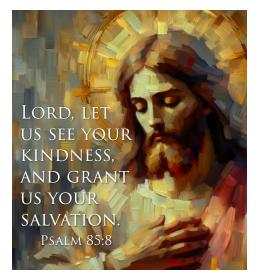
The purpose of parish life is to form and send intentional missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. I wonder if sometimes we become so focused in on being "formed" that our parish life – everything from sacramental formation to liturgies to social events – becomes a comfort zone, a place where we just want to hang out and be, well, "religious." Being fed and formed are essential, and there is nothing wrong with having a vibrant parish home and family where this takes place.

But we are also "sent." The Great Commandment (Love ... God ... others) and the Great Commission (go ... baptize ... teach) form the mission that awaits our attention beyond the walls and campuses of our parishes. Today's Gospel gives us Jesus' mission instructions to the first group to be sent. There are two elements of these instructions that jump out at me.

First, the Twelve are sent out "two by two." From the very beginning, there is community in mission! We aren't sent out alone. Different gifts are needed. You have something to give that I don't have, and vice versa. This anticipates Paul's vision of the Church as the Body of Christ: a body with many, different parts that complement one another and form a unity.

Second, Jesus instructs them to "take nothing for the journey..." In other words, rely completely on God's grace. Don't let possessions, or the human desire for recognition distract you from the mission. Don't even let someone's rejection of the message upset you, just keep going. The harvest is rich!

~ Fr. Jay



#### **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

#### Sunday, July 14, 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13

#### Monday, July 15, 2024

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23

Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 2 Mt 10:34–11:1

#### Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Weekday Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 11:20-24

#### Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Weekday Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 Mt 11:25-27

#### Thursday, July 18, 2024

Weekday Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 Mt 11:28-30

### Friday, July 19, 2024

Weekday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday, July 20, 2024

Weekday Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

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

### **SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA**

Saint of the Day: July 14

Patron Saint of: Environment and Ecology

Kateri Tekakwitha would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.





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