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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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MAY 12, 2024 • THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- 8:00 a.m. Carolyn Carter &
Hazel Kwiat
by the Carter Family
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
- 4:00 p.m. Davin Schlegel
by Ken Ehli

SUNDAY, MAY 12

- 8:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. In Celebration of
All Mothers
by Mark &
Joanne Hawkins

MONDAY, MAY 13

- 8:00 a.m. For those who are
mourning the loss
of a loved one.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Wilbur DePue
by Rosemary DePue

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 8:00 a.m. For those who are
struggling to conceive

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 8:00 a.m. For those with anxiety

FRIDAY, MAY 17

- 8:00 a.m. Bill Hottinger
by Karen Hottinger

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Luke
& Rebecca Morrison
by Stan &
Elizabeth Hawbaker
- 4:00 p.m. Les Zajac by Mike Haefs

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 8:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Mary Catherine Hawkins
by Mark &
Joanne Hawkins

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers! We are so blessed to have you in our lives.

Last weekend, at a special 2:30 p.m. Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, ten of our children who have been preparing all year, received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Earl Fernandes. It was quite special this year, as this was the first time that many of these children have been to the Mother Church of the Diocese of Columbus. Let us pray for them as they embark on this wondrous sacrament of our faith, which for them, completes their initiation into the Catholic Faith. Congratulations to the following Confirmandi:

Sebastian Thomas Botts, Claire Maria Dorsten, Chloe Elizabeth Eckstein, Abram Edward Krouse, Ryan Nicholas Neal, Michael Edward Sileargy, Alexander Smithhisler, Jack Smithhisler, Regan Lynne Williams, and Ethan James Wnek.

This weekend, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will have our **May Crowning**. Everyone is welcome to join us up at Mary's Garden.

Our Parish **Appeal** goal this year is **\$42,436.17**. For the past several years, our parish has exceeded our goal and I am very thankful for your generosity. I encourage you to consider how God may be calling you to assist in the good works of the Diocese of Columbus. The funds for this Appeal go to support everything from Marriage Preparation and counseling, Evangelization, Tuition Assistance for Catholic Schools, Service to the Poor, Seminarian Studies for the Priesthood, and the like. I appreciate your generosity!

God bless,

Fr. Smith



Join us for a farewell!
say good luck and
goodbye to

Fr. Jesse Chick, CFIC

Parish Breakfast

May 12, 2024 - 9:30am

FAREWELL BREAKFAST FOR FR. JESSE CHICK

We will be hosting a Parish Breakfast and Fundraiser for the Social Committee and Scout Troop 25 this Sunday, May 12 between the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to send off our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Jesse Chick, as he will be leaving Ascension next weekend. Please plan to come out and support the Social Committee, Troop 25, and offer blessings to Fr. Jesse as he begins this new journey in his ministry.

The Ascension of the Lord, MAY 11-12, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Ethan Wnek	Claire Barb	Alex Rush
	Isaac Dorsten	Austin Eckstein	Volunteer Needed
	Christian Dorsten	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Shelli Writesel – Host	Rachel Barb – Chalice	Corinna Rush – Host
		Michael Robbins – Chalice	
		Mary Sheehan – Host	
LECTORS:	Dennis Murnane	Adele Robbins	Mike Rush
	Barbara VanHoose – Angelus	Rodney Tornes – Angelus	Diana Lewis – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Shelli Writesel	Mark Sheehan	Mary Ann Schaffer
	Dennis Murnane	Mary Sheehan	Volunteer Needed
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Smithhisler Family

Pentecost Sunday, MAY 18-19, 2024

	<i>SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.</i>	<i>SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.</i>
ALTAR SERVERS:	Isaac Dorsten	Volunteer Needed	Bode Cherry
	Christian Dorsten	Ben Orsini	Mathew Cherry
	Ryan Neal	Paul Cuthbert	Gabi Cervantes
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:	Mike Haefs – Host	Rachel Barb – Chalice	Joanne Hawkins – Host
		Mary Sheehan – Chalice	
		Billy Staneart – Host	
LECTORS:	Tom Nann	Nadia Staneart	Mike Dunfee
	Peter Luhrman – Angelus	Ali Staneart – Angelus	Diana Lewis – Angelus
GREETERS/USHERS:	Mary Ann Schaffer	Tom Staneart	Lora Dunfee
	Shelli Writesel	Ali Staneart	Mike Dunfee
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Misiunas Family

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, Bob Muench, 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.

The *FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR* this weekend are in memory of Harry & Alice Redlin by Gary & Theresa Shively.

Your Gifts to God

WEEKLY NEED \$7,115.00

430 REGISTERED FAMILIES

MAY 4/5, 2024

Total Offering	\$	9,785.00
59 Envelopes	\$	6,337.00
Loose Cash	\$	585.00
Online	\$	2,863.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	495.00
SOLT	\$	130.00



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 Parish SOFT 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

Please give generously to the St. Vincent de Paul Collection this weekend.



SOS SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Many thanks for your generous donations of \$801.00 to The Knights of Columbus in their mission to Support Our Seminarians in the SOS collection last weekend. *The money raised supports our seminarians and promotes vocations.*

THE MEASURE UP CAMPAIGN

A big thanks also from the Knights for the community support of **The Measure Up Campaign** that took place the last weekend in April! Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



The Appeal

Supporting Catholic Ministries

2024

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 a good start with pledges of \$11,081.17 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!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The need for diapers in our community continues to grow. The World's Largest Diaper Drive 2024 is during the month of May. The goal for Bottoms Up is to collect 1 million diapers. Donations of any size or brand diaper can be made in the Gathering Space until this Sunday, May 12.

DONATE BLOOD

Mark your calendar now for the next **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** that will take place Monday, May 24, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please make an appointment by calling 800-RED CROSS or visit redcross.org, sponsor code ProlifeJohns.

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, 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!

We need many volunteers for VBS! If you are interested, please attend our VBS meeting on Sunday, May 19, starting at 9:45 a.m. Can't make it to the meeting, but still interested in volunteering? Email me at kpertee@johnstowncension.org. 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. 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. It will be a fun week, full of games, music, friendship, and of course, awesome Bible stories.

OUR MUSEUM OF CATHOLIC ART AND HISTORY'S GALA

Make an impact! Our Museum of Catholic Art and History's Gala "A Night at the Statehouse" is May 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus (parking available in the Capitol's Underground Parking Garage for approximately \$5.00). This magnificent evening features a presentation by the Most Reverend Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, a keynote address by retired U.S. Congressman and Catholic man, Pat Tiberi, great food and beverages, fine music, and more. Tickets are \$100.00 for individuals, \$175.00 for couples. The Museum, which has been owned by the Bishop of Columbus for many years now, holds the largest collection of Catholic art and history in the U.S. and shares this vital collection with people of all ages and all walks of life. Make an impact by joining us for this event.

THE EUCHARIST: SACRAMENT OF TRUTH AND LOVE (INFO)

A Men's Day of reflection entitled, "The Eucharist: Sacrament of Truth and Love," is scheduled at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Saturday June 1, 2024. Father Peter Fegan, OP, will be the facilitator. Registration includes two talks, Mass, Stations of the Cross on the beautiful grounds, breakfast, and lunch. Cost: \$40.00. Registration at pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection Questions? Email joetesta9@icloud.com.

CEDAR POINT TRIP

The **YOUTH GROUP** is planning a trip to **Cedar Point** (tentative date of 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 drivers, as well.

Please RSVP to Mary at mnelson@johnstowncension.org by June 2!

FOURTH ANNUAL TASTE OF THE SHRINE

On Thursday, May 23, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., the Maria Stein Shrine will host the **Fourth Annual Taste of the Shrine!** This unique event will give attendees the opportunity to enjoy the historic beauty and charm of the Shrine. Enjoy fellowship, while sampling some of the finest food and drink available in God's country. This event is held in the Shrine Courtyard. Participating vendors include Brew Nation Smokehouse, Bella's Italian Grille, Do Good Restaurant; also joining us this year, the Deli Bar(n). Adult beverages from GR8 Vines Winery, Winery at Versailles, Lake Rat Brewing, and Moeller Brew Barn.

Early bird discount on tickets, 30 for \$30.00, is available now through May 17th at the Shrine or online at mariasteinshrine.org. After May 17, tickets are 24 for \$30.00. Tickets can be used to purchase food and drinks from participating vendors; samples of food and drink will be priced at 1-10 tickets each.

In addition, there will be a \$1,000.00 raffle drawing during the event at 7:00 p.m. Any Heritage Day Celebration tickets purchased between August 1, 2023, and May 23, 2024, are entered into the drawing.

New this year is a silent and live auction! You will have the opportunity to bid on items from local businesses. Items include a Blackstone griddle, fire pits, outdoor furniture, Pickleball set, outdoor lighted rosary, handcrafted artwork, gift certificates and more! Food and drink and raffle tickets can be purchased at the Shrine, online at mariasteinshrine.org or by calling 419-925-4532.

Activities for Children

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Jesus prayed to God about His disciples.

Circle 6 differences in the second picture.



Jesus prayed, "I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world."

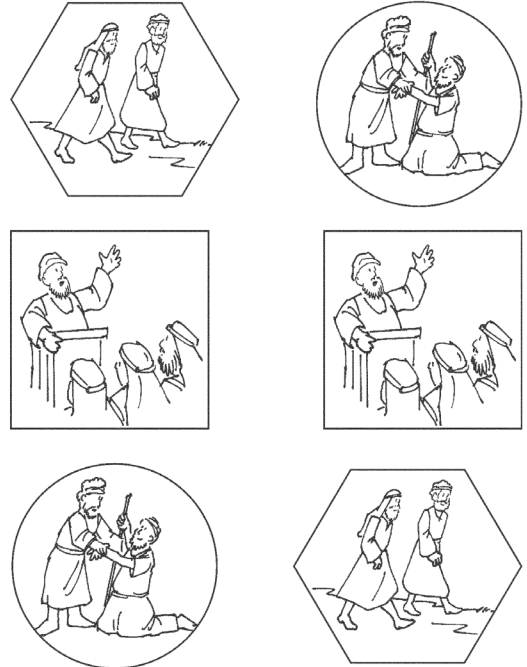
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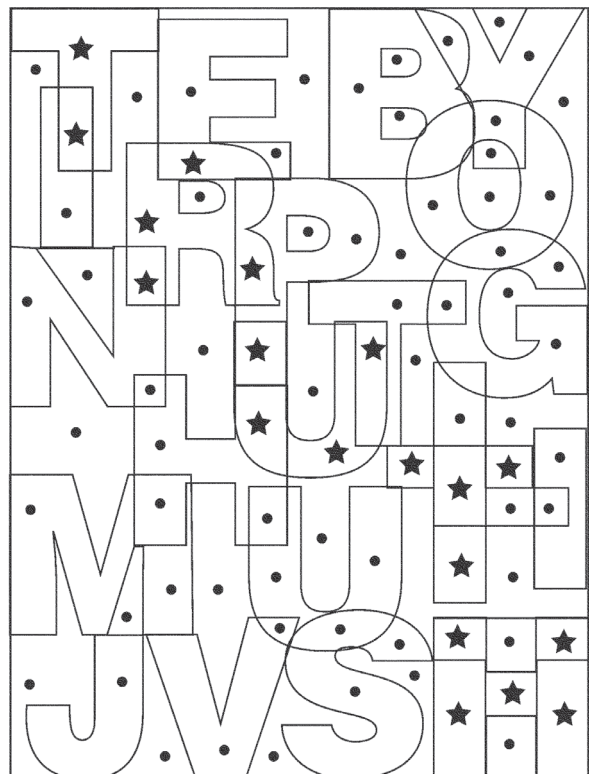
Jesus also said, "As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

Match the pictures.



Jesus continued to pray, "Set them apart by the truth."

Shade in the shapes with a ★ .



MISSION

Reflection on Mark 16:15-20

This feast of the Ascension, along with next Sunday's feast of Pentecost, calls us to our mission: empowered by God's Spirit, we are to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." We live in this "in-between" time – after the Ascension of Jesus and before He comes again. We have the promise of Jesus, that He is with us always, and remains in us; this makes our mission doable!

We will always encounter difficulties in this mission. Mark's mention of handling serpents, drinking deadly things, and combating demons is a sure reminder of this. These activities, and the dangers they pose, may not be part of our mission strategy when we set out, but these and all difficulties were foreseen by Jesus, and He has equipped us to face and overcome them, by the help of His grace and the promise of His faithfulness.

The feast of the Ascension brings to mind for me some lyrics from one of my favorite hymns, *O God Beyond All Praising*: "And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still."

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, May 12, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

Monday, May 13, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Saint Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 17, 2024

Saint Paschal Baylon
Acts 25:13b-21
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 11:4, 5 and 7
Jn 21:20-25

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

SAINT PASCHAL BAYLON

Saint of the Day: May 17

Patron Saint of: Eucharistic Congresses and Societies Shepherds

In Paschal's lifetime the Spanish empire in the New World was at the height of its power, though France and England were soon to reduce its influence. The 16th century has been called the Golden Age of the Church in Spain, for it gave birth to Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, Francis Solano, and Salvator of Horta.

Paschal's Spanish parents were poor and pious. Between the ages of seven and 24, he worked as a shepherd and began a life of mortification. He was able to pray on the job and was especially attentive to the church bell, which rang at the Elevation during Mass. Paschal had a very honest streak in him. He once offered to pay owners of crops for any damage his animals caused!

In 1564, Paschal joined the Friars Minor and gave himself wholeheartedly to a life of penance. Though he was urged to study for the priesthood, he chose to be a brother. At various times he served as porter, cook, gardener, and official beggar.

Paschal was careful to observe the vow of poverty. He would never waste any food or anything given for the use of the friars. When he was porter and took care of the poor coming to the door, he developed a reputation for great generosity. The friars sometimes tried to moderate his liberality!

Paschal spent his spare moments praying before the Blessed Sacrament. In time, many people sought his wise counsel. People flocked to his tomb immediately after his burial; miracles were reported promptly. Paschal was canonized in 1690 and was named patron of eucharistic congresses and societies in 1897.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament occupied much of Saint Francis' energy. Most of his letters were to promote devotion to the Eucharist. Paschal shared that concern. An hour in prayer before our Lord in the Eucharist could teach all of us a great deal.

Read the full article: "Saint Paschal Baylon" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-paschal-baylon/ (Accessed April 26, 2024).

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