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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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FEBRUARY 4, 2024 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions

4:00 p.m. Patrick Roddy

by Kathy Oglevee

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 a.m. Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Msgr. Stephen Hawkins

by Mark & Joanne Hawkins

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 a.m. For those who are downtrodden

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Confessions 6:30 p.m. For those who are brokenhearted

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 a.m. For those who have lost loved ones

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 a.m. For those who are suffering from cancer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 a.m. For those who are suffering from depression

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

8:30 a.m. Adoration & Confessions

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 a.m. Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Terry Potter by Dan Potter

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The encounter we experience with Jesus in today's Gospel is one of love. Jesus enters the house of Simon Peter and brings healing to his sick mother-in-law. Later that day, He offers healing to many who are brought to Him with their own ailments and finally, on the next day, He offers healing to those possessed by demons.

It is interesting to note that Mark, when referring to the Greek word Jesus uses to "help Peter's mother-in-law up," uses the verb *egeiro*, which is frequently used in reference to Jesus' own Resurrection. In this context, Jesus actually raises Peter's mother-in-law. This miracle could be viewed as a foreshadowing of the eschatological resurrection wrought in mankind through Christ's own death and resurrection.

Following this encounter with Peter's mother-in-law, Jesus cures the sick and then withdraws from Capernaum. The first of these two stories shows that His miracles were not restricted to a few, and that they were a manifestation of His messiahship, even if only demons were able to penetrate this secret.

Jesus' departure was occasioned by the false messianic hopes engendered by His miracles. The other occasions on which Jesus prays are times of stress connected with the true nature of His messiahship. Simon and those with Him pursued Him. This expression usually designates Jesus' disciples, but note how Mark avoids calling them "disciples" as if to suggest that their present way of acting puts them rather in opposition to Jesus.

"Everyone is looking for you:" in Mark, this always occurs in contexts suggesting an evil intention or at least a misguided sort of seeking. Simon implies that Jesus should remain at Capernaum and capitalize on the popularity aroused by His miracles. But Jesus refuses to confine His ministry to one place or encourage the messianic hopes of the crowds.

"For this purpose, I have come:" Jesus opens the promise of hope for salvation to all, His desire as such, is to preach the Word of God, of whom He is, and allow all an opportunity for mercy and love. This should give us all hope. The messiah is not only for a select group of people, rather, for the whole of humanity. God's promise is not limited to a few, rather, for all.

Perhaps this week we can intentionally offer thanks to God for the promise He has offered us and open our hearts to respond to this promise more intentionally in our own lives.

God bless,

Fr. Smith

RCIA Class topic for Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - Lent

SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 4, we will be celebrating SCOUT SUNDAY. Pack 226 and Troop 25 meet at our parish building. Scouts from each organization will be participating in the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY

Our ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY will take place every Friday in Lent, beginning February 16 and running through March 22, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinners include fish, baked potatoes or fries, coleslaw, bun, dessert and drink.

Cost: Adults \$12.00, Children 6-12 and Senior Citizens, \$8.00, Children 5 and under eat free! Carry-out is available! If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop it off on Thursday or Friday. Any questions, call Bill Paider at 614-348-4216.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4-5, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.	
	Ethan Wnek	Brendan Sheehan	Cole Fox	
ALTAR SERVERS:	Christian Dorsten	Clair Barb	Bode Cherry	
	Mike Keebaugh	Joey Barb	Mathew Cherry	
	Mike Haefs – Host	Mary Sheehan – Chalice	Karla Fox Somar – Host	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:		Rachel Barb – Chalice	Carrie Suess	
		Billy Staneart – Host		
LECTORS	Aaron Locker	Nadia Staneart		
LECTORS:	Tom Nann – Angelus	Ali Staneart – Angelus		
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GREETERS/USHERS:	Jan Orkis	Alli Staneart	Troop 25	
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Misiunas Family	

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10-11, 2024

	SATURDAY • 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY • 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY • 11:00 A.M.	
	Volunteer Needed	Brendan Sheehan	Alex Rush	
ALTAR SERVERS:	Ethan Wnek	Veronica Botts	CC Zirille	
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
	Mike Keebaugh – Host	Billy Staneart – Chalice	Corinna Rush – Host	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:		Dale Anne Davidson – Chalice		
		Mary Sheehan – Host		
LECTOR	Maureen Keebaugh	Carrie Suess	Mike Rush	
LECTORS:	Mike Keebaugh – Angelus	Rodney Tornes – Angelus	Mike Dunfee – Angelus	
GREETERS/USHERS:	Shelli Writesel	Mark Sheehan	Anna Ryan	
	Mary Ann Shaffer	Mary Sheehan	Keith Ryan	
			Olivia Ryan	
LIVESTREAM OPERATOR:			Jeff Thomas	



NEW! ONLINE BOOKING

Fr. Smith is using a new, easier online booking system to meet with parishioners. If you'd like to schedule a meeting with Fr. Smith, please scan the QR code or visit his calendar at https://calendly.com/frstephensmith.

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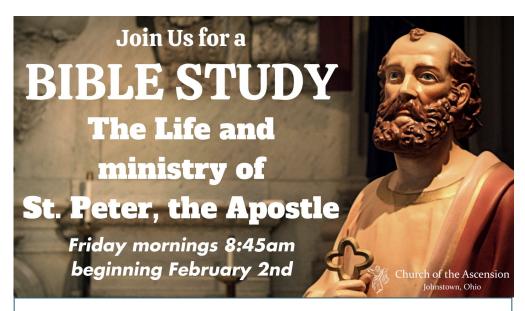
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If you would like a **STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023,** please email the church office at office@johnstownascension.org, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the parish office at 740-967-7871. Please let us know if you would like to receive it via email or snail mail.



ST. PETER BIBLE STUDY

The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the "rock" upon which Jesus would build His Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us. This Bible Study happens every Friday morning, beginning at 8:45 a.m. and runs through Friday, April 12, except for Good Friday on March 29.

Questions? Please contact Carrie Suess at carriesuess@yahoo.com.



WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO!

That is what you will be saying after a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend. Marriage Encounter is 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 February 9-11, 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.



SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in their mission to Support Our Seminarians. Knights will be collecting donations in the Gathering Space on February 3/4, May 4/5, August 3/4 and November 2/3, 2024. The money raised supports our seminarians and promotes vocations.



SURRENDERING THE SECRET ABORTION RECOVERY

Led by Catholic women who have themselves experienced abortion, this group endeavors to help others find a path to healing through a weekly interactive Bible Study, meaningful group experiences, and a caring community. Upcoming sessions will meet weekly on Wednesdays, beginning February 14, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Get info and RSVP at stfrancisparish.net/Register. If you have questions before registering, place a confidential *call or text 740-527-0730 or* STSNewark@gmail.com. Again, please don't hesitate to reach out.

You are not alone and we're here to help you on the journey to healing.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to provide Meals at St. Vincent Haven on the third and fourth Sunday evenings in 2024. (There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the book on the podium in the gathering space. There are also information sheets in the back folder of the book that gives more information.) Questions? Call Mike at 614-432-0656 or Lora at 614-432-0657. They would be happy to explain the program to you. You can use food that the Haven has in their freezers and pantry. They just need volunteers to prepare it. Volunteers are also needed to pick up donated items from Panera Bread on Saturday and Sunday nights (Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the gathering space or text your availability to Diane Green at 859-380-1944 or sign up on Flocknote).



Despite Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day falling on February 14 this year, Bishop Earl Fernandes has not authorized a dispensation from the requirement to fast on the first day of the Lenten observance.

The obligation to fast remains in place under the usual conditions for those between ages 18 and 59 and to abstain from meat for those from 14 and up are binding on members of the Catholic Church.

Your Prayers are Requested

Your prayers this week are asked for Maxine Nann, Letha Patton, Justin King, the Keasey Family, Wesley Potts, Susan Welch, Joyce Curran, Gabrielle & Shawn, Dana Caswell, Suzanne Kubin, Sharon Freitag, Di Habash, Gordon Cromwell, Joe Lindsay, Ivan Booth, Donna Dellapina, Mark & Cathy Mann, Peggy Hall, Terry Baesmann, Rick Potter & Family, Barbara Penhorwood, Margie Easterday, John & Neva Stover, Jared Writesel, Don Vocca, Karen Reitz, Jeff Ankrom, JoAnn Wright, Bob Muench, Ron & Ann Mullins, Ron Gallo, John & Helen Tomich, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

We have many open dates for Mass Intentions on our calendar. Please contact Kathy in the office at 740-967-7871, on my cell at 614-325-0188 or 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.



LAST CHANCE! SUPERBOWL WEEKEND SUB SALE

Today is the last day to order! Women of Ascension are having a Sub Sandwich sale. Choose from Turkey and Cheese or Italian on a large bakery sub roll made fresh for you. Orders will be taken through February 4 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Orders can be dropped in the box outside the church office or after Masses February 3 or 4. Subs are \$8.00 each or \$7.00 each if you order four or more. Use the order form in the bulletin today. Pickup after the Masses on February 10 and 11 in time for the big game.



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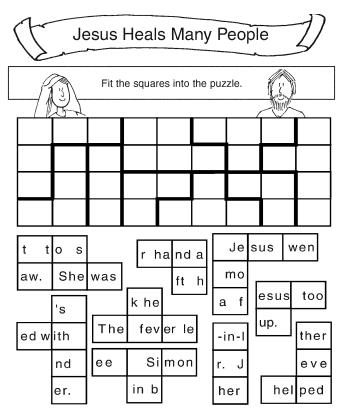
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Presented by St. Francis' *Fruit of the Vine* Ministry, an eight-week journey to a new and vibrant encounter with the Holy Spirit. Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning January 30 in Murphy Hall. (Exception date: March 5 due to Parish Mission).



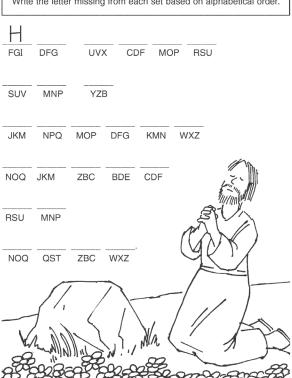
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Activities for Children



Very early in the morning, ... Simon and his companions went to look for Jesus. Where had He gone?

Write the letter missing from each set based on alphabetical order.



That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons.



Find the underlined words from the passage above in the puzzle below. They may be found $\rightarrow \leftarrow \nearrow \swarrow \nwarrow \searrow \uparrow \downarrow$.

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Jesus said, "Let us go somewhere else, to the nearby villages, so I can preach there also. That is why



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V-2 J-2 O+3 N+1 S+2 J-3 I-1 L+3 S+2 X-4

E+2 D-3 J+2 L-3 N-2 C+2 G-2

O+1 Q+1 H-3 C-2 F-3 F+2 K-2 M+1 E+2 K-2 O-1

S+1 F+2 B+3 F+3 Q+1

P+3 Z-1 L+2 B-1 I-2 Q-2 C+4 W-2 A+4 W-4

B+2 Q+1 G+2 U+1 J-1 M+1 I-2 F-5 M+1 B+2

M+2 V-1 V-2 E-1 D+1 K+2 P-1 P-2 T-1

VESSELS OF GRACE

Reflection on Mark 1:29-39

An illness or disease, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, especially if chronic or persistent, can make daily life seem a drudgery and empty a person of any joy or happiness. The complaints of Job in the first reading echo the miserable feelings many sick people endure. Is it any wonder that so much of Jesus' ministry involves healing, curing diseases, and driving out demons? There is always more in these healing stories than just the restoration of health; an accompanying inner healing or transformation leads to new attitudes open once again to joy and meaning in life.

Notice also that the response of Simon's mother-in-law, after being healed by Jesus, is to serve. This is always the appropriate response to grace – to give it away again in acts of love and service. Grace is meant to be shared, and in sharing what we have received, we become vessels of grace, bearing Christ to those we meet in our journey who are in need of healing and strength.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

Monday, February 5, 2024

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Weekday 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Weekday 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 9, 2024

Weekday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Saint Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10

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

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

Saint of the Day: February 10
Patron Saint of: Cloistered Nuns

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, twins, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies. Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day. He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey. Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Scholastica and Benedict gave themselves totally to God and gave top priority to deepening their friendship with him through prayer. In coming closer to Christ they found they were also closer to each other.

Read the full article: "Saint Scholastica" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-scholastica/. (Accessed January 23, 2024).

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