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A Letter From Your Pastor

“... from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded (Luke 12: 48).”

Welcome to the Stewardship edition of our quarterly newsletter. The excerpt from Luke (above) plainly speaks to our need for watchfulness as well as faithfulness, particularly in the manner in which we use our gifts. Each of us possess unique, divinely-inspired gifts. Sharing those gifts with others, particularly your faith community, is both an obligation as well as a blessing.

This year's stewardship campaign, as always, is built around the pillars of time, talent and treasure. The form included in the newsletter provides a chance to select those ministries which YOU believe are best suited for giving during this year.

The gift of time is sometimes overlooked in stewardship campaigns but not in this one. Spending time each day recalling the immense love and mercy shown by God in our lives is a valued ministry. Prayer also can include the remembrance of the many who suffer from ailments, of one variety or another, in the parish as well as throughout our neighborhoods, city and world.

Giving of a talent is a special way to honor God as well as to serve others. Perhaps you have limited time, but, want to connect with others in need. Join our Social Responsibility Committee which fosters outreach to many throughout Regis Park and beyond. Perhaps your talent is in building or remodeling things: join our Art and Environment or the Building and Grounds Committees! And, never overlook the importance of simply being present with another: join our ministry to the homebound or to our local nursing home.

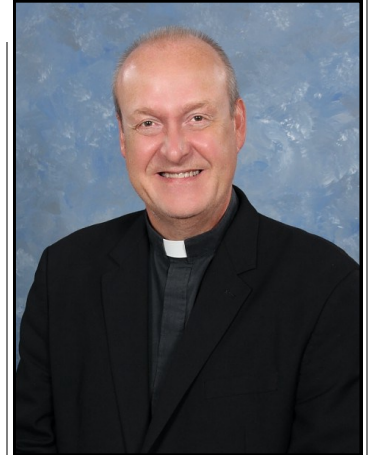
It is also a fact that maintaining our momentum as a parish community requires financial resources. Please consider a pledge, on a weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis, to support Ascension. The amount does not matter; simply the act of giving out of resources to which you have been entrusted is worthy enough! We even make it easy for you to give: through the traditional envelope system or via automated means (EFT, etc.).

Regardless of economic or social circumstances, each of us have something to give the parish. Ascension is widely known as a generous parish because of your prior gifts. As we look forward to another 50 years of service to southeast Louisville, please consider the manner in which you can contribute your time, talent and treasure today.

The reach of this newsletter includes all of our registered households. If we don't hear from you by the end of March, I will send a reminder out to respond to the Stewardship Form. Save all of us time and postage by sending your form in today (or dropping in the collection basket!).

Please know of my daily prayers for each of you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Reverend Steven Henriksen
Pastor
Church of the Ascension



Father Steven Henriksen
Pastor
Church of the Ascension

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On the next few pages you will find descriptions of some of the ministries/committees offered at Church of the Ascension. Due to space we could not describe all of them but on page 6 there is a list of each ministry/committee. If you have any questions about any of the ministries/committees please call the parish office.

Worship Ministry

102 Worship Committee

The role of the Worship Committee is to help our parish celebrate the Eucharist by ensuring that music and décor is appropriate for the season, to train and schedule ministers for Mass, and to provide a well-run liturgy. While some committee members are responsible for scheduling and training ministers for our Masses others may have an interest in becoming knowledgeable about liturgical guidelines and environment. Still others assist with planning for Christmas, Easter, Advent and Lent. The committee meets ten times a year.

103 Art & Environment Committee

This committee serves the liturgy by providing quality liturgical art in an appropriate environment in order to enhance the worship space. Specific areas: indoor gardening, decorating the church and cleaning of the church.



107 Adult Choir

Vocal ensemble is open to high school students and adults. Provides music for Sunday and special liturgies. Choir practice is held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the church.

108 Cantor

The role of the cantor is to lead and encourage the assembly to join their voices in praising God through song. The Cantor proclaims the responsorial psalm. Open to high school students and adults. Required training provided.



109 Keyboard / Instrumentalist

Anyone who plays a musical instrument and would like to participate in liturgy.

110 Handbells

Our bell ringers just love their handbells! We are always looking for new members to join our bell group. Handbells usually play once a month at mass. There are no musical requirements to join.

Training is provided to play handbells for special weekend liturgies. Many members don't read music but have learned how to follow when they need to play.



111 Resurrection Choir

Men and women who strengthen the sung portions of the funeral liturgy. As a part of the assembly, the Choir's presence generates a sense of parish unity with the family and friends of the deceased. It is not necessary to be a member of one of the other choirs. Members gather one half hour before the time of the funeral to prepare the music.

113 Bereavement Committee

Provides food and any necessary help for families on the day of the funeral of their loved one.

115 Communion to the Homebound

The ministers take communion on Sunday mornings to parishioners in their homes who are unable to attend weekend liturgy. Ministers are also needed to take communion to Regis Woods on Sunday and Norton Suburban Hospital on Thursday. Required training provided.

116 Lector

Parishioners who proclaim the Word of God at liturgy. Open to high school age students and adults. Required training provided.



117 Communion Minister

These special ministers of the Eucharist assist the Presider in offering the Body and Blood of Christ to the assembly at Liturgy. Open to confirmed eighth grade students, high school students and adults who are confirmed. Required training provided.



118 Sacristan

Ministers who prepare all the elements before liturgy. Specific tasks include: preparing the bread and wine, unlocking necessary parts of the building, overseeing assigned ministers for the liturgy.

119 Hospitality Minister

Ministers who promote an atmosphere of hospitality by welcoming newcomers and friends at church. Specific tasks: help seat people when needed, straighten church at end of liturgy.



120 Adult Altar Server

Assists the Presider at Liturgy with different elements such as accepting the gifts, carrying the crucifix and/or candles and other tasks as needed for the individual liturgy. Adults can serve at weekday, weekend, funeral or special liturgies. Required training provided.





Administration



200 Pastoral Council

Operates as a leadership team and advisory board to the pastor.



201 Finance

This committee is responsible for reporting the financial activities of the parish. It also makes recommendations to the Parish Council relating to financial issues. Members work with other parish committees in developing annual budgets, reviewing variances from budgets, and assisting those committees as necessary. Other duties include reviewing monthly financial information and assisting in general accounting functions.

202 Formation Committee

Volunteers are needed to serve in a consultative role to offer input about the faith formation needs of adult parishioners.

This committee meets monthly.

203 Collections Count Team

This team counts the Sunday collection on Monday mornings.

204 Parish Communications & Technology

Members are responsible for short term and long term planning for technology for the church, and school. This includes helping videotape Mass on Sundays and maintain the website.



205 Parish Festival Planning Committee

The festival committee coordinates various aspects of the Summer Festival. Tasks include booth chairpersons, ordering picnic items, arranging publicity, booth setup, cleanup, etc.

208 Athletic Ministry Advisory Committee

The Pastor appoints the Athletic Director and Assistant Director. This committee is the coordinating body for all sports and establishes the policies and direction of the entire sports program.

209 Buildings/Grounds Committee

This committee oversees the general maintenance and upkeep of the parish property as well as planning for long-range needs of the parish community's physical plant.



210 Second Tuesday Maintenance Crew

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Open to all adults interested in helping maintain the parish property by making minor repairs, painting, cleaning, etc.

211 Parish Office Assistant



Assist with clerical responsibilities in the parish office such as bulk mailings, stuffing envelopes, answering the phone and door.

212 Audit Committee

Perform an annual audit to ensure the parish is operating in accordance with the Archdiocesan Financial Policies and Procedures; ensure internal control procedures are being followed; ensure the accuracy of parish financial reports; examine underlying documentation to support the financial statements.

Formation

300 RCIA Team

RCIA offers an invitation to "come and see" what the Catholic faith is all about. The year round process is lectionary based and is in accord with the Decree of the Second Vatican Council – Roman Ritual.



301 RCIA Sponsor

Adults interested in sharing in the faith journey of those in the RCIA process.

303 Book Club Facilitator



An opportunity for adults to read a selected book and gather for a lively discussion. The Club Facilitator would help lead discussions.

304 Anchor Teacher or Assistant

Teacher: A person who is willing to share their faith by teaching a small group of students in primary, intermediate or junior high grades. A simple, user friendly curriculum is provided, so there is minimal planning. Anchor religious education classes meet weekly on Sunday mornings between masses from September through April.

Assistant: An anchor assistant helps the lead catechism during the teaching sessions on Sunday mornings. They may also assist with the planning and preparation, if needed, and may substitute if the teacher is out.



305 Children's Liturgy of the Word Teacher

Assists children ages 3 to third grade with understanding the Sunday scripture readings. This takes place during the 10:30 Mass.

306 Baptism Preparation Team

Coordinators conduct preparation classes for parents and godparents concerning the Sacrament of Baptism, its history, and symbolism. Discussions are led on Christian parenting.

307 Marriage Preparation Team

This program is led by trained volunteer married couples who help engaged couples meet the requirements to marry within the Catholic Church.



308 Faith Club Assistant

Help with Faith Club that is designed for adults with developmental disabilities.

309 Youth Ministry Volunteer

Serve as an adult leader to our high school and/or junior high youth groups. Chaperone our regular Sunday night gatherings as well as outside events. Attend Family Faith Nights when possible. Practice a ministry of presence to our youth.

310 Youth Ministry Support

Provide occasional snacks and side dishes/desserts for our events. Pray for our youth. Be open to contact for specific prayer requests.

311 Vacation Bible School

Volunteers are needed for this annual summer program to help with the planning, preparing and teaching. Teachers, assistants, craft leaders, music leaders, refreshment coordinators and recreation leaders are needed for this short term commitment.



313 Women's Spirituality Group

Offers an opportunity for women to explore and deepen their spirituality. This group meets monthly. Topics have included the enneagram, early Christian martyrs, modern day spiritual guides, the feminine face of God, journaling, and more.

314 Mom's Group

This is a new ministry in the parish that reaches out to moms of younger children and offers them an opportunity to gather for support, faith, and friendship, as they share the commonality of motherhood. This group meets once a month.

315 GoLF

GoLF is an acronym that stands for Guys Living their Faith. Its purpose is to foster spiritual growth. They meet one Saturday a month to watch a video and have a discussion.

Service

400 Social Responsibility Committee

The mission of the committee is to enable the parishioners, as followers of Christ, to reach out in service and action to those in need. This committee's goal is to increase awareness within the parish community concerning various social issues. It encourages parishioners to take social action. Efforts of the committee are on the local, regional, national and global level.



401 Prayer Blanket Ministry

This ministry makes prayer blankets for anyone that may need some extra prayers during a difficult time. No experience necessary.



402 Pro-Life Advocacy Group

The Pro-Advocacy Group promotes a renewed respect for human life in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

403 Holy Stitches! Knitting Group

Knits items for various charities throughout the year. No experience necessary.



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.



-Elizabeth Andrew



Parish Organizations

500 fiftysomething Club



The 50something Club is an organization for parishioners and non-parishioners over the age of 50. They meet on the third Wednesday of each month and have lunch (brown bag, potluck or catered) followed by a brief business meeting. They play games or cards, and celebrate birthdays. They participate in the social actions of our parish and school. They provide outreach to members who are ill and attend prayer vigils for the deceased of our parish and club.

502 A.Men Club

Provides men of the parish an opportunity to broaden the sense of community through social, spiritual, and recreational activities and to foster camaraderie and fellowship among the adult men of the parish. The A.Men club serves the community as well as the parish in both social and service capacities.

YOUTH

Youth Rep for 804/805/806/807/808

Attend ministry meetings and represent the youth perspective.

School

600 School Board Member

The members on this consultative board form a policy making body that is organized to promote quality Christian education for our school. It works within the guidelines and regulations determined by the Office of Lifelong Formation and Education and Kentucky state law.

601 PTO Board Member



The PTO works to support the school and parents in a collaborative effort to educate our children. This organization of volunteers sponsors meetings, fund raising events, and provides volunteer services for such duties as room parents, library aides, health & safety committee, teacher appreciation, etc.



604 Assist with Music Programs

Assist with logistics of school musicals and programs throughout the school year.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

DETERMINING ONE'S GIFT OF TREASURE (How Much Should One give?)

Scripture speaks of a Tithe, or 10%, from the 'first fruits' of one's labor being given to God. Prayerfully consider your circumstances and use the chart below to help you determine your level of giving. Consider taking a step in increasing your giving.

Annual Income	3% Tithing	5% Tithing	10 % Tithe
	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
\$10,000	\$5.77	\$9.62	\$19.23
\$20,000	\$11.54	\$19.23	\$38.46
\$30,000	\$17.31	\$28.85	\$57.70
\$40,000	\$23.08	\$38.46	\$76.92
\$50,000	\$28.85	\$48.08	\$96.15
\$60,000	\$34.62	\$57.69	\$115.38
\$70,000	\$40.38	\$67.31	\$134.62
\$80,000	\$46.15	\$76.92	\$153.85
\$90,000	\$51.92	\$86.54	\$173.07
\$100,000	\$57.69	\$96.15	\$192.30

Remember, stewardship contributions are tax-deductible!

Ultimately you are the one who must decide.

We are requesting that all families increase their pledges for 2017-2018.

Your stewardship contributions pay for all Parish ministries, operating costs and 20% of school operations. Our financial need averages to approximately \$1,350/year per household.

**Worship Ministry**

- 100** Pray Daily for all Parishioners
- 101** Attend Daily Mass
- 102** Worship Committee
- 103** Art & Environment Committee
- 104** Christmas/Easter Decorating Team
- 105** Clean Church
- 106** Launder Altar Linens
- 107** Adult Choir
- 108** Cantor
- 109** Keyboard/Instrumentalist
- 110** Handbells
- 111** Resurrection Choir
- 112** Serve as Liturgical Minister at Funerals
- 113** Bereavement Committee
- 114** Eucharistic Adoration
- 115** Communion to Homebound

**Indicate Mass Times On Stewardship Form**

- 116** Lector **4:00 8:30 10:30**
- 117** Communion Minister **4:00 8:30 10:30**
- 118** Sacristan **4:00 8:30 10:30**
- 119** Hospitality Minister **4:00 8:30 10:30**
- 120** Adult Altar Server **4:00 8:30 10:30**

Administration

- 200** Pastoral Council
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- 202** Formation Committee
- 203** Collections Count Team
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**Formation**

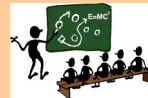
- 300** RCIA Team
- 301** RCIA Sponsor
- 302** Interested in becoming Catholic
- 303** Book Club Facilitator
- 304** Anchor Teacher or Assistant
- 305** Children's Liturgy Teacher
- 306** Baptism Preparation Team
- 307** Marriage Preparation
- 308** Faith Club Assistant
- 309** Youth Ministry Volunteer
- 310** Youth Ministry Support
- 311** Vacation Bible School
- 312** Confirmation Prep Team
- 313** Women's Spirituality Group
- 314** Mom's Group
- 315** GoLF

Service

- 400** Social Responsibility Committee
- 401** Prayer Blanket Group
- 402** Pro-Life Advocacy Group
- 403** Holy Stitches Knitting Group
- 404** Habitat For Humanity Work Crew
- 405** Habitat For Humanity Meal Crew
- 406** Blood Drive Volunteer
- 407** Cub Scout Leader
- 408** Girl Scout Leader

**Parish Organizations**

- 500** fiftysomething Club
- 501** Knights of Columbus
- 502** A.Men Club
- 503** Lenten Fish Fries
- 504** Coach Sports Teams

**School**

- 600** School Board Member
- 601** PTO Board Member
- 602** Library/Media Center Volunteer
- 603** Quick Recall
- 604** Assist with Music Programs
- 605** Marketing

**Youth Stewardship**

- 800** Youth Choir –Ascension Singers
- 801** Children's Liturgy of Word Assistant
- 802** Altar Server 4:00 8:30 10:30
- 803** Parish Festival
- 804** Youth Rep on Worship Committee
- 805** Youth Rep on Formation Committee
- 806** Youth Rep on Social Responsibility Committee
- 807** Youth Rep on Pastoral Council
- 808** Cub / Girl Scouts

Indicate Mass Times On Stewardship Form



Family Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Please return this entire page to
 the parish office by
March 15, 2017
Effective July 1, 2017

Please indicate the Ministries/Committees/Events you wish to participate in starting July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Ministry numbers are listed on page 6.

Please circle your mass preference for the following ministries 116, 117, 118, 119, 120 and 802

4:00 8:30 10:30

(example) Mary

112, 113, 211

Check below to
 keep the same
 as last year

Name _____ ☐

Name _____ ☐

Name _____ ☐

Name _____ ☐

Name _____ ☐

Please attach sheet for additional family members

Help us update our records.

Adult 1

Name _____

Employer _____

Work Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____

E-mail _____

Adult 2

Name _____

Employer _____

Work Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____

E-mail _____

Gift of Treasure
Renewal of Stewardship of Treasure

Total Annual Gift: \$ _____
 (not including matching funds)

To be Paid \$ _____ **per**
 _____ **week** _____ **month** _____ **Quarter**
 _____ **Other**

Payment Method:

~ **Weekend Envelope** _____

~ **Automatic Bank Withdrawal** _____

~ **Contact me for Planned Giving** _____

Effective _____ **or July 1, 2017**
(date)

Automatic Withdrawal: Withdrawals can be made on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis.

_____ I authorize Church of the Ascension to initiate debit and, if necessary, credit entries. This authorization remains in effect until I notify the parish office otherwise.

Effective Date: _____

Stewardship Amount _____

Circle one: Weekly (Monday) Monthly (15th)
 Quarterly (7/17; 10/17; 1/18; 4/18)

Attach a voided check (checking account) or deposit slip (savings account) for financial verification.

Signed _____

Date _____

_____ I am currently having my donation deducted from my bank account using automatic withdrawal and authorize Church of the Ascension to begin taking out my new pledge amount effective (date) _____.



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focused on developing our community
through worship, outreach, education
and fellowship guided by the teachings
of Jesus Christ.

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

2017 Parish Stewardship Renewal Form

Household Census Update

Please take a moment to complete the census update below to help us keep our records current.

Family Name _____

First Name

Birthdate

Occupation (if student, list grade)

E-mail

[illegible]