

ASCENSION CATHOLIC PARISH

*Yesterday
Today
And
Tomorrow*

Year In Review
2021-2022

Ascension Catholic Parish

Est. 1965

We are a Roman Catholic parish focused on developing our community through worship, outreach, education, and fellowship guided by Jesus Christ.

4600 Lynnbrook Drive, Louisville, Kentucky

State of Ascension

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Ascension Parishioners and School Families,

We have begun another academic and fiscal year, and we find ourselves at an opportune time to look at where we were, where we are, and where we are going. I recall the following line from Sacred Scripture:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and
today and forever.
~ Hebrews 13:8 ~



We count on Jesus Christ remaining the same, for His love never fails, and His Spirit is never withheld for those who call out to Him. We trust in the Lord, yet we know that we must change with the passing of times and seasons. Change is not always easy. Often change is uncomfortable and unsettling. Nevertheless, we are called by the changing reality of our lives to hold tight to those realities that never change, namely the love of Jesus for His bride, the Church. I hope you take your time with this document. Much effort has gone into its development, and many insights are gleaned from it. A quick note about statistical comparisons. Most comparisons found in these pages are between the '21-22 and the '18-19 fiscal years. This is for two reasons: (1) the '18-19 year was the last year before Covid, so we can look at where things stood before the pandemic and how we have recovered. (2) '18-19 was Fr. Steven's final year at Ascension. Therefore, these comparisons are not only pre- and post-Covid; they also reflect, in a way, differences between two different shepherds.

This community has seen its share of struggles recently. I have not always been the pastor I want to be, nor have I always been the pastor you deserve. I am, however, the pastor that you have. I readily admit my shortcomings and have attempted to apologize when I have been in the wrong. Sometimes it feels like we speak two different languages. I agree that that feeling can quickly build frustration and friction. The only way to overcome this difficulty is to lean into the difficulty. God is not finished working on you, me, or this community. We cannot remain the same tomorrow as we were yesterday. The world is rapidly changing around us, and we are invited more and more to find our lasting stability in the person of Jesus Christ.

Over the September 10th and 11th weekend, continuing through the potluck on the 14th, we will have an opportunity to discuss where we are and where we are headed. I hope you will take the opportunity to discuss these realities with your family and friends, parish staff and leadership, and perhaps someone you would like to know better.

I am honored to be your pastor and address our current circumstances, witnessing how this community can come together. It is my hope that the Lord will complete the good work which we have started.



Together, We Follow After HIM!
Fr. Adam Carrico - Pastor

Community

Our various facilities allow us to perform our mission statement. Ascension constantly seeks to meet the challenges we face as a community. In recent years, our facilities have undergone many improvements, including:

- New LED Lights
 - Classrooms, hallways, gathering space, cafeteria, kitchen
 - Return on investment of 2.4 years
 - 59-74% energy savings
 - 15+ year lifespan
 - Quieter, cooler, reliable!
- New Thermopane Windows
 - Return on investment of roughly 15 years
 - 37% energy savings
 - Cooler in summer, warmer in winter!
- Repainted picnic tables
- Landscaping and walkway improvements
- New Bluetooth adapter for the church audio system



Looking ahead to future improvements, the following are in store for our community:

- 98% efficient HVAC upgrade for the youth and music rooms
- Landscaping
- New Lynnbrook Drive sign
- Library renovation



Community

New Committee Chairs

- Parish Council: Cindy Robinson
- School Board: Bryan Back
- PTO: Abby Simon
- Summer Festival: Adrian Bates

Thank you for your commitment to Ascension!



Notable Events of the Past Year

- Kickball: 85 parishioners - One Kick Wonders, Champs
- Summer Festival - July 2021 Mini Festival & June 2022 Full Festival
- Inaugural Ascension Corn Hole Tournament
- Taste of Ascension
- Trunk or Treat
- Fish Fry



Education

Ascension School

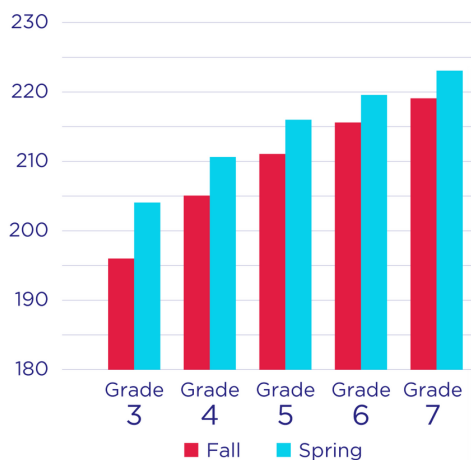
2018-2019 School Year

- PreK-8 Enrollment: 219
- Catholic K-8: 148
- Non-Catholic K-8: 33
- PreK: 39
- Elementary: 119
- Middle: 61

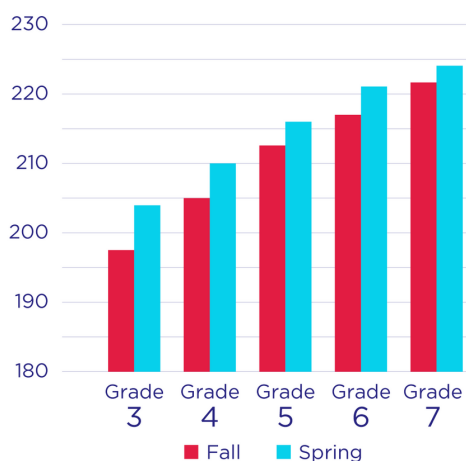
2021-2022 School Year

- PreK-8 Enrollment: 229
- Catholic K-8: 140
- Non-Catholic: 49
- PreK: 42
- Elementary: 123
- Middle: 64

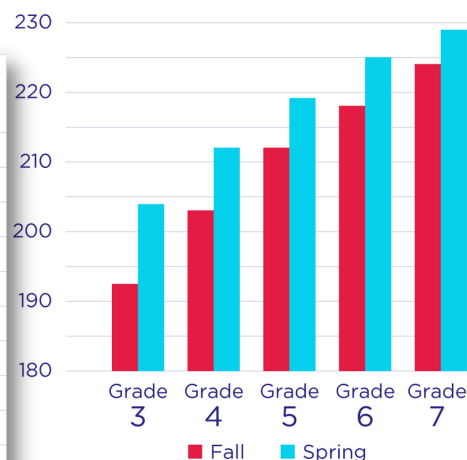
MAP Language Growth 2020-2021



MAP Reading Growth 2020-2021



MAP Mathematics Growth 2020-2021



Education

Ribbons All Around!

Thank you to our principal, Mr. Mullaney, teachers, and staff for their hard work and dedication to our students!

2019 Blue Ribbon Award

Ascension School was awarded the Blue Ribbon by the U.S. Department of Education in 2019. This award recognizes excellence in Ascension's

- Curriculum and instruction
- School culture and support systems
- Professional development of its teachers
- School leadership

excellent academic standards and strong extracurriculars. Ascension will be able to reapply for Blue Ribbon in 2023.



2022 Green Ribbon Award

Recognizing Ascension School's commitment to:

- Reducing environmental impact and costs
- Improving the health and wellness of students and staff
- Offering effective environmental and sustainability education,

the U.S. Department of Education awarded the Green Ribbon to Ascension for the 2021-2022 school year.



Worship

Celebrating the Sacraments

Fiscal Year 2018

- Baptisms: 35
- First Communicants: 26
- Confirmandi: 17
- Weddings: 9
- Funerals: 15
- Receptions into Full Communion: 0
- New Families: 34

Fiscal Year 2021

- Baptisms: 31
- First Communicants: 19
- Confirmandi: 20
- Weddings: 5
- Funerals: 18
- Receptions into Full Communion: 2
- New Families: 36



Livestreaming Ministry

Fiscal Year 2021 YouTube Analytics

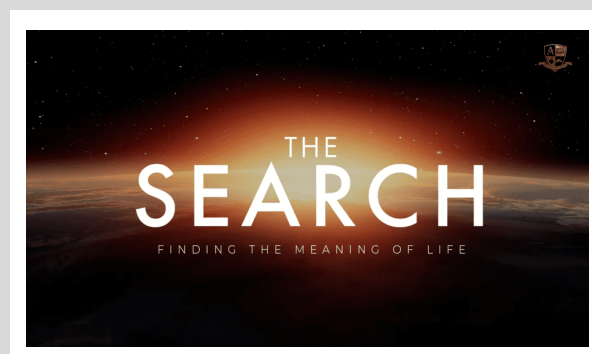
- 19.3k impressions
- 7.1k views
- 1.2k watch time hours



Worship

Continuing Formation

- "The Bible Timeline" Bible study
- Wednesday Praise and Worship/Solemn Adoration
- Book Studies
 - "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary"
 - "The Seven Last Words of Christ"
- "The Search" series from formed.org
- "The Chosen" Friday series
- First Friday Adoration



Courtesy of formed.org

Music Ministry

Are you interested in participating in Ascension's music ministry? If so, contact Kristina Weber, Director of Music, kweber@ascension-parish.com

Liturgical Ministries

There are numerous ways in which you can assist at Mass!

- Altar Server
- Sacristan
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Lector
- Hospitality Minister
- Streaming Minister

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Flynn Mudd, Director of Liturgical Ministries, fmudd@ascension-parish.com.



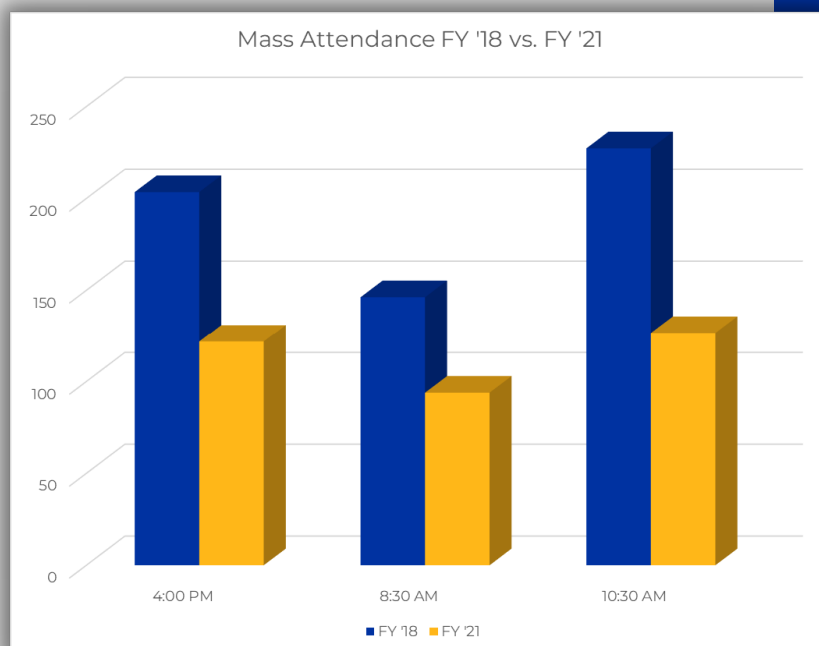
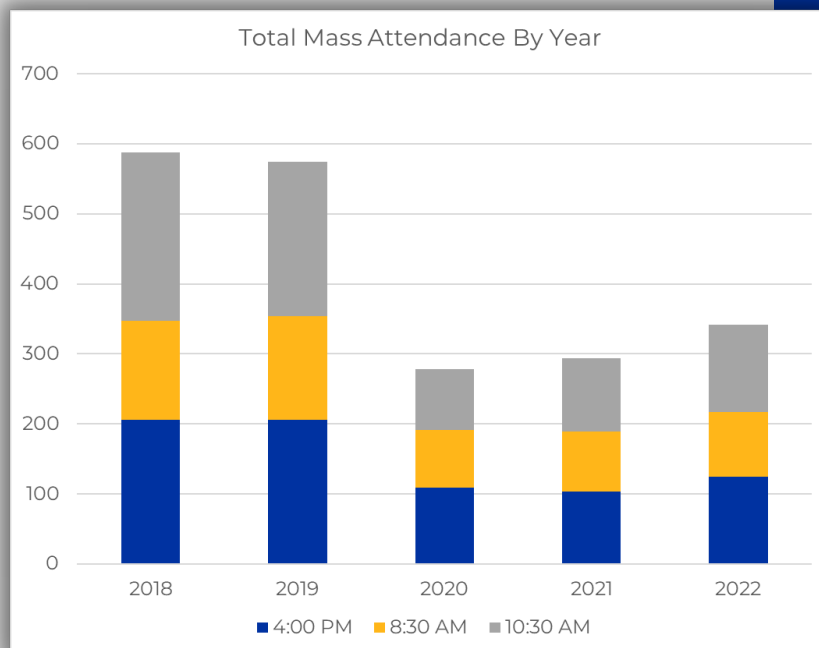
Worship

Mass Attendance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about a decline in Mass attendance. However, that decline is receding with time. Throughout the pandemic, Ascension has performed better than the national average of Christian service attendance. As we continue forward in a post-pandemic world, we encourage you to invite family and friends back to Mass. We miss them!

Month-Year	National Attendance ¹	Ascension Attendance ²
Jul-20	32%	22%
Mar-21	38%	33%
Sep-21	65%	39%
Mar-22	69%	45%

1. Percentage of adult Catholics who typically attend Mass at least monthly. Courtesy of [Pew Research](#).
 2. Calculated as percentage of 2019 average Mass attendance.



Outreach

Outreach Events and Ministries

- Red Cross Blood Drives
- St. Vincent de Paul Gifts From the Heart
- Love The Hungry Meal Drive
- Homebound Ministry
- Bereavement Ministry



Monthly Donation Partners

- St. John's Center
- Little Sisters of the Poor
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Charities Sister Visitor Center

New Realities

With the overturning of Roe v. Wade, we must devote ourselves evermore to outreach for life and the work of crisis pregnancy centers. If interested in this or any other outreach ministry, please contact Patrick Parris, Pastoral Associate, pparris@ascension-parish.com.



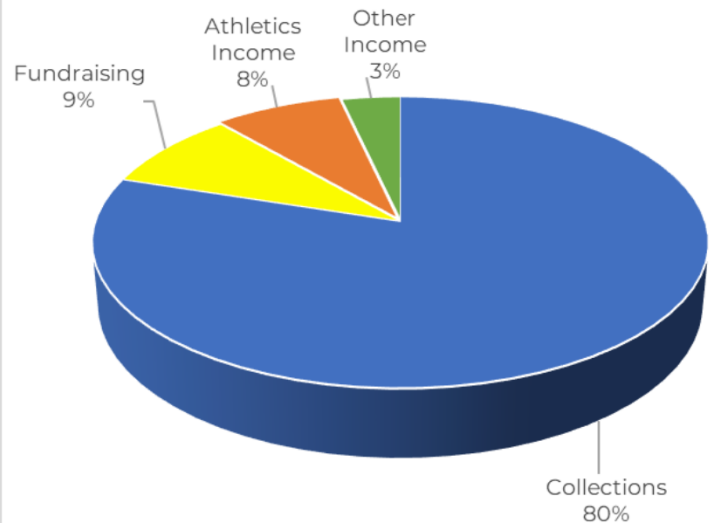
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Parish Finances

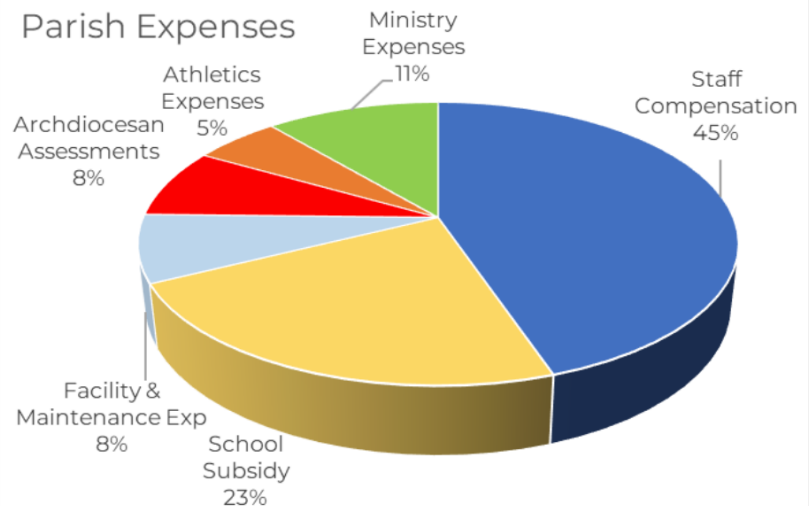
PARISH		2021-2022
INCOME		Actual
Collections		\$750,334
Fundraising		\$81,465
Summer Festival ³	\$79,025	
Other Fundraising	\$2,440	
Athletics Income		\$73,211
Other Income		\$33,516
TOTAL		\$938,526
EXPENSES		
Staff Compensation		\$402,117
School Subsidy		\$205,270
Facility & Maintenance Exp		\$69,247
Archdiocesan Assessments		\$71,109
Athletics expenses		\$49,797
Ministry Expenses		\$100,323
TOTAL		\$897,864
NET INCOME		+\$40,662

3. Fundraising: Summer Festival profit is split between school and parish. We had a "mini" festival in July 2021 as well as a full festival in June 2022.

Parish Income



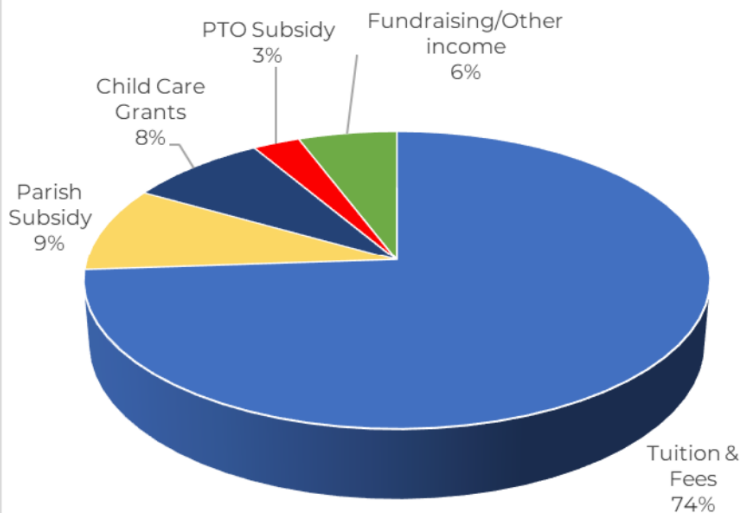
Parish Expenses



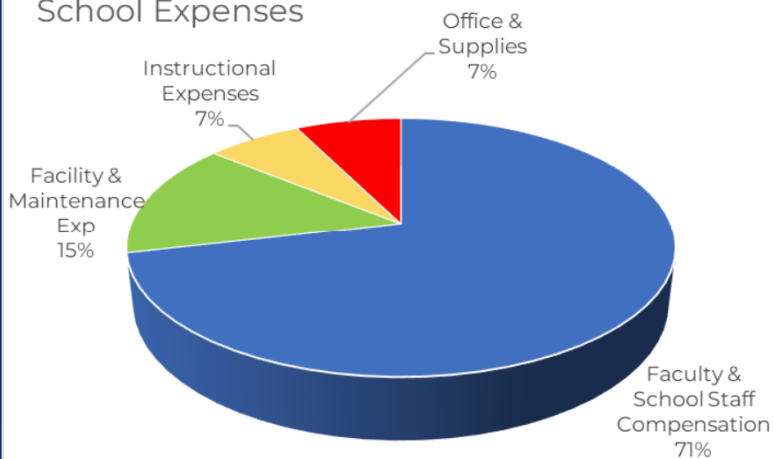
Outreach

School Finances

School Income



School Expenses



School/Kid's Time/Café/PTO		2021-2022
		Actual
INCOME		
Tuition & Fees ⁴		\$1,630,357
School (Gr. K - 8)	\$1,207,846	
Pre-School	\$239,070	
After School	\$111,999	
Summer Care Program	\$71,442	
Parish Subsidy		\$205,270
Child Care Grants ⁵		\$181,267
PTO Subsidy		\$61,246
Fundraising/Other income		\$128,013
Summer Festival (Non-Gaming)	\$29,435	
Cafeteria income	\$81,895	
Miscellaneous	\$16,683	
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,206,153
EXPENSES		
Faculty & School Staff Compensation		\$1,573,724
Facility & Maintenance Expenses ⁶		\$320,347
New School Windows	\$162,550	
Utilities	\$97,695	
Repairs, New Equipment, Etc.	\$60,102	
Instructional Expenses		\$148,058
Office & Supplies		\$164,024
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,206,153

4. Tuition & Fees - includes Kid's Time programs (Pre-School, After School, Summer Care).

5. Child Care Grants - COVID related grant money that will end in 2023.

6. Facility & Maintenance Expenses - Includes cost for new school windows.

A comprehensive financial report is available on our [website](#).



Fellowship

Ascension Family Potluck

Join us as we celebrate Ascension and continue the conversation about our community with a potluck on September 14th!

- 5 - 6 PM: Social Hour
- 6 - 7 PM: Dinner
- 7 - 8 PM: Adoration

The parish will provide the main entrée and drinks including soft drinks, beer, and other malt beverages. We ask the following according to your last name:

- A-G: Salads / Appetizers
- H-O: Side Dishes
- P-Z: Desserts

Please RSVP online on our [website](#) via the quick links!



Fellowship

Mark your calendar!

Looking Ahead

Trunk or Treat
October 30, 2022

Family Formation Night
5-7 PM

Taste of Ascension
February 18, 2023

September 18, 2022

October 2, 2022

November 6, 2022

December 4, 2022

Fish Fry
Lent 2023

January 8, 2023

February 12, 2023

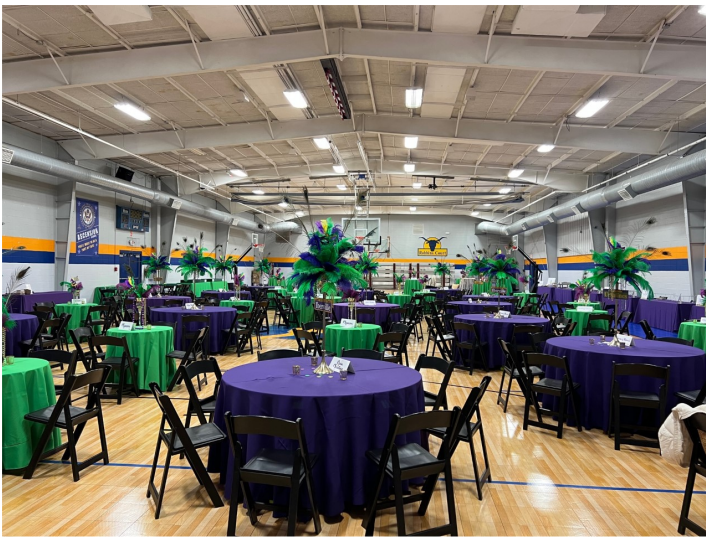
Summer Festival
June 2-3, 2023

March 5th, 2023

April 9th, 2023

May 7th, 2023

For more information and to register,
please visit our [website](#).





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