



You'll WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS!



A Message from Mr. Mullaney

Thank you for considering Ascension School for your child's education. With over 25 years of experience as a teacher, guide, and administrator; as well as a parent of two former Ascension students, I completely understand what goes into making a decision that will have a profound impact on your children's development (intellectually and socially) over many of their most formative years.

I want to recognize how great all of our Archdiocesan schools are and assure you, we all enjoy teaching from the same standards and promoting the same Catholic values.

These values shape the character of every child as they move into and through high school and beyond. Our Catholic schools are known and loved for these tenets. What you will find in this booklet are the programs, classes, and passions that set Ascension apart from other schools. Of course, we hope you will ask about our parish, core subjects, faculty, facilities, athletics, and more. We look forward to having you all join our family.

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- Terry Mullaney

-Principal, Ascension Catholic School

A Message from Fr. Robert

Welcome to Ascension! It is a delight to serve as pastor of our school and to teach and worship with our students here. Parents are the first teachers of the faith, and nothing can replace their role in both teaching the truths of our faith and modeling the practices of daily prayer, worship, and love of neighbor. Attending a Catholic school, however, does provide an excellent environment for children to daily grow in their faith together.

May God bless and guide you as you discern how to best provide for your child's education. We hope to have you with us one day at Ascension!

- Fr. Robert Barnell



-Pastor, Ascension Catholic Parish



Mission:

To develop Christian thought leaders.

Vision:

Ascension Catholic School champions academic excellence in an environment where all are loved, respected, and challenged to grow. With Christ as our guide and a vibrant community as our support, Ascension graduates leave prepared for a rapidly changing world.



National Blue Ribbon

In 2019, Ascension School was recognized as a Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence and their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. We were lauded for our accomplishment by the Archdiocese of Louisville, not only for our academic excellence and being recognized but also, because as a school with a smaller enrollment, it is, statistically, harder to meet the standards required to win the Blue Ribbon. Schools that are recognized have to wait five years to re-apply.

National Green Ribbon



In 2022, Ascension School became one of only two grade schools in the Archdiocese to be recognized by the Department of Education as a National Green Ribbon School. Green Ribbon Schools are those who have made significant efforts, with tangible results, to reduce environmental impact and costs.

In 2015, Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si'*, inspired us to make greater efforts to take better care of our planet. We do this by gardening, composting, conserving water, recycling, energy-efficient windows, emissions, and establishing our Green Club. We are excited to continue exploring ways we can reduce our environmental impact.

Preschool

3yr olds (Preschool) & 4yr olds (Junior Kindergarten)

Unlock the magic of learning at our vibrant preschool, where every day is an adventure! We provide an engaging, well-rounded approach to education, blending play and learning in perfect harmony. Through themed weeks, your child's curiosity will soar in an environment filled with love, warmth, and excitement.

At the heart of our program is the development of essential social, emotional, and self-help skills, fostering independence and confidence in your little one.

Our program also seamlessly weaves Catholic teachings into daily routines, guiding children in their spiritual growth. Through prayers, religion lessons, and participation in Mass, faith is a key component of their journey.

Our dynamic learning centers, thoughtfully designed around each theme, encourage creativity, collaboration, and skill development through play-based learning. Here's a peek into what we offer:

Explore our diverse offerings:

- Handwriting Without Tears – Making early writing easy and fun.
- Differentiated Small Group Instruction – Focused on Math and Literacy
- Exciting Themed Weeks – Sparking imagination and joy
- Fun Field Trips – Expanding horizons beyond the classroom.
- Special Areas – Music, Art, PE, Library, and Religion
- Aligned School Calendar – Same schedule and hours as our K-8 program.
- Parent Participation Events – Join in the fun and learning!

Come be a part of a preschool experience that blends learning, creativity, and a sense of wonder. Your child's early years will be filled with joy, growth, and exploration!



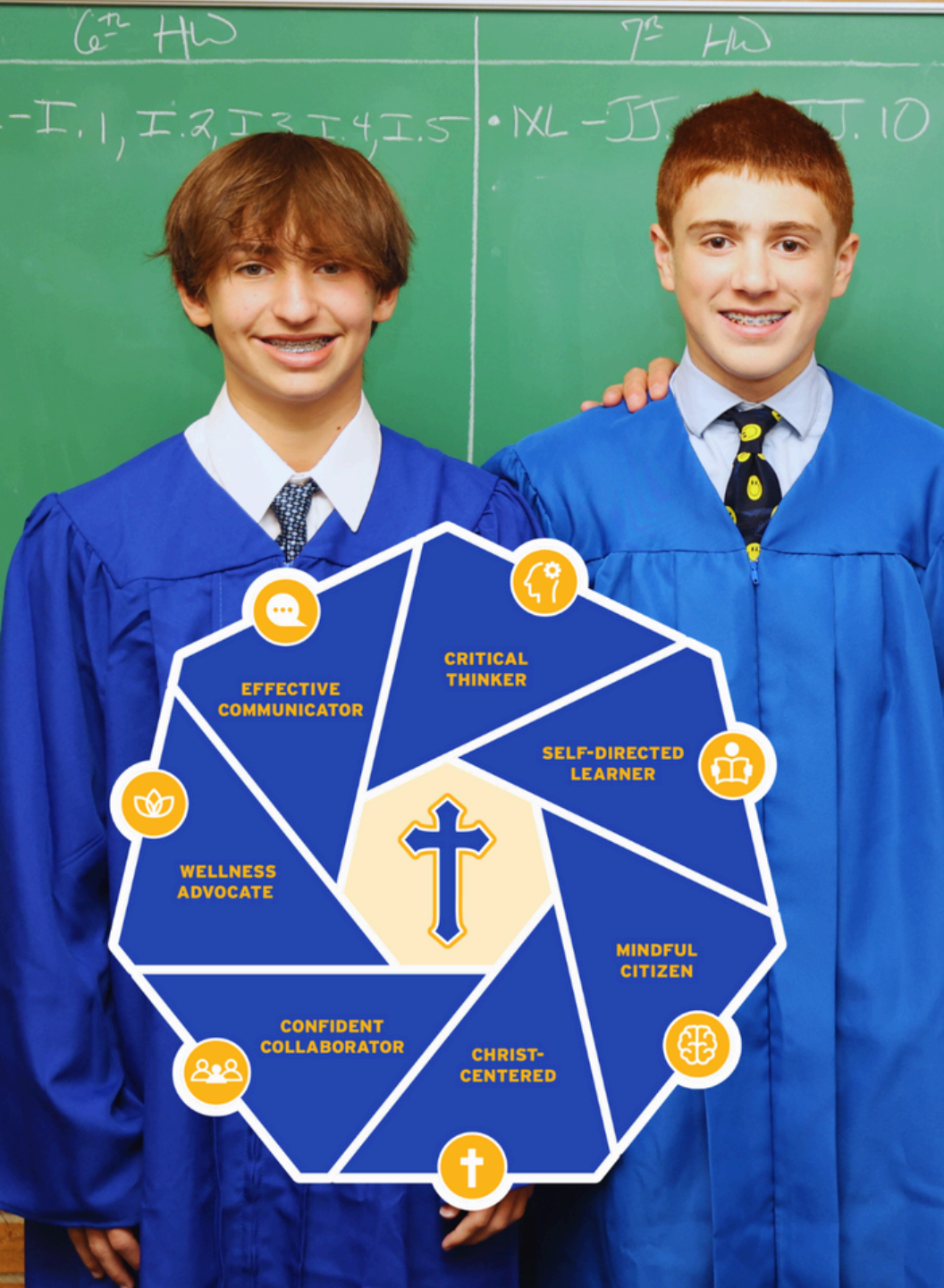
We are thrilled to showcase what makes our preschool a 5-Star Rated preschool in the Kentucky's ALL STARS program! This prestigious rating reflects our commitment to providing the highest quality early childhood education, focusing on your child's growth and development in a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment.

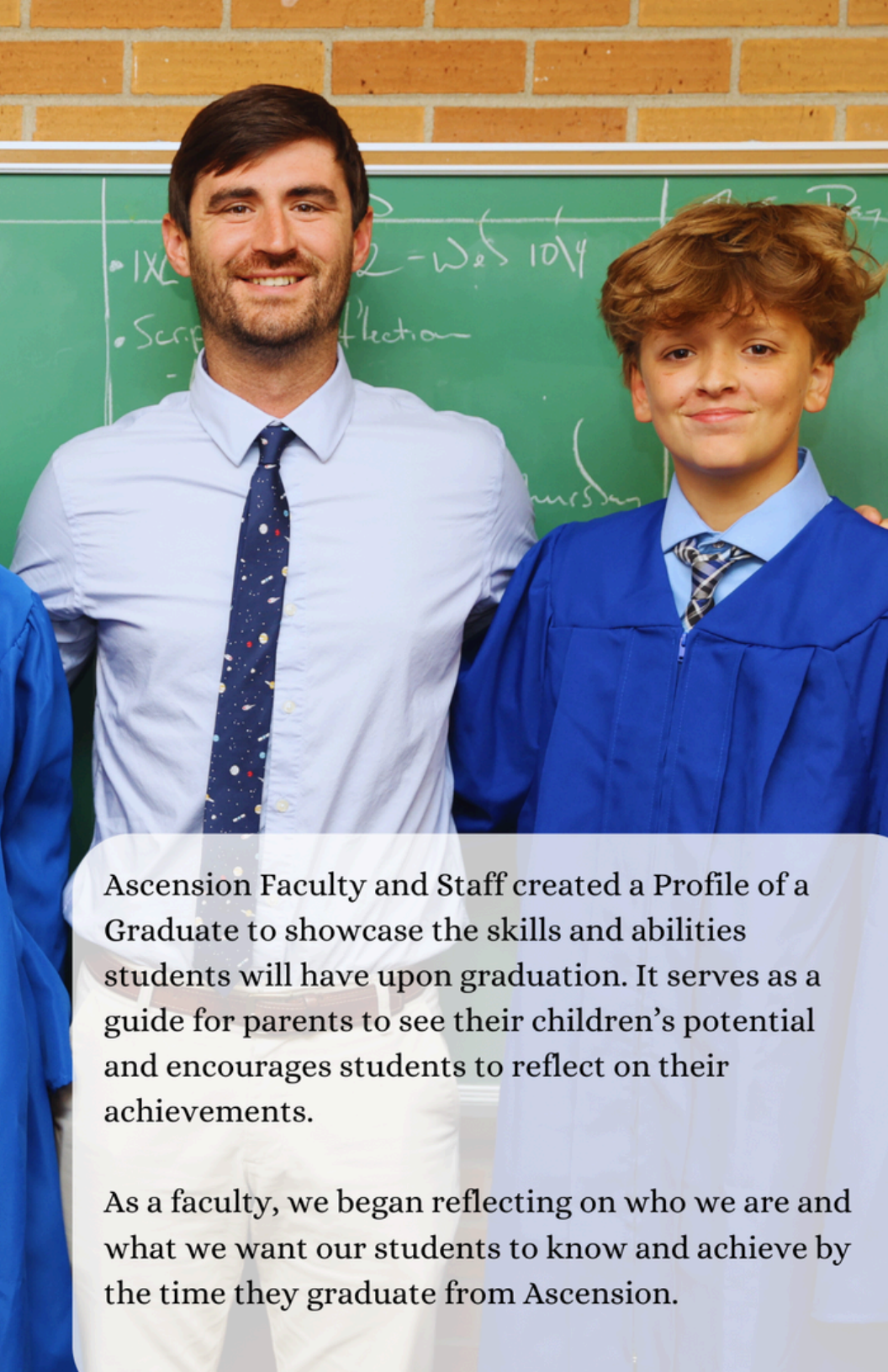
At Ascension preschool, we pride ourselves on:

- **Highly Qualified Staff:** Our teachers are dedicated to fostering creativity, curiosity, and a love of learning.
- **Innovative Curriculum:** We offer hands-on play-based learning experiences that are tailored to meet each child's individual needs.
- **Family Engagement:** We believe that parents are partners in education, and we are committed to partnering with you every step of the way.

This 5-star recognition is not just a rating, but a reflection of our dedication to excellence and continuous improvement in early education.

Profile of a Graduate





Ascension Faculty and Staff created a Profile of a Graduate to showcase the skills and abilities students will have upon graduation. It serves as a guide for parents to see their children's potential and encourages students to reflect on their achievements.

As a faculty, we began reflecting on who we are and what we want our students to know and achieve by the time they graduate from Ascension.

Academics

Ascension prides itself on a strong academic curriculum for all students. From Orton Gillingham trained teachers to an emphasis on Project Based Learning, students are actively engaged throughout the day.

Departmentalization of subjects for grades 3-8 offers many benefits. It allows students to learn from teachers who are experts in their respective subjects and promotes a deep and meaningful teacher/student relationship over several years. Students stay engaged as they move between classrooms and teachers throughout the day and our teachers are able to seamlessly continue their curriculum from year to year, already knowing and understanding each child's needs.

Along with the core subjects, Ascension offers special areas which include Art, PE, Library, Technology, Spanish, and Music weekly. Students also have the opportunity to engage in after-school extra curriculums such as Robotics, Band, Choir, Green Club, Quick Recall, and the Middle school play.



With a strong focus on STEM and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) our students have the opportunity to explore our world through hands-on projects every day. We have two Science labs(elementary and middle school), along with 1:1 iPads in kindergarten through eighth grade. Our students also enjoy a state-of-the-art computer lab where they learn coding, programming, internet safety, Google Classroom, Excel, keyboarding, PowerPoint, and Word. Students at Ascension also have the option of joining our robotics club.

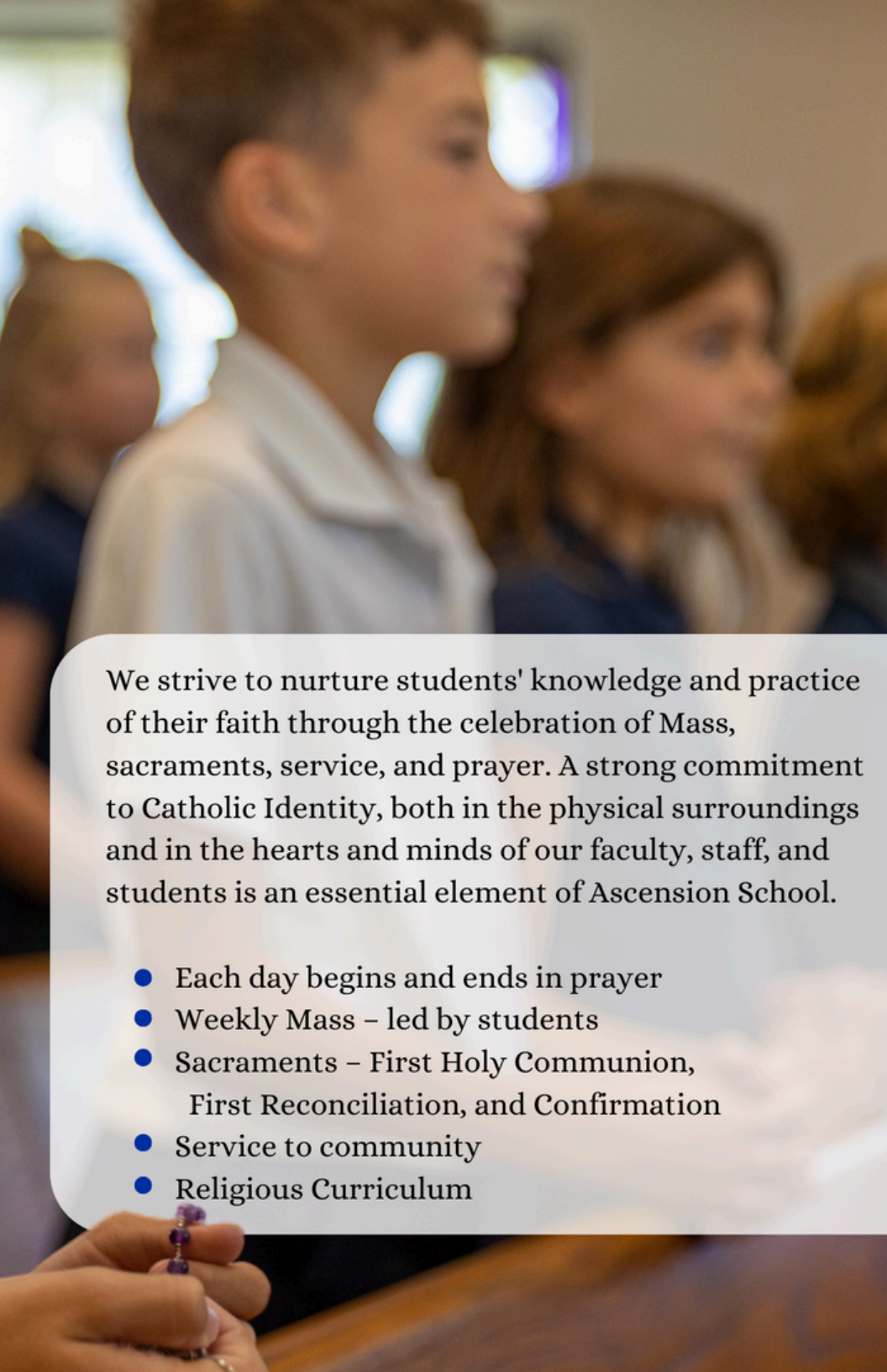




STEM



Faith Based Education



We strive to nurture students' knowledge and practice of their faith through the celebration of Mass, sacraments, service, and prayer. A strong commitment to Catholic Identity, both in the physical surroundings and in the hearts and minds of our faculty, staff, and students is an essential element of Ascension School.

- Each day begins and ends in prayer
- Weekly Mass – led by students
- Sacraments – First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation
- Service to community
- Religious Curriculum

ATHLETICS

Longhorn Pride

At Ascension, we provide a wide range of sports programs for all students from Junior Kindergarten to 8th grade. Our sports teams are inclusive, allowing all students the chance to enhance their athletic skills while gaining valuable life lessons in teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. With dedicated coaches and a supportive community, we ensure that every student has the opportunity to excel in their selected sport.

SPORTS OFFERED

Fall

- Cross Country (1st-8th)
- Co-Ed Flag Football (1st & 2nd)
- Girls Flag Football (5th-8th)
- Football (3rd-8th)
- Cheerleading (1st-8th)
- Soccer (JK-2nd)
- Girls Volleyball (1st-8th)
- Cheerleading (1st-8th)

Spring

- Track & Field (1st-8th)
- Field Hockey (3rd-8th)
- Tennis (3rd-8th)
- Soccer (JK-8th)

Winter

- Basketball (JK-8th)
- Archery (4th-8th)
- Swimming (1st-8th)
- Boys Volleyball (3rd-8th)

Summer

- Golf (3rd-8th)
- Softball (3rd-8th)
- Baseball (3rd-8th)



School Life





Forming relationships across the entire student body and fostering a strong school community is integrated throughout the school year at Ascension. We understand the importance of being a part of something bigger than just us. We aren't just a place of learning, but a vibrant community.

Big/ Little Buddies
House Challenges
Field Day
ACE day
All school Mass
Pep Rally
All school Morning Meeting on Mondays

Our Community

At Ascension, our vibrant community doesn't stop with our students—our school families are invited to join in the fun! We believe that family involvement is crucial to creating a thriving educational environment. That's why our incredible Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), alongside our supportive Parish, hosts a variety of events throughout the year designed for everyone to get involved.



Back to School Bash
Mother / Son Event
Daughter Dance
Family Night
Trunk or Treat
Cookies with Santa
Doughnuts with Grownups
Parent Lunches
End of Year Tailgate
Trivia Night
Bunco
Men's Basketball League
Sunday Worship
Adult Choir
Lenten Fish Fry
Summer Picnic
AMEN Club
Sandwich Sunday



Travel



Education at Ascension extends beyond the confines of the school building. Our field trips and class trips enrich the students learning through real life applications and experiences.

Our combined 6th and 7th-grade classes embark on an exciting 4-day educational journey to Washington, D.C. Here, students immerse themselves in history and civics, exploring national monuments, museums, and the rich tapestry of our nation's capital.



The Ascension educational journey concludes with a weeklong adventure to the majestic Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks. It's an unforgettable experience that encourages personal growth and independence along with lasting memories.



After School Program

When the final bell rings at Ascension the fun is just getting started! We hope your child will join us for the After School Program where they will participate in homework help, indoor and outdoor games, snack, cooking, art, science and drama. You may register for two to five days per week. After School Care is available for children ages 3 years – 5th grade, every day school is in session. We are here from the end of the school day until 5:30 PM. When classes end, the school day might be over, but the fun is not!

Kid's Time Summer Camp

When summer comes things really heat up at Ascension.

We look forward to having your child come and be part of our Summer Day Camp! These imaginative camps provide an excellent opportunity for kids to have fun while making new friends, building self-confidence and discovering the world around them.

Each week is packed full of awesome summer-time fun! Swimming, drama, music, cooking, minute-to-win-it games, special guests, reading challenges, and, of course, field trips! While each week will have these same elements, things at Ascension never get boring. Each week has a new theme which will be expressed within all the special activities. Some past themes have been: My Old Kentucky Home, Ahoy There Matey, Harry Potter, Into the Wild, and many more.

- Offered for preschoolers through 5th grade
- 7-8 weeks during the summer
- Care available 7:30a-5:30p
- On-campus activities, Pool / Swim Day weekly, Weekly Off-Site Field Trips such as Louisville Zoo, local parks, bowling, and more Themed weeks
- Planned activities combined with free play time inside and outside keep kids engaged while enjoying the fun and flexibility of summer

Ascension



School Quick-Facts



**Blue Ribbon
School of
Excellence**



**15 Sports 25 Teams
91 Championships**



**1,500 +
Hours of
community service**

**FOUR HOUSES
ONE FAMILY**



**Orton-Gillingham
Reading
Curriculum**



**Profile of
a Graduate**



**Student to
Teacher Ratio**



**Green Ribbon
School**

**80%
of our student
body is
Catholic**



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The Catholic Education Foundation, the Archdiocese of Louisville and our funding partners are helping more families than ever who cannot afford the full cost of educating their children in a Catholic elementary school.

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