Week of Sept. 29th

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 29th - EMS Turn-in Date

October 2nd - Jostens School Photo Make Up Day
October 4th - Blessing of the Child in the Womb - 10:30am Mass
October 5th - 8th - Literati Book Fair!
October 5th - Red Cross Blood Drive from 1pm-6pm in the AMR
October 6th - EMS FINAL TURN IN!
October 6th - PTO Meeting
October 7th & 8th - Trimester 1 Conferences
October 9th - 13th - Fall Break(School Closed)
October 16th - No confession at 7pm with priest absent
October 17th - Trivia Night
October 21st - Extended Adoration 9am-8pm
October 24 - Trunk or Treat
October 27th - Open House 9:00am-6:30pm

November 18th - 3yr - K Grandparents Day

Parish/School Hours

Parish Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

School Hours
Monday – Friday: 7:30AM – 3:00 PM

EMS



Lunch Menu



Alumni Honor Roll

Scared Heart Academy
Felice Pappalardo – Principal's List
Isabella Verdi – Principal's list

Presentation Academy
Joanna Logsdon - Principal's List

Mercy Academy
Maddie Hartlage
Noelle Ising
Savannah Smith
Hannah Gohmann
Ella McCoy

Trinity High School
Ryan Cassetta - Principal's List
Spencer Heitz - Principal's List
Eli Hynes - Principal's List
Talin Ridge - Principal's List
Anderson Ward - Princial's List
Landen Blincoe - First Honors
Alexander Henson - First Honors
Aiden Lewis - First Honors
Jameson Freman - Second Honors
Samuel Gohmann - Second Honors
Hunter Kennedy - Second Honors

Picture Day - Photos are ready!



To access photos please go to: https://shop.jostenspix.com/login

School Name: ASCENSION SCHOOL
Event Code: FE352726

If you are not able to access your photos please request them through the Josten's Website.

October 2nd is the retake day. Retakes must be requested through the website as well.

SCHOOL REMINDER

- Student's who are absent should be phoned in or emailed to Mrs. Passons by 8:15am. There is a 24 hour message system for you to phone in absences, 502-451-2535 ext. 22.
- Also, it is very important that your child/ren arrive at school on time daily! Students should be in their class and chair by 7:55am. If your child is late, you must come in to sign them in. Thank you!

Athletics | Scan QR Code to access BAND | PTO

SCHOOL INFO



🎃👻 Get Ready for a SPOOKTACULAR Night! 👻🎃
Join us for Ascension PTO's annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 24th! 🍬
Bring the whole family for an evening filled with costumes, candy, and Halloween fun!
We're excited to welcome 3 Peas Experiences with some extra special activities available for purchase, including:
🎨 Face Painting
🧪 Slime Bar
🐻 Squishy Making
✨ Glitter Tattoos
🌈 Sand Art

🌶️ Come hungry and support our 8th graders at their Chili Dinner Fundraiser! Grab your costumes, bring your treat bags, and join us for a frightfully fun evening! We can't wait to see you there!

Trivia Night



Fright Night--Halloween Trivia Night

ASCENSION TRIVIA NIGHT: HALLOWEEN EDITION 🎃
BOOS, BREWS & BRAINPOWER! 🧠👻

Join us at Ascension Parish and School for a fun-filled evening testing your knowledge across a mix of categories. Brush up on your trivia skills, dress to impress, and decorate your table to win!

- When: October 17, 2026
- Time: Doors at 6:00 PM | Trivia at 7:00 PM
- Where: Ascension Parish & School
- Table Decorating Contest: Have the best table--win $100
- Costumes: Optional, but always encouraged
- Raffles and Split the Pots: several chances to win some money or prizes
- Winning Team: 1st Place wins $400
- Food/Drink: Bring your own snacks, but not your own drinks--Drinks will be available for purchase

Must be 21+ to attend.
You can pay by check or cash in person to Ms. Melissa Passons in the office or Chris Neichter.



Literati Book Fair
Monday, October 5, 2026 - Thursday, October 8, 2026

Lunch With Someone Special Days
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday October 5 – 7, 2026
Open during conferences on Wednesday and Thursday

Students will have time to shop during their library/technology class

The PTO has generously allocated the money for each student to purchase a book from the Book Fair for $10.00 or less.

- **Credit cards, checks and cash will be accepted as payment**
- **All purchases benefit Ascension's library**
- **Email bwagner@ascension-parish.com with any questions**

Volunteers are needed!
Please email bwagner@ascension-parish.com if you are interested.

CLUBS

GREEN CLUB - 5th - 8th Grade

Do you love plants, animals, nature, and helping our school? Green Club is a fun after-school club where students can learn about caring for our environment and making a difference in our school and community! We spend time working in our school garden, planting and caring for vegetables and flowers, learning about composting and recycling, and doing fun hands-on activities. We'll also have opportunities to help keep our school beautiful and find new ways to be good stewards of God's creation. **Come get your hands dirty and make a difference!** 🌎🌱

Green Club is a great fit for students who enjoy:
🌿 Gardening & plants
🐝 Nature & animals
♻️ Recycling & taking care of our Earth
🌱 Hands-on projects
💚 Helping our school and community

First Meeting is September 24th from 3pm-4pm in the Science Room.

Email Emily

SCHOOL INFO

SHAHEENS – SCHOOL UNIFORM

Shaheens

Shaheens has launched a new website to better serve our school and families. As a result, any existing links to our school's uniform through Shaheens will no longer work. Here is Ascension's updated link:

Safe Environment Training

Click Here

The Archdiocese requires all who volunteer or work with minors to have a background check done every five years (processed for free by the parish office). Also, an initial in-person Safe Environment Training must be completed (dates and locations available at www.archlou.org/safe). This training must be renewed every five years by doing a one-hour online course (ask parish office for the website).
If you volunteer or work around children at all, you must be up-to-date on these requirements. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

If you are currently not up-to-date, you may continue in your work only if there are two other adults present who are up to date AND you are currently in the process of renewing your training and background check.

Anyone who is not currently volunteering but who might possibly volunteer in the future is welcome to go ahead and receive the initial in-person training. That way you wouldn't have to scramble to do the training if you suddenly decided to volunteer for a youth event. Please submit the certificate you receive there to our parish secretary for her records.

Thank you so much for your service to our community and for your diligence in helping our parish be a responsible and safe place for our kids.

Sincerely,
Fr. Matthew

Community

Respect Life Month Events 2026

Archdiocese of Louisville | Office of Family and Life Ministries

October 1 | **Respect Life Chair Assembly**
Respect Life parish committees will come together for an annual meal, fellowship, and a presentation for best practices in ministry.
RSVPs are required; limited to three per parish
St. Raphael the Archangel | 6:30 PM

October 14 & 28 (9:00 AM-2:30 PM) or October 24 (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)
Respect Life Youth Service Days
Students will learn about the dignity of human life by doing active service with local ministries, including Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center, The Common Earth Food Gardens of Catholic Charities, Fr. Jack Jones Food Pantry, The Sister Visitor Center Food Pantry, and the Catholic Charities ESL Ministry. Transportation is not provided. Each date will have a different schedule of events. Please contact the Office of Family and Life for specifics.
RSVPs are required for all service days; limit of 15 workers per parish/school

October 28 | **Preparing for the End of Life**
Moral theologian Fr. Tony Smith and Elder Law Expert Misty Clark VanTrease will give presentations and answer questions about the various considerations families must make when preparing for the end of life.
St. Gabriel the Archangel | Confessions begin at 5:00 PM; Mass at 6:30 PM; Presentation will begin at 7:00 PM

October 29 | **Preparing for Dementia**
Benjamin T. Mast, PhD, ABPP and Christopher Mattingly, MA, BCC will discuss both the clinical causes of dementia, as well as practical tips for adapting both sacramental ministry and family life for a loved one diagnosed with dementia.
St. Patrick Parish | 6:00 PM

October 31 | **Walking with Moms in Need Annual Gatherin**
Leaders of the Walking with Moms in Need parish ministry program will come together for fellowship and presentations on best practices for this ministry.
RSVPs are required, limited to three per parish
St. Margaret Mary Parish | 10:00 AM

To RSVP or for more information, please email Stuart Hamilton (shamilton@archlou.org) or Morgann Lucas (mlucas@archlou.org).



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Respect Life Month Events 2026
Archdiocese of Louisville
Office of Family & Life Ministries

Respect Life Youth Service Days
Wed., Oct. 14th & 24th
for Catholic School Students
Saturday, October 24th
for Parish Youth Groups

Ministries will include Little Way Pregnancy Resource Center, Father Jack Jones Food Pantry, ESL classrooms, Sister Visitor Center Choice Food Pantry, & Common Earth Gardens.

Details, timeline, and RSVP here:
https://forms.gle/MFyToCRYnNpzt5fVA

RSVP (limit of 15 workers per school/parish) with code or email Stuart Hamilton: shamilton@archlou.org or Morgann Lucas mlucas@archlou.org





PARISH INFO





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Come join the fun! Religious Ed classes for the 2026-27 year will start on Sunday, September 13. Registration will be through August. While all children in the parish are welcome to attend, this class serves those children who attend public schools or are homeschooled.

Actively participating in the class also fulfills the CSAA eligibility requirement for any child who wishes to play Ascension sports, but does not attend the school.

For questions & more information, contact:
Fred White, fwhite@ascension-parish.com | 502-451-3860 x115

Teaching catechism is great to refresh your own knowledge of the Church. Helping with our K-8 Religious education is a great opportunity and we are looking for help. Materials are provided and you will receive all the training that you need.
For information, call Fred White, 502-451-3860 x115



The Order of Chirstian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA) will start meeting on Sunday, September 13, following the 10:30 Mass in the Ava Maria Room. This is for anyone who is interested in becoming in full Communion with the Church, whether they have been baptized in another Christian faith or not baptized a Christian at all. Sessions will be throughout the year, in preparation for the Easter Vigil. For any questions go to https://www.ascension-parish.com/rcia/
call or email Fred White, ext. 115, fwhite@ascension-parish.com.

MONTHLY OUTREACH

Donation baskets can be found in the gathering space / narthex underneath the digital kiosk. Thank you for your participation!

See Website

St. JohnPaul II MUSTARD SEED FOOD PANTRY
OUTREACH

Hygiene Products: Paper Towels, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, and Toilet Paper

Food: Powdered Milk, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Vegetables (all kinds, but especially tomatoes and tomato products)

or any other nonperishable items you can think of!

Saint Bernadette diaper bank

Help Local Babies
A diaper collection bin is now located at the back of the church for donations to the Saint Bernadette Diaper Bank.

We welcome donations of new, unopened diapers, Pull-Ups, and baby wipes. The greatest need is for Sizes 4, 5, 6, and Pull-Ups (2T–5T).

Your donations help local families through 23 partner agencies serving our community.
Thank you for your generosity!

SCAMMERS & PHISHING



Please be aware that scammers sometimes send texts or emails pretending to be Fr. Matthew and asking for money or gift cards. Fr. Matthew will NEVER request financial assistance through direct text or email.

ATHLETIC INFO

Register for Sports Here → GAMEDAY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Athletics Sportsmanship Contract

Please scan the QR code or click the link below and submit your Sportsmanship Contract for the 2026-2027 school year!

Sportsmanship Contract

Basketball Sign Ups Open in Game Day

Basketball Sign Ups - CLOSING THIS WEEK (10/1)
Sign ups close for all age groups on October 1

JK-2 Boys and Girls: $25 registration fee
If you are interested in coaching or have any questions, please contact Chris Neichter (neichterc@gmail.com)

3rd-8th Grade Girls: $75 registration fee
Have questions? Contact Dink Horstman (dink222@aol.com)

3rd-8th Grade Boys: $75 registration fee
If you are interested in coaching or have any questions, contact Sara Morris (sara.horstman@gmail.com) and Justin Amburgey (jmamburgey@yahoo.com)

Tryouts for 3rd-8th grade teams, if needed, will be hosted no sooner than October 14. Coordinators will be in touch with details.

Email Chris Neichter

Email Dink Horstman

Email Sara Morris

Email Justin Amburgey



Cheer

Email Brittany

Email Sarah

Cheer registration is open September 18th

Open to students grades 1-8

Practices will be on Wednesdays from 6-7 on the back court. First practice will be Wednesday, September 30th.

Registration fee of $25 includes bow and team t-shirt. T-shirt and bow are yours to keep. This fee will be collected from all new members at the first practice. (We will not be ordering practice skorts since we have our uniforms.)

We will cheer for CSAA basketball games in December and January. These are usually on Saturday mornings/afternoons and potentially Sunday afternoons. We choose 1 game per weekend and try to cheer at least once for each of the Ascension teams.

We would also cheer for volleyball if any of our teams make the city championship game(s). This is usually the weekend after fall break. Last year we were lucky enough to help cheer our Longhorns to 3 city titles!

We are also looking for additional coaches! You do not need cheer knowledge to help, just a willingness to learn and help practices and games run smoothly. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Brittany Meyer (head coach) or myself, Sarah Amback (coordinator).

Open Athletic Board Positions

Email Athletics

- Girls Volleyball Coordinator
- JK-2 Basketball Coordinator
- Field Hockey Coordinator
- Concessions Coordinator
- Gym Manager

Training will be provided for all positions. Please reach out if interested!

PTO INFO



We are looking for middle school students to help with childcare during PTO meetings! If your student is interested, please sign them up for any upcoming meeting:

Sign Up



Sell After Mass

Buy A Ticket!





Box Tops

Did you know that Ascension is a Box Tops school?

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!
The PTO uses money earned from Box Tops to fund our iPad program and other classroom needs for our students!

Here's how YOU can help earn money for our school!
• DOWNLOAD the Box Tops app and select our school to support. This ensures that your Box Tops purchases count toward our school's earnings.
• SHOP for Box Tops products and use the app to scan your receipt to add to our school's earnings online.
• LOOK for any remaining Box Tops clips on packages. If you find some, clip them and send them to school!
• SPREAD THE WORD about Box Tops!

FUN TIP: You can also use the "Invite Friends" feature in the app to ask friends and family to help support our school! Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and help give more kids the opportunity to dream. Little by little, we can help make a BIG difference. LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW BOX TOPS WORKS AT BTFE.COM

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Ticket Winners
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