



ASCENSION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

ASCENSION ASSEMBLY

ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION



ENGAGEMENT

How the Commissions Work Together



Engagement

When the Holy Spirit inspires people to connect to our mission, this team is ready to welcome them into our parish family.



Evangelization

After the invitation to join is accepted, these programs help reveal the truth, goodness, and beauty of our faith.



Faith Formation

Ongoing formation helps strengthen practicing Catholics and share spiritual heritage with newcomers.



Liturgical Life

Our spiritual hunger is satisfied in the Eucharist and through the gift of the Sacraments, made manifest in our Liturgical life.



Social Justice

Our relationship with Christ and confidence in truths of the Gospel deepens our faith, calling us to serve those in need.



Stewardship

With grateful and generous hearts, we give our first fruits back to God, and work to ensure that our mission can continue.



Education

We look to the future, forming the next generation into active, engaged Catholics ready to take ownership and live faithfully.



Starts over again!



ENGAGEMENT

The Engagement Commission

Members of the Engagement Commission welcome and engage parishioners at every stage on their journey of faith.

Together, we:

- Coordinate greeter teams
- Mentor and connect new members with ministries.
- Reach out to estranged parishioners in need.
- Encourage new avenues of hospitality.

Ministries and Programs: Ambassadors, Athletic Association, Bridge Groups, Greeters & Ushers, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary, Parish Partners, Prayer Line, Young Families, Young Adults, Donut Sunday, Pet Blessing, Advent by Candlelight





EMPOWER
THE LAITY

The Engagement Commission

While continuing to prepare and empower laity for leadership roles within the church, we need to build connections among all our members. We must work collaboratively to evangelize effectively.

- Greeters and ushers provide a welcoming environment to all who come to Sunday Mass
- The Ladies Auxiliary hosts fundraisers to support various charities in need
- Our Parish Partners work diligently to reach out to new parishioners with personal invitations to be a part of our Ascension community, inviting them to Mass, to social events and to be a resource for all things Ascension
- Athletic Association provides opportunities for our children to build their athletic skills and to participate in sports while keeping Catholic values such as appropriate sportsmanship and teamwork at the center of their competitions
- Ambassadors reach out to the age 55+ parishioners to engage them both spiritually and socially with monthly events
- Winterfest (January) showcases many of the opportunities available to parishioners to help everyone become more engaged in the Parish Community spiritually, socially and faithfully





**FOSTER STRONGER
COMMUNITY**

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Next, we must consider new and accomplished ways to engage to a higher level all our members, especially those already on campus for other activities. Build the community by lifting up all in prayer and charity.

- We host many fun activities that are held to engage our community:
 - Easter Egg Hunt, Breakfast with Santa, Pet Blessing, Caroling in the Grove, Bingo, Bridge Club, Movie Nights
 - Our Welcome Sunday Donuts following morning Masses offers a gathering for current parishioners to welcome new parishioners
 - Pilgrimages: 2023 includes Italy in April and the Marian Shrines in October
 - Fair Ascension Fall Festival BBQ providing fun, carnival and games
 - Winterfest focusing on all of the resources, activities, and groups available to help you strengthen your faith journey
 - Assist with hospitality parish-wide (meals after Ascension Assembly, meals at receptions when priests are reassigned to another parish)





PROCLAIM THE
GOSPEL ACCESSIBLY

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Third, we will proclaim the Gospel message in an authentic manner that is accessible to all. Make the Gospel message personal and alive as you share the truth, goodness, and beauty of God with others.

- Pew Cards invite guests into our Parish Community
- Ask the Padre is a fun event in a casual setting to have a conversation with our priests about our faith
- Our Prayer Warrior Line is a way to connect your special intentions and needs into our parish
- We guide new parishioners on the campus
- Young Adults and Young Families targets the future generations of our parish to help them continue their faith journey by participating in appropriate events (bible studies, happy hours, movies and other social gatherings)





ENSURE STRUCTURE
BENEFITS MISSION

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Finally, we must continue to ensure current structures are benefitting the mission. We must position our efforts in such a way all things work together for the good of all. We must engage that hard evaluation of each ministry's effectiveness. Each ministry should evaluate how their work directly enhances the larger community.

- WINGS disbanded and we adopted some of their activities and events
- Adult Easter Egg Hunt is a parish event, we are making sure it will be promoted in a way that suits this distinction
- Ascension Prayer Line and Prayer Warriors merged to become one parish Prayer Line, this removes confusion and keeps all parishioner prayer requests in one place





Winterfest 2023

Learn more about our ministries and programs!

January 29, 2023 | MPR & Gym

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Questions?

If you have any questions, you are welcome to ask



Thank You...