



ASCENSION  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# ASCENSION ASSEMBLY

LITURGICAL LIFE COMMISSION



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# 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!**





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# The Liturgical Life Commission

Members of The Liturgical Life Commission foster a greater sense of community through the liturgical life of the parish.

Together, members of the LLC :

- Propose catechetical opportunities to enhance and nourish the understanding of the Church's sacramental life.
- Coordinate volunteer ministries associated with the liturgy.
- Deepen liturgical life in the parish, including revisions or additions to scheduled liturgical events, with the mission to enhance the gospel word and sacramental life.

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Altar Society, Communion Visitation, Liturgical Music (Liturgical Adult Choir, Youth Ministry Music, Cantors, Musicians), Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet Devotio







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- The LLC and its member's seek to collaboratively , through the gifts of the sacraments, empower the Laity in its need, daily living and faith journey with multiple liturgical events and devotions.
- Patriotic Rosary: Parishioners and families participate in the singing, recitation and reflection of the Patriotic Rosary, annually, for Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day.
- The laity organize this event as a liturgical means to pray and give humble thanks to those who have, and continue to serve, our community and country.
- The music ministry of LLC participates and multiple readers are part of the presentation, including the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Knights and additional groups.
- All Soul's Day Remembrance: The Souls of the Faithfully departed, from the parish of Ascension, are annually remembered in a Mass and blessed candles are distributed as a memorial of the deceased members of our community.







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- **Communion Visitation:** Eucharistic ministers of the Ascension family weekly offer their time and service to the administration of Holy Communion to those who shelter or cannot physically attend mass during the week. Laity members, thus, assist the priests where schedules are challenging and allow the priests more dedicated time for clergy duties. The laity are empowered by bringing our liturgical Lord to those who desire His graces and serve the church in a crucial time where are 'laborers' are few.
- **Lenten Pasta Dinner:** Parishioners and the neighboring community were welcomed to the first Italian Lenten Dinner, April 8, 2022. This very successful event allowed many to share food and friendship, work together in preparation and enjoyment for the goal of raising funds for Liturgical Altar Linens. These linens will serve to remind us of our various liturgical seasons and celebrations.







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- Pilgrim Visiting Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: Prayers and the statue of Our Lady are shared within the Ascension Family community, fostering a prayerful home environment for those desiring Our Lady to come, pray and even comfort them in need. Strength in prayer and veneration is powerful and our community IS stronger for its presence. Sign-up is required, with a week to two week pilgrimage time to share and enjoy Her comfort.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet Devotion: The Oct 5, 2019 installation of this beautiful devotion, has provided the opportunity for the Merciful love of our Divine Savior to bless our parish with His promises, chaplet and novena. This prayerful devotion honors His Divine heart and provides a source for our community strength, especially during times of the dying and for the souls in Purgatory. The chaplet is recited by designated leaders at 3:33pm daily in the Little Church. All are welcome to attend daily.







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- **Eucharistic Adoration:** A beloved community devotion with a beautiful and long history at Ascension parish. The purpose and power of Eucharistic Adoration is to adore, glorify and love God in an atmosphere of reverence. Adoration is held on Tuesday and Thursdays in the Little Church, with Exposition and Benediction of the Eucharistic Christ. Parishioners come at selected hours for meditation, veneration, supplication, gratitude, private prayer and personal time in the Presence of the real Lord Jesus Christ. We strive to prayerfully increase our number of adorers, so as to enable us to make disciples while deepening our relationship with our Eucharistic Savior.







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- **Corpus Christi Mass and Procession:** Ascension Parish, as well as parishes across the archdiocese, hold a yearly eucharistic procession emphasizing that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The gospel message of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist is proclaimed by all participating in this experience.
- **Children's Liturgy:** When we praise Our Lord through music, it is said "that we pray twice". Our parish families and our children help with this wonderful means to sing and praise Our Father. The 10:45 Mass is set aside for the liturgy with the children, assisted by teachers for smaller children during the mass. A 9:15 Children's Liturgy is being planned when teachers become available.
- **St. Joseph Mass and Bread Distribution:** Saint Joseph's Day, March 19 is, in Italy, also Father's Day—which isn't at all surprising as St. Joseph was, of course, the foster father of Jesus. This feast and festival—which always falls in the midst of Lent—is especially commemorated and celebrated in Italy in general and Sicily in particular. At Ascension, a mass is celebrated followed by the blessings and distribution of the bread purchased from the Italian bakeries. In Italy, it is a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor: Traditional etiquette is that no one can be turned away from this table. As it is a living tradition, fostering community and proclaiming Christ's gospel of almsgiving and honoring the poor.







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- **40 Hours of Devotion:** The Feast of the Ascension gives our parish an opportunity to offer prayer and gratitude as a community, proclaiming by our actions, the message of Christ's Ascension and gospel message of His life and death, and ultimate salvation for us. A kick-off Mass is celebrated, the Eucharist is then processed to the Little Church. Forty hours of continuous Adoration are observed with Benediction completing the celebration of our feast day.
- **Advent Novena:** Fr. Schumacher is leading a Novena in December featuring prayers, hymns, and other music to honor the Advent season and share about this special season of our liturgical year







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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.

- The Lenten Pasta Dinner moved to our Commission from the Knights of Columbus who had hosted it in the past.







# *Winterfest 2023*

Learn more about our ministries and programs!

January 29, 2023 | MPR & Gym



# Questions?

If you have any questions, you are welcome to ask



## Thank You...