

ASCENSION SCHOOL Family Newsletter

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"For God gives those who please Him wisdom, knowledge, and joy."

Ecclesiastes 2:26

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Swine Flu

Thankfully there have been no confirmed cases of Swine Flu in Ascension School, the Kettering school district or any of our surrounding school districts. Our School Nurse, Mary Kozarec MS, RN, NCSN reminds us of the following:

- There is no need to panic; however, we must take this situation seriously. The Kettering school nurses are in communication with the County Health Department.
- Swine flu is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by Type A influenza virus. It can not be acquired by eating pork products.
- Symptoms of swine flu in humans are similar to symptoms of human seasonal influenza and include high fever (over 100), lethargy, lack of appetite and coughing. Infected people may report runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- It is spread through coughing and sneezing. You may become infected by touching something with flu-virus on it and then touching your hand to your mouth.
- The incubation period for swine flu is 24-48 hours. Anyone who is symptomatic should stay home until cleared by their health care provider.
- Anti-virus medication is available to alleviate the length and severity of symptoms.

What parents and students should do:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available. This is the most effective way to prevent the spread of the disease.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Make the school aware of any family members or siblings who may have confirmed cases of swine flu.

What the school will do:

- Our school has a plan in place for Communicable Disease Outbreak (including Pandemic Flu). If the school nurse, secretary or principal is notified of any confirmed case of swine flu (faculty, staff or students) school will be closed for at least 7 days.

Gr. K-4 Primary Fun Day

Students in Gr. K-4 may wear gym clothes on Mon., May 4 for the Primary Fun Day. Students should dress for weather if needed – meaning sweats with shorts underneath in case of cool weather. Sunscreen should be applied before school. Hats would be a good idea too. The event will be conducted indoors in the PAC in case of bad weather. Volunteers please check your instructions sent home last week. Provisions are in place for indoor celebration of Fun Day in case of bad weather so there is no "rain date" for the event.

Educators to be Honored

Ascension School is pleased to announce that **Pat Bringman** (30 yrs), **Sue Kissel** (25 yrs), **Teri Van Meter** (10 yrs), will be recognized by the Miami Valley Catholic Education Council for years of service in Catholic Education. Our educators will be recognized along with honorees from other Catholic schools in the Miami Valley at the Council's 20th annual Recognition Banquet held on Tues. evening, May 5, at the Presidential Banquet Center, in Kettering.

Mrs. Bringman and **Mrs. Kissel** will be awarded honorariums of \$100 by the sponsors of this Educator Recognition program - the Miami Valley Catholic Education Council, a group of business and civic leaders from throughout the Miami Valley who serve as advocates and advisors for Catholic Schools. Since 1990 the Council's program has recognized educators and honors them for their service to the young people in our community and the teaching mission of the church.

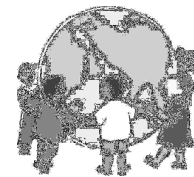
Confirmation

Congratulations and blessings to the following 8th grade students who were confirmed Wednesday night in the Confirmation Mass with Bishop Pilarczyk:

Olivia Anderson	Karoline Baldasare
Sara Balog	William Barbaro
Katie Beach	Maria Bete
Nicholas Bova	Mandi Byrd
Nicole Collins	Lucas Cron
Catherine Devitt	Andrew Eberly
Allison Hachey	Aaron Haney
Nate Hemmert	ZAK Keller
Richie Koesel	Alex Manfreda
Brian McLaughlin	Kevin Menke
Kristen Menke	A.J. Michalo
Joseph Minardi	Wesley Nash
Katie Ochs	Jessica Petrie
Victoria Petrie	David Saintignon
Virginia Saurine	Michael Schamel
Rachel Sheidler	Caitlyn Shiner
Garrett Shipley	Tyler Snider
Alexandra Sniezek	Salvatore Sparaco
Ashlyn Steineman	Olivia Teleha
Julia Ulrich	Kaylee Via
Elizabeth Wagner	Cory Wallace
Christopher Wehner	Thomas West
Bethany Whitford	Marisa Whitford
Katie Wilhelm	Zachary Zwiesler

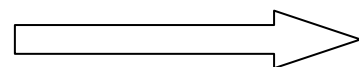
Grandparents Program

Preparations for Grandparents Day are nearly complete. The focus of this year's program is on "A World of Music" The event begins at 12:00 when Grandparents will be treated to dessert in the PAC with the grandchildren. Ice cream and cookie desserts including sugar free options will be served. Students will escort grandparents through school on a tour of classrooms from 12:15-12:45 and then on to the PAC for the program. Grandparents will be seated to enjoy the program at 1:00. Mrs. Klein has specific instructions enclosed for student musicians. Some further reminders for all guests and participants:



- Grandparents should arrive between 11:45 - 12:00 and should go directly to the PAC. Students will meet their grandparents there.
- Please remember NO students are dismissed early and if Grandparents are planning to take the students home they would have a 40 - 45 minute wait for the students.
- On Tues., May 12 students are expected to attend the PTO performance. Students are to arrive at 6:45 pm that evening and go to their homerooms. The program begins at 7:00.

Over Please...



Confirmation Meeting Gr. 6 & 7 Parents

An informational meeting regarding Confirmation for Gr. 6 & 7 parents is planned for either Mon. May 11 at 7pm or Tues., May 12 at 8pm after the PTO Program. The orientation will cover the basic requirements, activities and planning involved with Confirmation.

Dayton Right to Life Fundraiser - May 9th & 10th

DRTL needs your help! With the economic downturn, donations are suffering - they are operating with a skeleton crew, with minimal hours of operation, trying their best to keep afloat and use funds wisely to help those in need. After this year's March for Life, their facilities were flooded due to frozen pipes bursting. Please be generous with your purchases/donations this year. 100% of the proceeds go to DRTL. Purchase roses for mom and grandma to thank them for giving you life. Vases will be provided at the Blessed Mother's altar if you would like to buy one for our Heavenly Mother, or to place one there as remembrance of your earthly mother who is no longer here, or does not reside in the area. Special price this year: 5 roses for \$11 or \$2.50 each.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - on the lawn!

Quality family time and faith formation - besides enjoying popcorn and a movie at a price families can afford (free!), family units have time for discussion on the faith messages in the film and how these relate to family life and our call to live as disciples of Christ.

- **Friday, May 15, on the lawn behind School** (rain site cafeteria)
- "The Rookie" (G) Walt Disney
- Bring hotdogs for grilling & dish to share.
- 7:00 p.m. gather, 7:30 p.m. movie followed by faith sharing.

Educational Outings

More Educational Outing permission forms are enclosed! Students must have these permissions signed and fees paid in order to participate. We thank Carroll High School for offering educational outing transportation at no cost for the past year.

You will see in today's PTO expenditure ballot that the PTO is proposing to help defray the admission costs of our Fine Arts philharmonic program fees each year and make a contribution of \$200 at each grade level to support admission costs of spring educational outings. All of the initiatives are designed to help families better afford these valuable learning experiences for students.

This is also a timely point to review our Ascension philosophy regarding educational outings. The emphasis on these trips of course is education. Teachers carefully look at their grade level curriculum and how these trips can complement what is learned in the classroom. Gr. 7 & 8 have had safe and successful trips already to Columbus and Cincinnati. Ascension School contributes a third of the cost of these trips. The trips stay in state and do not extend overnight to reduce our liability and cost.

Parish Pizza Party

Bring the whole family to the Witzman Center as we celebrate our community at Ascension Sat., May 2 at 6 pm. Enjoy free pizza, socialize with fellow parishioners. Bring your favorite game. Ascension's Parish Council is sponsoring this event. Pizza, coffee, lemonade and water will be provided. Feel free to bring a dessert/chips to share.



Calendar

May 2	SA	First Communion option, 5pm
2-3	S-SU	Youth Ministry Aluminum Drive
3	SU	First Communion options, 9am & 12pm
4	M	Fun Day, Gr. K-4, Lower Pkg Lot 12-2:15pm
5	TU	Miami Valley Ed Recognition Banquet, 6pm
6	W	IAT Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm GP Day Dress Rehearsal, PAC, 9-10:30am Mother Daughter Banquet, PAC, 5:30-9pm
7	TH	Mass, 9am School & RE Comm. Mtg., POB1, 7-9pm
8	F	Grandparents Day #1 L-Z, PAC
9	SA	First Communion option, 5pm
10	SU	First Communion options, 9am, 12pm
11	M	Gr. 6/7 Parents Confirmation Mtg., WC 118, 7pm
12	TU	PTO Spring Program, PAC, 6:30-8pm Gr. 6/7 Parents Confirmation Mtg., WC 118, 8pm Child Prot. Class, St. Luke, Kramer Hall, 7-8pm
13	W	Gr. 6 - Schuster Concert, 9:30am IAT Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm
14	TH	Mass, 9am Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 1:30-3:15pm St. Remy closing Mass & Celebration Early Dismissal, 1pm
15	F	Grandparents Day #2, A-K, PAC, 1pm
17	SU	1 st Eucharist Photograph/Reception, Church, 1pm
16-17	S-SU	Ascension Food Drive, All Masses

Enclosures

Ed Outing Permissions (Gr. 4, 5, 6)
Gr. 8 confirmation Evaluation
PTO Expenditure Ballot
April PTO Exec Mtg Minutes
May School Calendar
Mother Daughter Banquet Flyer

Return Date

Mon, May 11
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None
None
None

Quotation

"The best portion of an individual's life is the little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."

-William Wordsworth

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