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MAY 2007

ASCENSION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
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MAY 3— Thursday

7:00pm *Education Comm*

6 - Sunday

9:00am *RCIA*

10:30am *Early Childhood*

1:00pm *Early Childhood Picnic*

1:30pm *Confirmation rehearsal*

7 - Monday

4:15pm *Gr. 1-5*

7:00pm *Gr. 6 Confirmation*

Orientation/Witzman Center

9—Wednesday

7:30pm *Confirmation Mass*

13 - Sunday

Mothers' Day

14 - Monday

4:15 am *Gr. 1-5/Mass*

20—Sunday

Feast of the Ascension

9:00am *RCIA*

10:15am *Gr. 6-8 Staff Workday*

10:30am *EC Staff Workday*

21—Monday

4:15pm *Gr. 1-5 Staff Workday*

5:45 pm *RE Staff Family Dinner*

7:00 pm *Gr. 6-8 Staff Workday*

27—Sunday

Pentecost

31—Thursday

7:00pm *Education Commission*

Celebrate Ascension (May 20) and Pentecost (May 27)!

Ascension and Pentecost complete the Easter season.

Prayer Ritual for Ascension

Light a white candle, the Christ candle. Tell the Ascension story. Extinguish the Christ candle.

Leader: We extinguish the Christ candle as a sign that the Light of the World is no longer with us as he once was. Jesus invites us to be his light to others and continue his work. We become Jesus for others.

Leader: Bow your heads for God's blessing: Lord, may we follow you into the new creation. Give us voices that speak,

All: Give us voices that speak,

Leader: Hands that work,

All: Hands that work,

Leader: Feet that journey,

All: Feet that journey

Leader: And eyes that gaze at the splendor of your world.

All: And eyes that gaze at the splendor of your world.

Leader: Your ascension, Lord, is our glory and our hope!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PENTECOST IS CONSIDERED THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH.

WEAR RED TO CHURCH. FOR DESSERT, HAVE BIRTHDAY CAKE LOADED WITH CANDLES AND SING "HAPPY BIRTHDAY."

ELEMENTARY END-OF-THE YEAR MASS & AWARDS PRESENTATION PARENTS WELCOME!!!

GRADES 1-5 MAY 14 4:30 P.M.

STUDENTS REPORT TO THE CLASSROOM AS USUAL AT 4:15 P.M.;
DISMISSAL WILL BE FROM THE CHURCH.

ALL STUDENTS are requested to *please bring a SOAP item for the Food Pantry at Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. It will be collected during Mass.*

- bar soap
- liquid soap
- laundry detergent
- dishwashing liquid
- shampoo

- ◆ **REGISTRATION CONTINUES IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE. MAY 14 IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WITH DISCOUNTED FEES!**
- ◆ **REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE AND AFTER MASS ON MAY 14 IN THE OFFICE. THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY, MAY 13 .**

GRADE 8 END-OF-YEAR EVENT:
FLYERS WILL BE SENT
FROM THE YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE

CONGRATULATIONS ...
TO OUR STUDENTS
WHO ARE RECEIVING
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION!

EARLY CHILDHOOD
AND
ELEMENTARY
PARENT OPEN HOUSE
MONDAY, SEPT. 10
7:00 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT/STUDENT SESSION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
1-3 P.M.

GRADES 1-5 CLASSES BEGIN
ON SEPTEMBER 17; EARLY
CHILDHOOD ON SEPT. 23

CALENDAR WILL BE MAILED
TO GRADE 6, 7, AND 8
PARENTS IN AUGUST

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!

REMEMBER TO KEEP LIVING THE PLEDGE OF NONVIOLENCE!

MAY GOD'S PEACE BE WITH YOU!

*New Coordinators in the
Religious Education Office*

Effective July 1, **Sue Graham**, who has been my assistant for over 12 years, will become the new Coordinator of Religious Education, upon my retirement from full-time ministry. I will continue in a part-time capacity as Sacramental Preparation Coordinator, with responsibility for Children's RCIA, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the church at Ascension, and wonderful to work with so many dedicated volunteers and parents/grandparents/guardians who care deeply about the faith formation of the children.

Sue is certified as a catechetical leader by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Besides serving as my assistant, she has also been the Early Childhood Coordinator. **Cyndy Pellegrino**, who has been a volunteer catechist and holds General Catechist Certification from the archdiocese, will be the new Early Childhood Coordinator. **Ann Dew**, who was formerly the parish evening secretary, will be the new RE Office Assistant.

Please call or stop by the RE Office if we can be of assistance. You are the most important influence in your child's faith formation; we are here to assist you!

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Watch for these
SURVEYS!

Families with children under the age of 5 will receive a survey in the mail from the Family Faith Formation Committee of the Education Commission. The committee is seeking your input on how the parish could be helpful to you as parents of young children.

Please respond!

Included in this Family Envelope is a Vacation Bible School (VBS) survey. We are determining whether there is interest in having VBS here at Ascension this summer and whether there would be enough volunteers to staff it.

Please return the survey
next week!

Meijer Community Awards

The Meijer Community Awards program, which has donated over \$4000 to Ascension Religious Education in the past few years, is undergoing changes. Eligible purchases will need to be made with cash, a debit card, or a Meijer credit card.

We have re-enrolled Ascension Religious Education. Our organization number is still 571556

Each person who participates will also need to re-enroll at
www.Meijer.com/MCRmember

We receive .5% of your purchases made with cash or a debit card and 1% of purchases made with a Meijer credit card.

Many thanks to those who have helped us in the past! We have been using the funds to purchase bibles for our 2nd and 6th grade students. If you re-enroll, thank you!!! We will send home new membership information in the fall.