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FOR THE FULLER LIFE OF OUR ASCENSION FAMILY



## ADVENT – THY KINGDOM COME

At the beginning of 2009 we will look back on the months that have passed, remembering the highs and lows, becoming aware of how the world has changed and how we have changed with it. At the same time we look at the New Year that lies ahead, and no matter how many firsts of January we have lived through, we cannot help but make a new year's resolution or two. Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, has a similar two-fold character. It looks to the past, the first coming of Christ at Christmas, and to the future, the parousia, the second coming of Christ.

Advent is a season of waiting, conversion, and of hope. There is the "waiting-memory" of the first humble, coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh 2000 years ago. There is the "waiting-supplication" for his final, glorious coming as Lord of history and universal judge. These two major themes, waiting-memory and waiting-supplication, are intertwined in the prayers and readings we hear at Mass during the Advent season.

The two-fold nature of Advent can give us whiplash at times. While we fill our homes with images of the infant Christ, our churches

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### LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

Our "Little Blue Books" will be available starting the weekend of November 22-23, at the church doors. We invite you to take one and use them for six minutes a day in your prayerful journey through the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

## NOVEMBER 2008 - JANUARY 2009 HOLY DAY & HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**November 27 – Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday)  
9:00 a.m. (St. Vincent food collection)  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

**December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception** (Mon.)  
Holy Day of Obligation - 9:00 a.m., Noon and 7:00 p.m.

**December 24 - Christmas Eve** (Wednesday)  
3:00 p.m. - with closed circuit TV in Witzman Center  
5:00 p.m. - with closed circuit TV in Witzman Center  
9:30 p.m. - Lessons and Carols before Mass  
10:00 p.m. - Mass  
There will **NOT** be a Mass at midnight.

**December 25 - Christmas Day** (Thursday)  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
(Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m.)

**December 31 - Vigil, Mary the Mother of God**  
(Wednesday - New Years Eve)  
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Mary Mother of God

**January 1 - Feast, Mary the Mother of God**  
(Thursday - New Years Day)  
Holy Day of Obligation - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



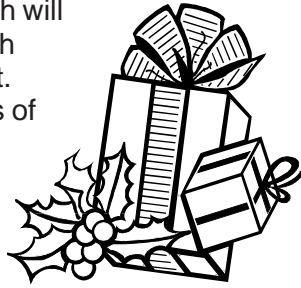
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## GIVING TREE 2008

Once again, Ascension Parish will continue its tradition of outreach through the Giving Tree project.

We have received the names of 80 needy families/households through Catholic Social Services. For each of the children whose names we receive from Catholic Social Services, there will be two



ornaments (one for clothing, one for a toy) on the tree – each ornament has the gender, age and size of the individual and a gift suggestion given by the parent. There is also one tag for an adult in the household.

Catholic Social Services makes the following recommendations:

- *Gifts should be between \$10.00 and \$35.00. Gifts should not exceed \$35.00. If a request costs more we ask you to decide on something within the recommended cost range.*
- *Gift suggestions are provided on the ornaments. However, substitutions for more appropriate items are allowed. Correct sizing is important, returns and exchanges are not encouraged.*
- *Please, NO guns.*

Past experience with clothing and sizing suggests that gift receipts are helpful; please include them inside the package with the clothing when possible.

In addition, there will be gift tags for Elizabeth's New Life Center and Ascension's own Elizabeth Ministry program. As both of these programs use the gifts throughout the following year we suggest that these gifts not be wrapped but simply placed in a gift bag or under the tree with the gift tag attached.

Also, maintaining awareness of the needs of local families, we will include envelopes on the Giving Trees for gift certificates for food. If you take one of these envelopes, we encourage you to enclose a check payable to Ascension or gift certificate/card purchased through our Women's Guild Scrip program. You may then place the envelope in the Sunday collection basket.

Giving Trees will be placed in the narthex and baptistry on the weekend of November 22-23 so that you may get an early start with your shopping. Return all gifts (wrapped and unwrapped) with the ornament securely fastened to the gift, back under one of the Giving Trees, preferably on the weekends of December 6 or December 13. **ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY THE NOON MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14.** Gifts are bagged,

closed and labeled on that Sunday and delivered first thing Monday morning. Please note that bows attached to gifts frequently come off and are NOT RECOMMENDED. As such, please do not attach ornaments to bows or ribbons, rather securely tape them to the package.

If you know of someone in our parish area who could use assistance for their family this Christmas, please call Sister Agnes in the parish office at 253-5171. We make every effort to respect the dignity and privacy of those we help. For more information about the Giving Tree project, ornament information or other questions please contact Ann McManus at 643-4064.

Thank you for your generous participation in this Ascension outreach project.

## ADVENT 2008

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echo the voice of John the Baptist and his call of repentance. As we get busier with shopping, cooking, entertaining, and decorating, the Church tells us to slow down and take time to do nothing, nothing but wait. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming, we are challenged to ready ourselves for his second coming. We pray for it every day with the words "Thy Kingdom Come" when we pray the Lord's Prayer. So it is fitting that this year our parish theme for Advent is "Thy Kingdom Come." During the season of Advent may we especially yearn for Christ's coming with all our hearts.

## COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING ADVENT

- Immaculate Tuesday Dec. 2 7:00 p.m.  
**(with Ascension and St. Helen)** *there will not be an Advent Reconciliation Service at Ascension or St. Helen. The service held at Immaculate Conception is for all 3 parishes of the One Bread One Body Partnership.*
- St. Albert Wednesday Dec. 3 7:00 p.m.  
(with St. Charles, St. Francis and Incarnation)
- St. Anthony Tuesday Dec. 9 7:00 p.m.
- St. Charles Wednesday Dec. 10 7:00 p.m.  
(with St. Albert, St. Francis and Incarnation)
- St. Luke Monday Dec. 15 7:00 p.m.
- Holy Angels Tuesday Dec. 16 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## SCHOOL NEWS



### **WALK WITH ASCENSION – WALKATHON**

Ascension's first PTO sponsored Walk With Ascension Walkathon had 100% participation from student walkers and is estimated to have raised over \$16,000 in funds to support PTO activities. The Fall day in September for the walk was beautiful. There was ample parent and Kettering police and fire personnel on hand to ensure a safe event. Magazine Drives in previous years have been earning around \$12,000-\$14,000 so the event was very successful from a fund-raising perspective in its first year. As an incentive to earn pledges, students had the opportunity to become principal or teacher for the day on Tuesday, Nov. 25. The top two Grade Level winners were grades 2 & 4 and they will get a complimentary pizza party on Nov. 12.

### **WORLD MISSION ROSARY**

Fr. Patrick Byrne of the Dir. of the Vatican office of the Holy Childhood Assoc. visited Ascension Parish on Oct. 8 and guided the Ascension School students in praying the World Mission Rosary. Fr. Byrne preceded the rosary with accounts of his mission work and encouraged children to become active in supporting the missions.

### **BULLY PROOFING**

Mr. Jim Bisenius, a child therapist and national presenter, gave school-wide presentations on bully proofing as well as teacher and parent presentations in the afternoon and evening of Oct. 6. Mr. Bisenius shared ten very concrete things students can do if done exactly, to help exude confidence and calm and avoid the bullying behavior of others.

Follow up classroom presentations were made by the Council on Child Abuse of Southwestern Ohio on Oct. 20 and 27. Programs like this are mandated by the archdiocese as part of safe environment training for our students. Mr. Devitt had the opportunity to share the history, details and success of these programs at Ascension School with an auditor from the National Catholic Bishops Office who came to visit the parish of Ascension on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

## ATHLETIC NEWS

The Athletic Board is in need of an Intramural basketball coordinator. The intramural basketball program is open to parish boys and girls grades 1-3. The program starts in January and runs for several weeks. For more information please contact Dave Schlegel 426-6725, Curtis Shiner 426-4723, Jenny Farrell 253-5164, Terry Pellegrino 293-7014, or Chris Draper 429-1311.

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Chris Worland ..... *Pastor*  
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 Joe Ollier ..... *Coordinator of Youth Ministry*  
 Sr. Agnes Kramer, CDP ..... *Pastoral Associate*  
 Tom Platfoot ..... *Business Manager*  
 Diane Oliver ..... *Parish Secretary*  
 Wendi Mulligan ..... *Evening Secretary*  
 Dave Timpone ..... *Music Director*  
 Diane Larochele ..... *Organist / Choir Director*

### SCHOOL

Brent Devitt ..... *Principal*  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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## PAUL AND DONNA NOZAR WILL LEAVE A VOID

When Paul and Donna Nozar searched for a new parish in 1983, they had intended to visit all the surrounding parishes before making a decision. Since they had been at Ascension previously from 1966 to 1972 (then a "parish community"), they decided to start their search there. Like many of us, their search began and ended at Ascension! "Anyone who knew Fr. Rudemiller will understand why our search ended at Ascension. We felt very welcome at Ascension and have many lifelong friendships there."

Paul and Donna are the parents of four children (Jeff, Pam, Michelle and Jennifer) and grandparents of 11. After 25 years as *very active* members, the Nozars will soon be moving to the Lebanon, Ohio area.

The Nozars are the epitome of giving their time, talent and treasure. They have assisted in the weekly bingo nights for the entire 25 years they have been members. They coordinated the parish festival for three years as co-chairs in 1984, chair in 1985 and senior advisors in 1986. Following that experience they elected to focus on the beer booth at the festival from 1987 to 1995. They were chairs for the dinner dedication of the new church in 1988. Donna served two terms as president of the Women's Guild. They have been members of a Bible study group from 1991 to the present. They have served as extraordinary ministers of Holy Eucharist and assist with the Greenmont food pantry.

One of their more recent endeavors has been providing monthly lunches as part of an outreach ministry for seniors living in St. Mary Development facilities. Donna has coordinated a carry-in luncheon for these senior citizens who live in one of

six apartment buildings throughout the Dayton area. This is a wonderful way to be a good neighbor, by sharing a meal with those less fortunate, as well as providing fellowship with those who may feel alone. With the Nozars' departure, this ministry will be carried on by Wendi Mulligan. If you are interested in participating, contact the Parish Office at 253-5171.

The Ascension family will miss the smiling faces, gentle spirit and generous giving of Paul and Donna Nozar, but we wish them well in their future parish. We know they will continue to share their time, talent and treasure wherever they go. Their departing message states, "We heard the call, we answered, and we are privileged to have been a part of the community at Ascension Parish!"

## ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

The Tri-Parish Eucharistic Procession and Devotion held on October, 11, provided a wonderful opportunity for Catholics to gather together for Eucharistic Adoration and a growing sense of community. The evening began with a meal in St. Helen's gym, followed by a 300 person, drum accompanied procession through the surrounding neighborhood, and ended with dessert back in the gym. "It was a beautiful event," said Fr. Chris Worland. "There is no better way for our three parishes to celebrate our unity than by standing around the Eucharist-the sacrament of unity."

Ascension parishioner Karen Westgerdes enjoyed experiencing the Eucharistic Adoration with her children. "This event offered kids an active yet prayerful event," Westgerdes said. "I want my family to know there are many forms of prayer." Her younger boys, Tommy and Jacob, liked walking with the drummer and helping to serve drinks at the reception. The oldest, Zach, enjoyed having a special place in the procession line with the other First Communicants.

Teri Gooch, a St. Helen parishioner, appreciated the feeling of community and was glad to see so many children in attendance. "After the procession and Benediction we went back to the gym for dessert and I sat down close to my friend's 9 year old," Gooch said. "Before I knew it I had several children sitting all around me. I was surrounded by children. It was great!"

Parishioners are looking forward to more events from the "One Bread, One Body" partnership with Ascension, St. Helen and Immaculate Conception.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Students have been busy with a variety of activities. October's "Clean Your Desk" campaign yielded 4 large cartons of school supplies to be shipped to Nicaragua.

Our Early Childhood "saints" entertained their grandparents and senior members of the parish at the All Saints party. Soon they will begin preparing for their Advent celebration. Elementary students dressed as saints for their All Saints prayer service and we had some students give their reports to the student body.

In observance of Mission Sunday, Grades 1-8 had visits from guest Missionaries. Our students enjoyed these visits and were touched by the stories that were shared. Early Childhood ages 4, 5, K participated in a Mission Education program. Each grade level "visited" a different country.

Sixth grade students were presented with personal copies of the Catholic Youth Bible, and they decorated bible covers sewn by parishioner Arlene Keller.

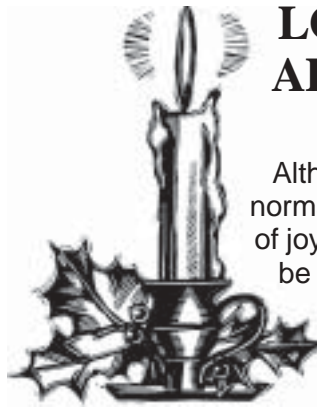
The Thanksgiving Mass for Grades 1-5 will take place on November 24. During the Mass a representative from each class will sign the School Pledge of Nonviolence as part of our Growing Peace process, and non-perishable food for the food pantry will be collected. Grade 8 students will plan and lead the Middle School Thanksgiving prayer services.

Many families have chosen to take the Family Pledge of Nonviolence; their names are inscribed on doves posted around the Peace Board on the wall outside the Religious Education Office. Congratulations to the *Peacemaker of the Month* for October: Dustin Walling in Grade 1.

Parents of students preparing for First Reconciliation met in October to hear Father Chris speak about the sacrament and to receive the materials they will use to prepare their children at home. A new element this year will be a communal penance service celebrated with both school and Religious Education students combined. Parents will also be given the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament with their child.

Seventh grade Confirmation students participated in a Spirit Day retreat in October. Eighth grade Confirmation students will have a Spirit Retreat in November and will be ritually welcomed to the preparation process during the 9:00 Mass on November 23.

The students will soon be observing Advent with prayer services and other activities. Our volunteer catechists work very hard to uphold the spiritual dimension of Advent and Christmas-time.



## LONGEST NIGHT ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

Although Christmas-time is normally considered to be a time of joy for Christians, it can also be a time of sadness. The loss of a loved one, the anguish of a broken relationship, the insecurity of unemployment or the economy, the weariness of ill health, the military deployment of a family member are realities of life that can be made more painful by the celebrating around us.

At such times, we can acknowledge our sadness and concern and ... we need to know that we are not alone. On December 21, the winter solstice, or shortest day of the year, Ascension will continue its recent tradition of holding a Longest Night prayer service, to remind us that God comes to shine in our deepest darkness. You are invited to join us for this special prayer service on **Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.** The service will be followed by light refreshments and fellowship in the Witzman Center, or if you prefer, you may remain in the church for private prayer. Please invite others to come with you, as your support, or if you know others who find that Christmas hurts, please let them now that they are most welcome.

In song, Scripture, ritual, silence, we will reflect together on any pain, loneliness, or sadness you may feel, and offer it to the Christ Child. As Christ's light overcomes the darkness, may you find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone.

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who contributed candy or postage money to *Share the Bounty!* The response was tremendous and we were able to send close to 20 care packages to our college students away from home. What a great witness to our young adults that they always have a home at Ascension.

A couple upcoming events to mark your calendars for now:

- **Family Ski trip/retreat:** January 24-25, 2009
- **High School Winter Retreat:** February 6-8, 2009
- **NCYC – Kansas City:** November 19-22, 2009

Information about our Summer work camp will be available in the next issue of *The VOICE*.



## SISTERS LEAVE A HOLE WITH DONUT MINISTRY

Sisters, Marcia Cox and Melissa Fisher, began the coffee-and-donut ministry in 1990 and never anticipated they would continue for another 17 years! Thankfully they did,

servicing fresh coffee and donuts after the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses once a month. This past spring, after prayerful reflection, they elected to turn over this fellowship ministry allowing them to become involved in other parish activities.

Marcia Cox began the ministry with Marcia Johnson and Julie Harshman in 1990 before the Witzman Center was even built! Once Marcia Johnson and Julie moved onto other ministries, Melissa Fisher stepped in to lend a hand. The coffee-and-donut ministry has grown in popularity since its inception. Initially they would order 25 dozen donuts and serve coffee and milk, primarily for children and parents who attended religious education classes. Most recently the coffee-and-donut team serves 70 dozen donuts, 10 dozen donut holes, 250 cups of coffee, 4 gallons of milk and 4 gallons of lemonade to large crowds of all ages in Witzman Center. The source of donuts has changed with time as well. Initially, donuts came from John Nodzak. When Krispy Kreme came to town, they supplied the sweet treats. When the parish began to sell fair-trade goods (to support farm co-ops in third-world countries), Marcia and Melissa chose to support a locally owned bakery. For the past couple of years, American Classic Bakery on Linden Avenue has been our supplier.

Marcia and Melissa were assisted by Jettie Stark, Joanne Beirise and Marcia's husband, Dave, until last spring. They volunteered countless hours to provide not only coffee and donuts, but a special time for fellowship. (If you have not attended a "Donut Sunday" event, stop by the Witzman Center on the second Sunday of each month; it is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow parishioners.) Marcia and Melissa also provided supervision to countless 8th grade students who gave their time to the coffee-and-donut ministry for their Confirmation service project. These students provided a great service to the parish (and got their fair share of donuts in return).

Marcia and Dave, members of Ascension since 1987, live in Kettering and have three children, Austin, David and Alicia. Melissa and her husband, Bill, members for 10 years, live in Riverside and

have one son, Wesley. Melissa teaches at Carroll High School.

We thank Marcia and Melissa, as well as Jettie, Joanne and all the helpers, for years of sharing their time and talents in this fellowship ministry. Fortunately, the coffee-and-donuts ministry continues courtesy of the Women's Team 5 Christ Renews His Parish team, who agreed to take over in September. If you are interested in assisting Team 5 with this once-a-month ministry, contact Cathy Magness at 291-2827.

## WOMEN'S GUILD SCRIP PROGRAM

Perhaps you've seen bulletin notices, school newsletters or flyers that talk about "scrip." Maybe you've read that profits are used right here at Ascension. But maybe you've had questions about the program and wanted to know more about it.

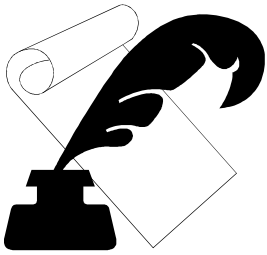
Scrip usually comes in the form of a gift card. They can be given as gifts, but generally are used by you to pay for meals, gasoline or other purchases at retailers. They are spent at face value, costing you NOTHING extra, yet Women's Guild earns between 4-10% from the retailer.

Some of the ways that we have helped the parish were paying for the new video equipment, new servers' albs, new vestments for the priests and deacons, new handrails at the altar and we split the cost of the new Pastoral Plan that was developed last year. We also pay for most of the receptions held after events, provide many of the paper products used in the Witzman Center, meat trays for funerals and the Anniversary Brunch.

We always have Speedway (can be used with your Speedy Rewards), Bob Evans, Panera, Elder-Beerman, Kohl's (can also be used to pay your account) and Kroger on hand. Kroger can be for one-time usage or used as a declining-balance card to which you add funds as needed. When adding funds, you can use cash, check or credit card. Women's Guild receives 4% from reloads also. Other cards are available from Great Lakes Scrip and received in about 5-7 days. A retailer list is available at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com).

We have been profiting from the scrip program for many years, but with just a small fraction of parishioners participating. The potential is huge for Ascension if more people would use scrip. It's so EASY, costs nothing and is another way of helping this wonderful parish.

For orders or information call Judy McManus (299-0997) or Phyllis Hildebrand (435-7114).



## THE WRITE STUFF STAFF

We're excited to welcome three parishioners as writers for *The VOICE*. **Lauren Boyd, Joe Cogliano** and **Cathy Magness** have graciously offered to share

their gift of writing with us. This is one more way we are improving and expanding the ministry of communication at Ascension.

Lauren Boyd joined Ascension in 2002 a few months after she and her husband, Matt, were married. "I have been looking for a way to share my time and talents with Ascension," Lauren notes, "I enjoy writing and see this as a wonderful learning opportunity." She sees *The VOICE* as a great medium for parishioners to share their personal reflections from parish and school events. This is also an opportunity for her to meet more parishioners. Lauren and Matt, married for 6 years, have two children, Gavin (3 years) and Sophia (1 year). She is a stay-at-home mom and an Independent Sales Representative for Avon.

Joe Cogliano, a member for 13 years, says that anyone who knows him knows he loves to talk. For him, "Writing is just another way for me to say something!" Joe notes that with all the positive things happening at Ascension, it's impossible to be involved in all of them. He hopes, "*The VOICE* will keep parishioners "plugged in" to much of what's happening at our parish. Hopefully, readers will finish an issue and feel inspired as well as more connected to the church." Joe and his wife, Julie, have two children, Anthony and Austin. He has spent the past 12 years as a stay-at-home dad and contract journalist. Joe is a long-time contributing writer for the Dayton Business Journal. This last year he has taken on assignments as a contributing writer and editor for Manufacturing & Technology eJournal. Prior to working for the DBJ, Joe spent several years as a staff writer for the Beaver Creek News Current. He earned his journalism degree from Ohio Univ.

Cathy Magness, parishioner for 15 years, volunteered under Sr. Florence's encouragement. She hopes *The VOICE*, "grows to cover the many wonderful ministries at Ascension and highlights parishioners and families who share their talents so freely." Cathy lives in Kettering and has worked for Atrium Medical Center from her home as a medical transcriptionist for the last 8 years. Prior to that she worked for 20 years at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Cathy shares, "I have always felt welcomed as a single person at Ascension; the parishioners of Ascension feel like my second family."

## SHARING CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

This holiday season Ascension parishioners have the opportunity to experience some different Christmas traditions.

The local Hispanic Community invites Ascension parishioners to their special Catholic celebrations in December. The first is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 14 at Holy Family Church. Second, Las Posadas, which begins the evening of December 16, continuing each evening through the 24th. On Sunday afternoon, December 7, Ascension and Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church will share Christmas traditions during a family-oriented event. All parishioners from both Church communities are invited. Watch the bulletin for details as we get closer to these events.

For a second year, crèches from the U.D. collection will be exhibited here at Ascension. The Twinning Committee sponsors this display through the courtesy of The Marian Library of the International Marian Research Library at the University of Dayton. A variety of Nativity scenes will be in display cases in Witzman Center. The Twinning Committee's case will feature various styles and sizes of crèches from Peru. The second case will contain crèches from countries around the world. (More Creches can be viewed the end of November through the first week of January at the Dayton Art Institute, The Marian Library and the Mt. St. John Gallery.)

In addition, Peruvian Christmas ornaments and crèches will be for sale on the second Sunday of Advent, December 7 after the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. This event is sponsored by the Twinning Committee during "Coffee and Donuts" in Witzman Center. Committee members will also update parishioners on the Twinning relationship with NSL and explain the updated pictures from Nuestra Senora de la Luz.

Nuestra Senora de la Luz now has a website that features pictures of parishioners at work. Go to [www.PANALUZ.com](http://www.PANALUZ.com) to spend a few minutes with the people of our twinning parish. The Covenant between our parishes has been recently renewed. If you would like to be actively involved in this relationship call Steve Mueller at 299-8035 or Lois Keil at 299-0257 (or call the parish office and leave a message for the Twinning Committee).



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## ROMANS COME TO ASCENSION

With a mix of traditional hymns like *Here I am Lord* to covers and original contemporary Christian songs, ROMANS provided an inspirational evening of music at Ascension Church on Sunday September 21.

The show drew a large crowd, mixed in ages, from families with young children to teenagers and seniors.

Trying to dispel rumor than Catholics can't sing, ROMANS weaved touches of humor with heaps of praise to deliver their message.

"It was a blessing and a joy for us to return to Ascension after so many (approximately 9) years," said Mark Hingsbergen, who plays electric guitar for the band. "We have undergone many changes and challenges as a band but we never tire playing for a loving and welcoming parish."

One highlight of the evening was their rendition of *You Are In My Heart*, a ROMANS original song where the audience was invited to

participate. Dozens of children, teens and even a few adults flocked to the front of church to accompany the music with hand gestures.

In addition to Mark Hingsbergen, ROMANS includes Greg Schutte (acoustic guitar), Jeff Schutte (drums), Mike Kompar (bass) and Erin Hingsbergen (keyboard). Established in the Cincinnati area in 1996, the band has recorded two albums, *Come to Life* and *High Fidelity*. For more information on ROMANS visit their website at [www.romanscatholic.com](http://www.romanscatholic.com).



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