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THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is made up of elected representatives and alternates from the fifteen geographical districts of the Parish. The Council holds meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month to discuss the welfare of the Parish, exchange ideas and co-ordinate programs. Its evaluation and advice concerning Parish programs, changes in operation and needs of the Parish is most helpful to the Pastor and its members. Unity of the Council, marked by diversity of opinion, makes for progress both spiritually and materially.

This book is one result of the Council's thinking and acting. Many more improvements in the Parish can be expected to result from the combined work of active parish organizations and this Council.

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Dear Parishioner,

Thank you.

When you received this booklet it meant that you had made a decision.

You had said to God, "Yes, God, I will give to the best of my ability to help support your work here in my parish and in our community."

Did it mean you will give 10 cents or \$10 a week? We don't care - we know that you will give to the best of your ability and the amount is a subject between yourself and God.

We hope that during this pledge drive we have been able to better inform you and your neighbors about what we really have here in Ascension parish.

This booklet outlines many of the points we have tried to get across. We hope that you will read it carefully and that you will keep it for additional reference.

If you are not already active within the parish, we hope that you will find some activity in which you would like to participate.

Again, let us say, "Thank You" and ask that you keep all the members of Ascension parish in your prayers.

Father Arnold F. Witzman
and The Parish Council

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Dear Participants

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When you received this booklet it meant that you had made a

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You had said to God, "Yes, God, I will give to the best of my

ability to help support your work here in my school and in our

community. I will do this for the next 10 years."

Now that you have said "Yes" to God, it is time to say "Yes" to

God. It is time for you to give 10 cents a week, the day

before we know that you will give to the best of your ability and the

amount is a significant amount. We will use this money to help

the school and the community. It is a small amount, but it is a

big step. We hope that during this process, you will have been able to

learn about you and your neighbors about what we really have here

- A significant amount.

This booklet will tell you many of the reasons you have said to God

"Yes." We hope that you will want to continue to say "Yes" and you will be

able to do this for the next 10 years.

If you are not already active within the school, we hope that

you will find some activity in which you would like to participate.

Again, for us say, "Thank You" and ask that you keep all

the members of Accounts proud in your progress.

Patricia Arnold, E. Wilson

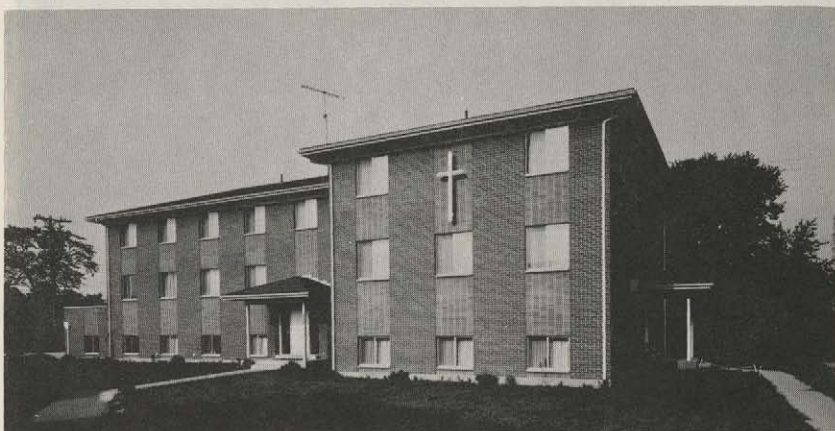
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Most Reverend Paul Francis Leibold
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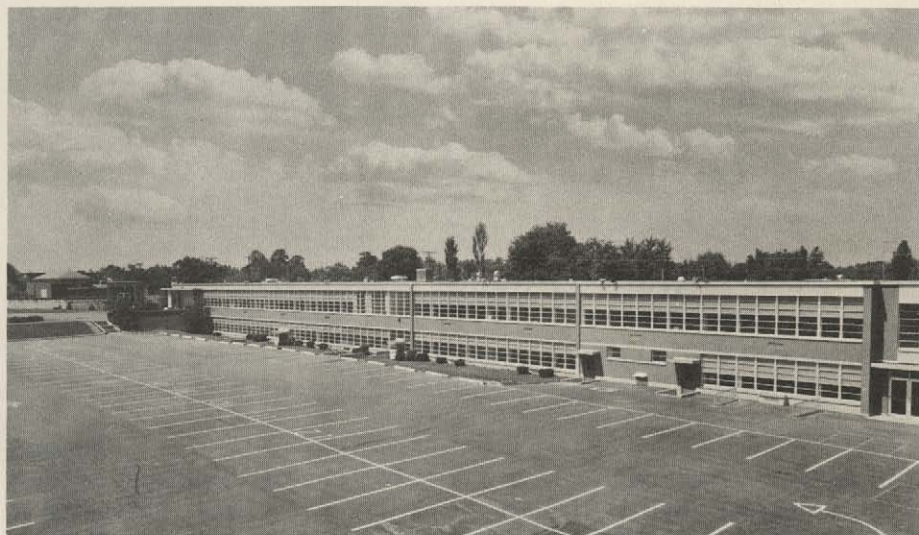
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SCHOOL

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CONVENT

2005 Woodman Dr.
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RECTORY

2025 Woodman Dr.
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Pastor: REV. ARNOLD F. WITZMAN

Asst. Pastors: REV. EDWARD J. SHINE, REV. STANLEY NEIHEISEL

Sunday Masses: 6:30, 7:45, 8:45, High Mass 10:00, 11:20, 12:40

Holy Day Masses: 5:30, 6:30, 9:00, 12:00, 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays and Eves of Holy Days and First Fridays:
3:00 to 5:30 – 7:00 to 9:00

Before the 6:30 and 7:45 Masses on Sunday

Daily Masses: Summer months 6:30 and 7:30
Winter months 6:30 and 9:00

Baptisms: Sunday at 2:30

Daily distribution of Holy Communion at 6:00 a.m. and before and during
the Masses

Every Sunday: After the Masses the blessing will be given to Mothers,
before or after the birth of a child.

BOUNDARY LINES

NORTHERN BOUNDARY: From the intersection of Smithville Road and Forrer Boulevard, east on Forrer Boulevard to Courtland, north on Courtland to Ewalt Circle, east along Circle and across Watervliet to Kennedy Avenue, north on Kennedy Avenue to Russell Avenue, East on Russell Avenue extended to Penn. RR. Line, north along Penn. RR. Line to B&O Line, east on B&O RR. Line to Montgomery-Greene County Line.

EASTERN BOUNDARY: Intersection of B&O RR. Line and County Line south along said County Line to Indian Ripple Road, east on Indian Ripple Road to the Little Miami River.

SOUTHERN BOUNDARY: Intersection of Indian Ripple Road and Little Miami River, thence south along the River to a point due east from Stutsman Road, which point is also approximately at the Beaver Creek-Sugar Creek Township line, thence due west from this point by air line to the intersection of Swigert, Wagner and Little Sugar Creek Roads, thence southwest along Swigert Road to Brown Road to Wilmington Pike.

WESTERN BOUNDARY: Intersection of Brown Road and Wilmington Pike, thence north along Wilmington Pike to Smithville Road and north on Smithville to Forrer Boulevard, the point of beginning.

PARISH COUNCIL GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRICTS

These districts are the divisions on which representation to the Parish Council is based. Each area has one Councilman and one Alternate who may be contacted so that your views can be considered in Council decisions.

District No.	District Name	District No.	District Name
1	Rosewood Gardens	2	Stroop Estates – Amberly Acres
3	Richman Heights – Elmwood	4	Skyline Ridge
5	Newcom Knolls	6	Oak Park
7	Oakdale	8	County Acres – Cherry Hill
10	Van Buren	11	Greenmont
12	Parklawn – Rollandia	13	Brookhaven
14	Rolling Fields	15	Beavertown
9	Newcom South – Green Meadows		– Colony of Kettering



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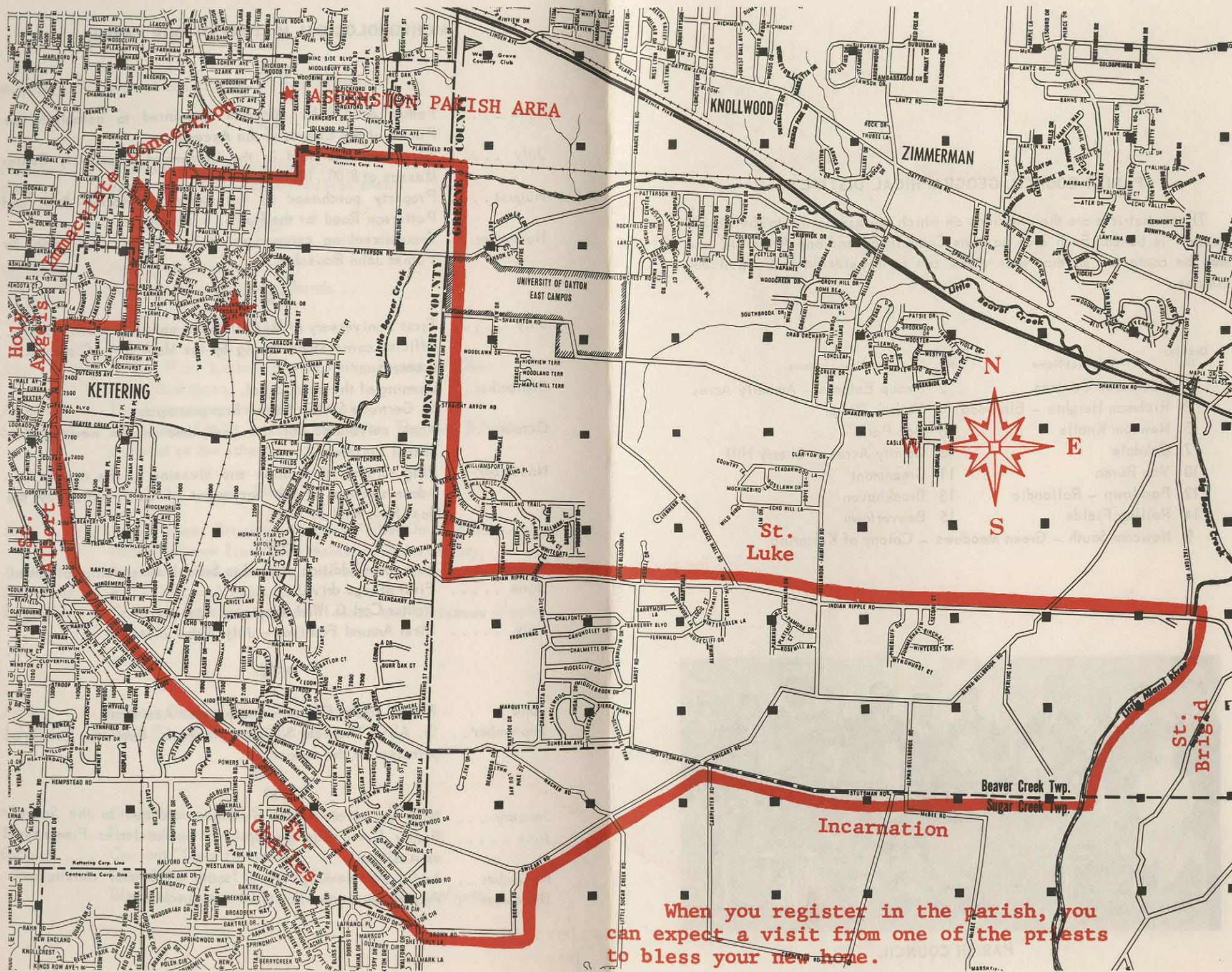
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Editor: Arnold E. Wilson

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When you register in the parish, you can expect a visit from one of the priests to bless your new home.

A CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF OUR PARISH

1955

- June Father Arnold F. Witzman appointed to establish the Parish of the Church of the Ascension.
- July First services held in the Greenmont Community Center Masses at 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30.
- August Property purchased at the corner of Norton Ave. and Patterson Road for the Pastor's residence.
- November Groundbreaking ceremonies at the site of the School by Father John Rauscher.

1956

- July First Anniversary of Mass in Greenmont Community Center. Official cornerstone laying by the Most Rev. Clarence G. Issenmann.
- September Opening of the new School.
Sr. Gertrude S.N.D. named first principal.
- October Mass celebrated for the first time in the new Church-School Building.
- November Flag raising, dedication and blessing of the new School. Administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter.

1957

- May Four room addition started to School and parking lot paved.
- June First pledge drive.
Father Carl G. Will appointed Assistant.
- July First Annual Festival - July 20th - 21st.

1958

- June Father James Frommeyer appointed Assistant.
- September Sr. Alice Therese, S.N.D. replaces Sr. Gertrude, S.N.D. as principal of the school.

1959

- January Work starts on seven classroom addition to the School.
- June Father David Barlage replaces Father James Frommeyer as Assistant.
- November Additional parking lot to south of School constructed.
- December Four acres south of original site purchased.

1960

August Start of construction on new Rectory.

1961

February . . . Priests move into new Rectory.

June Father Victor Reis appointed Assistant.

1962

September . . First grade discontinued.

Groundbreaking for new Church.

1963

July Bishop Paul Leibold blesses new basement Church and offers first Mass.

August Three classrooms added to school.

September . . Sr. Maura, S.N.D. replaces Sr. Alice Therese, S.N.D. as principal of the school.

1964

June Father James Bramlage replaces Father David Barlage and Deacon George Zins takes residence in the rectory.

August Two new classrooms and new school entrance completed.

September . . WELCOME book published.

December . . Choir places their records of Mass and Christmas Carols on sale.

1965

June Deacon George Zins leaves parish.

July Final Parish summer festival.

1966

March Groundbreaking for Sisters' Convent.

September . . Parish Council reorganized.

October . . . Convent "Open House".

Initial election of Board of Education.

Blessing of Convent and Chapel by Bishop McCarthy.

1967

- August Sisters of Notre Dame become Directors of C.C.D. program on a full time basis.
 November . . Blood bank started in Parish.

1968

- February . . . Father Joseph Fiorino replaces Father James Bramlage as Assistant.
 June Father Edward Shine replaces Father Joseph Fiorino as Assistant.
 Father Stanley Neiheisel replaces Father Victor Reis.
 October . . . School library dedicated.

1969

- May Parish Council reorganized through district representation.
 September . . Sr. Kathleen Burns S.N.D. replaces Sr. Maura, S.N.D. as principal of Ascension School.

PARISH STATISTICS

Year	Baptisms*	Marriages	Converts	Deaths
1955	0	3	2	0
1956	41	4	5	7
1957	211	21	31	12
1958	207	24	23	11
1959	248	26	45	10
1960	233	27	22	16
1961	257	23	31	15
1962	253	27	25	18
1963	228	36	30	16
1964	225	37	18	26
1965	219	30	24	21
1966	171	48	17	15
1967	175	37	12	14
1968	167	40	13	11
TOTALS	2635	383	298	192

*Every child baptized at Ascension Church receives a baptismal robe and a candle. Sponsors receive a folder on the Sacrament as a reminder of their duties.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

All male members of the parish are members of the Holy Name Society which is affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Men.

Society members pray for the dead at the funeral home. The Society also has a Mass offered for every deceased male member of the parish.

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar-Rosary Society's purpose is to encourage a commitment from the women to serve the Church, the Community and the World. All women of the parish are members of the Altar-Rosary Society and are invited to work in any of the eight basic programs: Spiritual development, family life, education, social action, libraries and literature, legislation, charities, organization and development. There are also committees for work within our society and parish such as altar linens, baptismal robes, flowers, sanctuary, ways and means, book store, school milk program, hospitality and meetings program. Since the Society functions also as the PTA, there are many ways to help serve the school.

The Altar-Rosary Society meets the first Wednesday of every month, except June, July and August. The business meeting is generally followed by an interesting speaker or film. Refreshments and a social time follow. Special meetings are held at Christmas time and for Mother's Day.

All members are urged to pray for the dead at the funeral home and to attend the funeral Mass.

The Society has a Mass offered for every deceased member.

THE TEEN CLUB

All teenagers of the parish are members of this club. Their purpose is to provide spiritual, educational, and recreational activities. They meet once a month under the direction of elected officers to plan and carry out such projects as suggested by the members.

The Assistant Pastor is the Moderator and parents are frequently called upon to chaperon activities.

Every High School boy and girl in the parish is encouraged to take an active part in this club.

PREPARING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

1. Make Pre-Cana Course at Sacred Heart Church at 8:00 on Wednesday or Sunday. Course should be completed before the wedding.
2. Catholics must bring in a record, not more than six (6) months old, of their Baptism. Can be obtained at the church where you were baptized.
3. Confirmation or First Holy Communion record, must be submitted by Catholics.
4. Make your own arrangements with the florist, photographer, parish organist, if you desire these services.
5. Servers and lector can be chosen by you or we will get them for you.
6. You need a blood test to get your marriage license. It is good for 30 days. Within these 30 days you must apply for your marriage license. It is good for 60 days.
7. Only if you are both Catholic will the Banns of your marriage be announced on the three (3) Sundays previous to your wedding in both the parish of the bride and groom. All papers should be in and filled out before the first announcement.
8. If the Banns of marriage are NOT announced for some good reason, a dispensation must be granted.
9. A questionnaire for the bride and one for the groom must be filled out to establish your freedom to marry and that there are no impediments, legal or moral, to a valid and licit marriage. These will be filled out, usually, at the parish where the wedding takes place. Parents or relatives will be requested to fill out a questionnaire if the family is unknown at the parish.
10. If it is a mixed marriage, a Catholic and Non-Catholic, a dispensation must be obtained from the bishop. A stipend of \$5.00 is expected.
11. A stipend of \$25.00 is expected for your wedding. The servers and the lector should be remembered.
12. There will be an offertory procession at your wedding Mass and the bride and groom will receive Holy Communion under both species.
13. All attendants, ushers, family and friends should be encouraged to participate in the Mass and receive Holy Communion.
14. Practice for the wedding will ordinarily be held on the evening before the wedding.
15. Weddings will be scheduled at an hour that does not conflict with parish programs or other pre-arranged activities.
16. Before you set a day or time for your wedding, check with your pastor.
17. The parish of the Bride is the place for the wedding if both are Catholic. If a mixed marriage, it takes place in the parish of the Catholic party.
18. Requests for other priests to have the marriage will not be honored except in cases where the priest is either uncle, brother or first cousin.



School Cornerstone



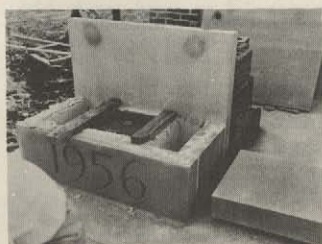
Convent Ground Breaking



Church Groundbreaking



Cornerstone
Blessing



School Cornerstone



School Ground Breaking

ST. VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY

This parish society is affiliated with the diocesan, National and International organizations.

Only one of its many works of charity is helping those in need in the parish. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy are the organization's guides.

Meetings are held each Tuesday evening in the rectory and the men are given their assignments for the week.

On the first Sunday of each month, these men are joined by many auxiliary members in taking up a collection after the Masses. This collection is the main means of support for their work.

Every Sunday, the 12:40 Mass is offered for all those who contribute to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

In addition to new members, the society welcomes information regarding parishioners who may be in need.

BLOOD BANK

Under the auspices of the Community Blood Center, Ascension Church established a blood bank in November, 1967. Blood drawings were conducted at Ascension School in November, 1967 and 1968. These donations, coupled with donations by parishioners at the Community Blood Center in the Fidelity Bldg., have provided a sound blood reserve.

All members of the parish are eligible for replacement blood units. Other charitable needs are considered on an individual basis by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the parish administrator of the blood bank. Parishioners requiring blood units should call the rectory and provide the following information: The patient's name, number of units required and the hospital in which the blood units were used.

THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The Financial Committee is made up of parishioners concerned with the fiscal problems of the parish.

This committee is instrumental in selecting methods to raise funds, informing parishioners of their financial responsibilities and promoting the Tithing Program.

The committee directs the collection on Sundays, counts, prepares for banking and accounts for all receipts.

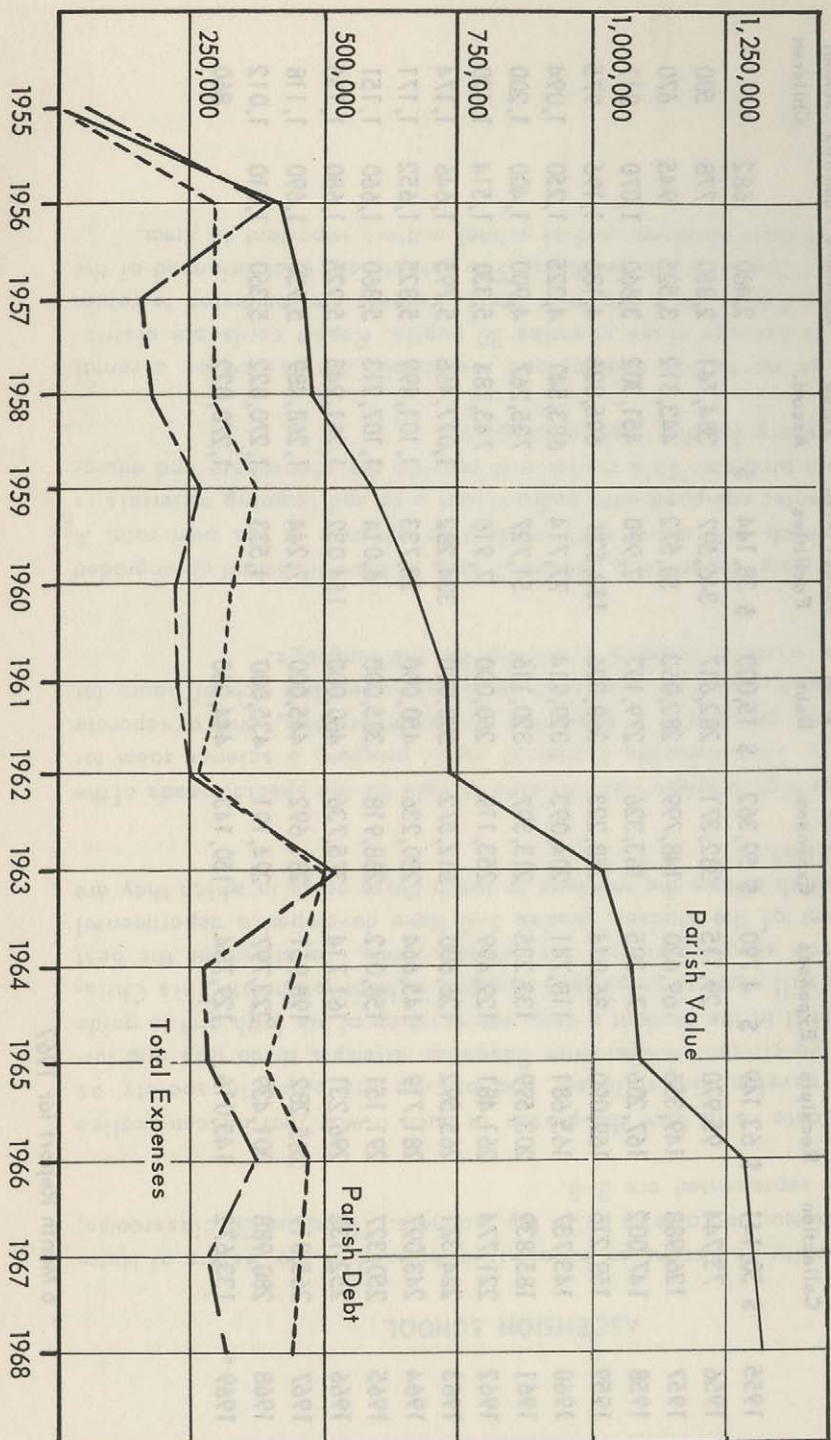
Individual contributors records are maintained and semi-annual statements are audited and distributed to all parish members.

The committee welcomes any help, suggestions, or criticisms.

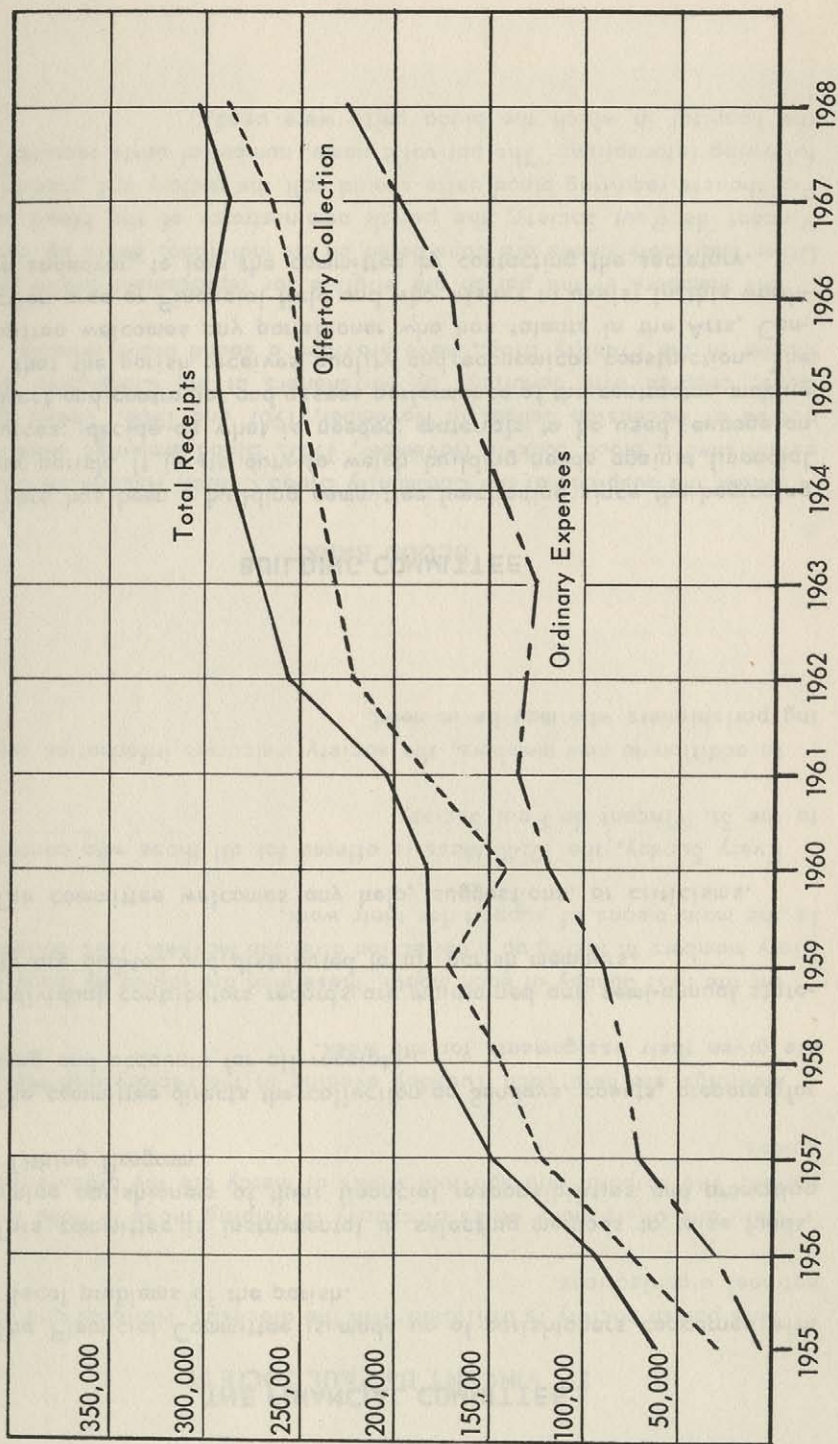
BUILDING COMMITTEE

There has been a building committee functioning since the beginning of our parish. It is its duty to weigh building needs against financial resources; decide on what is needed; materials to be used, engage an architect and contractor and assess performance of the contractor, making sure that the parish receives quality and economical construction. The committee welcomes any parishioner who has talents in the Arts, Construction area or Financial field and who wishes to assist in this worthwhile endeavor, to join the committee by contacting the secretary.

PARISH FINANCIAL SCALE



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FINANCIAL & GROWTH CHART DATA

	Offertory Collection	Total Receipts	Ordinary Expenses	Total Expenses	Parish Debt	Value Parish Facilities	Value Accum.	Members	Families	School Children
1955	\$ 30,141	\$ 63,149	\$ 4,790	\$ 59,362	\$ 15,000	\$ 38,144	\$	2,460	682	
1956	73,744	95,970	29,115	382,371	282,617	346,597	384,741	2,850	778	500
1957	126,988	149,356	69,620	148,799	282,063	58,572	443,312	3,525	945	670
1958	147,002	167,206	71,395	163,326	279,193	7,990	451,302	3,860	1,070	811
1959	159,216	169,090	86,014	258,223	368,326	153,523	605,826	4,186	1,196	975
1960	143,737	165,681	118,741	204,093	329,914	77,714	683,540	4,325	1,250	1,094
1961	185,839	203,599	133,235	213,397	320,116	51,727	735,267	4,900	1,400	1,200
1962	221,774	261,481	129,499	253,119	260,000	7,916	743,184	5,330	1,514	1,120
1963	234,371	265,592	126,600	512,572	500,000	334,282	1,077,466	5,795	1,646	1,174
1964	243,097	281,719	145,664	280,236	450,000	23,733	1,101,199	5,825	1,652	1,171
1965	250,327	291,151	158,012	288,918	385,000	6,014	1,107,213	5,860	1,660	1,151
1966	252,133	296,231	161,714	375,736	460,000	154,032	1,261,245	5,925	1,680	1,135
1967	265,019	285,282	198,951	281,692	445,000	7,244	1,268,489	5,950	1,690	1,118
1968	280,988	301,439	223,797	294,191	435,000	1,533	1,270,022	5,360	1,610	1,012
1969 *	133,672	145,016	129,784	150,143	444,260		1,270,022			860

* 6 Month Report for 1969

ASCENSION SCHOOL

The faculty of Ascension School is comprised of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and a team of 20 lay teachers. There are 30 classrooms; the levels represented are 2-8.

To educate is to form the person in such a way that he can realize and then develop his abilities, and assume his place in society as a productive citizen. A Christian Education attempts to do this and further to instill in the student a deep appreciation of his faith and to guide him so he will come to personally respond in faith to Christ. This Christian attitude should permeate the whole system. To allow for the best development of the student, grades 5-8 have developed a departmental program which allows the teachers to teach those areas in which they are most qualified.

A junior high program was initiated to care for the special needs of the teen-agers. This includes a special music program, a science room for experimental purposes, a beginning guidance program, and a separate lunch program. Spanish is offered as an elective after school hours for those who wish to develop a facility for the language.

The primary department, grades 2 and 3, have launched an ungraded program which will allow each student to advance at his own rate. A learning center equipped with audio-visual aids and learning materials is part of this program. This center will provide the atmosphere and equipment necessary for this type of program.

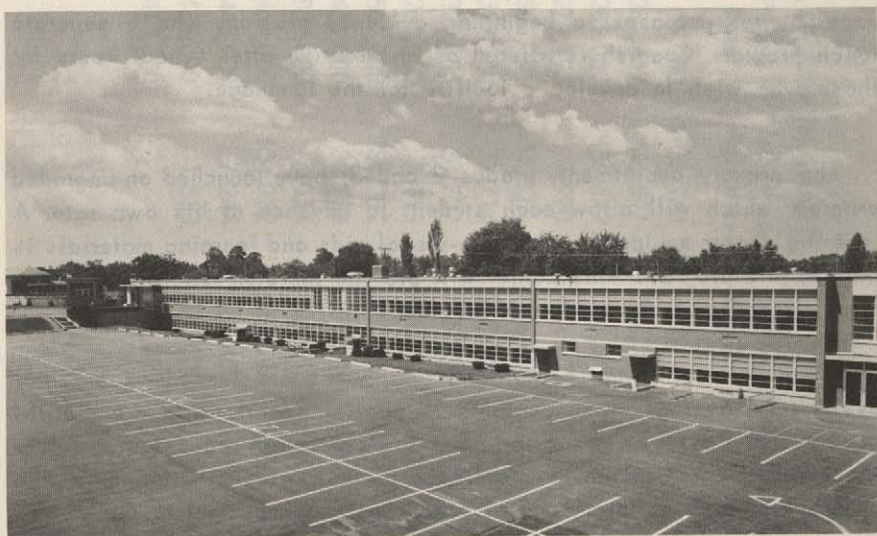
There is no tuition charge, and text books are issued on a rental system. An average class contains 30 pupils. Report cards are distributed by the Pastor on a quarterly basis. Parents are requested to return these report cards to the teachers. The parents are kept informed of the progress of their children, and of school matters important to them.

Due to a recent state aid program the school is very well equipped. Each classroom has its own overhead projector and wall screen. An audio-visual table and sets of earphones are part of each class. Most classes have record players and filmstrip viewers. Filmstrips, sound filmstrips, multi-media kits, models, and prepared transparencies form part of the materials available in the equipment center.

No cafeteria service is available due to a lack of space, but children can obtain milk daily.

The school library opened in 1968 and is staffed by volunteer library aides. In addition to the book collection the library houses a collection of film loops and other audio-visual equipment. This provides an area in which the student can supplement his classroom experiences.

The girls are required to wear a school uniform: a plaid jumper and a white blouse. The boys wear dress pants and a shirt.



PARENT-TEACHER RELATIONSHIP

Parents and Teachers meet regularly on the class level. The teachers of each grade meet with the parents of their students to discuss some particular subject of mutual interest and advantage to the student. Parents also consult with the individual teachers when they return the report card of their child.

This system of contact and relation between home and school brings about a much closer spirit of co-operation.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious training is provided for all public school students in grades one through twelve. These classes meet at varying times in Ascension School, depending upon the grade level of the student.

The teaching staff is a combination of the laity and religious. The Parish School of Religion has a full-time Director who is a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur.

The School of Religion aims at the formation of the person with respect to his relationship with the Trinity, with others, and with himself. The program is designed as a supplement to the religious formation going on in the home.

The curriculum embraces a fourfold presentation of the truth and love in our Faith through the liturgy, the Bible, systematic teaching and the testimony of Christian living.

ADULT EDUCATION

In addition to maintaining Ascension School and the Parish School of Religion the parish also has available an Adult Education program. The curriculum varies from semester to semester, depending upon the wants and needs of the adult participants. Enrollment procedure and curriculum are published periodically in the Sunday Bulletin and in The Voice.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Ascension Parish Board of Education consists of the Pastor (ex-officio), the principal of the Parish school (ex officio), the Director of the Parish School of Religion (ex officio), the Director of the Adult Education program (ex officio), one representative elected by the lay teachers, and nine lay members elected by the Parish. The officers of the Board consists of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, all of whom are elected by the Board membership at the first regular meeting in November.

The purpose of the Board is to formulate and propose the policies for the administration of the educational programs conducted by the Church of the Ascension, Kettering, Ohio in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The specific parish educational programs with which the Board is concerned are: The programming of the Parish school, the Parish School of Religion programs and the Adult Education programs of the parish. In the conduct of its affairs this Board is subject to the regulations that proceed from the Ordinary of the Archdiocese, the Archdiocesan Board of Education, and any other person or agency delegated to act with his authority in matters affecting education within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The Board of Education meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 in the evening and is open to all members of the Parish.

CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

Ascension 8th grade graduates are assigned to Carroll High School. Carroll is a 4 year co-instructional Senior High school serving this parish plus Immaculate Conception; St. Helen; St. Luke; Mary Help of Christians, Fairborn; St. Brigid, Xenia, O.; and part of St. Anthony, Dayton.

It is part of the Parochial School system of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is accredited with the Department of Education, State of Ohio.

The enrollment for the 1969-1970 school year is 1203. The average class size is 32.

Six Orders of Religious Sisters, Precious Blood Priests, and Diocesan Priests serve on the Faculty.

Carroll offers courses in: Business, Mechanical Drawing, Art, Electricity, Home Economics, Remedial Reading as well as College Prep subjects.

Approximately 65% of Carroll students go on to college.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The preparation for the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Penance are the glorious right and privilege of the parents.

Prior to the direct preparation of the child for these Sacraments the parents are asked to attend one meeting for basic instruction.

Meetings are held each month for this purpose and are announced in the Sunday bulletin.

After the parents have prepared their child and judge that he or she has sufficient understanding, the child may receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.

First Communion will be received at the altar by the child with his parents and other members of the family. This may be at any Mass the parents desire.

Two weeks before the date chosen, the parents are asked to fill out the First Communion form (found on the back table in Church) and drop it in the Offertory Basket at Mass. The child may be dressed in any manner that the parents approve.

Details, as well as the basic instruction necessary to prepare the child, will be given at the one meeting the parents are asked to attend.

BLESSING FOR NEW MOTHERS

Mothers of Ascension Parish can receive the Sacramental blessing for mothers, both before and after the birth of a baby. Come to the first pew after any Mass on Sunday.



Our Lady of the Playground



Faculty 1969



Faculty 1956



Blessing of School 1956

THE ASCENSION CHOIR

In 1956, the Parish Choir was organized with twelve men. They sang the Christmas Midnight Mass offered in the Greenmont Community Center.

The principal function of the Choir is to sing the High Mass each Sunday at 10:00. All other Special Liturgical functions finds the Choir prepared to meet the occasion. In order to be ready at all times, the Choir meets one evening each week for rehearsal. Any person in the parish is welcome to become a member of the Choir. No professional qualifications are required - only a sincere desire to sing for the honor and glory of God.

OPEN HOUSE

Once a year, a day is set aside when the Parish extends a special welcome to the general public to visit our School and Church. This provides an excellent opportunity to show parishioners, friends and neighbors that our facilities are first class and the results that can be obtained by a dedicated group of people.

At this open house, couples from the parish are on duty to explain our program to the visitors or you may show your friends through the buildings.

CONVERT INSTRUCTION

A special class for non-Catholics and Catholics who wish to review their faith is held every Monday evening at 7:30 in the rectory. Private instructions are given to those who are not able to attend at that time.

USHERS

More than 50 men make up this very important service group in the parish. Some of the present men have been active in this particular work since 1955.

They all volunteer to serve at a particular Mass each Sunday. They take care of the comfort of the parishioners, find them a seat, take up the collection, pass out the Sunday bulletin and do all that is necessary to help in the proper and devout attendance at Mass.

The Ushers are distinguished by the white coat and black bow tie they wear while fulfilling their duties. There is a captain to head the Ushers at each Mass and a chairman for the entire group.

LECTORS

Since 1955 Ascension parish has been using Lectors to lead the congregation in participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

In addition to the men of the parish who have been performing this service, a group of Junior Lectors has been formed.

These seventh and eighth grade boys lead the school children at daily Mass and also serve as Lectors for Wedding and Funeral Masses.

SERVERS

Mass Servers are selected from the 7th and 8th grades for weekday Masses. Sunday Masses are served by High School boys and graduates.

A special service is held each year to invest the new Servers in cassock and surplice. This is usually done during the month of May. Server appointments appear each week in the bulletin.

GIFT SHOP

For the convenience of the people of the parish, a gift shop is situated to the left of the main Church entrance. Religious articles for the home and personal use can be obtained along with books for all occasions. The Gift Shop is open after all Sunday Masses.

CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE GROUP

What is the C.F.L.?

This is a group of married couples working together to acquire a fuller grasp of Catholic truths and to keep pace and balance with the changing modern church. Through active participation in this group each couple finds ways of relating this deeper insight to their work, in their family and in their community.

How the C.F.L. group works:

This organization is subdivided into smaller groups. Each group is made up of five or six couples who meet every three weeks in each other's homes. The groups are small so that everyone has a chance to express his thoughts. They discuss subjects picked by the group that are common to all, affecting their spiritual life and the society in which they live.

C.F.L. is an adult discussion and action organization, working together through interchange of ideas in discussion activating Christ-like work within their families, parish and community. Since the C.F.L. seeks to promote happy family life, all married couples of the parish are invited to join this organization.

CANA CONFERENCES

Cana Conferences for married couples are held each year. Topics of interest to husbands and wives are selected. Talks are given by married couples and priests. Mass, dinner, Benediction and a renewal of marriage vows are a part of the program.



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ASCENSION ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB

This organization of adults is interested in promoting and supporting a balanced recreational program for as many children of Ascension as wish to participate.

There are no dues to membership in this club and various activities are held to raise funds; such as, Paper Drives, Skating Parties and Yearly Dances. This activity is self-supporting and does not draw upon the parish treasury.

General Membership Meetings will be announced in the Sunday bulletin.

Sports which are sponsored are: Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Track and Football – for boys within the city wide C.Y.O. program.

In addition, a program of Intramural athletics within our own school exists.

The Coaches, Managers and helpers are all volunteers from the parish.

TOASTMASTERS

Megacity Toastmasters Club is a group which provides its members with a program to improve their abilities in public speaking and conducting meetings and to develop their leadership and executive potential. Megacity Club 553 meets every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Ascension Church Rectory. All men interested in improving their speaking, listening, and thinking abilities are welcome to attend any meeting.

RECOVERY

Recovery, Inc. meets in Ascension School every Monday evening at 7:30. This is a non-sectarian, self-help, will-training program for the nervous person, the emotional person or former mentally ill person. Sit in an evening with them and help yourself. All who seek or need help are invited to attend.

MARTHA'S LEAGUE

When you need emergency help in your household call the Marthas. Until you can make permanent arrangements, the Marthas will help you by babysitting, housekeeping, etc. on a time-available basis.

They are not a free service to save money; they are a group of mothers who gladly give help when no other means are available to you.

When you have a problem a call to the rectory will put you in touch with the Martha's League.

If you would like to help in this charitable work you may drop your name in the collection basket on Sunday. You may work as much or as little as your own schedule permits.

COMMITTEES

In accordance with Vatican II the following committees have been formed and function within the parish:

Education	Ecumenism
Family Life	Liturgy
Social Action	Organization and Development
International Affairs	Catholic Volunteer Services Center
Altar Rosary	Holy Name
Parish Council	School Board
Delegates to Deanery Council	

Current chairman and their phone numbers are listed in the Directory which is printed in each issue of The Voice.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

THE VOICE

Is a bi-monthly parish publication which is produced by parish members in order to provide news of parish events and personalities.

THE BULLETIN

Is a weekly fact sheet that provides a resume of important parish information.

By careful reading of the two publications, a parishioner can be well-informed concerning parish news.



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