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KETTERING, OHIO

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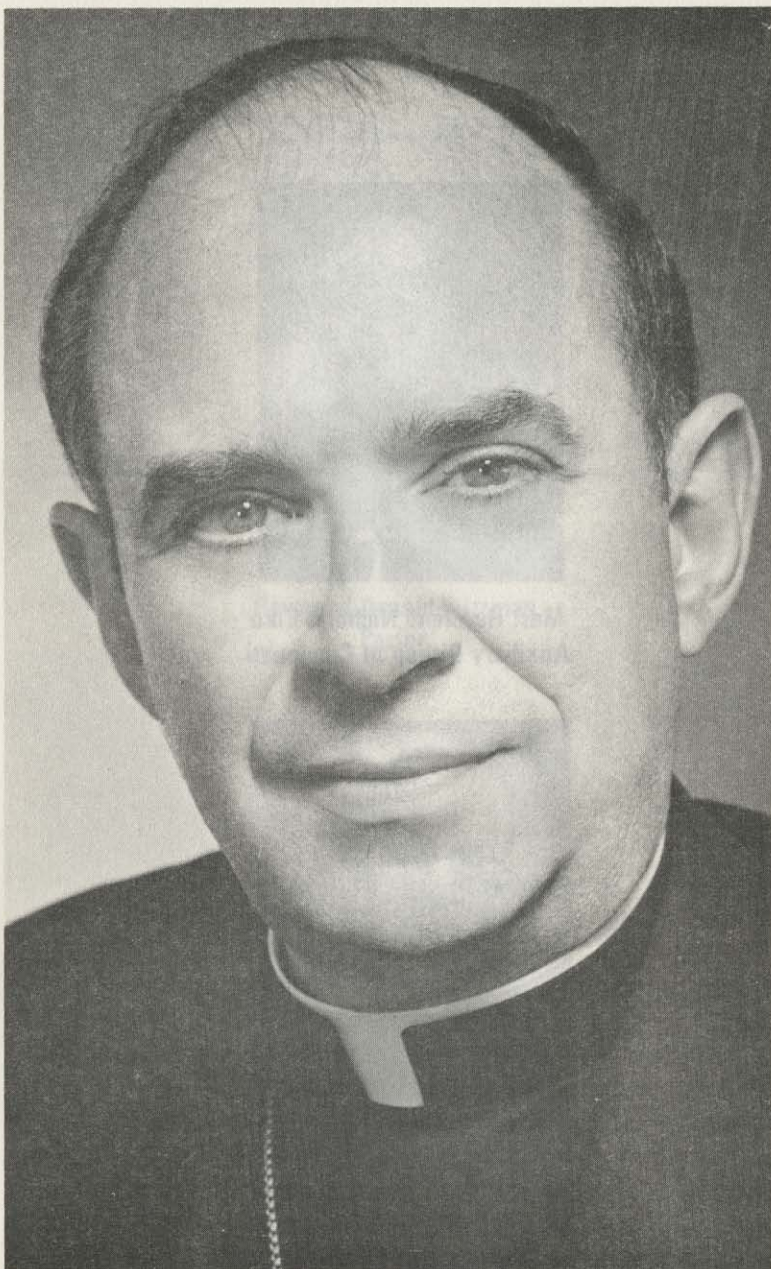
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The Silver Jubilee Celebration was set up to commemorate the founding of Ascension Parish twenty-five years ago under the guidance of Father Arnold Witzman. The goals of this special celebration are twofold: First, to thank God for our blessings during the past twenty-five years and to pray for continued success in the future; second, to foster a deeper understanding of the responsibilities in the relationship between the parish, family and individual.

It is hoped that this booklet helps us in reaching those goals by acknowledging the efforts and commitments of those people who were responsible for making Ascension Parish what it is today, and those who are constantly striving towards its betterment in the future.

A special note of thanks is extended to all who helped make this booklet possible.

The Silver Jubilee Committee



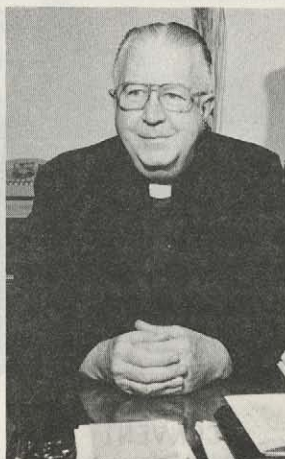
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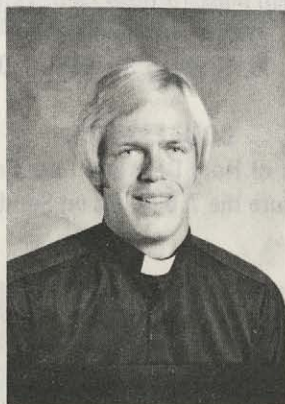
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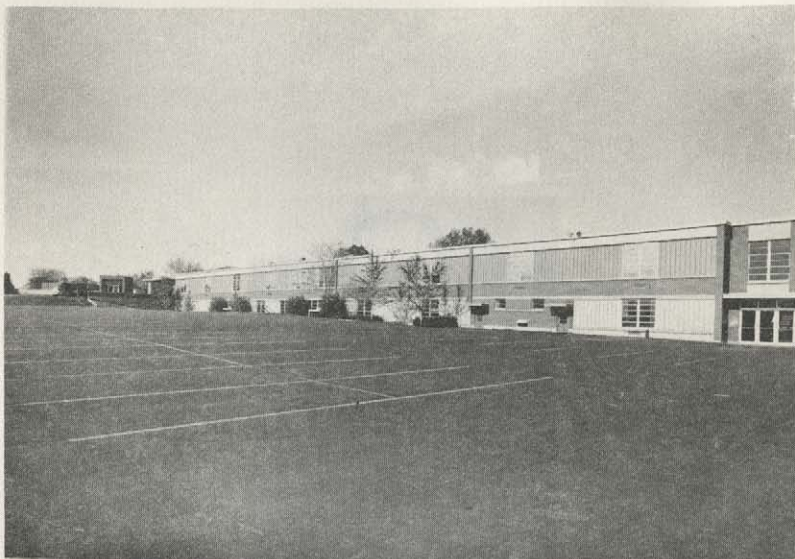
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Reverend Arnold Witzman
Pastor



Reverend Lawrence Mierenfeld
Associate Pastor



SCHOOL	CONVENT	RECTORY
2001 Woodman Drive	2005 Woodman Drive	2025 Woodman Drive
254-5411	254-1751	253-5171

Pastor	Associate Pastor
REV. ARNOLD F. WITZMAN	REV. LAWRENCE MIERENFELD

SUNDAY MASSES

7:00, 8:45 - High Mass 10:00, 11:20, 12:40, 7:00 P.M.

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:30, 9:00, 12:00, 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays and Eves. of Holy Days and First Fridays: 4:00 - 5:00
Before the 7:00 Mass on Sunday

BAPTISMS

By Appointment Only. Call the Rectory
Every Sunday after the Masses the blessing will be given
to Mothers, before or after the birth of a child

**THE 12:40 MASS EACH SUNDAY IS OFFERED FOR THOSE
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**



Rectory



Convent



Church

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 and 11:30.
- August Property purchased at the corner of Norton Avenue 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. Isenmann.
- September Opening of the new School.
- 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.



School Cornerstone



School Ground Breaking

1962

- September . . . First grade discontinued.
Groundbreaking for new Church.

1963

- July Bishop Paul Leibold blessed 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 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 com-
pleted.
September . . . WELCOME book published.
December . . . Choir places their records of Mass and Christmas
Carols on sale.



Church Groundbreaking

1965

- June Deacon George Zins leaves parish.
July Final Parish summer festival.

1966

- March Groundbreaking for Sister's 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 repre-
sentation.
September . . . Sr. Kathleen Burns S.N.D. replaces Sr. Maura, S.N.D.
as principal of Ascension School.

1970

- March Mr. Walter Miller replaces Sr. Kathleen Burns S.N.D.
as principal of Ascension School
Father Donald Huebner replaces Father Edward
Shine as Assistant Pastor.

1971

Missalette holders placed on the pews by men of the parish.

Parish representatives participate in the study of synod documents at a Diocesan convention.

1972

Ascension sold property to allow widening of Woodman Drive.

Ramp connecting upper and lower parking lots built.

1973

Parking lots and drives (17,100 square yards) are blacktopped.

A 36 inch high fence, 555 feet in length, erected along Woodman Drive in front of school and church facilities.

First Grade reestablished in School

1974

July Father William Wood and Father Jerome Schaeper replaced Father Donald Huebner and Father Stanley Neiheisel as Assistant Pastors.

August Father Jerome Schaeper is transferred and not replaced.

1975

Father John Filippine replaces Father William Wood as Assistant Pastor.

Senior Men's Club started.

Ascension's fourth blood drawing successfully held in the school.

1976

September Kindergarten began under Miss Rececca Ott.

June Father Arnold Witzman celebrates 40 years as a Priest.

Father Lawrence Mierenfeld named Assistant Pastor.

Altar Rosary Society becomes Women's Guild.

School Home Room Mothers organized.

Meat Sales started by Senior Ladies.

1977

Father Paul Wagner takes up residence at Ascension.
Insulation of School windows begun.

1978

Chair lift installed in south entrance of the church.
Carpet placed at church entrances for safety and convenience.

1979

Father Paul Wagner is transferred.
Jubilee Committee formed with Terry Comer selected as Chairman and Tom Rawers as Co-Chairman.



Jubilee Committee Chairmen and Co-Chairmen

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 Pennsylvania Railroad Line, north along Pennsylvania Railroad Line to Baltimore & Ohio Line, east on Baltimore & Ohio Line to Montgomery-Green County Line.

EASTERN BOUNDARY: Intersection of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad 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.



Baptism

PARISH STATISTICS

Year	Baptism*	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
1969	150	34	15	14
1970	124	36	2	14
1971	114	32	12	18
1972	108	24	6	15
1973	85	25	7	18
1974	71	21	6	30
1975	80	23	4	23
1976	77	18	14	17
1977	75	13	5	23
1978	84	22	9	22
1979	91	12	11	27
TOTALS	3694	643	389	413

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

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

Envelopes are mailed to the members of the parish every other month. A record of the contributions is recorded and semi-annual statements are sent. The Sunday collection is counted by a group of volunteer men and women each Sunday and Holy Days.

The Sunday collection is the main support of the parish. Each parishioner is asked to give in a manner that is pleasing to Almighty God. Tithing is the ideal.

ASCENSION SCHOOL

Ascension's Elementary School, opened in 1956, is administered by Ascension Parish with a lay principal and a dedicated qualified faculty and staff consisting of two Sisters of Notre Dame deNamur of the Ohio Province, 12 lay persons and 6 part-time state personnel (psychologist, nurse, speech therapist, 2 learning disability tutors and clerk-secretary) funded by the Ohio State Auxiliary Service monies.

We believe that a true education develops each individual to the extent that he becomes a responsible member of society, living in such a Christian way as to ultimately attain his supernatural goal.

To allow for the best development of the students, grades 5-8 is a departmental program which allows the teachers to teach those areas in which they are most qualified. Grades K-4 are mostly self-contained classrooms.

An average class contains 25 pupils. Report cards are distributed by the Pastor on a quarterly basis. Parents are requested to come in once a year for a conference. The parents are kept informed of the progress of their children through interim reports, and of important school matters through a monthly newsletter and other periodical notices.

Due to a recent state aid program the school is very well equipped. Each classroom has its own overhead projector and wall screen. Most classes have record players, filmstrip viewers, audio-visual tables and sets of earphones. Filmstrips, sound filmstrips, multimedia kits, models, and prepared transparencies form part of the materials available in the equipment center. All secular textbooks are provided by the state as part of the auxiliary service program.

Cafeteria services are provided by the Dayton Board of Education. Children may purchase a nutritious meal or they may bring their lunch and buy milk.

In addition to the book collection, the library houses a collection of film loops and other audiovisual equipment. This provides an area in which the student can supplement his classroom experiences.

For registration, fees and dress code information, contact the school office.



Blessing of School 1956



Faculty 1956-1957



Faculty 1979 - 1980

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers contribute in varied ways to the school. The Library is staffed by volunteer library aides. Other volunteers operate the body management program for the younger children, supervise lunch-room and playground periods, and staff the sewing, typing and ceramic programs for older students.

Homeroom Mothers help the teachers with extra projects. They also decorate the cafeteria, take care of the children's pictures and yearbooks, provide assistance for special occasions during the year and help with communications between home and school.

Other individuals volunteer to repair equipment and to do a variety of tasks that help the students and the school.

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 individuals are welcome to show their friends through the buildings. There will be people from the parish on duty to explain our program to visitors.



School Children

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Penance may be received for the first time in a group or individually. Even if the child receives the Sacraments individually, he or she may participate in the group Penance and First Communion Day Program.

The preparation for the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Penance is handled by the second grade teachers in the school and CCD Program in collaboration with the parents. Prior to the direct preparation for these two sacraments, the parents are asked to attend one meeting for basic instruction. This meeting is held with the parish priest during Lent. It is the policy of the diocese that the child receive the Sacrament of Penance prior to the reception of Holy Communion.

If the parents desire to have their child receive the sacraments individually, they should follow these steps: 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, 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.

Group reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation occurs during Lent with a family celebration in the school hall after the service.

During the month of May, on the third Sunday at 4:00 P.M. the children may receive Holy Communion as a group. After the ceremony, the children are invested in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady. Group pictures of the First Communicants are taken immediately after the ceremony.

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 School of Religion aims at the formation of the person with respect to his relationship with the Trinity, with others, and 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.

BIBLE SCHOOL

This parish program emphasizes the sense of community and the need to help each other. Older children, teens and adults work with the students at each level. A different theme is explored each year such as: Sharing God's Gifts, Sharing the Story of Jesus, or Shalom. Songs, arts and crafts and group activities usually make for a busy two hour session. Enrollment is for 3 year olds through sixth grade for one week during the middle of June. Registration usually starts the first of May. Check the bulletin for details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Early Childhood Religious Education program at Ascension is held in the school on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 Mass. (September - May).

Classes are provided for 3½ year olds through kindergarten age children to help deepen their sense of belonging. This program helps assist the parents in providing exposure to basic positive attitudes toward self, Christian community, celebration and moral development.

Enrollment is made during CCD registration. For more information or to enroll during the year, contact the rectory.

CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

Ascension Catholic Church students are assigned to Carroll High School. Carroll is a four year co-educational Catholic senior high school which is also serving the students from St. Helen, Immaculate Conception, St. Luke, St. Brigid, Mary Help of Christians and part of St. Anthony (East of Smithville).

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

Sisters from the Franciscan, Notre Dame, Charity and Precious Blood Orders as well as Diocesan Priests serve on the faculty.

CONVERT INSTRUCTIONS

A special course for Catholics and non-Catholics who wish to review their faith or to learn more about the Catholic Church is held twice each year. Private instructions are also given to those who are unable to attend these courses.



Some CCD Students with Our Lady
of the Playground on First Communion Day

LECTORS

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

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

These seventh and eighth grade boys and girls lead the school children at daily mass.

ALTAR LINENS

The surplices, altar cloths, and linens are laundered and ironed weekly. The volunteer picks up the laundry from the sacristy after Mass on Sunday and usually returns them the following Sunday. On occasion, the vestments are laundered also. (The time involved ironing each week is usually one hour or less).

FLOWERS

Flowers are arranged for the altar each week by a group of women who devote their time and talents. Although many people may not know, flowers are obtained from area funeral homes.

The flowers are rearranged and placed on the altar for the Masses. During Christmas and Easter, parishioners can donate a memorial plant for their loved ones. We welcome anyone who would like to donate their time and talents in arranging flowers.

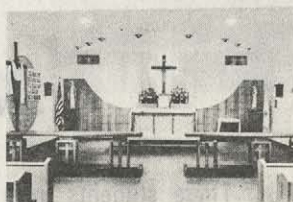
SERVERS

Mass servers are selected from the fifth thru eighth grades for weekday Masses. Sunday Masses are served by high school boys and graduates.

A special service is held each year, usually during the month of May, to invest the new servers in cassock and surplice. Servers appointments appear weekly in the bulletin.



1955
In Greenmont Community Center



1956
In Church-School Building



1969
In Basement Church



1980
In Basement Church after Renovation

CHOIR

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

In the fall of 1968, female members of the parish joined with the men to form the parish's first mixed choir.

Currently, adult choir members, representing all ages and occupations, donate many hours of time each week and sing during the 10:00 Mass every Sunday from September through June.

Anyone 16 or older is welcome to become a member of the Choir. No professional qualifications are necessary.

JUNIOR SACRISTANS

These students from Grades 7 - 8 distribute new missalettes, tidy the pews and missalette racks, and freshen the book and magazine displays of the church on a weekly basis. Junior Sacristan appointments are published in the bulletin.

SANCTUARY AND ALTAR

On a rotating basis, a group of volunteers weekly change the altar linen and candles, clean the sacristy and the vessels used during the Mass.

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 10:00 A.M. and 12:40 P.M. Sunday Masses.



Choir

USHERS

More than 30 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 tan coat and brown 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.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

These parishioners assist in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. They may help the priests distribute the Holy Eucharist to persons who are in hospitals or nursing homes and to shut-ins at home.

GOLDEN AND SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Each year couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary are eligible to participate in a special commemorative Mass celebrated by the Archbishop at the Cathedral in Cincinnati. Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th wedding anniversary are eligible to participate in a special parish Mass celebrated by the Pastor. Information regarding these Masses appears in the Bulletin and other church publications

MASS FOR SICK

All sick in the parish are urged and invited to special Mass said periodically in the school hall. The sacrament of the Anointing is administered at two of the Masses during the year. Families having sick members will find the dates for the Masses in the Bulletin. A Mass is also offered for the sick on Christmas Day in the school hall.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

In commemoration of the blessings bestowed by God on our country and our parish (Ascension groundbreaking - Thanksgiving Day, 1955) a special Mass is celebrated. This Mass solemnizes the four St. Vincent dePaul Society intentions - The Church, The Sovereign Pontiff, Our Country and The Society. At the Mass parish groups and the attending laity during the offertory place foodstuffs and funds at the base of the altar for blessing and subsequent distribution to the needy.

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.

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.

TEEN CLUB

All teenagers of the parish are members of this club. Its 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 chaperone activities.

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



Teen Club Booth at Carnival

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild 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 Women's Guild 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, refunding, gift shop, hospitality and meeting programs.

The Women's Guild 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.

Women's Guild has a Mass offered for every deceased member.



Mother — Daughter Dinner

SAMARITAN LEAGUE

When you need short-term emergency help in your household call the Samaritans. Until you can make permanent arrangements, the Samaritans 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 Samaritans.

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.

QUILTING CIRCLE

The members of Ascension's Quilting Circle meet twice monthly in the sewing room of the school to construct quilts, learn new methods of quilting and have a good time. Completed quilts, using a variety of methods and materials, have been raffled at parish functions with proceeds going to the parish. No experience is necessary to join the group. All ages are welcome.

ASCENSION PLAYERS

This is a group of men and women and teenagers who love to perform on the stage or participate in costume sewing, sound system, concessions and other supporting functions. Scheduled meetings are not conducted on a continuing basis but when group leaders decide to put on a show, a firm schedule of practices is established. This group has also sponsored 50-50 dances.

The Bulletin will indicate when a new show is contemplated. All interested parishioners are welcome to try out for stage and supporting staff openings.

SENIOR MENS CLUB

The Senior Men of Ascension meet every first Tuesday of the month in the rectory basement. They have a short business meeting and then have refreshments and a social and cards. Every man in Ascension parish 55 years or over is eligible to join. Come join with us and have fun.

From the Senior Mens Club, Bingo was born. Some of the senior men are responsible for the operation of the Bingo game from which the proceeds go toward paying off the church debt.



Bingo

ASCENSION BRIDGE

Ascension Flight Bridge is an enjoyable way of meeting fellow parishioners. Beginning in October, you meet once a month at a convenient time arranged between yourself and one other couple and play 20 hands of bridge. Scores of the game are sent to a secretary. In June, a party is held for all the couples and winners of the season are announced.

Every September we form new flights and encourage bridge players to join us for an exciting year of bridge and new acquaintances.



Meat Sale

SENIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

The Senior Women of the parish meet the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. in the Adult Resource Center of the school building. A short business meeting is followed by refreshments and an informal discussion among members. On occasion the group goes to a restaurant or a member's home for a meal. Every woman 50 years or older is eligible to join.

Members of the Senior Women's group administer the meat program and also serve in the concession booth at Bingo.

ARCHBISHOP'S FUND DRIVE

Annually, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati conducts an Archbishop's Fund Drive. This drive helps meet the needs of others: the poor, the aged and the disadvantaged.

A pledge contribution card is mailed to the home and cards are returned in the collection basket. Parish workers follow up later on any cards not returned during the drive period.

ASCENSION ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Our parish is committed to providing a balanced recreation program for all children of Ascension Parish. Various sports are operated under the spirit and intent of the C. Y. O. goals and objectives with parish emphasis on maximum participation.

The various sports that are available include football, soccer, basketball, track and baseball for boys and kickball, soccer, volleyball, track and softball for girls.

This program is successful because of the unselfish contribution and support of many adults of our parish. These people include the coaches, managers and helpers for our teams, as well as the many volunteers who assist in our fund raising projects.

Money is raised through monthly paper drives and the annual stag fish fry. These activities have kept our sports program self-supporting.

ASCENSION BOWLING LEAGUE

The Ascension Mixed Couples Bowling League was organized in 1967 by a group of parishioners for the purpose of promoting parish unity and encouraging members of the parish to meet each other in a recreational and social program.

The league consists of 12 to 16 teams of two couples each, based on current interest, and meets twice a month from September to April on Sunday evening at the Poelking Lanes, 1403 Wilmington

SOFTBALL TEAM

For a number of years, Ascension has fielded a team in the Kettering Softball League for Churches. This is a slow pitch league open to men from 18 to ?. It's a low pressure league designed to produce fun for all. Games at Delco Park on Dorothy Lane are held each Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. from May through July. New candidates for the team are welcome.



Ascension's 1980 CYO Basketball Champs

AL-ANON

This group is open to family and friends of alcoholics to help them to learn to cope with the disease of alcoholism. Anyone who has a loved one whose drinking is bothering them can benefit from participating in this program. Meetings are held at Ascension each Monday throughout the year at 8:00 P.M. with a beginners meeting starting at 7:30 P.M. No dues or fees are involved. Anyone with this problem can call 274-7871 for assistance.

RECOVERY

Recovery, Inc. meets in Ascension School every Monday evening at 7:30. This is a non-sectarian, 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

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 organizations guides.

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

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

Every Sunday, the 12:40 Mass is offered for all those who contribute to the St. Vincent dePaul Society. (Also see Thanksgiving Mass).

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 1967, 1968, 1972, 1975 and 1980. These donations, coupled with donations by parishioners at the Community Blood Center, have fulfilled all parish needs.

All members of the parish are eligible for replacement blood units. Other charitable needs are considered on an individual basis by the St. Vincent dePaul Society, parish administrator of the 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 and the month in which the blood units were used.

ASCENSION CARNIVAL

The Ascension Carnival is held annually, in April after Easter, in the school hall and lower level classrooms.

The school abounds with laughter as parishioners work at the booths and operate the games of skill.

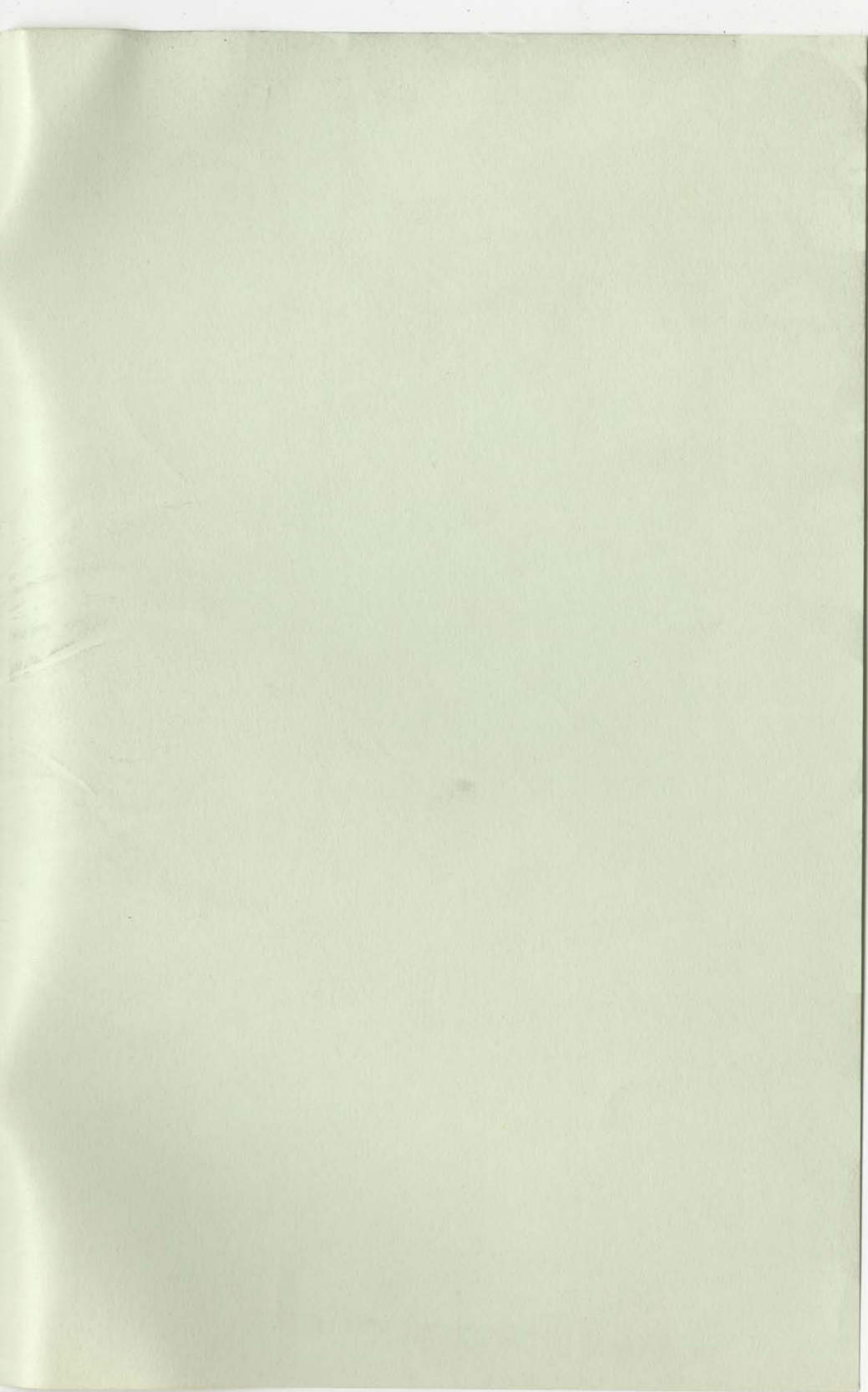
Much fun is had by all age groups with the proceeds benefiting the parish.

This is one of the more important money raising affairs of the year and makes possible many needed repairs.



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