



## Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time January 29, 2017 A

### Catholic Schools Week in our Nation

#### ◆ What parents are saying about our school

##### What some Ascension parents are saying about our school

The first four quotes are from parents who transferred their children to Ascension.

Ascension Catholic School's academics are top-notch. Religion is lived and modeled on a daily basis, not just taught. You won't find a better music program anywhere, and the *Soaring* enrichment program can't be beat. In fact, the weekly *Soaring* classes—featuring Lego robotics—are often the highlight of Nicolas' week. When asked what he likes best about Ascension Catholic School, Nicolas answers, "Everything!" That pretty much sums it up for all three of us.

*Stefano, Marcia &  
Nicolas Coledan*

From the first moment we began the decision to enroll in a Catholic School, we knew Ascension was the right decision. We loved when our second grader, Isabella, came home and said, "I love school so much, my teacher is so nice, we can talk about Jesus all day long." For my children to be able to express their faith openly and be encouraged, there is nothing greater for a parent. I know the foundation being set here at Ascension will remain strong through any storm. Thank you so much to everyone who makes Ascension a wonderful school and community.

*Justin & Janneth Chamberlands*

I am so blessed to have found this amazing school for Abby. She had struggled for many years trying to find the structure, the support, the love, the patience and the care needed to get her to not only love going to school, but feel like she can actually do it. My daughter is finally happy and she is succeeding.

*Danyel Joyner*

After touring several private and public schools last school year, we finally found everything we wanted for our children at Ascension School. They are having a wonderful school year with outstanding teachers and many extracurricular experiences from sports to chess club. We are especially thankful for the Catholic environment and Ascension Community that continues to nurture our family!

*Arrubla family*

Our three grandchildren are challenged with a diverse and stimulating educational curriculum while being instilled with strong spiritual and moral values. Without a doubt, Ascension Catholic School is giving them the tools they need to become tomorrow's leaders, affecting our world in a very positive way.

*Wayne & Susan Hosburgh  
who are raising three of their grandchildren*

Our two children have been in Ascension for two years and they are as happy as they can be. We love the positive energy of the school, the loving teachers, the academic level, the encouragement to read, the sports, the no-tolerance to bullying and also the faith in God that transpires everywhere. The church also is beautiful and gives a deep sense of spirituality.

*Carlos & Juliana Rubio*

Ascension Catholic School has been a great gift for our 4 children. The teachers and administration have shown just the right mix of discipline, compassion, and academic rigor. We count Ascension School as one of the top benefits of the Space Coast and are so fortunate our children have attended, and thrived there.

*Tim Laird, M.D.*

Ascension offers challenging academics, recreational clubs/activities for the children to be involved in. The great examples of Christian values that they receive from their teachers and faculty at Ascension, have become an essential part of their growing years. These values which include character, integrity, empathy, and kindness (just to name a few) will become a part of their lifestyle into adulthood and beyond. This, we attribute much thanks to our family at Ascension Catholic School.

*Peter & Mary Bruno*

Having our son at Ascension, where he can learn and practice our Catholic faith, is providing him with a strong foundation and a quality education. What is taught, and how it is taught, are done excellently by teachers that truly care, in an environment that has always been welcoming, safe, and loving. Being a part of Ascension school is the only place, and the best place, for us and it has been a huge blessing for our whole family through two generations now.

*Tracy Elkins*

Ascension Catholic School children receive spiritual guidance and teaching that will help them throughout their lives. ACS has provided our sons with a robust educational experience. Its technology-rich curriculum is supported by an excellent teaching staff. Strong family participation allows ACS to give back to the church and community.

*Robert & Jane Hermida*

Ascension Catholic School is known for having a rigorous academic curriculum and an outstanding fine arts program in a faith-filled, nurturing, caring school environment. Students at Ascension learn and strengthen their faith, not only through the study of religion, but also in the way they work, study, treat each other, and are treated by the faculty and staff. Our Catholic values are infused throughout a student's stay at Ascension. Our Reading and Language Arts curriculum focuses on developing the fundamentals of reading and language, as well as the ability to analyze and manipulate this symbiotic partnership. The curriculum is aligned with the key elements of language arts standards in writing, reading, speaking, listening, and research. Our goal is for students to demonstrate proficiency in language arts, further inspiring exploration across curriculum and developing their love and appreciation for reading. The objective of our mathematics program is for students to show mastery not only of basic computational skills but to also apply mathematical problem-solving to real life situations. Our progressively more complex curriculum maintains focus of the numeric, algebraic, geometric, statistic, measurement, and probabilistic reasoning at each developmental level. (For more information on our curriculum, including science, social studies, foreign language, please visit our website or arrange a personal tour.) We are well known for meeting our students at their current level and helping them grow to become more successful.

### **Let's be convinced...**

No school is perfect—and that includes Catholic schools. No school has perfect principals, teachers or parents. Parents and students can have bad experiences in any school, including Catholic schools. Having said that, let us not falter in our conviction as regards the value of a Catholic school education. This weekend, you heard our students proclaim the Word of God at Mass and you listened to school parents share why it is important for them to have their children receive a Catholic education.

All of us make decisions on how we want to spend our money. I hope that all of you interested in the future of Catholicism are convinced that supporting families seeking to send their children to a Catholic school is one of the *best ways* you can spend your money on.

Have a blessed week,

