

ASCENSION

A Newsletter from the Church of the Ascension

Eucharist distribution

Eucharist will be distributed after mass from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school parking lot. Please wear masks and stay in your vehicle. Communion ministers will come to your car.

Becoming Human

Our "Becoming Human" series will resume on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. Please register on the Events page on the website.

Free Kindergarten

Ascension Catholic School will once again offer free Kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year. For more information, please go to ascensionschoolmn.org/enroll/ or call 612-521-3609.

Contact us

Our parish office remains closed but calls will be answered. 612.529.9684

Pray for us

Please join us in prayer for those who are in need of healing, especially: Mary Murphy, Duane Pfarr, Sharon Frencher, Kathy Arnoldi, Jim Leto, Angela Vargas and Judy Neumeier. Please also keep the beloved Mary Edlund and her family in your prayers.

Parish stewardship

Please consider a 2021 stewardship gift or monthly pledge to Ascension if you have not done so. We are especially in need of your support in these challenging months. Many thanks!

Fr. Dale's Epiphany of the Lord Reflection

The story is told of a little girl and her mother who stopped to look at the Nativity scene at their church. The mother explained that the Three Kings were presenting their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The little girl turned to her mom, and thoughtfully asked, "Why didn't they bring him a bed?" Thoughtful—and practical.

In a meditation on today's Gospel, philosopher Søren Kierkegaard points out the difference between the magi's reaction to the newborn king, and that of the scribes. The Wise Men, with only a rumor to go by, left their homes to make the long journey. The scribes, on the other hand, were quite literally "unmoved" by the birth of the Savior: even with their knowledge, they stayed put in Jerusalem. Are we not, at times, like those scribes? We've known the Incarnation story for as long as we've been alive, but how many Christmases have *moved us*?

Maybe this Christmas, the Christmas that, I've heard many times, was one "unlike any other," is the year for an epiphany, a revelation, an awakening. Unlike any other.