

# ASCENSION

A Newsletter from the Church of the Ascension

## Pray for us Ruega por nosotros

Por los enfermos  
y los que están  
sufriendo  
de nuestra  
comunidad.

For the sick and  
suffering in our  
community:

**Paul Enck,  
Elsa Coronel,  
Francisca Selva  
Maldonado.**

Por nuestros  
amados  
muertos, que  
descansen en los  
amorosos brazos  
de Jesús.

For our beloved  
dead, may they  
rest in the loving  
arms of Jesus:

**Mary Unser  
(mother  
of Jeanine  
Thomas).  
Nancy Estrem-  
Fuller (sister of  
John Estrem)**



**Parish office**  
will close at  
noon on Fridays  
throughout the  
summer.

**Horario de  
verano del  
despacho  
parroquial:** La  
oficina cerrará a  
las 12 p.m. los  
viernes durante  
el verano.

## Building a City for All of Us: Affordable Housing Action

With rising rents and limited housing availability, more of us in Minneapolis are struggling to find and afford safe housing. We all feel the burden of higher costs of living. We recognize how increased housing costs have an outsized impact on renters with lower incomes, often communities of color. Rents have risen nearly 17% since last year. Now is the time to raise our voices in support of more funding for affordable housing and rental assistance so that fewer families have to choose between rent and food, or risk becoming homeless. Join us for this important event to learn more about what can be done – and how you can most effectively show your support. We need a city built for all of us!



Please mark your calendar and JOIN US!

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Twin Cities, 4100 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis**

This event will be in-person with an option to view online. Register to receive more instructions and details! Find the registration link on our website, [ascensionmpls.org](http://ascensionmpls.org).

## Get involved as a lector, Eucharistic minister or greeter

All are welcome to volunteer as liturgical ministers! If you would like to be a lector who reads the scripture, distribute Communion or be a greeter/usher, we would love to have you. Training is

provided. You can indicate your interest at [ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/liturgical-ministries/](http://ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/liturgical-ministries/) or by calling Gerardo, 612.219.6181.

## Participar como lector, ministro de la Eucaristía o saludador

¡Todos son bienvenidos a ser voluntarios como ministros litúrgicos! Si le gustaría ser un lector que lee la escritura, distribuir la comunión o ser un saludador / empujador, nos encantaría tenerlo. Se

ofrece formación. Usted puede indicar su interés en línea en [ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/liturgical-ministries/](http://ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/liturgical-ministries/) o llamando a Gerardo, 612.219.6181.

## Calling for Nominations for the Leading with Faith Awards

If you know someone who is an exemplary model of faithful leadership in the secular workplace, nominate him or her for the Archdiocese's "Leading with Faith Awards," presented by the St. Joseph Business Guild! Nominations are due July 29. Recipients will be honored at a public banquet on November 22, featuring Archbishop Hebda, as well as keynote speaker Monsignor Patrick Shea (U of Mary).

For more information and to nominate someone, please visit [sjbusinessguild.com](http://sjbusinessguild.com) or contact Roger Vasko, Guild President, at [roger@sjbusinessguild.com](mailto:roger@sjbusinessguild.com)

**The parish office will be closed  
Monday, July 4, in observance of  
Independence Day.**

**La oficina de la parroquia estará  
cerrada el lunes 4 de julio, para  
celebrar el día de la independencia.**



## **REFLECTION | REFLEXIÓN** Fr. Dale Korogi

Did I ever tell you you're my hero? So goes the musical question in one of Bette Midler's teariest tearjerkers. That wasn't one of the songs I was belting out as I drove two-and-a-half hours north to McGregor on Wednesday to have Mass with the 70 beautiful young campers from Ascension at Catholic Youth Camp. Could have been, as it was the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul celebrating two super-heroes of Christianity. So we talked about heroes at Mass. I asked the children and youth to name their heroes and explain why they are so. "My Dad, because he'd do anything for us." "My Mom, 'cause she works so hard for us." Someone said, "God and Jesus." When I asked why they were heroes to him, he wasn't sure, but knew they had done some really, really impressive things. "Who's your hero?" I asked the next kid. "You," he said. "ME?" I was prepared to deflect it sarcastically but reminded myself that my marginally humorous sarcasm generally falls flat with a young audience. "Wow," I said. "Why do you say that?" I asked. "Cause

you do nice things for our school," he said. I wanted to stop the homily there, go back to my chair, and just take it in. He couldn't have known how much his very kind word meant to me that morning. Distracted by the comment for the next few minutes, I stepped back mentally and emotionally, and let it settle, a simple affirmation, a word of love from Jesus that day. I tried yet again to practice what I preach and welcome whatever and whoever the Lord chose to offer me that day, to accept whatever and whoever is presented to me that day as intended for my healing.

Amid all the junk on my desk, I've kept this George MacDonald quote there for the last 30 years: "Without the correction, the reflection, the support of other presences, being is not merely unsafe, is it a horror—for anyone but God...It is in the lovely creatures God has made around us, in them giving us Himself, that, until we know Him, save us from the frenzy of aloneness..."

An Amen to that in these trying times.

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¿Te he dicho alguna vez que eres mi héroe? Así suena la pregunta de una de las canciones más lacrimógenas de Bette Midler. Aunque esa no era una de las canciones que estaba cantando mientras conducía dos horas y media hacia el norte, a McGregor, el miércoles pasado para celebrar la misa con los 70 hermosos jóvenes campistas de Ascensión en el Campamento Juvenil Católico, podría haber sido, ya que era la fiesta de los santos Pedro y Pablo, dos superhéroes del cristianismo. Así que hablamos de héroes en la misa. Pedí a los niños y jóvenes que nombraran a sus héroes y explicaran por qué lo son. "Mi papá, porque haría cualquier cosa por nosotros". "Mi mamá, porque trabaja mucho por nosotros". Alguien dijo: "Dios y Jesús". Cuando le pregunté por qué eran héroes para él, no estaba seguro, pero sabía que habían hecho cosas muy, muy impresionantes. "¿Quién es tu héroe?" le pregunté al siguiente niño. "Tú", dijo. "¿YO?" Me detenía, y "Vaya", dije. "¿Por qué dices eso?" pregunté. "Porque haces cosas buenas por nuestra escuela", dijo. Quise

detener la homilía, volver a mi silla y asimilarlo. Él no podía saber lo mucho que sus amables palabras significaban para mí esa mañana. Distraída por el comentario durante los siguientes minutos, me aparté mental y emocionalmente, y dejé que se asentara, una afirmación sencilla, una palabra de amor de Jesús ese día. Intenté, una vez más, practicar lo que predico y acoger lo que sea y a quien sea que el Señor decidiera ofrecermelo ese día, aceptar lo que sea y a quien sea que se me presente ese día como instrumento de sanación.

Entre todo lo que tengo en mi escritorio, he guardado esta cita de George MacDonald durante los últimos 30 años: "Sin la corrección, el reflejo, el apoyo de otras presencias, el ser no es meramente inseguro, es un horror, para cualquiera que no sea Dios... Es en las encantadoras criaturas que Dios ha hecho a nuestro alrededor, en ellas se da a sí mismo, que, hasta que lo conozcamos, nos salva del frenesí de la soledad..."

Un amén a eso en estos tiempos difíciles.