

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:

John Cavanaugh, and Estle Nelson.

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

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

Homily podcast

Fr. Dale's homilies are available to listen to every week at ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/homily-podcast/

Homilías en la página web

Las homilías del P. Dale se pueden escuchar cada semana en ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/homily-podcast/

Be a Santa's helper!

Give to the Toy Drive at Church of the Ascension

Please make a gift by Dec. 12. Thank you for your generous spirit!

- Buy a toy from our Amazon.com wish list; it will ship to Ascension. Scan the code or go to tinyurl.com/3xrs5uc3 to see the list.



Compre un juguete de nuestra lista de deseos de Amazon.com; se enviará a Ascensión. Escanee el código o visite tinyurl.com/3xrs5uc3 para ver la lista.

- Drop toys off at Ascension.

Deje los juguetes en Ascensión

Hours: M-F 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Make a cash gift by mail or in person so we can purchase items.

Haga una donación en efectivo por correo o en persona para que podamos comprar juguetes..

Our Lady of Guadalupe Festivities

Sunday, Dec. 3 – Monday, Dec. 11: 6:30 p.m. Guadalupe Novena
Dom, 3 – 11 de dic: 6:30 p.m. novena guadalupana

Sunday, Dec. 10: 4 p.m. Aztec dancers
5 p.m. Basilica Our Lady of Guadalupe mass,

Dom, 10 de dic: 4 p.m. Bailadores aztecas
5 p.m. misa en la Basilica

Tuesday, Dec. 12: 5 a.m. early morning serenade
5:30 p.m. Aztec dancers
6 p.m. Mass and fiesta afterward

Martes, 12 de dic: 5 a.m. Mañanitas

5:30 p.m. bailadores Aztecas
6 p.m. MISA y fiesta después



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It's Thanksgiving season, a time to take stock of the abundance of the harvest and muster a sincere thank you. Gratitude is big these days. Gratitude journals abound. For those who have recently hopped onto the gratitude bandwagon, note that it wasn't Oprah who put gratitude on the map. Another spiritual heavyweight, St. Ignatius of Loyola, wrote about it in the 16th century. Ignatius maintained that it wasn't pride or lust or greed that was the greatest of sins, but ingratitude. Ingratitude, he wrote, is "the cause, the beginning, and origin of all evils and sins." Whoa. Oprah's on to something.

Gratitude is more than an attitude. It is the fundamental posture of the Christian life, knowing God as the creator of all that is. Gratitude is noticing how much we are loved and cared for by God—that we always have been and always will be. For Ignatius, then, ingratitude is the gravest of sins as it is



blindness to who God truly is, our once and always and forever Lover. If we don't know that and live out of that truth, we are in great peril indeed.

As my life goes on, with all its complications, I've come to realize more and more how the most crucial realities and events of my life have been entirely outside my own engineering: pure and utter grace, the initiative and work of God, unexpected, unbidden, unearned. Even the hard stuff—and the really hard stuff—I've come to reluctantly accept

as gifts of God. I simply would not be who I am without all of it. Who would Jesus be, who would any of us be without the Cross? Divine life and goodness reside in all things.

Accentuating the positive, Ignatius may have said that gratitude is the cause, the beginning, and origin of everything good. Oprah says, "Never give up on gratitude." She's on to something.

Es la época de Acción de Gracias, un tiempo para hacer balance de la abundancia de la cosecha y ofrecer un sincero agradecimiento. Estar agradecido está de moda. Abundan los libros dedicados al tema. Sin embargo, San Ignacio de Loyola, escribió sobre la gratitud en el siglo XVI. Ignacio sostenía que el mayor de los pecados no era el orgullo, la lujuria o la avaricia, sino la ingratitude. La ingratitude, escribió, es "la causa, principio y origen de todos los males y pecados". ¡Ojo!

La gratitud es más que una actitud. **Es la postura fundamental de la vida cristiana**, conocer a Dios como creador de todo lo que es. La gratitud es darse cuenta de lo mucho que somos amados y cuidados por Dios, de que siempre lo hemos sido y siempre lo seremos. Para Ignacio, por tanto, la ingratitude es el más grave de los pecados, porque es una ceguera ante lo que Dios es en realidad, nuestro Amante de

siempre y para siempre.

A medida que avanza mi vida, con todas sus complicaciones, me he dado cuenta cada vez más de que las realidades y los acontecimientos más cruciales de mi vida han sido totalmente ajenos a mi propia control: pura y absoluta gracia, la iniciativa y la obra de Dios, inesperada, imprevista, inmerecida. Las cosas difíciles – aún las realmente difíciles - he llegado a aceptarlas regañadientes como dones de Dios. Sencillamente, no sería quien soy sin todo ello. ¿Quién sería Jesús, quién seríamos cualquiera de nosotros sin la Cruz? La vida divina y la bondad residen en todas las cosas.

Acentuando lo positivo, Ignacio podría haber dicho que la gratitud es la causa, el principio y el origen de todo lo bueno. Está en lo cierto.

Register for toy distribution

Christmas toy sign up for parish and school families is underway. Registration forms will be available after mass, in your child's school folder or through faith formation.

Registrarse para la distribución de juguetes

Se puede apuntarse a sus hijos para juguetes navideños por llenar el formulario después de misa, en el salón de su hijo del catecismo o buscarlo en la carpeta de su hijo escolar.

Christmas bazaar is Dec. 9-10!

El bazar de Navidad será los días 9 y 10 de diciembre

Here's how you can help:

• Provide a Silent Auction item!

Purchase some items to put together into a themed basket. Here are some popular ideas:

- Trader Joe's items
- Mugs and hot chocolate
- Soaps and towels
- Dish soap and scrubbies
- Wine

Offer a service such as window cleaning, car detailing or Christmas decoration take down.

• Provide a prize for Bingo!

We'll be playing Bingo on Saturday evening. We need prizes such as \$10-15 gift cards to fast-food restaurants or coffee shops, candy, pens, notebooks, coffee, small toys, Christmas items... whatever you think would be fun to win!

Bring any items you are giving to mass or to the parish office.

• Come and bring friends!

It's no fun without YOU! Come and enjoy meeting new friends and having fun together as a community!

Free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus are back!

The famous couple are taking time out of their busy schedules to visit us from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and have your picture taken with them. The prints will be available for pick up at Ascension.

Así es como puedes ayudar:

• Ofrezca un artículo para la subasta silenciosa.

Compra algunos artículos para reunirlos en una cesta temática. Estas son algunas de las ideas más populares:

- Jabones y toallas
- Jabón para platos y estropajos
- Vino

Ofrecer un servicio como limpieza de cristales, limpieza de coches o quitar la decoración navideña.

• ¡Proporcionar un premio para el Bingo!

Jugaremos al Bingo el sábado por la noche. Necesitamos premios como tarjetas de regalo de \$10-15 para restaurantes de comida rápida o cafeterías, caramelos, bolígrafos, cuadernos, café, juguetes pequeños, artículos navideños... ¡lo que creas que sería divertido ganar!

Trae cualquier artículo que vayas a dar a misa o a la oficina parroquial.

• **¡Ven y trae amigos!** ¡No es divertido sin TI! ¡Ven y disfruta conociendo nuevos amigos y divirtiéndote juntos como comunidad!

Vuelven las ¡fotos gratis con Papá Noel y la Sra. Claus!

La famosa pareja hará un hueco en su apretada agenda para visitarnos de 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ven y hazte una foto con ellos. Las copias se podrán recoger en Ascensión.



Can you sponsor a family this Christmas?

Our community has 20 families in need of Christmas sponsors to purchase items from a wish list for each family member. The items provided for the families need to be new. If you are able to help, please call or email Gerado: gescamilla@ascensionmpls.org or 612.219.6181 by Nov. 30. Items must be brought to Ascension by Dec. 10.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

Is Peace Possible Between Palestine and Israel?

Sunday, Dec. 3, 10:45 a.m. at the Church of Christ the King

This presentation and discussion will feature guest speakers from a diverse coalition of people who believe in human rights for all. The church is at 5029 Zenith Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Come, Walk with Us, The Journey is Long: Women in the Church

Saturday, Dec. 2, 8:30 a.m. to noon; mary.org/event/truthtelling/

The keynote is Dr. Colleen Mary Carpenter, Professor of Theology and Women's Studies, a Carondelet Scholar at Saint Kate's. Then there will be 3 women sharing their testimonies/witnesses and finally a circle process.

The Violence Project – How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic (Author Discussion)

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6:30-9 p.m., St. Joseph, New Hope

Local author James Densley will discuss via Zoom the Minnesota book award winner, The Violence Project, with us and answer questions. "A gripping book that will captivate anyone seeking to understand why mass shootings occur and what might be done to recognize and intervene with potential shooters before they act." -Library Journal. Go to stjosephparish.com/advocacy for more information.

Advent Evening of Reflection: To Ponder as Mary Pondered

Tuesday, December 5, 6:30-8 p.m., Risen Savior, Burnsville

How does Mary's pondering of the revelation that she was with child serve as a model of the contemplative life we are called to follow so that we may respond to our call to transform the world we live in? Utilizing the insights of great spiritual writers as well as engaging in concrete prayer practices, we will unpack how to be contemplative disciples in a post-modern world so that Christ may be born anew in our time. Led by Scott Brazil, Director of Faith Formation, Pax Christi Community. Learn more at risensavior.org/seasonal-faith-enrichment.



Where are we now?

What's next?

Dr. Cynthia Bailey Manns reflects on her Synod experiences and her hopes for 2024. Manns attended the Synod meeting in Rome in October.

Hear her report 1- 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, in the gym at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community, 4537 Third Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Cynthia will also be speaking in a Webinar at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. Register for this call at tinyurl.com/yz9u2hfx.

Cathedral Christmas Market

December 7-9, 4:30-9:30 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul

The Cathedral Heritage Foundation will be hosting another European-styled outdoor Christmas Market in the back Cathedral Courtyard. It will be festively decorated with plenty of delicious warm food and cold and hot drinks including mulled wine known as Glühwein, a warming tent with music and unique gifts for sale. Proceeds from the Christmas Market will go towards ongoing Cathedral restoration and preservation projects. Learn more at cathedralheritagefoundation.org/events.