

# 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, Tom Juergens, James Dudo, Mary Johnson-Roy.**

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: **Eugene Heck.**

## Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, Masses and Ash Distribution

- Ascension School mass 9 a.m.
- Mass at Visitation Monastery, 11 a.m.
- Bilingual mass, 7 p.m.
- Ash distribution from parish office. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Bilingual Stations of the Cross and soup suppers

Supper at 5:30 p.m. in cafeteria; Stations at 6 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 16 - March 22.

## Parish almsgiving

Collections each Sunday for LIVING WATER program to support the 20th anniversary of our partnership with the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya.

## Be part of a Conversations in the Spirit group

**Lenten women's retreat** with League of Catholic Women. Saturday, March 16, lower level of the church



## Miércoles, 14 de feb – MIERCOLES de CENIZA

- Misa de la escuela, 9 a.m. en ingles
- Misa en el Monasterio de la Visitación, 11 a.m. en ingles
- Misa bilingue: 7 p.m.
- Distribución de cenizas de la oficina, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



– **Vengan todos los viernes** para convivir con un tazón de sopa y recen el Vía Crucis: 6 p.m.

– **Colección de limosna** parroquial cada domingo para proveer agua potable a la gente de Kitui, Kenya. La Arquidiócesis celebra 20 años de asociación con la Diócesis de Kitui.

– **Vengan a participar en una pequeña comunidad** de fe durante 8 semanas comenzando en la cuaresma.

– **Guarde la fecha:** Retiro para mujeres, Sáb, 16 de marzo, Aquí en la Ascensión - debajo de la iglesia

## Pope Francis wants to hear from you in synod listening sessions

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked all dioceses to host listening sessions this Lent to provide more feedback ahead of the second part of the Vatican Synod in October 2024.

Archbishop Hebda is hosting two virtual events in which participants will gather in breakout groups and participate in "Conversations in the Spirit," as they were practiced by Vatican Synod delegates last October. Feedback provided by attendees



in breakout groups will be shared with the USCCB, who will compile a national report to send to Vatican Synod leaders.

You can participate in one of these two sessions by visiting the event page to register. You will then receive a link for the virtual session.

Registration is required to ensure there are enough trained small group facilitators.

To register, go to [archspm.org/vatican-synod-listening-sessions/](http://archspm.org/vatican-synod-listening-sessions/)

Sessions are  
Sunday, Feb. 25, 2 – 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

## Please make a generous gift to the Catholic Services Appeal

In today's Gospel story, Jesus cleanses a leper with the words, "Be made clean" (Mark 1:41). The faith of this leper moves God to give him the outward cleanliness he sought. This healing would allow him to re-enter Jewish society, from which he had been cast out.

Jesus says he came that "they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). He didn't just come to cleanse the outside, like the Pharisees, who "cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish" (Luke 11:39). He came to renew all of us, outside and in.

We need your help to meet the many needs of those around you. Jesus says that, "As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be made clean for you" (Luke 11:41). Jesus says there is a connection between almsgiving and the true cleanness of life which the Jews sought. Small wonder: Almsgiving requires sacrifice. It requires the same spirit of sacrifice that we need to take up our personal cross valiantly. Our Catholic Services Appeal is in full swing and encourage you to take this opportunity to help us help others.



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For questions please call 651-291-4510

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Si tiene preguntas, llame al 651-291-4510

**Ascension's goal is \$21,420**

## Por favor, done a la Campaña de Servicios Católicos

En el relato del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús limpia a un leproso con estas palabras: "Queda limpio" (Marcos 1:41). La fe de este leproso mueve a Dios a concederle la limpieza exterior que buscaba. Esta curación le permitiría reingresar en la sociedad judía, de la que había sido expulsado.

Jesús dice que vino para que "tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia" (Juan 10:10). No vino sólo a limpiar el exterior, como los fariseos, que "limpian el exterior de la copa y del plato" (Lucas 11:39). Vino a renovarnos a todos, por fuera y por dentro.

Necesitamos tu ayuda para atender las muchas necesidades de los que te rodean. Jesús dice: "En cuanto a lo de dentro, dad limosna, y he aquí que todo os quedará limpio" (Lucas 11, 41). Jesús dice que hay una conexión entre dar limosna y la verdadera limpieza de vida que buscaban los judíos. No es de extrañar: La limosna exige sacrificio. Requiere el mismo espíritu de sacrificio que necesitamos para tomar con valentía nuestra cruz personal. Nuestra Campaña de Servicios Católicos está en pleno apogeo y le animamos a que aproveche esta oportunidad para ayudarnos a ayudar a los demás.

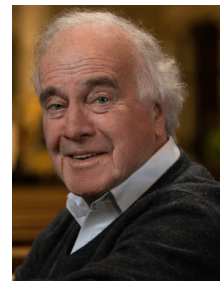
## Looking for a Friday Fish Fry? Fr. Joe is back at St. Albert the Great

From Fr. Joe Gillespie:

For many years, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and greeting the friends of St. Albert the Great at our six Lenten fish Dinners. The COVID shutdown and my retirement from my role as the parish's pastor dovetailed to keep me from seeing you (and selling you winning raffle tickets.) When the dinners started up again last year, I played the role of diner! Now, I'm delighted to say, I've been invited back by St. Albert's parochial administrator, Fr. DePorres Durham, to once again welcome you all, sell you a raffle ticket or two or four, and announce the 50/50 winners.

Please join us. The price is right (\$15 for a full delicious meal, \$7 for kids 6 to 12) and we know how to make the evening a party! Live music, Bingo, raffles... and your thoroughly Irish host providing blarney at no additional cost. What better way to spend part of your Friday evening? After dinner you can enjoy BINGO up in the gym or live music up in the church. The dinners begin Friday, Feb. 16, and run through March 22, served 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

St. Albert the Great is located at 3204 East 29th St. Minneapolis.



## In case you were wondering...

Some have asked about the doll-like figures that have been brought to the altar for blessing. Here is an explanation: February 2 is the Feast of the Candelaria and the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. It marks the end of the Christmas season for many of our Mexican families and is called the "levantada del Niño" because the Christ child is lifted out of his nativity cradle, dressed in a new festive outfit, blessed and then stored away until next year.

## Open Window Theatre has Lent performances

Powerful lenten drama brings to life the stories of the Samaritan Woman, the Blind Beggar, and Lazarus at Open Window Theatre, February 23 - March 27. "The Living Water" is a new play by Jeremy Stanbary featuring original music & songs by Jeromy Darling. Make this soul-stirring musical drama a part of your Lenten journey! Tickets available at [openwindowtheatre.org](http://openwindowtheatre.org) or over the phone at 612-615-1515. Open Window Theatre is in Inver Grove Heights, at 5300 S. Robert Trail.