

# 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, Bill Leto, James Dudo, Alex Kapczinski, 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.

## THANK YOU

to all who made soup, and all who enthusiastically purchased soup and dips! We raised just over \$900!

## ¡GRACIAS

a todos los que hicieron sopa, y a todos los que compraron con entusiasmo sopa y salsas! ¡Recaudamos algo más de \$900!

## Pope Francis wants to hear from you in 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.



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.

## Conversations in the Spirit groups are forming; you can still participate! Email Anne at [aatea@ascensionmpls.org](mailto:aatea@ascensionmpls.org).

**Se están formando grupos de Conversaciones en el Espíritu; ¡todavía puedes participar! Habla con Anita.**

### Bilingual Stations of the Cross and soup suppers

Supper at 6 p.m. in cafeteria; Stations at 6:45 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. Contact Anne for more information

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

– **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



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

Today's Gospel said that Jesus "remained in the desert for forty days" (Mark 1:13, emphasis added). Remaining with Jesus in the desert is not easy. (Welcome to Lent.)

Further driving home how difficult it is to follow him, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily" (Luke 9:23). Yet on another note, in John's Gospel, Jesus commands us, "Remain in my love" (John 15:9). Remaining in Jesus' love isn't easy, either—especially when it involves the desert.

Feeling like it's too difficult to do this by ourselves is OK. It's often exactly where God wants us—because it pushes us to rely on him. That can be a place of profound growth. Our parish, and those we serve, relies on you to help us meet our many needs and the needs of our community. As you lift the cross Jesus asks of you this Lent, please remember our Catholic Services Appeal. We are counting on you. This Lent, count on us, and count on God! We'll walk in the desert with you.



Scan here to donate to the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal



Or visit [hope.archspm.org](http://hope.archspm.org)

For questions please call 651-291-4540

Escanee aquí para donar a la Campaña de Servicios Católicos de 2024



O visite [love.archspm.org](http://love.archspm.org)

Si tiene preguntas, llame al 651-291-4540

Ascension's goal is \$21,420

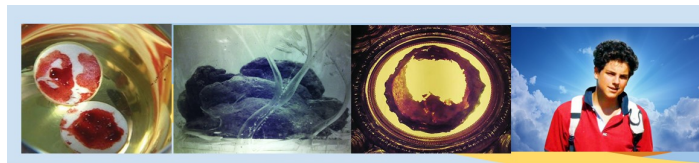
## Por favor, done a la Campaña de Servicios Católicos

El Evangelio de hoy dice que Jesús "permaneció en el desierto cuarenta días" (Marcos 1:13, énfasis añadido). Permanecer con Jesús en el desierto no es fácil (bienvenidos a la Cuaresma).

En el Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús nos advierte de lo difícil que es seguirle: "Si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, niéguese a sí mismo y tome su cruz cada día" (Lc 9, 23). Por otra parte, en el Evangelio de Juan, Jesús nos ordena: "Permaneced en mi amor" (Juan 15:9). Permanecer en el amor de Jesús tampoco es fácil, especialmente cuando se trata del desierto.

A menudo es exactamente donde Dios nos quiere, porque nos empuja a confiar en Él. Ese puede ser un lugar de profundo crecimiento. Nuestra parroquia, y aquellos a quienes servimos, depende de ustedes para ayudarnos a satisfacer nuestras muchas necesidades y las necesidades de nuestra comunidad. Al levantar la cruz que Jesús les pide en esta Cuaresma, por

favor recuerden nuestra Campaña de Servicios Católicos. Contamos con ustedes. Esta Cuaresma, cuente con nosotros, ¡y cuente con Dios! Caminaremos en el desierto contigo.



## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD



St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church is proudly hosting the

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**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

**9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Free Admission**

<b>YOU Are Invited</b>	<p style="color: #4a7ebb; text-align: center;"><i>Race and Racism: Where Have We Been? Where Are We Now? Let's Talk About It!</i></p>
<b>What</b>	<p>Racism is a term so loaded with controversy that we avoid discussing it. At the same time, we are aware that we should understand it so that we can better address it.</p> <p><b>Please join us for an engaging, candid, non-judgmental, and non-political discussion</b> facilitated by Dr. James Brewer Stewart. Dr. Stewart is a leading historian of American race relations and professor emeritus at Macalester College, who is also a nationally acclaimed advocate of racial reconciliation.</p> <p><i>Organized in partnership by Professor James Brewer Stewart and the St. Odilia Racial Equity Ministry</i></p>
<b>When</b>	<p><b>Wednesday, February 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM</b></p>
<b>Where</b>	<p>The Church of St. Gerard Majella 9600 Regent Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 (use the main entrance)</p>
<b>Speaker</b>	<p>Dr. James Brewer Stewart, a retired professor emeritus from Macalester College, will be facilitating this event. Dr. Stewart taught from 1969-2002. He has spoken nationally, authored books, consulted, and appeared in PBS historical documentaries. Most recently, he developed a series of antiracist historical mini-lectures available on YouTube.</p>
<b>RSVP</b>	<p>This is a <b>free</b> event. For planning purposes, please RSVP to <a href="mailto:REM@stodilia.org">REM@stodilia.org</a>.</p>

