

# 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.

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: **Richard Whiteford.**

**MAKE A NOTE | TOME NOTA**

**Ropa y alimentos gratuitos el 23 de febrero**

Ropa y comida gratis disponibles el 23 de febrero. Todo tipo de ropa, ropa exterior y zapatos estarán disponibles de forma gratuita después de las misas del domingo 23 de febrero en la planta baja de la iglesia. También habrá comestibles.



**Free clothing and food available February 23**

Clothing, outer wear and shoes will be offered for free after Masses on Sunday, Feb. 23, in the lower level of the church. Groceries also will be available.

**Notariales disponibles para DOPA**

Un notario estará disponible en la Oficina Parroquial de 10:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. los martes para notarizar documentos DOPA. Traiga a su documento de identidad con fotografía porque el notario tendrá que comprobarlo. Pregunta por María Ballariel

**Emerson Village residents are in need of diapers**

All sizes are needed! Our Social Justice group is asking parishioners to purchase boxes in the next couple of weeks. Please bring them to the back of church. They will be collected and brought over to our neighbors at Emerson Village.

**Update on Lee O'Daniel**

Many of you have wondered how our musician and live stream technician has been doing. His bike accident in August 2022 has caused long-lasting effects. Lee's wife, Maria, and their children, Erin and Dillon, are Lee's 24/7 caregivers. They are looking for people who would like to visit Lee and spend some time with him. Also, a Go Fund Me page has been set up to help the family financially. Go to [gofundme.com](https://gofundme.com) and search for "Lee O'Daniel." Their page is called, "Holding on: Lee and Maria need our help." There is also a link on that page to Lee's Caring Bridge site. There is information there about scheduling a visit.

## Two additional CYC information meetings

There are two more opportunities to get information about sending your child to Catholic Youth Camp (CYC):



*Catholic Youth Camp*

- 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19
- 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 23

Both meetings will be in the lower level of the church.

### **Families must attend a meeting before they can register for camp.**

CYC is located 150 miles north of the Twin Cities in MacGregor, MN. The camp has 17 acres on Big Sandy Lake, 12 cabins and 166 beds. It has been operating since 1947. The Visitation Monastery of Minneapolis has sponsored Ascension Week at the camp for many years. Questions? Contact Andrea Heinl, [aheinl@acamn.org](mailto:aheinl@acamn.org) or 612.219.0489.

## Reuniones informativas del Campamento Juvenil

Hay dos oportunidades más para obtener información sobre el envío de su hijo al Campamento de la JUVENIL Católica (CYC):

- 6-7 p.m. Miércoles, Feb. 19
- 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Domingo, Feb. 23

Ambas reuniones serán en el salón debajo de la iglesia.

### **Las familias deben asistir a una reunión antes de que puedan inscribirse en el campamento.**

CYC se encuentra a 150 millas al norte de las Ciudades Gemelas en MacGregor, MN. El Monasterio de la Visitación de Minneapolis ha patrocinado la Semana de la Ascensión en el campamento durante muchos años. ¿Tienes preguntas? Ponte en contacto con Andrea Heinl, [aheinl@acamn.org](mailto:aheinl@acamn.org) | 612.219.0489.

**We are starting to plan our parish spring Rummage Sale, and we need people willing to help sort items.**

**Contact Judy at [judy@ACAmn.org](mailto:judy@ACAmn.org).**

**Eventually, we will ask for donations, but please hold off for now.**

## Governor's proposed budget includes cuts for nonpublic school students

Please speak up for our Ascension Catholic Academy (ACA) scholars as they face an unexpected threat to key funding.

Busing, textbooks, counseling and health services are essential to all scholars. Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz has proposed eliminating funding in those areas for children who attend nonpublic schools. Our scholars will lose nearly \$1 million if this budget is approved.

For nearly 50 years, Minnesota law has mandated that every child get equitable access to these services. This has helped ensure that families have real choices in how and where their children learn.

A fact sheet published by the Minnesota Catholic Conference is available at the back of church and provides more details of the proposal.

You can join us in speaking up for our scholars for whom these supports are essential. Many of our

school families have unreliable transportation, lack health care and stretch to pay what they can in tuition.

As Quentin Moore, ACA vice president of Advancement, told the Senate Education Finance Committee, "Education policy should not be about limiting choices. It should be about expanding access."

Testifying with Quentin was Tricia Menzhuber, principal of St. John Paul II Catholic School, who said, "We use these funds effectively to move the dial on scholar achievement and future success."

If you agree that these essential services should not be cut, contact the Governor's office and your state legislators.

And please pray for our scholars, their families, our staff and communities during these challenging times.