

ASCENSION

A Newsletter from the Church of the Ascension

Join us for the Christmas Bazaar Dec. 6-7

There will be free-will-offering bingo and pizza for sale by the slice on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. Bingo will begin at 4:30 p.m.

On Sunday, we will be serving pancakes and sausages along with tamales and pozole. There will be one or two vendors, and auction items available for bidding both online and in person. Watch our website, Ascensionmpls.org, for a link to the auction sometime this week!

We still need volunteers. Find a spot at volunteersignup.org/L97MH (Also find the link on our website.)

Se acerca el desayuno de Navidad

¡Vuelve el mercadillo navideño y el desayuno de tortitas de Ascension!

El sábado 6 de diciembre, de 4 a 6 de la tarde, habrá bingo con donativos voluntarios y pizza a la venta por porciones. El bingo comenzará a las 4:30 p.m..

El domingo serviremos tortitas y salchichas, además de tamales y pozole. Habrá uno o dos vendedores y artículos de subasta disponibles para pujar tanto en línea como en persona.

Llame a la oficina 612.529.9684 para ofrecerse como voluntario.



We need items for the silent auction no later than Dec. 1. Gift cards, themed baskets, new items for the home or personal care items are all great ideas. Contact Judy (judy@ACAmn.org) with questions.

Necesitamos artículos para la subasta silenciosa antes del 1 de diciembre. Las tarjetas regalo, las cestas temáticas, los artículos nuevos para el hogar o los artículos de cuidado personal son todas buenas ideas.

60! That's how many Ascension families need sponsors this Christmas.

- Families in need complete wish lists for each member. Sponsors choose which items to purchase, wrap the gifts and deliver them to Ascension. From there they are distributed.
- Families range from small to large, so you can decide what you can afford to spend.
- Please contact Gerardo if you can be a sponsor. He will provide you with more details.
- Wrapped packages need to be brought to the parish office on or before Sunday, Dec. 14.

TOYS!

We are once again gathering toys for children in our parish and school whose families are unable to purchase Christmas gifts. Here's how to help:

- Purchase items from our Amazon wish list, and they will be delivered directly to Ascension. Go to Amazon.com and search Church of the Ascension under registries.
- Purchase toys somewhere else, and bring them to the Parish Office or to Mass.
- Make a cash gift, and we will purchase toys. Please clearly designate the funds to be used for the toy drive.

**Our Wednesday Holy Hour
will resume in January.**

**Nuestra Hora Santa de los
miércoles se reanudará en
enero.**

**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**

We appreciate the generosity of our parishioners and others who donate gently used items for pastoral outreach throughout the year. Due to limited space and logistical constraints, we are only able to accept grocery donations at this time. Thank you!

ISAIAH convention: Organizing for February caucuses

ISAIAH, a statewide multiracial group fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota, is holding a convention 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The goal is to bring people together to ratify a shared agenda to organize around for caucuses on February 3. Priorities include

- **Childcare:** Affordability and higher wages/benefits for workers
- **Health Care:** Path to universal care and defense of existing programs, including mental health and addiction treatment
- **Youth Programming:** Public, local, accessible, affordable, and culturally relevant
- **Family Care / Elder Care**
- **Climate:** Resilience and

adaptation; polluter accountability; safe, affordable housing; and energy affordability

- **Housing:** MHRC Bill of Rights, no-interest loans, "Yes to Homes" abundance framework, and anti-discrimination protections
- **Family Affordability:** Food assistance, child tax credit expansion, energy assistance, free college, and related supports
- **Protecting Civil Rights:** Addressing ICE and military presence in cities; defending free speech; supporting the right to divest from corporations that fund or enable human rights abuses

Register at tinyurl.com/4zeb7jin
Questions? Contact Julie Ackerman at jackerman@isaiahmn.org or 612-203-2775

We are hiring Early Childhood teachers!

Join our mission! Ascension Catholic Academy is hiring lead Early Childhood teachers for their growing programs. Our schools are rooted in faith, compassion and a deep commitment to nurturing every child's potential. You'll work alongside talented, caring colleagues who support each other and celebrate growth, both big and small. Plus, you'll have opportunities for ongoing professional development, a welcoming workplace culture, and the chance to genuinely make a difference every single day. We have five Early Learning centers: Ascension, Immaculate Conception, St. John Paul II, St. Pascal Regional and St. Peter Claver. If you're ready to help children build strong foundations for lifelong learning, we'd love to meet you. [Apply now at aca.schoolspring.com](https://aca.schoolspring.com). Check out this video: youtube.com/watch?v=XpELtYucq2w. If you know someone who fits this description, please pass this along to them!

Advent retreat at St. Bridget Saturday, Dec. 6

All are invited to "Jesus on the Northside: Conversations about Social Justice, Conscience and Peace" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6. (Hospitality at 9:30 a.m.) Participants will:

- Identify characteristics of the North Side and why there are concerns for its well-being.
- Explore Catholic social teaching and its relevance to serving the needs of the North Side.
- Understand the challenges we face as we seek peace and justice in a world awash with disinformation and hateful propaganda.
- Reflect on and discuss opportunities to improve conditions and to minister to those in need.

St. Bridget is at 3811 Emerson Ave. N. 612.529.7779



**Make a Christmas flower
offering to remember a
loved one and beautify
the church.**



Envelopes are available at the back of church or scan the code to give online.

**Haga una ofrenda floral
navideña para recordar
a un ser querido y
embellecer la iglesia.** Hay sobres disponibles en la parte trasera de la iglesia o escanee el código para hacer su donación en línea.