

# 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.

## After today, the next grocery

distribution is  
Dec. 28. Please  
bring fruit and  
vegetables to  
share.

## Después de hoy, la próxima distribución

de alimentos  
será el 28 de  
diciembre. Por  
favor, traigan  
frutas y verduras  
para compartir.



**Once again, the Christmas breakfast and auction was a wonderful event!**

**Thanks to all who came to eat pancakes and sausages!** Special shout out to our sausage fryer John Joyce and pancake-flipping team Gene Scheffler and Jamie Smith.

**Thanks to all who came to eat pozole and tamales!** Special shout out to the team that spent all day cooking them.

**To those who came to Saturday Bingo, THANK YOU!**

**Thanks to all who contributed items to the auction!** We had some amazing items this year.

**Thanks to all who bought auction item!** All items sold.

**Thanks to all who volunteered in any way to help make the event a success.** It is more than a fund raiser, it is building community!

**Una vez más, ¡el desayuno y la subasta navideños fueron un evento maravilloso!**

**¡Gracias a todos** los que vinieron a comer panqueques y salchichas!

**¡Gracias a todos** los que vinieron a comer pozole y tamales! Un agradecimiento especial al equipo que pasó todo el día cocinándolos.

**¡Gracias a todos** los que contribuyeron con artículos para la subasta! ¡Este año tuvimos artículos increíbles!

**¡Gracias a todos** los que compraron artículos de la subasta! ¡Se vendieron todos los artículos!

**Gracias a todos** los que se ofrecieron como voluntarios de cualquier manera para ayudar a que el evento fuera un éxito. Es más que una recaudación de fondos, ¡es construir comunidad!

## LIVE STREAM

4 p.m. Dec. 24

Mass will be  
streamed, including  
carols at 3:30 p.m.

## TRANSMISIÓN EN VIVO

4 p.m. 24 de dic  
se transmitirá la  
misa, incluyendo  
villancicos a las  
3:30 p.m.



## Make a Christmas flower offering

to remember  
a loved one.  
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. Hay  
sobres disponibles  
en la parte trasera  
de la iglesia o  
escanee el código  
para hacer su  
donación en línea.

# We are hiring! Join our mission



**ASCENSION**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Ascension Catholic Academy has several career opportunities across our Academy. 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 four schools and five Early Learning centers. If you're ready to help children build strong foundations for lifelong learning as a teacher, food service coordinator or an operations manager, we'd love to meet you. Apply now!

All of these jobs are full time.

## **ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

- Fourth grade teacher

## **ST. PETER CLAVER CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

- Middle school teacher
- Teacher on special assignment
- Food service coordinator

## **ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

- Middle school teacher

## **ST. PASCAL REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

- Long-term substitute middle school social studies and religion teacher
- Lead preschool teacher

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTERS (ECLC)**

- Operations manager

For additional information on any of these jobs, visit [tinyurl.com/42usb886](https://tinyurl.com/42usb886) and search Ascension.

## **URGENT ACTION NEEDED**

### **Speak out in favor of funding for supportive housing such as Emerson Village**

Federal funding for places such as Emerson Village is being dismantled. These families are in harms way. The cuts will put 5,000 Minnesotans at immediate risk of losing their housing.

We need to act now, to urge Minnesota to step in and redeploy money from the failed Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) program at the Minnesota Department of Human Services to Minnesota Housing.

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, of which Ascension is a member, is asking people to send this letter to our Minnesota Governor, our Senators and Representatives: <https://tinyurl.com/4ksmne8u>. Please do so as soon as you can.

Parishioner Kate O'Connell of

our Social Justice Committee, recommends personalizing the letter in the following way:

"Thank you for your past leadership in championing supportive housing, which is our state's most effective solution to homelessness. As a member of Ascension Church in Minneapolis, I have been witnessing the effectiveness of supportive housing. We advocated for years to have nearby Emerson Village built. Now many of the children in Emerson Village attend our school, and we are working on building relationships with the families and seeing the children learn in school."

You can also simply fill in your contact information on the form and send it in - it's straightforward and so important!

## **Winter Solstice**

### **Prayer for the Coming of the Light**

In a world so often filled with darkness and sin,  
Jesus, You are the rising Son!

When the night of our lives feels longer than we can bear,  
Jesus, You are the hope of a new dawn!

When we are anxious for what the future holds,  
Jesus, You are the morning star that never sets!

In all our confusion and division,  
Jesus, You are the light of the world!

Heavenly Father, in this Advent season, we await Your Son's coming with anticipation.

Send Your Spirit to sustain and carry us through these final days of Advent preparation, as we await the dawning of the Light of the World! Amen.