

# 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.

## Homily podcast

Fr. Dale's homilies are available to listen to every week at [ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/homily-podcast/](https://ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/homily-podcast/)

## Homilías en la página web

Las homilías del P. Dale se pueden escuchar cada semana en [ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/homily-podcast/](https://ascensionmpls.org/liturgy/homily-podcast/)



### MASSES IN ENGLISH:

**4 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24,**  
with carols starting at 3:30 p.m.  
**This Mass will be live streamed.**

**9:30 a.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25.**  
**6 p.m. bilingual Mass, Dec. 31.**



### MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:

**6:30 p.m. Nochebuena, 24 de diciembre.**  
**Esta misa se transmitirá en vivo.**

**6 p.m. Misa bilingüe, 31 de diciembre.**

**To all who contributed to our toy drive and sponsor a family project:**



We had a record number of families to sponsor this year for Christmas, and we made it happen!

We pledged to provide Christmas gifts to all children in our Faith Formation classes, and we made it happen!

**Thank you to all who played a part in these Christmas projects!**

## The next grocery distribution

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

## La próxima distribución

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



## 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.

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## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Fr. John Muir

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## **A Wounded Church: Finding Peace and Healing with Bishop Cozzens**

**Date:** Monday, Jan. 12

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** St. John the Baptist, New Brighton

So many of us have been shaken by the events of Aug. 27 at Annunciation. How can a Church find hope and healing amidst the suffering?

All in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are invited to unite in communion (in-person or virtually) for an evening of healing, hope and prayer. Join Bishop Andrew Cozzens as he speaks on A Wounded Church: Finding Peace and Healing. Light refreshments will be available following Mass. If you plan to attend virtually, please register as a virtual attendant and you will receive the livestream link 48 hours before the event.



Go to [tinyurl.com/4s6vhy9d](https://tinyurl.com/4s6vhy9d) to register or scan the code.