

# 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:

**Buzz Solis (Barb  
Joyce's father.)**

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: **Linda  
(Nasal) Stevens**  
(Ascension Class  
of 1963).

**Next grocery  
distribution is  
Dec. 14.** Please  
bring milk and  
dairy to share.

**La próxima  
distribución  
de alimentos  
será el 14 de  
diciembre.** Por  
favor, traigan  
leche y productos  
lácteos para  
compartir.



## Mass at Basilica of St. Mary

5:30 p.m. today,  
Sunday, Dec. 7

## Novena

6:30 p.m. through Thursday,  
Dec. 11

## Vigil Mass

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11

## Mañanitas (morning prayer)

5-8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11

## Mass and Fiesta

6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12  
Fiesta follows in cafeteria.

## Misa en la Basílica de Santa María

hoy domingo 7 de diciembre  
a las 5:30 p.m.

## Novena

hasta el jueves 11 de  
diciembre a las 6:30 p.m.

## Misa de vigilia

jueves 11 de diciembre  
a las 9 p.m.

## Mañanitas

5 a 8 a.m. el viernes,  
11 de diciembre.

## Misa y fiesta

a las 6 p. m. el viernes 12 de  
diciembre. La fiesta continúa  
en la cafetería.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, Dec. 8, Mass  
will be at 7 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.



**Our Wednesday Holy Hour will resume in January.  
Nuestra Hora Santa de los miércoles se reanudará  
en enero.**

## LAST CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED THIS SEASON!

**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.



### Ascension scholars once again bring Christmas spirit alive

Angels we have heard this week as Ascension School put on its traditional Christmas programs. PreK through Grade 2 were featured in the afternoon, when this photo was taken. Grades 3 through 8 performed in the evening program.

You can watch a recording of the afternoon program on Church of the Ascension's YouTube channel:

<https://tinyurl.com/3xxkmwrs>

## 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!