

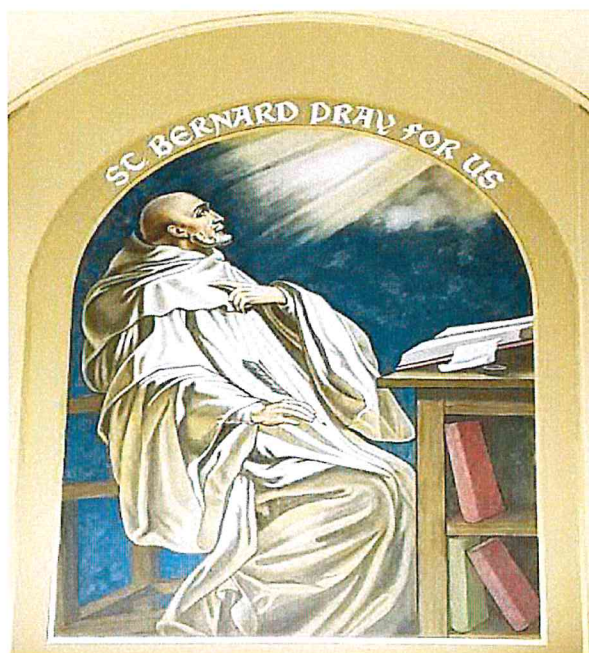
For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, and Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:5

With hearts filled with gratitude to God and our benefactors, we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist at St Bernard Catholic Church in time for the celebration of Jesus' birth! The beautification of St Bernard Catholic Church began as a legacy gift, given in the memory of a faithful member of the church, by his family. Our parish is blessed beyond measure, by the depth of their love and witness of faith in Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the mass together, we can be drawn into the magnificence and beauty of the relief sculptures Stations of the Cross, gaze on the splendor of the illuminated crucifix, and the golden dome with the descending Holy Spirit in the sanctuary. The committee spent time praying for the goal that this project will lead more people to the interior work that each of us is called to do as a disciple of Jesus Christ. We hope that all that enter are drawn into the wonder and splendor of a life with Christ!

Many people of the parish spent time planning, preparing, and helping as needed during the project. We are thankful for the dedication and leadership by Roger Storms, as he was able to use his expertise to oversee the project. Fr Gregory Abbott was an integral part of the design process, as the committee tried to regain some historical aspects in the church and incorporate symbols of our patron, St Bernard of Clairvaux. St Patrick's Guild led the project with their design team, artists and many other team members that skillfully brought the project to completion. During the project, we were able to also replace/upgrade our church lighting and ceiling fans, and rebuilt the choir stairs so they meet current code. Thank you to all the dedicated people that shared their Time, Talent and Treasure

With the joy of the season,

Fr Gregory Abbott & The Beautification Committee



Jesus is Waiting for You at St Bernard Catholic Church

Mass Times ~ Saturday 8pm, Sunday 10 am

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2019 Holy Days/Holidays/Special Masses December 23, 2018

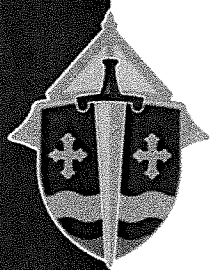
St. Bernard Catholic Church: 212 Church Street E, Cologne, MN 55322 (952-466-2031)

Church of the Ascension: 323 Reform St. North, NYA, MN 55368 (952-467-3351)

Holy Day/Holiday	Date	St. Bernard	Ascension
Mary Mother of God <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	M Dec. 31 T Jan. 1	5pm Mass	9am Mass
Ash Wednesday	W Mar. 6	5 pm Mass (Adults who can are encouraged to come to this Mass)	6:45 pm Mass (Faith Formation will attend)
Lenten Adoration		45 min. before Sat. and 25 min before Sun. Masses	45 min. before Sat. and 25 min before Sun. Masses
Combined Evening of Reconciliation	W Mar 13		5:45pm–8pm Faith Formation comes at 6:30pm. Adults who can are encouraged to come before 6:30pm- but they CAN come after 6:30pm.
Confirm. Sending Mass	Sun. Apr. 14	10am Mass	
Wed. of Holy Week	W Apr 17		6pm-8pm Confessions
Holy Thursday	TH Apr 18	7 pm Mass Adoration, reading of Farewell Discourse, & Confession follow Mass, ending with Night Prayer at 9:15pm INCENSE WILL BE USED	
Good Friday	F Apr 19	7 pm Liturgy Seven Last Words of Jesus & Confessions follows liturgy, ending with Night Prayer at 9:15pm	3 pm Living Stations
Holy Saturday	Sat. Apr. 20		8pm Easter Vigil Mass INCENSE WILL BE USED
Easter Sunday	Sun. Apr. 21	8 am Mass (if sub priest) 10 am Mass	8 am Mass
Confirmation	Sat. Apr 27	At Cathedral of St Paul	At Cathedral of St Paul
Rosary in May		Rosary 25 min. before Sun. Mass	Rosary 25 min. before Sun. Mass
1 st Reconciliation	Sat. May 11		10 am
The Anointing of the Sick at all Masses All to be anointed are encouraged to celebrate the Sac. of Reconciliation before being anointed	Sat. May 11 Sun. May 12	8pm Mass 10am Mass	5pm Mass 8am Mass
1 st Communion	Sat. May 18 Sun. May 19	8pm Mass 10 am—1 st Communion	5 pm Mass—1 st Communion 8 am Mass
Memorial Day	M May 27		8:45am Mass
Feast of the Ascension	Sat. & Sun. June 1 & 2nd	Regular Sun. Mass times	Regular Sun. Mass times
Corpus Christi	Sun. June 23	10am Mass-Corpus Christi procession at conclusion of Mass	Regular 8am Mass

Holy Day/Holiday	Date	St. Bernard	Ascension
4 th of July	TH July 4	No Mass	No Mass
Assumption of Mary <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	W Aug. 14 TH Aug. 15	6:45pm Mass. (No 8am Mass)	6:45pm Mass
Feast of St. Bernard	Sat. & Sun. Aug. 17 & 18	Regular Mass times	Regular Mass times
Stiftungsfest (every 3 rd yr.)	We have in 2020		
Labor Day	M Sept. 2	No Mass	No Mass
Combined Parish Picnic	Sat. Sept. 7	4pm Mass & Picnic (No 8 pm Mass)	No 5pm Mass
Rosary in Oct.		Rosary 25 min. before Sun. Mass	Rosary 25 min. before Sun. Mass
Chili Feed	Sat. Oct. 5	4 pm Mass followed by Chili Feed	5pm Mass (if can get sub priest)
The Anointing of the Sick at all Masses All to be anointed are encouraged to celebrate the Sac. of Reconciliation before being anointed	Sat. Oct. 12 Sun. Oct 13	8pm Mass 10am Mass	5pm Mass 8am Mass
All Saints Day <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	F Nov. 1	6:45pm Mass	7am Mass
Combined All Souls Memorial Mass	Sat. Nov. 2	9am Mass	
Thanksgiving	TH Nov. 28		9am Mass
Immaculate Conception <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	M Dec. 9	8am Mass	6:45pm Mass
Christmas Eve <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	T Dec. 24	8pm Mass	5pm Mass
Christmas Day <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	W Dec. 25	10am Mass	8am Mass
2020:			
Mary Mother of God <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	T Dec. 31 W Jan. 1	9am Mass	5pm Mass

- Mass dates and times are subject to change. Please see current bulletin for updates.
- November—March: due to the cold & flu season the Blood of Christ will not be offered these months.
- Catholics who are physically able are obligated to attend Mass on all Sundays, January 1st (Mother of God), August 15th (Assumption), November 1st (All Saints), and December 8th (Immaculate Conception), and December 25th (Christmas). The obligation is lifted when January 1st or August 15th or November 1st fall on a Saturday or Monday (due to the proximity to Sunday).
- All Saints—we are trying a morning Mass instead of the vigil Mass the evening before.
- Thanksgiving location—this was a tough call due to Thanksgiving being at Ascension but hosted by St. Bernard in 2018. Since it is Ascension's turn to host it will be there for 2019.



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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

December 14, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many of you have reminded me that our Church needs to face today's challenges with more direct action. Changes must be made that will prevent regression to old ways. I am taking additional steps in this Archdiocese to change the culture that fostered the clergy abuse crisis.

A new position has been created in the Office of Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment to ensure that the voice of survivors of clergy sexual abuse will be regularly heard within Archdiocesan leadership. To strengthen that voice, I want to say again today that any survivor who at any time entered into a settlement agreement containing a confidentiality provision is released from that provision. I also reiterate my pledge to meet with any survivors who would like to do so. I am leaving open all Friday afternoons in February, March and April for that purpose. Meetings at other times and places will still be available as well. Planning for spiritual outreach in 2019 is also underway. It will include opportunities, both at the parish and Archdiocesan levels, for reparation, spiritual renewal, and prayers for healing.

I also want to share a few thoughts regarding bishop accountability. This was a major topic at the recent meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. As mentioned before, I strongly favor the creation of a lay-led mechanism for investigating and assessing any allegations made against me or any other bishop. It is clear to me that expanding meaningful lay involvement is essential for us to accomplish cultural change and put in place a credible and lasting process. In order to fully address bishop accountability, the Church needs a national or regional board empowered to act, much as our well-respected Ministerial Review Board has been empowered to address allegations involving our priests and deacons. The Church cannot fulfill its mission without public trust.

I remain troubled by the failure to bring closure to the 2014 investigation into allegations of inappropriate conduct with adult males leveled against my predecessor, Archbishop John Nienstedt. You will recall that Archbishop Nienstedt had delegated the investigation to his senior auxiliary bishop, who in turn sought the assistance of two separate law firms. In 2015, the investigative materials were submitted to the then-Nuncio, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò. Also in 2015, the investigation's underlying allegations were provided by the Archdiocese to the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. As far as I know, any effort by the Vatican to further address the allegations was suspended in June 2015 when Archbishop Nienstedt resigned his office. Thus, the matter remains unresolved for the accusers, for Archbishop Nienstedt and for the public. I share the frustration that is felt by them, and believe this situation highlights the need for a better-defined process and independent mechanism to resolve allegations made against bishops.

I am also aware that resolution of the 2014 investigation would, in itself, no longer fully address the question of Archbishop Nienstedt's status. After the Archbishop had already resigned and left Minnesota, a separate allegation emerged. In 2016, Ramsey County shared with us and made public an allegation it received that in 2005, then-Bishop of New Ulm Nienstedt, while at a World Youth Day event in Germany, had invited

two unaccompanied minors to his hotel room to get out of the rain and wet clothing. It is alleged that he then proceeded to undress in front of them and invited them to do the same. Archbishop Nienstedt denies this ever happened. My opinion is this allegation needs to be fully addressed before a definitive resolution of Archbishop Nienstedt's suitability for ministry can be made. For that reason, I transmitted Ramsey County's documentation concerning this allegation to the Nuncio in 2016.

I have been asked repeatedly whether there are any restrictions on Archbishop Nienstedt's ministry. My answer has always been that although I do not know of any, I am the wrong person to ask: Bishops report to the Holy Father, not to each other. I have no general juridical authority over Archbishop Nienstedt or any other bishop outside the Archdiocese.

I can, however, exercise some control over the types of public ministry permitted in this Archdiocese. With all of this in mind, and in the hope of advancing a resolution to this matter, I am taking the following steps:


1. The Archdiocesan Ministerial Review Board has recently recommended that I publicly clarify that Archbishop Nienstedt, like any priest facing similar allegations, would not be free to exercise public ministry in this Archdiocese until all open allegations are resolved. I concur. As is true in similar cases involving our priests and deacons, this is not intended to convey an indication or presumption of guilt. While this may cause some pain, my hope is that this decision prompts further action by those with authority over Archbishop Nienstedt to resolve this question.
2. Further, I will continue in the near term to advocate for the creation of an independent review board. In this way, my hope is that resolution of the allegations and any additional investigation can be handled in a way that is fair to all and worthy of public trust.
3. Finally, I am publicly committing to transmit the entire 2014 Archdiocesan investigation to whatever national or regional review board is created.

I share the disappointment of many that more progress has not been made at the national and international levels to address bishop accountability. It is my prayer and hope that the February meeting Pope Francis is convening with bishops from around the world produces tangible results. We need a review board at the national or regional level – similar to our local Ministerial Review Board – with the authority and credibility to address allegations of misconduct against bishops and make fitness-for-ministry recommendations to the Holy Father.

As we continue our preparations this Advent for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ, I ask you to join me in praying for peace and healing for the men and women who have been abused, along with their families, friends, and communities. These are our brothers and sisters who deserve our prayers, love, and support more than ever.

With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Bernard A. Hebda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis