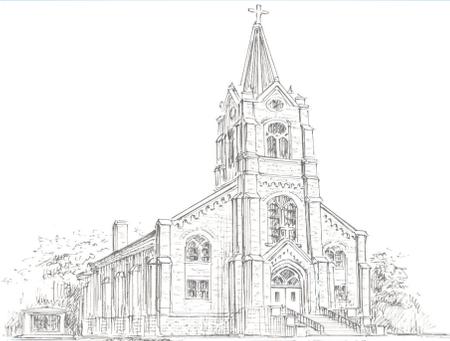


# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

# ST. BERNARD CHURCH



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**Baptisms:** By appointment.

### Marriage Arrangements

The couple should contact the priest as soon as they become engaged. They must meet with the priest twice before setting a marriage date. These two meetings need to be completed 6 months before the proposed date.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ascension:Tues.5:40-6:05pm.  
Sat.4:15-4:45pm.

St. Bernard:Wed.7:30-7:50am.  
Sat.7:15-7:45pm.

Additionally by appointment.

### Communion for Homebound

Call parish office.

### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Ascension-Weekend-Sat.5pm. Sun. 8am.  
Tuesday 6:15 pm. & Friday 7:15 am.

St. Bernard-Weekend-Sat. 8pm. Sun.10am.  
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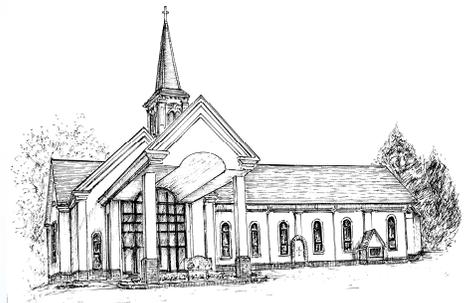
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 22, 2020

## Children of Light

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The healing of the man born blind in this Sunday gospel invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight. The man born blind receives his sight after Jesus anoints his eyes with mud and sends him to be washed. There are two miracles that take place in the story of the blind man. The first is the miracle of *physical sight* and the second is the miracle of *spiritual sight*, that is, the gift of faith. It is this second miracle, the gift of faith, that enables the man to fall to his knees and address Jesus as Lord. Significantly it is this second miracle that St. John stresses in today's Gospel.

Let us take a close look at it. The first thing we notice about this miracle is that it takes place gradually. It does not happen all at once. For example, the man's first reaction to Jesus is to regard him as *just another man*. Thus, when some people ask the blind man about his cure, he replies: "The man called Jesus made some mud, rubbed it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and wash my face."

The blind man's first understanding of Jesus is that he is a "mere man" His second perception of Jesus comes when the Pharisees question him. They asked him, "Well, what do you say about Jesus who cured you of your blindness?" The man replies, "He is a *prophet*." This answer shows his deep faith in Jesus. It shows his conviction. Later in the day the man meets Jesus face to face. Then Jesus asks him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man replies, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshipped him." He perceives Jesus to be more than a *man* or a *prophet*. He is the *Lord*. The man's *gift of faith* or spiritual sight is more miraculous than his gift of physical sight. He is transformed from the condition of blindness to the conviction of worshipping Jesus as the Lord God and becomes the disciple.

In his letter to Ephesians, St Paul writes: "There was a time when you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." (Eph.5:8). Before we were washed in the waters of baptism we were spiritually blind, just like the man in today's gospel. But after we were washed in the waters of baptism, Jesus became much more to us. He became someone deeply personal to us.

Baptism removes our spiritual blindness and opens our eyes to Jesus, the light of the world. The light of Christ dispels the darkness of sin. Even though we are already baptized, Christ continues to confront us with himself, his person, his teachings and his sacraments. If we are really willing to open up our hearts to him, he will light up the darkest corners of our hearts. St. Paul reminds Christians of their responsibility to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. *Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness*" (Ephesians 5:10-11).

By giving of sight to a blind man, Jesus teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of the heart by faith.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS—March –22-28, 2020

**3/22 Fourth Sunday in Lent:** 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13\*Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6\*Ep 5:8-14\*Jn 9:1-41. **3/23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo:** Is 65:17-21\*Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13\*Jn 4:43-54. **3/24:** Ez 47:1-9,12\*Ps 46:2-3,5,6,8-9\*Jn 5:1-16. **3/25 The Annunciation of the Lord:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10\*Ps 40:7-11\*Heb 10:4-10\*Lk 1:26-38. **3/26:** Ex 32:7-14\*Ps 106:19-23\*Jn 5:31-47. **3/27:** Wis 2:1,12-22\*Ps 34:17-21,23\*Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30. **3/28:** Jer 11:18-20\*Ps 7:2-3,9-12\*Jn 7:40-53.



## CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

**Tuesdays — NOON; All copy must be in to the bulletin: e-mail address & e-mail to pquinn55322@hotmail.com**

**Fridays — NOON; All inserts and announcements must be in to the bulletin e-mail address or a paper copy in the Parish office at St. Bernard.**

**Thurs. Mar. 26 Noon: Early bulletin deadline. All bulletin announcements for the Apr.5th bulletin must be in by noon.**

**Thurs. Mar. 26th 7pm:** St. Bernard Finance Council

**Fri. Mar. 27th 6pm:** Stations of the Cross-Ascension

**Thurs. Apr. 2 Noon: Early bulletin deadline. All bulletin announcements for the April 12th bulletin must be in by noon.**

**Fri. Apr. 3rd 6pm:** Stations of the Cross-Ascension

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And he warns us that those who pretend to see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the blind man receives the light of faith in Jesus, while the Pharisees remain spiritually blind.

Like the nameless man in the Gospel, we were all born blind of original sin. Then we were washed in the waters of Baptism, and we received our sight. We were able to see Jesus in our lives. Today's readings remind us that we are to live as children of the light, seeking what is good, right and true. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices may serve to heal our spiritual blindness so that we may see our God who lives in us and others, and love them as children of God.

*Please pray the following prayer at home and in the church.*

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

## Prayer for healing from Coronavirus

Heavenly Father, we worship and adore you. In faith, we come before you asking for mercy and forgiveness for our sins against you and others.

In this time of anxiety and distress, we bring up to you the spread of the coronavirus in our nation and throughout the world. Loving and merciful God, we beg you to halt the spread of this disease and to grant healing and comfort to those afflicted. Wash everyone with the Precious Blood of your Son, Jesus and protect all of us. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. God of wisdom and source of life, bless government officials and medical experts with wisdom and knowledge to combat the spread of the virus. Protect them from any harm.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Savior, we trust in You. Holy Spirit, breathe peace and new life into our lives.

Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, we seek your intercession for us and everyone in this world. Amen.

*"Set our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all."* (1 Timothy 4:10)

**Church of the Ascension — Norwood Young America, MN**



Every Thursday  
Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**Easter Triduum Services** this year are as follows:  
Thurs, Apr 9<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday, The Lord's Supper, 7:00pm at St. Bernard  
Fri, Apr 10<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, Living Stations of the Cross, 3:00pm at Ascension  
Fri, Apr 10<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, Passion of the Lord, 7:00pm at St. Bernard  
Sat, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 7:00pm at St. Bernard  
**Easter Sunday Services** are as follows:  
Sun, Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am at Ascension  
Sun, Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am at St. Bernard

**Web Site Coordinator:** If you would be interested in providing support for the ongoing maintenance of the Ascension website, please contact Sherry in the office at 952-467-3351.

The **Ascension KC's** would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who came to the fish fry. Also a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteers that assisted in making it a huge success. First time we ran out of fish!!

**Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday at **6:00 pm**. Mar, 27<sup>th</sup>, and Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> will be at Ascension. This is a wonderful opportunity to send time 'walking with Jesus' on His journey to the Cross.

**Sunday Mass Dispensation:**

Please see Archbishop Hebda's inserted letter. We are here to support your spiritual journey and continue delivering the latest updates during this challenging time. Here's how you can stay involved:

- Monitor our parish website for news and event updates.
- Please contact the parish office with any immediate concerns.
- Scheduled Masses will continue as normal unless Father becomes ill. Please pray for his health.
- Volunteers for Mass ministries - if you feel you need to stay home and cannot fulfill your scheduled ministry obligation, please find a substitute.
- Please mail in your contribution envelopes or participate in electronic giving to support our ongoing ministries and operations during this difficult time.
- Please pray for all those infected and those caring for them in any way.

**Lenten Area Reconciliation Services**

**St. Joachim & Anne**—Location: St. Mark campus Shakopee; —Date: Wednesday, March 25—Time 8:00 am—8:00 pm  
**Immaculate Conception:** —Location: Watertown; —Date: Sunday, March 29; —Time: 4:00 pm

**Church of St. Bernard**

**Cologne, MN**



1st. Wednesday of the month  
Eucharistic Adoration  
after the 8a.m. Mass until 8p.m.  
All other Wednesday's of the Month  
Eucharistic Adoration 3pm until 8pm.  
Please sign up for an hour or half hour  
of adoration at the Narthex Table.

**Catholic United Scholarships**

Catholic United Financial Scholarship application period is open from March 1 — April 30 of each year. Any member (any age) studying for their first degree after high school can apply. Applicants must have been a member for at least 2 years by the application deadline and when the scholarship is awarded. **Awards of \$500 for attending a Catholic college or \$300 for an accredited non-Catholic school.** Applications are available at: [www.catholicunitedfinancial.org](http://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org)

As was announced at last Sunday Mass the **Fish Fry** scheduled for Friday, March 20th was postponed. The Fish Fry committee is working on a plan of action. Please check our website and this bulletin in the future.

"It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day." - husband who attended a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**.

Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available Weekends are May 1-3, 2020 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 9-11, 2020 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) <<mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com>> or 612-756-8720.

**Christ Renews His Parish Retreats have been postponed:** An announcement in this bulletin will be made when they have been rescheduled.

**Glencoe Knights of Columbus April Paper Drive:** The dates for the April 2020, paper drive are: Thursday, April 2, Friday, April 3 from 4pm to 7pm; and Saturday, April 4 from 8am to noon. The drop off site is the upper parking lot of St. Pius X Church across from the Glencoe City center.

**Word of Life:** There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD  
STEWARDSHIP OF TIME  
AND LITURGY SCHEDULE  
March 23 through March 29, 2020**

**LECTORS:**

**Saturday 8:00 pm.** Judy Glander  
**Sunday 10:00 am.** Mary Sue Thaemert

**SERVERS:**

**Saturday 8:00pm** Jim Monsen  
**Sunday 10:00am.** Greta & Holly Feist

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:**

**Saturday 8:00pm.** Andy Kleindl  
**Sunday 10:00am.** Lori Kasel

**USHERS**

**Saturday 8pm** Ralph Laumann & Danny Hoen  
**Sunday 10:00 am.** Vern Elke & Leo Willems

**GREETERS:**

**Saturday 8:00pm** Marcy Wickenhauser  
**Sunday 10:00am.** Eileen Fasching

**GIFT BEARERS: Sat. & Sun.—**Volunteers

**CHURCH CLEAN:** Sarah Hammers

**NARTHEX CLEANING:** Hammers

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday Mar. 21 8pm.** †Dennis Wickenhauser  
& The People of the Parish  
**Sunday Mar. 22 10am.** †Clarence & Muriel  
Wickenhauser  
**Monday Mar. 23** No Mass  
**Tuesday Mar. 24 6:15pm** Mass at Ascension  
**Wed. Mar. 25 8am.** †Adrian Wickenhauser  
**Thursday Mar. 26 8:00am.** †Gilbert Rademacher  
**Friday Mar. 27 7:15am** Mass at Ascension  
**Saturday Mar. 28 8:00pm.** †Paul Wickenhauser  
& The People of the Parish  
**Sunday Mar. 29 10am.** †Betty (Wickenhauser)  
O'Brien

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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| Budget for Week                              | 3,096.25         |
| <b>Contributions 3-11-20 through 3-17-20</b> | 3,690.67         |
| Total Actual Collection YTD                  | 148,673.49       |
| YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget           | <b>10,793.29</b> |
| <b>Forward in Faith</b>                      |                  |
| Envelope Income                              | 480.00           |
| Electronic Donations                         | 453.42           |
| <b>Forward in Faith Total</b>                | <b>933.42</b>    |
| <b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>                  | <b>18,061.26</b> |

Did you know you can have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking or savings account? For more information call the parish office 952-466-2031 , or visit [www.st-bernard-cologne](http://www.st-bernard-cologne)

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
STEWARSHIP OF TIME  
March 23 through March 29**

**SERVERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Isabella Miller, Owen Miller  
**Sun. 8:00 am** Avery Smith, Hadley Smith

**READERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Darlene Mondor  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Jan Pouliot

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Cathleen Williams  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Lisa Whitaker

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

**March 29th 8:00 am**

**Team A:** Rich & Sue Tellers

**Team B:** Tim George, Steve Helget

**USHERS FOR MARCH:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Jim Mulville, Gary Widmer  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Tim George, Paul Lano

**SACRISTAN:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Julie Gesinger  
**Sun. 8:00 am** Cheryl Coyle

**GREETERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Dave and Colleen Donnay  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Steve Coyle

**MASS INTENTIONS**

|               |                |                |                      |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Mon.</b>   | <b>Mar. 23</b> |                | No Mass              |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | <b>Mar. 24</b> | <b>6:15 pm</b> | Souls in Purgatory † |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | <b>Mar. 25</b> | <b>8:00 am</b> | Mass at St. Bernard  |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | <b>Mar. 26</b> | <b>8:00 am</b> | Mass at St. Bernard  |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | <b>Mar. 27</b> | <b>7:15 am</b> | For the Dying        |
| <b>Sat.</b>   | <b>Mar. 28</b> | <b>5:00 pm</b> | All Parishioners     |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | <b>Mar. 29</b> | <b>8:00 am</b> | Religious Freedom    |

**Weekly Collection Report  
Totals for 03/15/2020**

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|---|--------------|
| <b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>         | \$3,379.81   |
| <b>Contributions:</b>                   | \$3,131.00   |
| <b>E-Giving:</b>                        | \$240.00     |
| <b>Weekly Budget YTD:</b>               | \$125,052.97 |
| <b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>           | \$117,716.64 |
| <b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD</b> | (\$7,336.33) |
| <b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>    | \$120.00     |
| <b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>    | \$25.00      |
| <b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>         | \$10,544.00  |