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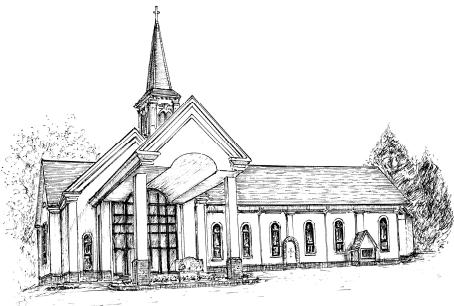
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ST. BERNARD CHURCH



SACRAMENTS

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.
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am.

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – APRIL 5, 2020

Agony and Victory

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Holy Week marks one of the most important liturgical seasons for Catholics around the world. Yet as the global death toll from the COVID-19 continues to rise, many countries have announced strong measures to prevent the spread of this pandemic. It also affects our Holy Week celebrations terribly. Many dioceses cancelled their Holy Week celebrations with great pain.

Palm Sunday is the start of the most solemn weeks of the Church year. This day gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the Kingship of Jesus and his love and suffering. The procession with palms recalls the triumphant entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him, betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. The crowd waves palms and spreads their cloaks and put cut branches on the road, and sings out in loud voices, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

However, shouts of "Hosanna" are soon replaced by "crucify him, crucify him." Palms were always thought to be the sign of peace. Palms lead the Son of God to his death. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. This victory and peace would be secured by the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus.

We prepare with Christ to enter the holiest of weeks in which we celebrate all of the events leading up to his passion, death and Resurrection. The Passion accounts begin with the Agony in the Garden, that horrible evening when Jesus was confronted by the reality of what he was facing. He would be tortured to death as a sacrificial offering to the Father for the sins of the world, your sins and my sins.

By his suffering, Christ transformed suffering. We should not focus too much on the suffering of Jesus during the Holy Week. What we should focus on is the **love** of Jesus that speaks to us through his suffering. The suffering of Jesus speaks to us about his **love** in three ways. *First*, the suffering is a **sign** of love. It tells us the most powerful way possible what Jesus told us in his lifetime: "The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them. (Jn 15:13) *Second*, the suffering of Jesus is an **invitation** to love. "Love one another just as I love you." (Jn 15: 12) The suffering of Christ teaches us compassion. As we recall Christ suffering for us on the Cross, we attune ourselves to the suffering of others.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—April 5-11, 2020

4/5 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Mt 21:1-11 (Procession) Is 50:4-7*Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24*Phil 2:6-11*Mt 26:14—27:66. **4/6:** Is 42:1-7*Ps 27:1,2,3,13-14*Jn 12:1-11. **4/7:** Is 49:1-6*Ps 71:1-6,15&17*Jn 12:1-11. **4/8:** Is 50:4-9a*Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31 & 33-34*Mt 26:14-25. **4/9 Holy Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8,11-14*Ps 116:12-13,15-18*1 Cor 11:23-26*Jn 13:1-15. **4/10 Good Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12*Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25*Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9*Jn 18:1-19:42. **4/11 Holy Saturday:** Gn 1:1—2:2 *Ex 14:15—15:1 *Ex15:1-6,17-18*Rom 6:3-11*Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23*Mt 28:1-10.



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARD'S 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.

All events cancelled until further notice.

Third, the suffering of Jesus is a **revelation** about love. It tells us that love entails suffering. Jesus stressed this in his lifetime, saying: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mk 8:34)

We need to stress this teaching of Jesus, just as Jesus did. We need to meditate on it more and more during this Holy Week. This year Holy Week is so different than ever in our life time. The Masses for Holy Week may be celebrated without a congregation through out the world. This is a painful situation. On March 17, 2020 Cardinal Beniamino Stella, Prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, said that Easter at home is an "opportunity for faith." He believed the Holy Spirit would give the grace to all Christians so that they may experience a "beautiful and profound" Holy Week, "even in the sadness of mourning, illnesses and a tragedy of which we do not know the extent and, especially, the duration."

Like Christ, those who love God and neighbor must be ready to face conflicts, sufferings and even death. Victory comes through suffering. Suffering is not the last word in the life of Christ and so to for us, his followers. It was the first word of the Holy Week that will reach its climax on Easter Sunday. So too, however many of our days in this difficult time seem to end in a depressing way, they are not the last word in our life. Rather, they are only the prelude to triumphs we have to experience in our life ahead.

Pray for each other and for the whole world.

May the Lord protect you with good health and all the spiritual blessings.

Please be assured of my prayers, especially in my daily Mass, in these challenging times.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI



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

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

Easter Sunday Services are as follows:

Sun, Apr 12th, 8:00am at Ascension
Sun, Apr 12th, 10:00am at St. Bernard

NOTE to parishioners: This is going to publishing on 3/26/20. As of today, we have not received the ok from government or the Archdiocese that it is ok to have these. In the event the request to not gather with more than 10 people is lifted, we may have these services otherwise they will be cancelled.

Ways to Watch/Listen to Mass

During this time that Mass is suspended, the faithful are asked to find a Mass on TV, the radio or online and make a Spiritual Communion. Where that is not an option, it would be appropriate to pray the Liturgy of the Hours or the Rosary. For ways to watch or listen to Mass, visit archspm.org/live.

Another option is St. Joseph's in Waconia – check their facebook page.

Also Pax Christi, Eden Prairie is live streaming Saturday evening Mass. Check their website.

Virtual Holy Week Retreat, April 5-11

Date(s): Sunday, April 5 – Saturday, April 11

Location: Online

This week-long virtual retreat begins Palm Sunday (April 5) with Mass from the Saint Paul Seminary and culminates with the Easter Vigil Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Paul April 11.

Each day has two parts:

Mass or prayer at 9am followed by directed Lectio Divina. Evening session at 7pm, consisting of conferences from Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Father Charles Lachowitzer and Father John Ubel.

All of the events will be live streamed or recorded and available at archspm.org/holyweek for all who would like to participate. Visit the linked website for a full schedule of the week.

Litany in Time of Need

Archbishop Bernard Hebda asks that the students from every Catholic school in the twelve-county territory of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the faithful set aside time every day, wherever they may be, to join together in offering the "Litany in Time of Need." Please join us by tuning in to Relevant Radio 1330am, relevantradio.com, or the Relevant Radio App, where the litany will be broadcast each day at 11:05 a.m. **View the "Litany in Time of Need"** at <http://online.flipbuilder.com/tvlw/wqee/>



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.

Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem. On this day, the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection. The memorial of this event is included in every Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration will continue as usual at both Parishes. The same day of the week and the same times. Adoration at St. Bernard will be held in the Church to be able to keep the six feet distance between participants.

Mass Intentions: The priests have been directed to say daily Mass during this time of containment. Father will be including the Mass Intentions already scheduled at both parishes during these Masses for both daily and weekend Masses.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen.

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

Word of Life: "Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARSHIP OF TIME
AND LITURGY SCHEDULE
April 6 through April 12, 2020**

LECTORS: Good Friday 7pm Roger Storms &
Tom Kasel

Holy Saturday 7:00 pm. Greg Wickenhauser &
Tom Wickenhauser

Sunday 10:00 am. Tom Kasel

SERVERS: Good Friday 7pm Jim Monsen &
Kieran Allison

Holy Saturday 7:00pm Ella Wickenhauser, Brandon Wickenhauser & Zachery Wickenhauser

Sunday 10:00am. Brenna & Breilla Jones

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

Good Friday 7pm. Bernie Shambour

Holy Saturday 7:00pm. Irene Drees

Sunday 10:00am. Lori Kasel

USHERS

Good Friday 7pm. Ralph Laumann &
Brent Buesgens

Saturday 7pm Ralph Laumann & Danny Hoen

Sunday 10:00 am. Vern Elke & Brian Vos

GREETERS: Good Friday 7pm. Doreen Walter

Holy Saturday 7:00pm Marcy Wickenhauser

Sunday 10:00am. Vern Elke

GIFT BEARERS: Sat. & Sun.—Volunteers

CHURCH CLEAN: Nancy Elke
& Mackenzie Lobitz

NARTHEX CLEANING: Bob Symantz
& Brian Vos

MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS:

Saturday Apr. 4 8:00pm. †Dennis Wickenhauser
& The People of the Parish

Sunday Apr. 5 10:00am. †Phyllis Vos

Monday Apr. 6 No Mass

Tuesday Apr. 7 6:15pm Mass at Ascension

Wed. Apr. 8 8:00am. Holy Souls in

Purgatory

Thursday Apr. 9 7:00pm. Mass at Ascension

Friday Apr. 10 7:00pm People of the Parishes

Saturday Apr. 11 7:00pm. †Robert G. Fritz

Sunday Apr. 12 10:00am. People of the Parish

Stewardship of Treasure

**There was no reported collection totals
this week.**

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

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
STEWARSHIP OF TIME
April 5 through April 12**

SERVERS:

Thurs. Apr. 9th 7pm: Jacob Johnson, Bennet Molva,
Ben Gallus Lucas Urness

Sun. 8:00 am Caleb Michels, Gabriel Michels

READERS:

Thurs. Apr. 9th 7pm: Jean Schmitz, Cheryl Coyle
Sun. 8:00 am: Cheryl Coyle

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Thurs. Apr. 9th 7pm: Cathleen Williams, Lisa Whitaker, Steve Lemmer

Sun. 8:00 am: Sue Tellers, Lucy Kostecka, Steve Coyle

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

April 12th 8:00 am

Team A: Tim & Rita Fahey

Team B: Steve Lemmer & Jim Louwagie

USHERS FOR APRIL:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Dennis Stoks, Jim Louwagie

Sun. 8:00 am: Steve Gallus, Josh Gallus

SACRISTAN:

Thurs. Apr 9th 7pm: Sherry Witte

Sun. 8:00 am Brian Willems

GREETERS:

Thurs. Apr 9th 7pm: Pat Johnson

Sun. 8:00 am: Jan Pouliot

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Apr. 6	No Mass
Tues.	Apr. 7	Merlin Dwire †
Wed.	Apr. 8	Mass at St. Bernard
Thurs.	Apr. 9	Susan Knott †
Fri.	Apr. 10	Mass at St. Bernard
Sat.	Apr. 11	Mass at St. Bernard
Sun.	Apr. 12	Earl Weckman †

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