

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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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.



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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD – APRIL 12, 2020

## We are Resurrection People

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The spreading Corona virus pandemic has forced us to celebrate the Easter Mass without a congregation. Even the Shrine of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem has closed doors this week for the first time since the Black Plague in 1349. We are anxious and afraid of this situation that we have no control over. How long will we practice this social distancing? How long will our children be out of school? How long will our parish not offer a public Mass? It is hard for us to go without Eucharistic Communion, may be even confession of our sins for these days. It might be weeks, or it could be much longer. It is a sad situation. But we still proclaim with our lives our Easter joy. Many are suffering from the Corona virus, and we keep them all in our prayers. No pandemic can destroy our Easter joy. At the end of this difficult time, however long it is, we may return to our churches, schools, workplaces, and towns with peace and joy of Easter.

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. The Resurrection is the greatest of the miracles. It proves that Jesus is God. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. “Jesus is Lord, he is risen.” (Romans 10:9) was the central theme of the preaching of the apostles. Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. The belief in the real presence of the risen Jesus gives meaning to our life. It reminds us that life is worth living. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the risen Lord gives us strength to fight against evils, and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way.

Early that Easter morning, Mary of Magdala did not find what she was looking for: the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better than she could have imagined: the risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God’s new ways of working in the world. That’s the power of the resurrection. Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a resurrection people. This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits and sadness. It gives us the good news that no tomb can hold us down anymore, not the tomb of despair, discouragement, sadness or even death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the risen Lord in all the events of our lives.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS—April 12-18, 2020

**4/12 The Resurrection of the Lord:** Acts 10:34,37-43\*Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23\*Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8\*Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10. **4/13:** Acts 2:14,22-33\*Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11\*Mt 28:8-15. **4/14:** Acts 2:36-41\*Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22\*Jn 20:11-18. **4/15:** Acts 3:1-10\*Ps 105:1-4,6-9\*Lk 24:13-35. **4/16:** Acts 3:11-26\*Ps 8:2,5-9\*Lk 24:35-48. **4/17:** Acts 4:1-12\*Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27\*Jn 21:1-14. **4/18:** Acts 4:13-21\*Ps 118:1,14-21\*Mk 16:9-15.



## 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.

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Being resurrection people means being living signs of the hope and love which Christ's Resurrection brings to the world. It means that our presence and attitudes radiate the beauty of this new life in Christ and then every day becomes a day of peace and joy.

We have our happiness in the hope of eternal life. Easter is the celebration of hope. Our hope is that we will share in the fullness of the New Life Jesus won for us through His suffering and death. It is our hope in Christ that helps us endure challenges like the Corona virus disease. The Corona virus pandemic has brought sickness, death, unemployment, and all sorts of other crises into our lives, but our faith gets us through because despite the suffering we have hope. No one, no situation, no matter how terrible, can take the Risen Savior from us. “If God is for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31)

This Easter, we must pray to our Lord to transform us, to halt the spread of this COVID-19 pandemic, to grant healing and comfort to those afflicted, to rekindle the fire of love in our hearts and draw us closer to Himself.

Thank you for being part of our parish family and your continuous support, especially in this difficult situation. I offer the Mass on this Easter for you and your family and keep you in my prayers and thoughts.

May the Risen Lord bless you, your families and our parishes.

**Happy Easter. “Alleluia.”**

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI



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

### **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](http://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.

### **Happy Easter!! He is Risen!!**

I know this is a hard time for everyone. Many are struggling to make ends meet. What do I do with my kids all day, every day? It's getting kind of lonely being home all the time and not being able to see anyone except on a phone. We all worry – am I going to get this thing?

Faith. It's all about putting our faith and trust in Jesus. He will always do what's best for us whether we like it or not. This Lent has been a time to pray, pray, pray for ourselves and for our world. He will get us through. He died for us as we celebrated on Good Friday. And today we celebrate His Glory as He ascends to His Father in heaven. Stay strong in the Lord.

Happy Easter everyone!! Sherry

### **Archdiocesan Synod – Small Groups Coming This Fall**

After praying with and hearing from more than 7,000 Catholics at Prayer and Listening Events in fall 2019-winter 2020, plus additional consultation and discernment, Archbishop Bernard Hebda will soon announce Focus Areas for the Archdiocesan Synod. This fall is your opportunity to learn, pray, and discuss the Focus Areas in a small group at your parish, along with thousands of other Catholics meeting in similar groups throughout the Archdiocese. Ideas generated during this Parish Consultation Process with Small Groups will help shape the future of our Archdiocese.

Watch for information to come this fall at your parish! Learn more about the Parish Consultation Process with Small Groups at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).

**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.



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.



### **HAPPY EASTER!**

May the Risen Lord protect you  
and keep you safe and healthy !

Pray for all of your relatives, friends, neighbors,  
fellow parishioners, Health Professionals, First  
responders, EMT's and all people around the world.

Stewardship Opportunity – St. Bernard's is in need of someone to take care of our landscaping on the south west side of the Narthex. Also, the new patio at the lower level has an expanded landscaping area that could provide an opportunity for someone to develop with their own ideas. Benton Lake Garden could be a resource for perennials. This might be a fun 'family' stewardship project. If interested in learning more, please contact Julie Clemensen at 612-419-0505 or Roger Storms at 612-618-8365.

**Rice Bowls:** If any took a Rice Bowl at the beginning of Lent, we would like you to bring them back. Please call the parish office and we will arrange a time for you to drop it off. Thank you!

### **Good Friday Holy Land Appeal – Delayed until September 13**

The Holy Land Collection is important for the support of schools, healthcare, food and housing for the poor, in addition to the maintenance of holy sites in the Holy Land. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic affecting places around the world, including the Holy Land, and measures that have precluded normal community celebrations of Holy Week, Pope Francis has agreed to delay this collection to Sunday, September 13, 2020. For questions, contact Deacon Mickey Friesen, 651.291.4445 or [friesenm@archspm.org](mailto:friesenm@archspm.org)

### **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)

**Word of Life:** "Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD  
STEWARSHIP OF TIME  
AND LITURGY SCHEDULE  
April 13 through April 19, 2020**

**LECTORS:**

**Saturday 8:00 pm.** Patricia Quinn

**Sunday 10:00 am.** Rob Wickenhauser

**SERVERS:**

**Saturday 8:00pm** Jim Monsen

**Sunday 10:00am.** Max & Luke Arganbright

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:**

**Saturday 8:00pm.** Margaret Wickenhauser

**Sunday 10:00am.** Helen Nicklaus

**USHERS**

**Saturday 8pm** Ralph Laumann & Andy Kleindl

**Sunday 10:00 am.** Vern Elke & Leo Willems

**GREETERS:**

**Saturday 8:00pm** Roger Storms

**Sunday 10:00am.** Brian Vos

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

**CHURCH CLEAN:** Belinda Storms  
& Sandy Siegle

**NARTHEX CLEANING:** Victoria Arnst

& Julie Clemensen

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**INTENTIONS:**

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

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

**Monday Apr. 13** No Mass

**Tuesday Apr. 14 6:15pm** Mass at Ascension

**Wed. Apr. 15 8:00am.** †Paul Wickenhauser

**Thursday Apr. 16 8:00am.** Fr. Gregory Abbott

**Friday Apr. 17 7:15am** Mass at Ascension

**Saturday Apr. 18 8:00pm.** †E.H. & Mary Lins;  
Rosemarie & John Doffing

**Sunday Apr. 19 10:00am.** †Gilbert Rademacher  
& The People of the Parish

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Budget for Two Week 6,192.50

**Contributions 3-18 through 03-31-2020** 3,334.00

Total Actual Collection YTD 152,007.49

YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget 8,084.49

**Global Solidarity Collection** 140.00

**Forward in Faith**

Envelope Income 165.00

Electronic Donations 100.00

**Forward in Faith Total** 265.00

**Forward in Faith YTD** 18,326.26

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 ext.241, or visit [www.st-bernard-cologne.org](http://www.st-bernard-cologne.org)

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**STEWARSHIP OF TIME**

**April 13 through April 19**

**SERVERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Isabella Miller, Hailey Stender  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Raymond Willems, Callie Bucken-  
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**READERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Cathleen Williams  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Brian Willems

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Curt Wilson  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Kathy Kloempken

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

**April 19th 8:00 am**

**Team A:** Pat Johnson, Theresa Hartman  
**Team B:** Tim George, Steve Helget

**USHERS FOR APRIL:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Dennis Stoks, Jim Louwagie  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Steve Gallus, Josh Gallus

**SACRISTAN:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Ann Dettmann  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Diane Weckman

**GREETERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Grace Cook  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Steve Coyle

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Apr. 13</b>	No Mass
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Apr. 14</b>	6:15 pm Brian Grundahl †
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr. 15</b>	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Apr. 16</b>	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Apr. 17</b>	7:15 am Jerry Salonek †
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Apr. 18</b>	5:00 pm Veronica Braunwarth †
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr. 19</b>	8:00 am Robert Wirtz †

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