

# 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.

## 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.

## Pastor

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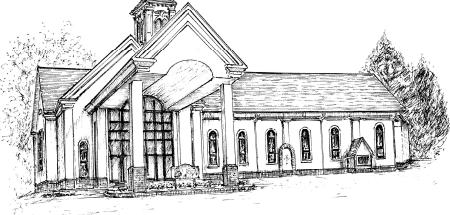
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 26, 2020

## “Lord, Stay With Us”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The story of the Emmaus journey (Luke 24:13-35) is one of the brightest events in the gospel. It sparkles with the light of the Risen Lord. But it begins with certain darkness in the minds of the two disciples. Their understanding of Jesus was incomplete and even wrong. They had seen him perform miracles and heard him preach the good news. But they drew the wrong conclusion. They considered him as their victorious political leader and their liberator from Roman oppression. So, the crucifixion of Jesus disappointed them. The empty tomb confused them. With disappointment and confusion, they went on their journey to Emmaus.

On their way to Emmaus another strange thing happened: a stranger walked with them. And they accepted the stranger to walk with them. He explained the scripture to them. Later they realized that who was Jesus and said, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way.” As they reach their destination, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther. Then they urged him, Lord, “Stay with us”. He really would have done so, if they had not invited him to stay with them. Jesus never forces himself on us. As they sit at table, Jesus takes the bread, breaks it and gives to them. The disciples now meeting the second mode of Jesus’ presence among them: in the Eucharist.

And their eyes are opened and they recognize Jesus. Obviously, there had been a great change taking place inside them as Jesus explained the scripture and broke the bread and gave it to them. And they were never the same again. After that experience, immediately they returned to Jerusalem and shared their experience of the risen Jesus with the apostles. There may still be dangers and difficulties but, now that they know that the risen Lord is with them.

The Emmaus incident described in Luke’s gospel is the story of a God who will not leave us alone when we are hurt and disappointed, especially in this COVID-19 situation. The Emmaus experience changed the life of the disciples. We too, may need that same kind of inner change. The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security and better family relationships. These often get shattered. The story warns us, however, that the risen Lord will come to us when we least expect him and in unfamiliar situations to support and strengthen us. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life’s journey through rough and tough times. The Church teaches us to hear Jesus on a daily basis through the faithful reading of and meditation on the Bible, to experience him through our participation in the Eucharistic celebration where he gives himself to us. Every Eucharistic celebration is our opportunity to recognize his presence in our midst, and in our hearts.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS—April 26-May 2, 2020

**4/26 Third Sunday of Easter:** Acts 2:14,22-33\*Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11\*1 Pt 1:17-21\*Lk 24:13-35. **4/27:** Acts 6:8-15\*Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30\*Jn 6:22-29. **4/28 St. Peter Ahanel, St. Louis Grignion de Montfort:** Acts 7:51—8:1\*Ps 31:3-4,6-8,17,21\*Jn 6:30-35. **4/29 St. Catherine of Siena:** Acts 8:1-8\*Ps 66:1-7\*Jn 6:35-40. **4/30 St. Piux V:** Acts 8:26-40\*Ps 66:8-9,16-17,-20\*Jn 6:44-51. **5/1 St. Joseph the Worker:** Acts 9:1-20\*Ps 117:1-2\*Jn 6:52-59. **5/2 St. Athanasius :** Acts 9:31-42\*Ps 116:12-17\*Jn 6:60-69.



## 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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We may have different emotion and feelings during this pandemic situation and its restrictions on Mass and other sacraments. Here I would like to quote from the letter of Archbishop Hebda published on April 17, 2020. It was inserted in our last week bulletin. “Amidst this pain, I remain convinced that the restrictions that have been placed on public Masses and the administration of some Sacraments are consistent with our faith. The Gospel calls us to respect and defend the lives of our families, neighbors, and especially the most vulnerable. This sometimes requires sacrificing our own desires for their good. “There is no greater love, than to lay down your lives for your friends,” Jesus said the night before He died. How could we as His disciples receive the Sacraments without thought or care for the safety of others? The Eucharist is re-presentation of Jesus’ own sacrifice, and He commands us to follow His example by making sacrifices in how we live out our faith and enter into the Church’s sacramental life. “As I have done, you also must do. By God’s grace, such sacrifices seem to be benefitting our community.”

This Sunday scriptural readings have an encouraging message: no matter what happens in our lives, the Risen Jesus is always with us. God is always near to those who seek Him and who want to live in His presence doing His will. The best thing we have to do is to ask Jesus “to stay with us”, especially in this challenging time.

Please know that I continue to celebrate Mass for your intentions every day. Even though you can not be physically present, you may unite yourself with the Eucharistic sacrifice being offered and to make a spiritual communion. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Thank you for supporting our parishes.

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.

### **Home Missions Appeal**

**Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions and parish limitations, the Home Missions Appeal planned for the weekend of April 26 has been delayed.** The new date will coincide with World Mission Sunday on the weekend of **October 18, 2020**. The Home Missions Appeal and World Mission Sunday both support struggling dioceses unable to provide basic pastoral services like Masses, sacraments, religious education and many important ministries to our brothers and sisters. This mission appeal in October would now be worldwide... including the U.S. For questions, contact Mickey Friesen, 651.291.4445 or [friesenm@archspm.org](mailto:friesenm@archspm.org)

### **Synod Timeline Update**

Thank you to all those who participated in the first year of the Synod process! Over 8000 people participated in the 19 general prayer and listening events and 11 focus sessions, providing over 35,000 comments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Archbishop Hebda has decided to delay the Parish Consultation with Small Groups from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021 to focus on our parishes and schools without distraction. The exact dates will be forthcoming. The focus areas for the Synod will still be announced soon! Stay in the loop by reading The Catholic Spirit newspaper or online at [thecatholicspirit.com](http://thecatholicspirit.com). Please continue to pray for the Synod and stay up to date with resources at [www.archspm.org/synod](http://www.archspm.org/synod).

### **Bethany House**

#### **Apply now for September 2020 – May 2021**

Bethany House applications are now being accepted for September 2020 to May 2021. Bethany House is a home for women who live in community, pray together, take meals together and discern whether they are called to consecrated life. Bethany House is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and is located in Northeast Minneapolis. We are currently taking applications for women interested in Bethany House. Qualities of a good candidate for Bethany House include single women, ages 20 – 27, who are interested in dedicating a year to intentionally discerning a vocation to religious life. Please see [www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org) for more information.



**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.**

**A special thank you** to the family of Muriel Wickenhauser for the donation of two new chairs for the narthex. These chairs have been placed in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity.

**Help Wanted!!** The St. Bernard Cemetery Committee is looking for a volunteer (or group of volunteers) to mow the cemetery during the summer. The lawn mower will be provided. If you are interested or have questions about this ministry, please contact Ralph Laumann or Roger Hoen.

**Cemetery Notice for Ascension and St. Bernard:** The snow is gone!! In order to aid with spring cleanup, please have all decorations removed from the cemetery by April 30th. Any decorations remaining will be removed and placed by the big tree behind the Faith Formation building at Ascension and behind the church (next to the AC units) at St. Bernard.

**Please note:** During the grass growing season, except for over Memorial Day, only unbound fresh flowers will be permitted on the cemetery.

**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.

### **Catholic United Scholarships TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

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)

"From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
*"Another Look at Abortion"*

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD  
STEWARSHIP OF TIME  
AND LITURGY SCHEDULE  
April 27 through May 3, 2020**

**LECTORS:**

**Saturday 8:00 pm.** Julie Kleindl

**Sunday 10:00 am.** Riley Andersen

**SERVERS:**

**Saturday 8:00pm** Jim Hoen

**Sunday 10:00am.** Tom Monsen & Andrew Zeisel

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:**

**Saturday 8:00pm.** Irene Drees

**Sunday 10:00am.** Brenna Jones

**USHERS**

**Saturday 8pm** Ralph Laumann & Danny Hoen

**Sunday 10:00 am.** Vern Elke & Brian Vos

**GREETERS:**

**Saturday 8:00pm** Marcy Wickenhauser

**Sunday 10:00am.** Eileen Fasching

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

**CHURCH CLEAN:** Sarah Hammers

**NARTHEX CLEANING:** Sarah Hammers

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday Apr. 25 8pm.** †Wallace Wickenhauser

**Sunday Apr. 26 10:00am.** †Clarence & Muriel  
Wickenhauser & The People of the Parish

**Monday Apr. 27** No Mass

**Tuesday Apr. 28 6:15pm** Mass at Ascension

**Wed. Apr. 29 8am** †Adrian Wickenhauser

**Thursday Apr. 30 8:00am** †Paul Wickenhauser

**Friday May 1 7:15am** Mass at Ascension

**Saturday May 2 8 pm** The People of the Parish

**Sunday May 3 10:00am.** †Leonard Meuleners;  
Bernice Peterson & Bill Middendorf

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Budget for week 3,096.20

**Contributions 4-17 through 04-21-2020** 4,302.00

Total Actual Collection YTD 164,692.58

YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget 8,280.83

**Forward in Faith**

Envelope Income 140.00

Electronic Donations 100.00

**Forward in Faith Total** 240.00

**Forward in Faith YTD** 20,485.18

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)

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
STEWARSHIP OF TIME  
April 27 through May 3**

**SERVERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Steve Lemmer, Jack Lano  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Paul Prososky, Don Whitaker

**READERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Ann Dettmann  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Cheryl Coyle

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Bill Hart  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Steve Coyle

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

**May 3rd 8:00 am**

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

**USHERS FOR MAY:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Kent Fabel, Curt Wilson  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Jeremy Friendshuh, Steve Coyle

**SACRISTAN:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Sherry Witte  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Brian Willems

**GREETERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Cathleen Williams  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Sue Schmitz

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b>	No Mass
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>	6:15 pm Souls in Purgatory †
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr. 29</b>	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Apr. 30</b>	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>May 1</b>	7:15 am Pope Francis
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>May 2</b>	5:00pm The Braunwarth Family
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 3</b>	8:00 am Living and deceased members of the Braunwarth Family & Cherryl Braunwarth †

**Weekly Collection Report  
Totals for 04/19/2020**

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$3,379.81
<b>Contributions:</b>	\$2,210.00
<b>E-Giving:</b>	\$240.00
<b>Weekly Budget YTD:</b>	\$141,952.02
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	\$130,181.64
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD</b>	(\$11,770.38)
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	\$60.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	\$25.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	\$11,254.00