

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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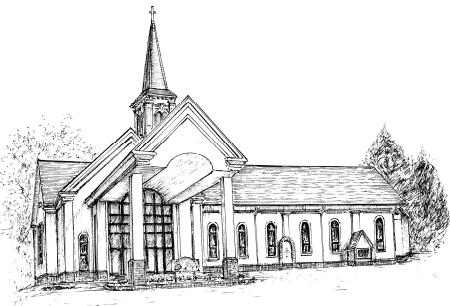
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ST. BERNARD CHURCH



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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“Behold, I am with you Always”

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord this weekend. Each Sunday, we profess through the Creed, “*He ascended into heaven.*” Jesus’ Ascension was the culmination of God’s divine plan for him, to return to his Father. Ascension is the grand finale of all his words and works done for us and for our salvation. It was a culmination, but not the conclusion. If we realise this then we can properly grasp the significance of the Ascension. There is always a danger with today’s feast that we may think of it as a convenient way of getting Jesus off stage. But it is exactly the opposite. It is a celebration of Jesus’ presence with us, not his disappearance. Of course, this is precisely what he tells us in today’s Gospel, “*Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.*” (Mt 28:20). Yes. He is with us in our minds, with us in our hearts, and with us in spirit, indeed. But in the Spirit, and that means not ‘rather than in the body.’ Far from being less real, less bodily than when he was with his disciples in Galilee and in Jerusalem, his presence with us now is more real and more bodily.

The risen body is something mysterious. It seems to be eminently tangible, and yet can pass through locked doors. Precisely how it is present is for the time being a mystery, and we only have some clues. One of these, of course, is the Eucharist, for here Christ is truly, bodily, really present at every Mass, in every tabernacle. Another, which St. Paul tells us about in our second reading today, is his presence in the Church. The ‘Church is the body of Christ, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.’ (Eph 1: 22-23). That does not mean that the Church is a substitute for Jesus’ bodily presence. It means that wherever the Church is present, preaching the Gospel as he commanded, bringing the love and mercy of God, shown to us on the cross, into the darkness of people’s lives, there indeed Christ is to be found.

Today’s gospel tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus completed his mission on earth. But just before his ascension, he entrusted to his disciples the mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world, bearing witness to him through their lives.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—May 24 -May 30, 2020

5/24 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14*Ps 27:1,4,7-8*1 Pt 4:13-16*Jn 17:1-11. **5/25 St. Bebe the Vernerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi:** Acts 19:1-8*Ps 68:2-3,4-5,6-7*Jn 16:29-33. **5/26 St. Philip Neri:** Acts 20:17-27*Ps 68:10-11,20-21*Jn 17:1-11. **5/27 St. Augustine of Canterbury:** Acts 20:28-38*Ps 68:29-30,33-35,35-36*Jn 17:11-19. **5/28:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11*Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8,9-10,11*Jn 17:20-26. **5/29 St. Paul VI:** Acts 25:13-21*Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20*Jn 21:15-19. **5/30:** Acts 28:16-20,30-31*Ps 11:4,5,7*Jn 21:20-25.



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.

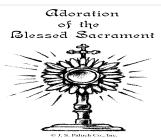
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Christ’s mission to the Apostles is now ours. Jesus’ Ascension and his command teach us that we, too, are called to proclaim the Good news. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer.

In order to proclaim the Good News, first let us learn about Jesus and his teachings by our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience him in personal prayer, reception of the sacraments and works of charity; and convey to others Jesus whom we have experienced with the help of his Holy Spirit.

Throughout the centuries, the missionaries went to the four corners of the world to preach the Good News. We may not be able to preach the Good News in other nations. It is not necessary to go to another country to preach the gospel. We have to live and proclaim the Good News first in our own families. It means that the evangelization should begin at home. Then take the Good News of Jesus to the work places, to the schools, to the sick, to the poor, to the neglected, and to the exploited. The Solemnity of the Ascension is a reminder for each of us that Jesus is still with us. We are called today to tell the world that “Jesus is with us always, until the end of the age.”

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI



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

Parish Plan for Re-opening for Mass

The Joint Mission Team has been meeting to work out the logistics for opening for Masses given the directives from the Archdiocese last week. Archbishop Hebda is working with our state representatives to gain approval for larger gatherings for Masses. Watch his video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5OUg0Fn4IY&feature=youtu.be>

As plans are finalized, we will be posting them on our websites and facebook pages. Please check there for the latest.

Also, we would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has continued to support our parishes by mailing in your contribution envelopes!

Memorial Day Service

There will be a short Memorial Service at the Ascension Cemetery on Monday, May 25th at 9:30am. The VFW and American Legion will be present. For those attending, please wear a mask and maintain appropriate social distancing.

COVID-19 CORPS:

A dozen priests have been trained to serve in a dedicated COVID-19 Corps, with the mission of giving pastoral care to COVID-19 patients in danger of death in hospitals, in nursing homes, in hospice facilities, or at home. The Corps may also provide pastoral care to non-COVID-19 patients who are also in danger of death and are quarantined in nursing homes. For more information: see below.

Please encourage your parish communities to pray for COVID-19 patients, their families, priests, and medical teams attending to them, as well as for all health care workers on the front lines during this pandemic. Visit archspm.org/covid19prayers to learn about prayer opportunities.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 Corps, contact Fr. Joseph Bambenek, bambenekj@archspm.org or (651) 251-7760.

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.

Scheduling Coordinator needed. Would you consider helping? We are looking for a volunteer to take over this important ministry of scheduling for the Mass ministries. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cheryl Coyle or the parish office.

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church (*Holy Father's Intention for the month of May*)



All Wednesday's of the Month Eucharistic Adoration
3pm until 8pm.
Until further notice.

Congratulations to all of the winners for our Fish Fry Raffles:

\$300: Mary Lou Wildung

\$250: Bill Larue

\$200 Brooke Vos

\$150 Pam Welter

\$100 Roger Schmitz

\$50 Missy Symanitz

Saxe Belle Plaine Oil Change

1. Diane Worm 2. Calvin Thaemert

Lion's Tap \$10 Gift Certificate

1. Calvin Thaemert 2. Jim Wickenhauser

Mackenthun's \$25 Gift Card

1. Calvin Thaemert

2. Brenda Buckley Jones

Dahlgreen Golf Club Gift Certificate

1. Carol Laumann 2. Jared Kleindl

Quilt: Jill Wolf

Cuzziy's Brick House \$25 Gift Certificate

Jane Hosch

Cooper's Foods \$50 Gift Card

Vernon Walter

RTIC Cooler from Security Bank

Doreen Walter

Thank you to the following donors for donating to our cash raffle: Hoen Trucking, Bob Fritz Trucking, Jim's Excavating, Storms Welding, Wickenhauser Excavating, Sports Cars and Town & Country Glass. Raffle prizes donated by: Saxe- Belle Plaine, Cooper's Foods, Dahlgreen Golf Course, Security Bank, Mackenthun's, Lion's Tap and Cuzziy's Brick House.

For the people in our partnership diocese of Kitui, Kenya, may God protect them during this pandemic and stop the spread of the Coronavirus, *we pray to the Lord.*

For all Christians: That our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next; *we pray to the Lord.*

"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

Pope Francis, *2020 Easter Vigil Homily*

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**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARSHIP OF TIME
May 25 through May 31, 2020**

SERVERS: May 25-8:45am Memorial Day:
Kieran & Luke Allison

Sat. 8:00pm Ella Wickenhauser

Sun. 10:00am. Max & Luke Arganbright

LECTORS: May 25-8:45am Memorial Day:
Lori Kasel

Sat. 8:00 pm. Tom Wickenhauser

Sun. 10:00 am Tom Monsen

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: May 25-8:45am
Memorial Day: Volunteer**

Sat. 8:00pm Bernie Shambour

Sun. 10:00am Darin Feist

GREETERS: May 25-8:45am Memorial Day:
Roger Storms

Saturday 8:00pm Doreen Walter

Sunday 10:00am Roger & JoAnn Schmitz

USHERS

Sat. 8:00pm Ralph Laumann & Andy Kleindl

Sun. 10:00am Vern Elke & Leo Willems

CHURCH CLEAN: Sarah Hammers

NARTHEX CLEANING: Sarah Hammers

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. May 23 8:00pm. †Paul Wickenhauser
& All Parishioners

Sun. May 24 10:00am. †Muriel Wickenhauser

Mon. May 25 8:45am All Military Veterans

Tues. May 26 6:15pm Mass at Ascension

Wed. May 27 8:00am †Warren Kahnke

Thurs. May 28 8:00am †Robert G. Fritz

Fri. May 29 7:15am Mass at Ascension

Sat. May 30 8:00 pm †Art Hilgers

Sun. May 31 10:00am. †Gilbert Rademacher
& All Parishioners

No Public Masses are permitted. The above schedule is listed as Fr. Abraham does say Mass with these intentions.

Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week 3,148.60

Contributions 5-13 through 05-19-2020 1,216.17

Total Actual Collection YTD 171,840.67

YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget 2,886.87

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income 553.42

Electronic Donations 0.00

Forward in Faith Total 553.42

Forward in Faith YTD 21,699.10

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

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
STEWARSHIP OF TIME
May 25 through May 31**

SERVERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Isabella Miller, Haley Stender
Sun. 8:00 am: Avery Smith Hadley Smith

READERS:

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

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Steve Helget
Sun. 8:00 am: Lisa Whitaker

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

May 30th 8:00 am

Team A: Theresa Hartman, Pat Johnson
Team B: Steve Lemmer & Jim Louwagie

USHERS FOR MAY:

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

SACRISTAN:

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

GREETERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Cathleen Williams
Sun. 8:00 am: Matt Smith Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	May 25	No Mass
Tues.	May 26	Respect for Human Life
Wed.	May 27	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
Thurs.	May 28	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
Fri.	May 29	7:15 am Inactive Catholics
Sat.	May 30	5:00 pm Cherryl Braunwarth †
Sun.	May 31	8:00 am All Parishioners

**Weekly Collection Report
Totals for 05/17/2020**

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$3,379.81
Contributions:	\$2,015.00
E-Giving:	\$240.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	\$155,471.26
Actual Collection YTD:	\$139,200.64
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	(\$16,270.62)
Capital Improvement Offering:	\$50.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	\$25.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$14,039.00