

# 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.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 31, 2020

## The Role of the Holy Spirit in Christian Life

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On this weekend, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. The word Pentecost is Greek for “*pentekostes*” which means “fiftieth.” For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, resulting in the conversion of 3,000 Jews to the Christian faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church.

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Advocate or Paraclete. The gift of the Spirit would also enable them to fulfill Jesus’ commission to preach the gospel to all nations. Today’s gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. “*Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*” (Jn 20: 23). These wonderful words, which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit and the gift of forgiveness, are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The *Acts of the Apostles* describes how the Holy Spirit empowered the early Christians to bear witness to Christ by their sharing love and strong faith. This “anointing by the Holy Spirit” also strengthened the early Christian martyrs during the period of brutal persecution that followed. Today’s Scripture readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

How beautiful is the thought that the Holy Spirit lives within us! Saint Paul reminds the Corinthian community of this fact when he asks, “*Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?*” (1 Cor 3:16). It is the Holy Spirit who develops our intimacy with God. “*God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, ‘Abba’(Father).*” (Gal. 4:6). “*God’s love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*” (Rom 5:5). “*No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.*” (1 Cor 12:3). Moreover, we know that it is the Holy Spirit who teaches us to pray (Rom. 8:26). By the power of the Spirit, we also know the Lord Jesus through his Church. It is the Holy Spirit who enlivens, enlightens, guides, and sanctifies the Church.

We know Jesus through the Sacramental Mysteries of the Church, and the Holy Spirit is at the heart of the sacramental life of the Church. Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders are the Sacramental Mysteries through which people receive the seal of the Holy Spirit. It would be impossible for us to receive Jesus in the Eucharist without the descent of the Holy Spirit at the Epiclesis of the Divine Liturgy.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS—May 31 –June 6, 2020

**5/31 Pentecost Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11\*Ps 104:1,24,29-30,31,34\*1  
Cor 12:3-7,12-13\*Jn 20:19-23. **6/1 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church:** Gn 3:9-15,20 or Acts 1:12-14\*Ps 87:1-2,3,5,6-7\*Jn 19:25-34. **6/2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time):** 2 Pt 3:12-15,17-18\*Ps 90:2,3-4,10,14,16\*Mk 12:13-17. **6/3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions:** 2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12\*Ps 123:1-2,2\*Mk 12:18-27. **6/4:** 2 Tm 2:8-15\*Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10,14\*Mk 12:28-34. **6/5 St. Boniface:** 2 Tm 3:10-17\*Ps 119:157,160,161,165,166,168\*Mk 12:35-37. **6/6 St. Norbert:** 2 Tm 4:8-18\*Ps 71:8-9,14-15,16-17,22\*Mk 12:38-44.



## 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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Even the forgiveness of sins, comes through the Holy Spirit (Jn 20:21-23). The Holy Spirit both confirmed the apostles in Holy Orders as priests and empowered them to forgive sins by His power, a work which He continues today in each of our priests. **Ordination:** Good news is that seven men will be ordained priests on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please keep them in your prayers.

Archbishop Hebda gave permission to the parishes which are ready for a partial re-opening on May 27<sup>th</sup> and at 25% in accord with the Directives. Archbishop’s letter on May 23<sup>rd</sup> says, “I need to make something clear about the return to Mass. The bishops of Minnesota have repeatedly told our pastors and parishes that they should only return to public Mass when they are able and willing to follow the many protocols that have been put in place – including sanitization and a few changes to the liturgy, particularly regarding the reception of Holy Communion. If a parish is not confident they are ready, they should not open. Period. And if the faithful feel safer at home, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days continues to be dispensed. Reflecting the current CDC guidance, we also strongly encourage those who are over the age of 65 or who are especially vulnerable to not attend.”

The JMT has been meeting for the last couple of weeks working through these processes.

We need ushers and volunteers for sanitizing the church for each Mass. We will let you know when we can open church for Masses. Thank you for your patience, flexibility and cooperation.

May the Holy Spirit rekindle in us the spirit of new life and the fire of God’s love.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI



**Every Thursday  
Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00 a.m. until 5:00 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. As plans are finalized, we will be posting them on our websites and facebook pages. Please check there for the latest updates.

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

**Adoration:**

Thanks be to God! On Thursday, May 28th, the Church of the Ascension will open its doors for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and pray and rest in the love of Jesus! Pray for our parish, for Fr. Abraham, and for all of us to be able to gather soon to worship together at the most beautiful Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Adoration hours will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Adoration at the church will then continue each Thursday at these hours.

## Please note:

- Those who are 65 years old and over, as well as those with underlying health conditions, are encouraged to stay home and pray from there, knowing in their hearts that Jesus loves them, that He hears their prayers, and that He is always with them.
- Please wear a mask while in the church to decrease the spread of germs.
- Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available for use.
- After an adorer leaves his/her pew, the pew will be sanitized by someone who will be monitoring the church at all times.
- The doors and windows will be kept open – please bring a jacket if needed.
- A limited number of adorers will be allowed in the church at one time.
- Restrooms will not be available for use.
- No admittance will be allowed to the social hall/basement area.

If there are questions, please call Tamara at 612-790-5720.

**MinisTree cards**

There are new MinisTree cards in the church entry. If you have been assisting others in any way during the past few months, please complete a card. Remember the parish receives \$5. for each completed card. Thanks.

Ascension's Catholic United Financial Council



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

**Thank you** to Dan Worm and his brother Dale for sharing their talent installing the wood ceiling in the Infant of Prague Shrine. It looks very nice.

**Best wishes** to Bernard and Donna Meuleners who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 28th.

**Food Shelf**

Please remember the local Food Shelf as we return to church.

They will take any donations, but there is a specific need for crackers and boxed or instant potatoes.  
Thank You!

**Today is Pentecost Sunday:** Add the Sequence as part of your spiritual reading today. The Sequence is the Hymn *Veni, Sancte Spiritus, "Come, O Holy Spirit, Come"*

**Class of St. Anthony**  
**Feeling lost? Find yourself in God's plan of sheer goodness!**

This fall, the **Catechetical Institute** will offer the two-year Pillars Program in two different locations. Classes will be held at **The Saint Paul Seminary on Monday evenings**, and at the **Church of St. Andrew in Elk River on Tuesday evenings**. Module I will be available Livestream. **Students can decide late August if they would like to take Module I in person or online.**

Applications are now being accepted through August 15, 2020. For more information & an Application: [www.cistudent.com/2020/application](http://www.cistudent.com/2020/application).

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus. *We pray to the Lord.*

*(Holy Father's Intention for the month of June)*

May the Holy Spirit strengthen God's people to embrace and protect the precious gift of human life; *We pray to the Lord*

"God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD  
STEWARSHIP OF TIME  
June 1 through June 7, 2020**

**SERVERS:**

**Sat. 8:00pm** Jim Hoen  
**Sun. 10:00am.** Tom Meuleners & Dan Worm

**LECTORS:**

**Sat. 8:00 pm.** Julie Kleindl  
**Sun. 10:00 am** Greg Wickenhauser

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:**

**Sat. 8:00pm** Margaret Wickenhauser  
**Sun. 10:00am** Mary Sue Thaemert

**GREETERS:**

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

**USHERS**

**Sat. 8:00pm** Ralph Laumann & Brent Buesgens  
**Sun. 10:00am** Vern Elke & Bob Symanitz

**CHURCH CLEAN:** Sarah Hammers

**NARTHEX CLEANING:** Sarah Hammers

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat. May 30</b>	<b>8:00pm.</b>	†Art Hilgers
<b>Sun. May 31</b>	<b>10:00am.</b>	†Gilbert Rademacher & All Parishioners
<b>Mon. June 1</b>		No Mass
<b>Tues. June 2</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	Mass at Ascension
<b>Wed. June 3</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	†Adrian Wickenhauser
<b>Thurs. June 4</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	†Hilbert & Euella Knauer
<b>Fri. June 5</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	Mass at Ascension
<b>Sat. June 6</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	†Dennis Wickenhauser & All Parishioners
<b>Sun. June 7</b>	<b>10:00am.</b>	†George, Ethel & Richard Worm

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Budget for week	3,148.60
<b>Contributions 05-20 through 05-26-2020</b>	<b>3,469.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	175,309.67
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	<b>3,207.27</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	305.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>305.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>22,004.10</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 ext.241, or visit [www.st-bernard-cologne.org](http://www.st-bernard-cologne.org)

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION****STEWARSHIP OF TIME****June 1 through June 7****SERVERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Bennet Molva, Mason Miller  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Paul Prososky, Don Whitaker

**READERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Ann Dettmann  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Brian Willems

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Jean Schmitz  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Pat Clark

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND****June 7th 8:00 am**

**Team A:** Sue and Rich Tellers  
**Team B:** Tim and Rita Fahey

**USHERS FOR JUNE:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Steve Schrupp, Volunteer  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Matt Smith, Florian Schindler

**SACRISTAN:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Julie Gesinger  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Brian Willems

**GREETERS:**

**Sat. 5:00 pm:** Colleen & David Donnay  
**Sun. 8:00 am:** Sue Schultz

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>June 1</b>	No Mass
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>June 2</b>	6:15 pm Leo Braunwarth †
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>June 3</b>	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>June 4</b>	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>June 5</b>	7:15 am Greg Boyle †
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>June 6</b>	5:00 pm All Parishioners
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>June 7</b>	8:00 am Merlin Dwire †

**May 24, 2020**

Weekly Budget	\$3,379.81
Contributions	\$3,200.00
E-Giving	\$735.00
Weekly Budget YTD	\$158,851.07
Actual Collection YTD	\$143,135.64
Total Collection Over (Under) YTD	\$(15,715.43)
Capital Improvement –offering	\$110.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving	\$150.00
Capital Improvement Year-to-date	\$14,299.00