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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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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*). Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast. It was Pope Urban IV who extended the feast to the universal Church.

Our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the promise of Christ to give his Body and Blood as our spiritual food and drink. It is found in the Gospels. Eucharistic theologians explain the real presence by a process called transubstantiation: the entire “substance” of bread and wine is changed into the glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the accidents, “taste, color, shape etc.” of bread and wine. Vatican II states as a sacrifice, “the Holy Eucharist is the center and culmination of Christian life.”

Jesus says, “*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever*” (Jn 6:51). On this feast of *Corpus Christi*, we reflect on this promise of Christ to “live forever.” Does this mean that if we receive communion once in our lifetime we’re guaranteed eternal life? Does it mean that the more often we receive communion, the better our chances of getting to heaven? Probably neither of these extremes is what Jesus meant when he said that whoever “eats this bread” (receives communion) will live forever. It is possible to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis and still not have a deep, Eucharistic faith and life. On the other hand, someone who cannot receive the Eucharist like a catechumen or candidate preparing to be received into the Church, or someone in an irregular marriage situation, or a child before his or her First Communion, could have a strong faith in the Eucharist. The mere act of “eating this bread” does not magically create a deep Eucharistic faith and life. The key to what Jesus meant is a few verses later in today’s passage, where Jesus says, “*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*” (Jn 6:56).

The act of receiving Holy Communion is meant to foster the abiding presence of the Lord in our soul and in our heart. The Eucharist is the Lord’s dying gift to us. We receive His Body, His Blood, His humanity and Divinity. We celebrate the Living Memory of Jesus Christ. We speak to Him within ourselves. And He speaks to us, calling us to unite our pains to His Cross, strengthening us with the Living Food for the Journey of our Lives.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—June 14 –June 20, 2020

6/14 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Dt 8:2-3, 14-16*Ps 147:12-13,14-15,19-20*1 Cor 10:16-17*Jn 6:51-58. **6/15:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16*Ps 5:2-3,4-6,6-7*Mt 5:38-42 **6/16:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29*Ps 51:3-4,5-6,11,16*Mt 5:43-48. **6/17:** 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14*Ps 31:20,21,24*Mt 6:1-6,16-18. **6/18:** Sir 48:1-14*Ps 97:1-2,3-4,-5-6,7*Mt 6:7-15. **6/19 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:** Dt 7:6-11*Ps 103:1-2,3-4,8,10*1 Jn 4:7-16*Mt 11:25-30. **6/20 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** 2 Chr 24:17-25*Ps 89:4-5,29-30,31-32,33-34*Lk 2:41-51.



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.

Thurs. June 25 Noon: Early bulletin deadline. All bulletin announcements for the July 5th bulletin must be in by noon.

All other events cancelled until further notice.

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The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to renew and deepen our faith in the Eucharist. When our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is strong, then our desire to participate at Mass and to receive communion often is strong. Eucharistic devotions are meant to deepen our love for Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist. A deeper love for Christ in the Eucharist always leads to a deeper love for our family and our neighbor.

I am glad to celebrate Mass with the community again after a while, especially on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Welcome back. I am sure, you are excited. You have already received a letter and the guidelines: “what to expect when Masses resumes” from the parish leadership. We are not yet free from COVID-19. You are requested to follow all the guidelines when you come to the church. I am so grateful to the JMT, the Finance Councils, all the volunteers and all who are willing to help for the reopening of the parishes.

The Holy Communion and Eucharistic adoration strengthen our unity, mutual love, and spiritual and physical health. Let us receive Holy Communion with fervent devotion, love and respect.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI



Every Thursday
Eucharistic Adoration
8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Return to the Sacrament of the Mass!!

We will be opening the church for the celebration of Mass starting on Saturday June 13th. The schedule will be as follows:

Sat. 5:00pm at Ascension

Sun. 10:00am at St. Bernard

Daily Masses will be as follows:

Tues. 6:15pm at Ascension

Wed. 8am at St. Bernard

Thurs. 8am at St. Bernard

Fri. **6:15pm** at Ascension (moved to the evening)

Please remember, the dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance is still in effect. And, in order for us to be in compliance with the CDC and Archdiocesan requirements to maintain safety for all - clergy, staff/volunteers and parishioners:

The church will be sanitized after each Mass.

Those over 65 or with a pre-existing condition are asked to not risk exposure by coming out to Mass. Please continue to watch your favorite streaming service(s) on-line or on TV.

Face masks will be required. Please bring one with you.

Hand sanitizer will be available at the church entrance and will be used prior to communion. Please bring your own if you have some.

Seating capacity is limited to 25% and social distancing of 6 ft. around each family group is required. Ushers will be escorting and seating family groups to best utilize the limited space.

Doors and windows will be kept open. Please bring a jacket.

Restrooms will not be available for use.

Several other changes with regards to minimizing the spread of the virus have been made so we can open up for Masses. Some may seem extreme but are required in order for us to open.

Because of the limited seating, we are asking you to sign up for one of the weekly Masses. Please go to your parish's website and sign up there.

Welcome Back and may the Peace of Jesus be with you!

Pray for COVID-19 Anointing Corps, Patients, Families and Medical Support Teams

Parishioners across the Archdiocese are invited to prayerfully support those who are suffering most intensely, usually in sterile isolation, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Text archspm-anointing to 55321 or visit eva.us/archspm-anointing to receive a text each time a COVID-19 Anointing Corps Priest is dispatched to give the Last Rites. Upon receipt of the text, those in this ministry commit to take a moment to pray:

—One Our Father for the patient who is in danger of death, as they prepare to meet our Heavenly Father face-to-face;

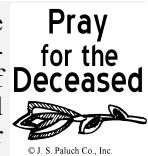
—One Hail Mary for the patient's family and friends, asking the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, to intercede to comfort them; and

—One Glory Be in thanksgiving for the priest and for his protection, as well as the medical team attending to the patient.

For more ways to pray for those affected by COVID-19, visit archspm.org/covid19prayers.



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



Your Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Jane Widmer**, who passed away on Tuesday, June 2nd. And **Delora Meuleners**, mother of Laurie Widmer, who passed June 7th. Her funeral was on Friday, June 12th. Please also pray for their families.

May they rest in peace and may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Food Shelf: Please remember the local Food Shelf as we return to church this weekend. They will take any donations, but there is a specific need for crackers and boxed or instant potatoes. Thank You!

Spiritual Resources!

Catholic churches and publishers are being very generous at this time, offering free resources to people at home to nourish them and their children.

TV

— *Diocese of St. Cloud: Sundays, 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45*

— *Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sundays, 11:30 AM. on Fox 9+*

— *Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sunday, Noon on Fox 9+ (Dish/Direct 29, Comcast 10/807; Over Air 9.2)*

— *EWTN: 7:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM and Rosary 6:30 AM, after the 7:00 am Mass and at 8:30 PM*

Radio

— *Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sundays at noon, and Sundays at 9 a.m.*

— *EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live*

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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 increased devotion to Jesus, hidden yet physically present in the Eucharist, deepen our care for unborn children, hidden beneath the hearts of their mothers; *We pray to the Lord.*

Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation”

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
STEWARSHIP OF TIME
June 22 through June 28
Please note this is a temporary schedule**

SERVERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Suspended until further notice
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

READERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: JMT Member
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: JMT Member
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Team A: Suspended until further notice
Team B: Suspended until further notice

USHERS FOR JUNE:

Sat. 5:00 pm: JMT Member
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

SACRISTAN:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Father Abraham
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

GREETERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: JMT Member
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	June 15	No Mass
Tues.	June 16	6:15 pm For Health Care Workers
Wed.	June 17	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
Thurs.	June 18	8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard
Fri.	June 19	6:15 pm For Covid-19 Victims
Sat.	June 20	5:00 pm All Parishioners & Susan Knott †
Sun.	June 21	8:00 am No Mass

**Weekly Collection Report
Totals for 06/7/2020**

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$3,379.81
Contributions:	\$540.00
E-Giving:	\$240.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	\$165,610.69
Actual Collection YTD:	\$146,920.64
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	(\$18,690.05)
Capital Improvement Offering:	\$120.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	\$25.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$14,559.00