

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

ST. BERNARD CHURCH



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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

By appointment with Father.
Call 952-856-1050

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

MASS SCHEDULE

Ascension-Weekend-Saturday 5:00pm.
Tuesday & Friday 6:15 pm.

St. Bernard-Weekend-Sunday 10:00am.
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am.

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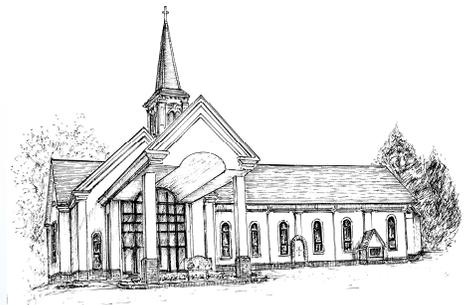
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 26, 2020

The Lord is Our Treasure

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are facing many challenges these days. The COVID-19 pandemic experience has changed us and continues to impact our daily life. Our lives have been turned upside down and we have been asked to change how we approach even our most routine of tasks. Many people have been forced to separate themselves from others who are dying, gravely ill or feeling the pain of isolation. Our current journey through this pandemic force each of us to stop and consider what is really important. It is the perfect time to bring our relationship with God first and realize that God and his kingdom are all that really matter. The kingdom of God is the one thing in the midst of all the changing things of life that remains constant and firm.

For the past two Sundays we have been reflecting on the parables of the kingdom of God. In this Sunday gospel we have the third and final set of readings centered on the parables of the kingdom. (Mt. 13:44-52) We are again presented today with three parables. In the *first parable* Jesus compares entering the kingdom to a man who **finds treasure in a field**. The man who finds treasure in a field sells everything he has in order to get ownership of the field. The idea obviously is that when one really discovers Jesus and his values of life everything else becomes secondary. This was St. Paul's experience: *"I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ."* (Philippians 3:8)

In this parable what does the treasure of the kingdom refer to? It certainly refers to the kingdom of God in all its values. But in a special way, the *Lord himself* is the treasure we seek for. 'If the Almighty himself shall be your gold and your sparkling silver, then you shall delight in the Almighty.' (Job 22:25 -26). To have a personal relationship with Christ and to have made his vision of life one's own is the most precious treasure in the world.

In the *second parable* the kingdom of God is compared to a merchant who **searches for fine pearls**. He uses all his energies to find it. When he finds it, he sells everything else he has in order to acquire it. It is in this context that we can take a look at the First Reading from the First Book of Kings. (3:5, 7-12) The young King Solomon is told by God, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' It is a question that Jesus is asking to you and me today. How am I going to answer? What do I most want to have or to be right now? What did Solomon ask for? *'Give your servant an understanding heart to distinguish between right and wrong; good and evil.'* (1Kings 3:9). In other words, he asked for wisdom and discernment. Wisdom gives an insight into what is truly important in life. It gives an awareness of the values, meaning and purpose of living, of what really matters. That is indeed a pearl of great price. The one who has wisdom knows how to cope with the situations of life whether they bring ease or difficulty, pain or joy.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—July 26–August 1, 2020

7/26 **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12*Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-130*Rom 8:28-30*Mt 13:4-52. 7/27: Jer 13:1-11*Dt 32:18-21*Mt 13:31-35. 7/28: Jer 14:17-22*Ps 79:8-9,11,113*Mt 13:36-43. 7/29 **St. Martha:** Jer 15:10,16-21*Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18*Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42. 7/30 **St. Peter Chryso-ologus:** Jer 18:1-6*Ps 146:1-6*Mt 13:47-53. 7/31 **St. Ignatius of Loyola:** Jer 26:1-9*Ps 69:8-10,14*Mt 13:54-58. 8/1 **St. Alphonsus Liguori:** Jer 26:11-16,24*Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34*Mt 14:1-12.



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' 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 other events cancelled until further notice.

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What can a parable of a **dragnet and a great catch of fish** tell us about God's kingdom? Just as a dragnet catches every kind of fish in the sea, so the Church acts as God's instrument for gathering in all who will come. Just as the dragnet does not or cannot discriminate, so the Church does not discriminate people as good and bad. *"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."* (Mark 2:17). The role of the Church is to accept them into her bosom *"the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame"* (Luke 14:21) and lead them to the treasure and the pearl of great price.

God offers the treasure of his kingdom to all who believe. God's kingdom is open to all who will accept and believe. But there will come a time of separation, a time of judgment. God, in the end, will give the good and the bad the reward they deserve. Right now, it is for us to use the time given to us to go in search of the treasure and the pearl of great price and to help others also in the same search. Today's gospel makes this important point: nothing in the world may take priority over God's kingdom and our pursuit of it. *"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."* (Mt.6:33).

I know many of you are not able to attend the Holy Mass with the community. But you are in my daily prayers and thoughts. You are welcome to receive the Holy Communion on Tuesdays after 6:15 pm Mass at Ascension and on Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass at St. Bernard. Holy Communion can be brought to the homebound by the Eucharistic Ministers. The Confession will be heard by appointment. Thank you for your prayerful financial support for the parish.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

Church of the Ascension Norwood Young America, MN



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

Mass Times

The Mass schedule going forward will be as follows:

Ascension: Saturday at 5:00 pm; Tues. and Fri. at 6:15 pm
Communion for those over 65 or with health concerns
on Tues at 6:45pm

St. Bernard: Sunday at 10:00 am; Wed. and Thurs. at
8:00 am

Communion for those over 65 or with health concerns
on Wed at 8:30am

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. If you don't have internet access,
call the parish office for assistance signing up.

Welcome Cullen David McCrea!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member
of the Church of the Ascension who was baptized on July
18, 2020. Cullen is the son of Dale and Angela McCrea.
Many blessings to Cullen and his family.

Parish Finances

Now that June is over, we will be preparing the Financial
Statements for the fiscal year that ended on June 30th. Pre-
liminary reports are showing that both parishes ended the
year on a positive note. Once the reports are completed we
will be sending out a letter here in the next 3 weeks or so.

Thank you all for your on-going support of our parishes
during this trying time that we are currently going through.
We do still need to 'keep the lights on' even though the dis-
pensation for Sunday Mass is still in place. Please drop you
contribution in the Collection Box at each parish when you
come to one of the Masses or you can continue to drop your
contribution in the mail. Either way is greatly appreciated.
Again, thank you and raise up those prayers for Jesus to
keep us all safe and healthy.

St. Paul Outreach – Opportunity for College Freshmen

Will you be a college freshman? Meet new friends before
you even arrive on campus. As you prepare to move on to
your next phase of life, don't leave your faith behind. Your
college campus experience may look a bit different this fall.
SPO would like to help you prepare for your first year by
offering a networking opportunity with other Catholic stu-
dents on your campus. By filling out this form we'll be able
to place you into a group of other young men or women who
also are looking for college to be everything it's meant to be.
If you are someone who doesn't want to put life on pause
this summer but make the most of preparing for the fall se-
mester, then we'd love to have you. Small groups are form-
ing now! Complete the online form to be connected with
other faith-filled young adults or email info@spo.org. For
more information on SPO, visit spo.org

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

Church of St. Bernard

Cologne, MN



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

Welcome Josephine Anne Monsen!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of
St. Bernard Church who was baptized on July 19, 2020. Jose-
phine is the daughter of Thomas and Jenna Monsen. Blessings
to Josephine and her family. Please say a prayer for them.

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

This fall, the Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pil-
lars 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. Mod-
ule I will be Livestreamed. Students can decide late August if
they would like to take Module I in person or online.

Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, such
as Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak,
Deacon Dan Gannon, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Todd Flanders,
Christina Smith, Liz Kelly, and more, the CI: Pillars Program
follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic
Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your
faith, and layout the roadmap to heaven. Applications are now
being accepted through August 15, 2020, for the class begin-
ning in September. For more information and an application,
visit semssp.org/ci or call (651) 962-5072.

**Make plans for a fall get-away with the one you love
before your calendar fills up!!**

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend
away from life's distractions that allows a husband and
wife to focus on each other. The next available Week-
ends are Oct 9-11, 2020 in Buffalo, MN and Sep 25-27,
2020 in WINDOM, MN. Early registration is highly recom-
mended. For more information visit our website
at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy
at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

For all those nearing death: That their faith will grow ever
stronger, as they prepare in hope to share eternal life with
Christ; *We pray to the Lord:*

“Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can
face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for
eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our
daily lives and decisions.” Read more at [www.respectlife.org/
end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations).

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

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARDSHIP OF TIME
July 27 through August 2, 2020**

SERVERS:

Sat. 8:00pm No Mass
Sun. 10:00am. Suspended until further notice

LECTORS:

Sat. 8:00 pm. No Mass
Sun. 10:00 am JMT member

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

Sat. 8:00pm No Mass
Sun. 10:00am JMT member

GREETERS:

Saturday 8:00pm No Mass
Sunday 10:00am JMT member

USHERS

Sat. 8:00pm No Mass
Sun. 10:00am JMT member

CHURCH CLEAN: Sharon Willems &
Donna Cebulla

NARTHEX CLEANING: Kooiman, Storms &
Hammers

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. July 25 8:00pm. No Mass
Sun. July 26 10:00am. †Robert G. Fritz &
All Parishioners
Mon. July 27 No Mass
Tues. July 28 6:15pm Mass at Ascension
Wed. July 29 8:00am †Dennis Wickenhauser
Thurs. July 30 8:00am †Special Inetntion R.R.
Fri. July 31 6:15pm Mass at Ascension
Sat. Aug. 1 8:00 pm No Mass
Sun. Aug. 2 10:00am. †Paul Wickenhauser,
†Clarence & †Muriel Wickenhauser &
All Parishioners

Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,349.33
Contributions 07-15 through 07-21-2020	2,696.17
Total Actual Collection YTD	7,174.09
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	(2,873.39)
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	465.00
Electronic Donations	453.42
Forward in Faith Total	918.42
Forward in Faith YTD	1,408.92

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, or visit www.st-bernard-cologne.org

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
STEWARSHIP OF TIME**

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Team A:

Team B:

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.	July 27		No Mass
Tues.	July 28	6:15 pm	For the Unborn
Wed.	July 29	8:00 am	Mass at St. Bernard
Thurs.	July 30	8:00 am	Mass at St. Bernard
Fri.	July 31	6:15 pm	For the Dying
Sat.	Aug. 1	5:00 pm	Rose Marie Busch & All Parishioners
Sun.	Aug. 2	8:00 am	No Mass

Weekly Collection Report

Totals for 07/19/2020

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$3,115.38
Contributions:	\$1,361.00
E-Giving:	\$240.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	\$9,346.14
Actual Collection YTD:	\$7,790.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	(\$1,556.14)
Capital Improvement Offering:	\$70.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	\$25.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$190.00