Holy Communion option for those over 65

Some people over age 65 have been asking if there is a way to receive Holy Communion if they do not feel comfortable attending Mass at church. In order to facilitate this we are offering the following:

For Ascension – After the 6:15 pm Mass on Tuesday evening, so approx. 6:45 pm. Father will distribute Communion in the church entry.

For St. Bernard – After the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday morning, so approx. 8:30 am. Father will distribute Communion in the narthex.

When you arrive at church please wait outside until you are ushered to come and receive the Eucharist from Father. Remember social distancing both inside and outside.

Wear a mask. (Not provided)

Hand sanitizer will be available to use prior to Communion.

After you receive the host, step aside, remove your mask, consume the host, put mask back on, and leave.

Restrooms will not be available for use.

Before receiving the Holy Eucharist you could privately pray an Act of Contrition or the Our Father or other prayer of your choice in your vehicle.

This will start July 7th at Ascension and July 8th at St. Bernard.

<u>For those who are homebound</u> (not able to leave their home - <u>not</u> including Peace Villa, the Harbor or the Haven).

The Archdiocesan Office of Worship has informed us that now that some restrictions are being lifted, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can bring the Eucharist to the homebound with some restrictions.

If you are unable to come to the church building, Holy Communion can be brought to you at your home by a Homebound Eucharistic Minister. EMHC are asked to distribute outside and not enter the home.

Ascension parishioners please call Sue Tellers at 612-247-6881 St. Bernard parishioners please call Barb Knorr at 952-466-2447

Reminder: The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance is still in effect. Opportunities for Mass can be viewed on TV or heard on the radio. See the bulletin for Spiritual Resources.

It has been a long time - Welcome Back - May the Peace of Jesus be with you!



St. Bernard Matching Grant 2020

COVID-19 OPTION

During the COVID - 19 pandemic we are advised not to have our annual rummage / bake sale or any social gathering.

Catholic United Financial is providing us with an incentive to encourage "new online" recurring donations to our parish.

Catholic United Financial is matching up to \$1,000 for setting up recurring online gifts.

This is a convenient and easy manner in which to support St. Bernard parish and help our local council to earn our matching grant during this uncertain time.

Are you interested? If so, to start your recurring donation, please call the parish office at 952-466-2031

Or visit www.st-bernard-cologne.org

On behalf of your local council, we thank you for your consideration and kindness.