

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The word Epiphany means *manifestation or appearance*. Epiphany refers to God's Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son. On this feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate that God's glory has been revealed to all the nations, and not just the chosen people of Israel.

The Gospel (Matthew. 2: 1-12) today is the story of the Magi from the East. The Magi are popularly referred to as wise men and kings. According to the tradition, their names were Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior. The Magi may actually have been Persian priests or Babylonian astronomers. However, they were pictured as representatives of different nationality, culture and races. They offered three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. All three gifts are ordinary offerings and gifts given to a king. The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: *gold* as a symbol of *kingship of Jesus*, *frankincense* as a symbol of *priesthood*, and *myrrh* as a symbol of salvation through the suffering and *death of Jesus*.

St. Paul puts it so nicely. God had a plan, formed before all ages. And that plan is now revealed in Christ Jesus, the Gentiles, people from other religious and cultural backgrounds and nations, are now *co-heirs* with the Chosen people of Israel, members of one and the same body and sharers in the promise of God, through the proclamation of the good news. (Ephesians 3: 2-6)

Today's gospel also tells us the story of the magi's encounter with the King Herod. This encounter symbolizes three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration. The first group headed by Herod plans to *destroy Jesus*. King Herod considered Jesus a potential threat to his kingship. Later, the Scribes and Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus because he criticized them and tried to reform some of their practices. Today, many oppose Christ and his Church because of their selfish motives, evil ways and unjust lives.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—Jan. 3, Jan. 9, 2021

1/3 The Epiphany of the Lord: Is 60:1-6*Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13*Eph 3:2-3a,5-6*Mt 2:1-12. **1/4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6*Ps 2:7-8,10-12*Mt 4:12-17,23-25. **1/5 St. John Neumann:** 1 Jn 4:7-10*Ps 72:1-4,7-8*Mk 6:34-44. **1/6 St. Andre' Bessette:** 1 Jn 4:11-18*Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13*Mk 6:45-52. **1/7 St. Raymond of Peñafort:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4*Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17*Lk 4:14-22a. **1/8:** 1 Jn 5:5-13*Ps 147:12-15,19-20*Lk 5:12-16. **1/9:** 1 Jn 5:14-21*Ps 149:1-6,9,*Jn 3:22-30.



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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The second group composed of priests and scribes, who *ignore Jesus*. The Scribes, Pharisees and the Jewish priests knew that there were nearly 500 prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures concerning the promised Messiah. They were able to tell the exact time and place of Jesus' birth. Unfortunately, they were more interested in their own selfish gains than in search of the truth. Hence, they refused to go and see the child Jesus, even though Bethlehem was quite close to Jerusalem.

The members of a third group are shepherds and the Magi who *adore Jesus* and offer themselves to Him. The shepherds offered the gifts they had: love, tears of joy, and probably woolen clothes and milk from their sheep. The Magi offered gold, frankincense and myrrh in recognition of Jesus as the king, priest and savior.

Let us make sure that we belong to the third group by worshipping Jesus at the holy Mass with the gold of our love, the frankincense of our adoration and the myrrh of our humility. Let us offer ourselves, promising God that we will use His blessings by doing good to our fellow human beings.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

Church of the Ascension

Norwood Young America, MN



Every Tuesday & Friday
Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 p.m. until 6:00 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 Masses. Please go to ascensionnya.org or st-bernard-cologne.org and sign up there. If you don't have internet access, call the parish office for assistance.

Please call Father to schedule individual confessions.

Parish Leadership Openings - Can you help?

We have turned the page on 2020 and are at the beginning of a new year. 2020 definitely presented some unforeseen challenges. But now its "out with the old and in with the new". As you are looking at how this year can be different and better than last year, how do our parishes fit into your new plans? Will you have a little more time this year than last? Please consider serving on one of the leadership committees of your parish.

The Joint Leadership Team is the combined parish council for both parishes. This team is made up of 3 members from each parish and focuses on the pastoral directions of our parishes. Currently there is 1 opening for an Ascension team member. If you would like more information, please contact Father, any JMT member or the parish office.

Each parish has its own Finance Council that focuses on the financial aspects of the parish. Each council is made up of 4-5 members. Currently, Ascension has 1 opening on its Finance Council. And St. Bernard has 3 open positions on its council so it is necessary to add more. If you would like more information, please contact Father, any council member or the parish office.

Please take this opportunity to the Lord in prayer. Is He nudging you to offer your talents? It can be very rewarding knowing that you have had input in helping to keep our parishes strong and thriving. On the flip side, if no one steps up to the challenge, where does that leave us? Is it worth the expense of maintaining so many buildings just to have a place to have Mass? There are many other places we can go that are fairly close. So please give serious thought and prayer to how you can help fill one of these positions.

Church of St. Bernard

Cologne, MN



All Wednesday's of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration
2:00pm until 7:00pm.
Until further notice.

Spiritual Resources!

TV Diocese of St. Cloud: Sundays, 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45;—Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sun., 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.

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

EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live

Please pray the Rosary daily for our nation, our world, an end to Abortion and an end to the Coronavirus.

The following is a list of a few TV and Radio stations that air the Rosary.

TV EWTN: 6:30am, After the TV Mass at Approximately 8:00am.; 2:30pm.; 8:30pm.

Catholic TV Network: 2:00 am; 9:00am; 5:30pm Nu-
vera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21

Radio: Revelant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. "Family Ro-
sary across America"

FM Radio broadcast at St. Bernard

Due to the generous donation from a parishioner, St. Bernard's now has the capability to broadcast Masses into the parking lot around the church. Tune into **FM station 91.7** to listen to the Mass from your car. Holy Communion will be distributed via drive through under the entrance portico.

Faith and Culture Series

Four sessions, January 21 – February 9 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Event – Registration Required to Participate Live

Inspired by the thousands of participants at the Prayer and Listening Events, this series connects their stories to the story of the Church. Each virtual event includes a talk, testimonials, and a live panel discussion. Registration is required to participate live.

Dates and topics are listed below; all events begin at 7 p.m.

- Thursday, January 21: Sources of Catholic teaching (Scripture, tradition and magisterium)
- Thursday, January 28: The Church's teaching on sexual morality and the family
- Thursday, February 4: The Church's understanding on the dignity of women
- Tuesday, February 9: The priesthood (both baptized and ordained)

Register online to participate and submit your questions!

Zoom links will be sent to registrants prior to each event.

Word of Life—“Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“*The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary*”

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARSHIP OF TIME
January 4 through January 9, 2021**

SERVERS:

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

LECTORS:

Sat. 8:00 pm. No Mass
Sun. 10:00 am Volunteers Welcome

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

Sat. 8:00pm No Mass
Sun. 10:00am Fr. Abraham

GREETERS:

Saturday 8:00pm No Mass
Sunday 10:00am Volunteers Welcome

USHERS

Sat. 8:00pm No Mass
Sun. 10:00am Volunteers Welcome

CHURCH CLEAN: Sarah Hammers

NARTHEX CLEANING: Hammers

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan. 2 8:00pm. No Mass
Sun. Jan. 3 10:00am. †Adrian Wickenhauser,
Rita Peters & All Parishioners
Mon. Jan. 4 No Mass
Tues. Jan. 5 6:15pm Mass at Ascension
Wed. Jan. 6 8:00am †John & Elizabeth Knauer
Thurs. Jan. 7 8:00am †Pamela Stelten
Fri. Jan. 8 6:15pm Mass at Ascension
Sat. Jan. 9 8:00 pm No Mass
Sun. Jan. 10 10:00am. †Paul Wickenhauser,
†Leonard Hoen Sr. & All Parishioners

Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	4,205.71
Contributions 12-16 through 12-22-2020	4,976.72
Total Actual Collection YTD	80,882.97
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	(3,033.19)

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income	260.00
Electronic Donations	553.42
Forward in Faith Total	818.42
Forward in Faith YTD	11,402.52
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection	240.00

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: Volunteers Welcome
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Volunteers Welcome
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Team A:

Team B:

USHERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Volunteers Welcome
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

SACRISTAN:

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

GREETERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Volunteers Welcome
Sun. 8:00 am: No Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Jan. 4	No Mass
Tues.	Jan. 5	For Pope Francis
Wed.	Jan. 6	Mass at St. Bernard
Thurs.	Jan. 7	Mass at St. Bernard
Fri.	Jan. 8	For all Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	Jan. 9	All Parishioners
Sun.	Jan. 10	No Mass

**Weekly Collection Report
Totals for 12/20/2020**

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$3,115.38
Contributions:	\$6,365.95
E-Giving:	\$130.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	\$77,884.50
Actual Collection YTD:	\$68,043.95
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	(\$9,840.55)
Capital Improvement Offering:	\$455.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	\$20.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$4,585.00