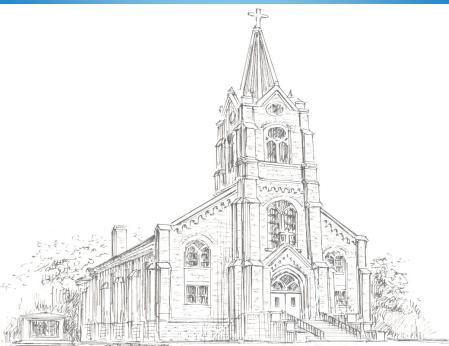


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ST. BERNARD CHURCH



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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 2021

"This is my Beloved Son. Listen to Him."

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Transfiguration of Jesus is both proof of Jesus' divinity and a preparation of the apostles for the coming trial of their faith when they would witness the death of Jesus. It is also appropriate to see it as a vivid demonstration of what Lent is supposed to do for us, namely, transform us more and more into Christ, and make us new creatures through our sharing in Christ's death and resurrection. But the combination of this gospel with the sacrifice of Abraham places it into a new light, and St. Paul in his letter to the Romans puts the meaning in specific terms.

Abraham is surely one of the most remarkable and admirable persons in the scripture. God asks Abraham to offer in sacrifice his beloved son Isaac. God had promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations, that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky or as the sands by the seashore. And it is now that same God who makes this demand! That is part of Abraham's agony.

Even though Abraham does not understand, he still is ready to carry out God's command. He does not rebel. This is given as an example of his great faith and total trust in God. God's promises will be honored even though it is not clear how. Of course, we know that at the moment Abraham raised the knife to kill his son on the altar of sacrifice, God told him to stop. Abraham had proved his faith and confidence in God and Isaac did indeed live to continue on Abraham's line to countless generations.

Great is this story. But it is not the whole story and meaning for us today. For that we go to the gospel. Jesus climbed the mountain of the Transfiguration with his three disciples. Jesus was transfigured before them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying: "*This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!*" It is good for us to remember that the Transfiguration takes place shortly before Jesus' passion and death. The disciples were given a gift of an understanding of how God was going to accomplish the salvation of His people.

There is a clear parallel between Isaac and Jesus. Both are the well-beloved and only sons of their fathers. Both carry the wood on which they are to be slain. Both are innocent. Both are willing to die freely, out of love. What we can only try to imagine is the anguish that rends the hearts of the fathers at the prospect of seeing their sons sacrificed. Parents who lose a child through death have some idea of the feeling of Abraham and the Father almighty.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—Feb. 28–Mar. 6, 2021

2/28 Second Sunday of Lent: Gn 22:1-2,98a-13,15-18*Ps 16:10,15-19*Rom 8:31b-34*Mk 9:2-10. **3/1 Lenten Weekday:** Dn 9:4b-10*Ps 79:8-98,11,13*Lk 6:36-38. **3/2 Lenten Weekday:** Is 1:10,16-20*Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23*Mt 23:1-12. **3/3 St. Katherine Drexel:** Jer 18:18-20*Ps 31:5-6,14-16*Mt 20:17-28. **3/4 St. Casimir:** Jer 17:5-10*Ps 1:1-4,6*Lk 16:19-31. **3/5 Lenten Weekday:** Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a*Ps 105:16-21*Mt 21:33-43,45-46. **3/6 Lenten Weekday:** Mi 7:14-15,18-20*Ps 103:1-4,9-12*Lk 15:1-3,11-32.



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 weekend Mass announcements must be in to the bulletin e-mail address or a paper copy in the Parish office at St. Bernard.

PLEASE NOTE: EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:
Thursday, March 18th for the March 28th bulletin copy.
Thursday, March 25th for the April 4th bulletin copy.

All events cancelled until further notice.

>>>>> (*Continued from the column on the left*)
We have many challenges and problems in our lives. Many times, we have mountains that seem greater than we can conquer. We don't have the answers for all the problems of our lives and of the world. We are called upon simply to trust in God and to have faith. We know that God is with us. He always provides for us as long as we have faith in him.

As St. Paul tells the Romans in the Second Reading, "*If God is for us, who can be against us?*" And the proof that God is on our side is the fact that "*he did not spare his own Son*". We are then continually the beneficiaries of God's love in our lives. It is easy to see that in good times, but it is equally important to realize that it is true even in bad times. Even in the very worst of experiences - a terrible and painful sickness, great mental suffering, disappointment, rejection, failure - God's love is there, just as it was in the awful moments of agony of Jesus on the Cross.

This was the lesson that the disciples were asked to learn on that day of the Transfiguration. They were told to listen to Jesus and learn how God's love was working in and through Jesus even at that moment when he was left totally without dignity and in the depths of hopelessness. It was a lesson that they would learn in time and they would boldly follow in his footsteps and give their own lives in the service of the Gospel and the Kingdom.

It is for us too, to listen to Jesus and to ask for the kind of faith and trust that Abraham had, that everything, which happens to us, is ultimately for the greater glory of God and our wellbeing and happiness.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

**Mass Times
Until further notice:**

Ascension: Saturday at 5:00 pm;
St. Bernard: Sunday at 10:00 am;
FM broadcast to parking lot – FM station 91.7 -
Communion under portico.

All daily Masses are cancelled until further notice.
Please see the Lenten Schedule below for exceptions.

Please sign up for Mass attendance at ascensionnya.org or st-bernard-cologne.org. If you do not have internet access, please call the parish office for assistance.

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Lenten Services Schedule

Tuesday Masses at Ascension:

6:15pm on Feb 23rd, March 9th and 16th only

Communion Service at St. Bernard:

Wednesday 8am, Feb 17th thru March 17th.

At Ascension after Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

Stations of the Cross :

Ascension: Friday 6:15pm, Feb 19th thru Mar 26th

St. Bernard: Friday 6:00pm, Feb 19th thru Mar 26th

Combined Reconciliation Service at St. Bernard:

from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on March 10th

(3 priests available)

Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass at Ascension

Good Friday Liturgy: 7:00pm at St. Bernard

Easter Vigil Mass: 7:00pm at St. Bernard

Easter Sunday Masses:

8:00am at Ascension and 10:00am at St Bernard

Sorry to disappoint everyone but the **KC Fish Fry** normally held the first Friday of March will be cancelled this year.

Cuppa Joe: 10 Talks on the 10 Wonders of Saint Joseph

Date(s): First Tuesday of the month, March – December 2021

Time: Afternoon Coffee (4 p.m.)

Location: Virtual Talks Posted on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#) – and atarchsmp.org/stjoseph

More Information: To receive monthly videos and other Synod updates sign up at archspm.org/synod/updates/

Cuppa Joe is a series of 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, taking place at 10 locations in our archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks will premiere the first Tuesday of the month, March – December, at 4 p.m. – just in time for your afternoon coffee.

National Catholic Men's Conference:

Living in View of Eternity February 19-21, online

This conference will drill down into the practical lessons of living our vocation as Fathers, Husbands, Sons, and Disciples. Regardless of where you are in your life, we are going to give you a little something new that you've never thought of before. And it might just transform your life. Learn more and register at

<https://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/ncmc2021>

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 8 am for a Word and Communion service while Fr. Abraham is recovering from surgery. The service includes the daily readings, prayer, and Communion. We hope to see you there.

Weekly Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent at St Bernard on Fridays at 6:00 pm. Come and join us to reflect on Jesus's passion.

Catholic United Scholarships

Catholic United Financial Scholarship application period is open from March 1 — April 30 of each year. Any member (any age) studying for their first degree after high school can apply. Applicants must have been a member for at least 2 years by the application deadline and when the scholarship is awarded. **Awards of \$500 for attending a Catholic college or \$300 for an accredited non-Catholic school.** Applications are available at: www.catholicunitedfinancial.org

40 Days for Life Twin Cities Lent

February 17 – March 28, 2021 3:00 p.m. daily prayer hour.

Come out to pray anytime from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day.

A seven-day Jericho March will bring our campaign to a close. March 22 - 28th 3:00 p.m. each day.

We will march around Planned Parenthood in silence once a day for six days. On the seventh day, we will march around six times in silence and the seventh time making a lot of noise! Please join us; children are welcome!

Planned Parenthood

671 Vandalia St.

St. Paul, MN 55114.

Pro-Life Action Ministries invites all to join us in this international movement of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion.

Contact brian.walker@plam.org for more information.

*We ask all to keep prayer daily throughout the vigil. If you are unable to attend an in-person event, please pray from home! If you have health reasons for not attending, care for or are in contact with those with underlying health issues, or feel ill or "under the weather," please pray from home or from your vehicle. We encourage social distancing, face masks and other COVID-19 precautions, but at outdoor events there will be those who do not follow some recommendations.

Word of Life—“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARSHIP OF TIME, TALENT
& TREASURE
March 1 through March 7, 2021**

SERVERS: EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: & GREETERS: Suspended until further notice. Will resume when "Social Distancing" is no longer needed.
LECTORS & USHERS Please sign up on the website.



Eucharistic Adoration
Has been cancelled until April
Please watch the bulletin for further notice.

Spiritual Resources!

TV: Diocese of St. Cloud: Sun., 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45;—Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sun., 11:30 AM. on Fox 9+;—Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sun., 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 Sun. at noon, and at 9 a.m.

ETWN: 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 Nuvera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21

Radio: Relevant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. "Family Rosary across America"

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Feb. 27	8:00pm.	No Mass
Sun. Feb. 28	10:00am.	†Edward Tellers Family All Parishioners
Mon. Mar. 1		No Mass
Tues. Mar. 2		No Mass
Wed. Mar. 3		No Mass
Thurs. Mar. 4		No Mass
Fri. Mar. 5		No Mass
Sat. Mar. 6	8:00pm	No Mass
Sun. Mar. 7	10:00am.	†Paul Wickenhauser, †Allen Storms & All Parishioners

Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,059.33
Contributions 02-17 through 02-23-2021	3,564.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	129,481.77
YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget	6,683.43
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	25.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	125.00
Forward in Faith YTD	27,515.36

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, Talent and Generosity



Eucharistic Adoration
 Every Tuesday & Friday
 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Mass Ministry Schedule - Mar 1-7

Ministry	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Suspended until further notice
Servers		
Reader	JMT Member	
Eucharistic Ministers		
Ushers	JMT Member	
Greeters	JMT Member	
Homebound Ministers		

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Mar. 1	No Mass
Tues. Mar. 2 6:15 pm	No Mass
Wed. Mar. 3	No Mass
Thurs. Mar. 4	No Mass
Fri. Mar. 5 6:15 pm	No Mass
Sat. Mar. 6 5:00 pm	Don Bohlinger † Elmer Dawson †
Sun. Mar. 7 8:00 am	No Mass

Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 02/14/21

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,115.38
Contributions:	1,547.00
E-Giving:	270.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	105,922.92
Actual Collection YTD:	99,008.25
CUF-KC December Match:	7,500.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	585.33
Capital Improvement Offering:	00.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	6,700.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org

Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.

"...Let the Holy Spirit blow through the world so that it might be converted and that you might bring back to the Father His redeemed creation in its fulfillment. Amen."

— Adrienne von Speyr