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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

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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – MARCH 28, 2021

Invitation for Holy Week Celebrations of Liturgy

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The Mass on this day commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when people waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna." The procession with palms symbolizes the beginning of the spiritual journey into the Paschal Mystery that will unfold throughout Holy Week.

The word "triduum" comes from the Latin word meaning "three days," and includes the three most sacred days in the Church year. It begins with the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday evening.

On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate three important events: 1) the institution of the first Holy Mass, 2) the institution of ministerial priesthood, and 3) Jesus' new commandment of love: "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" The Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the Passover meal that Jesus shared in the Upper Room with the apostles on the night before he died. At the Last Supper, he washed the feet of his disciples to impress upon them the call to serve others. During the meal, Jesus also instituted the Eucharist by transforming bread and wine into His own body and blood. After the meal, Jesus went to Gethsemane where He suffered the agony in the garden and the betrayal of Judas.

The celebration of the Lord's Passion on **Good Friday** is a commemoration of the crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus. Because it is considered a continuation from the night before, the liturgy begins in silence. The service begins with the Liturgy of the Word. The second part of the liturgy is the veneration of the Cross, an ancient practice that allows each person to touch or kiss the instrument of torture that leads to salvation. The third part of the liturgy is a Communion service with hosts that were consecrated the night before. People leave the church in silence, but continue to keep a vigil with Jesus, who has entered the tomb and will rise on the third day.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—Mar. 28, -Apr. 3, 2021

3/28 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Mk 11:1-10 of Jn 12:12-16*Is 50:4-7*Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24*Phil 2:6-11*Mk 14:1—15:47. **3/29 Monday of Holy Week:** Is 42:1-7*Ps 27:1-3,13-14*Jn 12:1-11. **3/30 Tuesday of Holy Week:** Is 49:1-6*Ps 71:1-6,15,17*Jn 13:21-33,36-38. **3/31 Wednesday of Holy Week:** Is 50:4-9a*Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34*Mt 26:14-25. **4/1 Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday):** Ex 12:1-8,11-14*Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18*1 Cor 11:23-26*Jn 13:1-15. **4/2 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday):** Is 52:13—53:12*Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-16,17,25*Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9*Jn 18:1—19:42. **4/3 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:** Gn 1:1—2:2 *Ex 14:15—15:1*Ex 15:1-6,17-18*Rom 6:3-11*Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23*Mk 16:1-7.



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 weekend Mass 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 first part of the **Easter Vigil** is the light service. The candle is carried into the dark church as a symbol of the light of Christ, a powerful reminder that Jesus is light in the darkness. The "*Exsultet*," an ancient song of proclamation that gives thanks and praise to God, is sung. During the Liturgy of the Word, Scripture readings and psalms help us to reflect on all of the wonderful things God has done throughout salvation history. Then the baptismal water is blessed, the candidates and catechumens receive the sacraments of initiation, and the congregation renews baptismal vows.

The liturgical celebrations during the *triduum* are rich with symbolism. While it may appear as if these liturgies are separate and distinct, they are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, all are encouraged to observe the entire *triduum* by attending all of the liturgies. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in him, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our relationship with one another as disciples of Jesus. You are all invited to join the Holy Week celebrations.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

Church of the Ascension Norwood Young America, MN

Mass Times

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.

Daily Masses will resume on Tues. March 30th.

Ascension: Tues. and Fri. at 6:15 pm;
St. Bernard: Wed. and Thurs. at 8:00 am.

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.

Lenten Services Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass: 7:00pm Mass at Ascension
Good Friday Stations: 3:00pm at Ascension
Good Friday Liturgy: 7:00pm at St. Bernard
Easter Vigil Mass: **8:00pm** at St. Bernard
Easter Sunday Masses: 8:00am at Ascension
 and 10:00am at St Bernard

Please note the change in Mass time for the Easter Vigil Mass. We had to modify it due to Daylight Savings Time and the rule that this Mass not start before sunset.

All services will observe social distancing and wearing of masks. Please join us for this most life saving walk with Jesus as he died to save us all from sin.

Confirmation and First Communion

Confirmation will be held at St. Bernard on April 18th at 2:00pm with Bishop Andrew Cozzens officiating.

First Communion will be held at the regular weekend Masses on April 24th and 25th.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit fills the hearts of all these young people as they receive these blessed sacraments.

Good Friday, Holy Land Collection: April 2

In these times of crisis, Pope Francis is encouraging us all to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps the Franciscan community minister in parishes, sustain Catholic education, maintain Holy Land shrines and provide medical and housing assistance for the poor and elderly. When you contribute to the Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you are able!

Archdiocesan Youth Day (AYD) - Middle School Edition

Friday, April 23, 6-10 p.m., St. John the Baptist, New Brighton

Friday, April 30, 6-10 p.m., Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville

Middle school age students are invited to join speakers including Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Fr. Chad VanHoose and more in the first AYD event designed specifically for this age group. For more information contact Katie Walker at 651.291.4506 or walker.k@archspm.org.

Church of St. Bernard

Cologne, MN

St. Bernard's Easter Egg Hunt/Drive Through

April 2nd at 10:00 AM.
 St. Bernard Church Canopy-Main entrance
 212 Church Street East
 Cologne, MN. 55322

This event is sponsored by:
 St. Bernard branch of Catholic United Financial
 Open to all families in our community.
 Rain or Shine

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available Weekends are Oct 8-10, 2021 in Buffalo, MN and Apr 16-18, 2021 in OLIVIA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at [<mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org>](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or [<mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com>](mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com) or 612-756-8720.

Catholics at the Capitol

Date(s): Thursday, April 15; Time: 8 a.m.-End Time: 3:30p.m.

Location: Cathedral of Saint Paul / State Capitol, St. Paul and online

Cost: \$20 in person, \$10 online

More Information: Register Online - CatholicsattheCapitol.org.

Join Minnesota Catholics statewide online or in-person at the Cathedral of St. Paul on mission to defend life and dignity at the Capitol. Be formed in the faith through Mass. Be informed on the issues by speakers such as internationally renowned champion for life Obianuju Ekeocha, and Archbishop Jose Gomez, USCCB President and Archbishop of Los Angeles. Be sent on the mission to transform our state as we bring Christ to the Capitol for Benediction and prayer for our state before meeting with legislators.

Learn more at CatholicsattheCapitol.org.

Experience the power of **Divine Mercy** with a **FREE BOOK** by Drew Mariani of Relevant Radio go online to relevantradio.com to reserve your free book. No cost for the book. And no cost for shipping and handling.

Word of Life—“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARSHIP OF TIME, TALENT
& TREASURE
March 29 through April 4, 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.



All Wednesday's of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration
2:00pm until 7:00pm.
Beginning on April 7th until 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.

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 Nuviera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar. 27	8:00pm.	No Mass
Sun. Mar. 28	10:00am.	Dennis & Janice Cink Family All Parishioners
Mon. Mar. 29		No Mass
Tues. Mar. 30	6:15pm.	No Mass
Wed. Mar. 31	8:00am.	†Fr. George Thoomkuzhy
Thurs. Apr. 1	8:00am.	†Hilbert & Euella Knauer
Fri. Apr. 2		No Mass
Sat. Apr. 3	8:00pm.	All Parishioners
Sun. Apr. 4	10:00am.	†Dennis & †Bernice Wickenhauser

Stewardship of Treasure

Due to the early deadline of this bulletin the Stewardship of Treasure Report will be published in the next available bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support.

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 - Apr. 3-4

Ministry	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am
Sacristan	Easter Vigil Mass at St. Bernard	Sherry Witte
Servers		Jack Lano
Reader		JMT Member
Eucharistic Ministers		JMT Member
Ushers		JMT Member
Greeters		JMT Member
Homebound Ministers		

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Mar. 29	No Mass
Tues. Mar. 30 6:15 pm	Loretta Zwiebohmer †
Wed. Mar. 31	No Mass
Thurs. Apr. 1 7:00 pm	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser ††
Fri. Apr. 2 6:15 pm	No Mass
Sat. Apr. 3 5:00 pm	No Mass
Sun. Apr. 4 8:00 am	Ben Vanderlinde †

Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 03/14/21

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,115.38
Contributions:	1,087.00
E-Giving:	290.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	115,269.06
Actual Collection YTD:	106,110.25
CUF-KC December Match:	7,500.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(1,685.81)
Capital Improvement Offering:	40.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	7,255.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org

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

Continual submission to the holy will of God is the most universal of all virtues. Its practice should be most familiar to you, since at every moment there arise opportunities of renouncing your own will and submitting to the will go God.-*St. John Eudes*