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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 18, 2021

We are Called to be Witnesses to the Gospel

Dear brothers and sisters,

The common themes of this weekend readings are repentance and the forgiveness of sins. In the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter declared to a large crowd, "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." The second reading, from St. John's first epistle says, "But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins." In the Gospel reading, Jesus said to his disciples, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations." (Luke 24:48)

This Gospel narrative is the continuation of the appearance of the Risen Lord to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two disciples eventually recognized that the "stranger" who had explained the scripture to them on the way to Emmaus was none other than Christ. So, they hurried back to Jerusalem to inform the Apostles. While they were discussing these things, Christ appeared in the midst of them. His first words are, "Peace be with you." Jesus had to convince the disciples that he was not a ghost. He had to dispel their doubts and their fears. He showed them his hands and his feet. He invited them to touch him and see that he was real. And he even ate a piece of baked fish with them, all to prove that he was alive and not a ghost.

After he convinced his disciples of his resurrection he commanded them to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Then he commissioned them to be his witnesses throughout the world. Why did Jesus command them to preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins? Because we should be free from the guilt of sinfulness, in order to receive effectively the Good News. The first necessary step in salvation is generally to acknowledge that we are sinners and that we stand in need of God's forgiveness. For the successful acceptance of forgiveness, we must first release the grudges, hurts, and resentments we hold towards others. We must set our hearts, and minds free, so that we can receive and accept the gift of forgiveness offered us by Christ.

The same Jesus, who, in the upper room of the Cenacle, prepared his disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. He invites us to share in the "Liturgy of the Word of God" and in "The Liturgy of the Eucharist." In the first part of the Mass, Jesus speaks to us through the "Word of God." In the second part, he becomes our spiritual food and drink. The two disciples on the Emmaus Road recognized the Risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Their recognition was powerful enough to give them the courage to journey back to Jerusalem in order to share their Christ experience with the Apostles.
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SCRIPTURE READINGS—Apr. 18,-Apr. 24, 2021

4/18 Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 3:13-15,17-19*Ps 4:2,4,7-9*1 Jn 2:1-5a*Lk 24:35-48. **4/19:** Acts 6:8-15*Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30*Jn 6:22-29. **4/20:** Acts 7:51—8:1*Ps 31:3-4,6-8,17,21*Jn 6:30-35. **4/21 St. Anseim:** Acts 8:1b-8*Ps 66:1-7*Jn 6:35-40. **4/22:** Acts 8:26-40*Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20*Jn 6:44-51. **4/23 St. George, St. Adalbert:** Acts 9:1-20*Ps 117:1-2*Jn 6:52-59. **4/24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen:** Acts 9:31-42*Ps 116:12-17*Jn 6:60-69.



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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Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our thanks for the blessings received, listen to God's words and offer ourselves to God along with our gifts of bread and wine. We, who share in the spiritual food Jesus supplies, are called to share his message with others.

Many people who live in our time have given up on life. They can't see a reason for living. They can't find peace in life. They can't see anything positive in life. The devil is defeating them. But this no longer is the devil's world. It is Jesus' world. People need to know that there is truth, value, beauty and meaning in life. People need to know that Jesus is present for them as the Risen Lord wanting to share his Life with them. That is why the message of the Lord is called the Good News. People need to know the Good News about the Lord: life is beautiful when lived with the Lord.

How can people come to know the Good News? It is through us. Today's reading concludes with Jesus telling the disciples and us, "You are witnesses," witnesses of the Lord's wonders, love, compassion and forgiveness. Jesus needs Spirit-filled followers to bear witness to his love, mercy and forgiveness. The essence of bearing witness is to testify by our lives that the power of the Risen Jesus has touched and transformed us. In other words, Jesus is to speak to other people through us.

Confirmation: This is a special Sunday for us. Today at 2:00pm, eleven young men and women from our parish communities will be confirmed. We pray for them that they may grow in faith and bear witness to Christ by their way of life. Congratulations. Bishop Andrew Cozzens will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us give him a warm welcome to our parish. We are grateful to Bishop Andrew Cozzens for his kindness to preside over the Mass and in conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

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

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.

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.

We wish to extend a **HUGE Thank you** to the **Lano family** for the donation of the new lawn mower given as a memorial in memory of their mother Del Lano who passed away last September. Many blessings to her and the Lano family and thank you for this generous donation to our parish.

Looking for Lawn Mowing help:

Tim George is looking to hand over the care of the parish lawns to another person who enjoys this type of stewardship activity. This is a paid position. With a brand new rider mower at your service!! Duties include mowing and weed whipping to maintain a well groomed exterior. Any questions, please contact Jack Lano (952-237-3265) or the parish office at 952-467-3351.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops - Catholic Home Missions Appeal—Sunday, April 25

Did you know that over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and U.S. territories are unable to support necessary pastoral activities for their communities? These dioceses face challenges like fragile financial situations, vast distances and difficult terrain. Even dioceses in our own state receive grants from Catholic Home Missions: Duluth, Crookston and New Ulm. By donating to the Catholic Home Missions appeal, you provide support for even the most basic pastoral programs like faith formation and sacraments. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal through your parish. Thank you!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families. One in four children has experienced abuse or neglect at some point in their lives, and one in seven has experienced abuse in the last year. For links to bulletin announcements, posters and social media graphics, visit archspm.org/child-abuse-prevention-month.

Pray For The Dead

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ryland Wickenhauser**, who passed away on April 7th. His funeral was on April 13th.

May he rest in peace and may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. Please also pray for peace and comfort for Ryland's family.

Welcome Lena Jane Gelschus!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of St. Bernard Church who was baptized on April 11, 2021. Lena is the daughter of Bradley and Jane Gelschus. Many blessings to Lena and her family.

THANK YOU!! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Leon Wickenhauser and Jim Meuwissen for all the years they have volunteered to keep our grounds looking nice. Both of these gentlemen have spent many, many hours mowing lawn but are now retiring from this task. Your stewardship commitment has been greatly appreciated!

HELP NEEDED: We are in need of help with lawn mowing this summer. If you are interested in volunteering your time helping with this stewardship opportunity, please contact Ralph Laumann at 952-992-0697 or the parish office at 952-466-2031. Any amount of volunteer time is welcomed. A schedule will be worked out for anyone interested in helping.

What Mass Means:**How Sacrifice and Real Presence Are Life-Changing**

We tend to think of "sacrifice" and "real presence" as doctrines to believe in – perhaps with some vague awareness of complicated medieval terms such as "transubstantiation." But the logic of the liturgies of the various Christian traditions, and the whole point of the Vatican II renewal, is that our liturgical sharing in Christ's dying and rising is meant to transform us individually and communally. The implications are huge!

Friday, April 23, Webinar presentation from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Word of Life—“Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (Mt 25:40).”

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

“Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life”. (© 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARSHIP OF TIME, TALENT
& TREASURE**

April 12 through April 18, 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 Nu-
vera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Apr. 17 8:00pm. No Mass

Sun. Apr. 18 10:00am Living & Deceased
members of the Albert & Clara Wickenhauser Family
& All Parishioners

Mon. Apr. 18 No Mass

Tues. Apr. 20 6:15pm. Mass at Ascension

Wed. Apr. 21 8:00am. †Leonard Hoen Sr.

Thurs. Apr. 22 8:00am. †Elvira Winkler

Fri. Apr. 23 6:15pm. Mass at Ascension

Sat. Apr. 24 8:00pm. No Mass

Sun. Apr. 25 10:00am First Communicants

Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,969.08
Contributions 04-07 through 04-13-21	1,771.90
Total Actual Collection YTD	159,638.58
YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget	10,044.42
Forward in Faith Total	
Envelope Income	25.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	25.00
Forward in Faith YTD	31,041.78

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. 24-25

Ministry	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am
Sacristan	Tamara Lemmer	Mass cancelled until further notice
Servers	JMT Member	
Reader	JMT Member	
Eucharistic Ministers	JMT Member	
Ushers	JMT Member	
Greeters		
Homebound Ministers		

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Apr. 19	No Mass
Tues. Apr. 20 6:15 pm	Roger Hoelz †
Wed. Apr. 21	Mass at St. Bernard
Thurs. Apr. 22 7:00 pm	Mass at St. Bernard
Fri. Apr. 23 6:15 pm	Merwyn Roufs †
Sat. Apr. 24 5:00 pm	George Lemmer †
Sun. Apr. 25 8:00 am	No Mass

Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 04/11/21

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,115.38
Contributions:	4,852.00
E-Giving:	750.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	127,730.58
Actual Collection YTD:	121,511.25
CUF-KC December Match:	7,500.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	1,280.67
Capital Improvement Offering:	120.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	7,825.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org

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

The best way to express our love for God is by spending time with Him, talking to Him. In other words, praying. So in the quest to love God, prayer necessarily comes first.
- Jeanette Flood