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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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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – APRIL 4, 2021

The Lord Jesus is Truly Risen

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

A movie, "The World in Darkness" presented a scene in which an archaeologist was excavating in Jerusalem, mainly in the Calvary area. One day, he announced that he had found the tomb where Jesus was laid and the tomb was not empty. He declared that he had found a mummified corpse in it, and he put it on show. People came in crowds to see this corpse. Christ had not, therefore, risen from the dead.

The news was carried by press and radio to the four corners of the world. Immediately the world was plunged into indescribable gloom. Everything which spoke of Christ, everything which lived by him, everything which bore his mark or a trace of his memory was doomed to disappear. The churches were closed, the pictures which portrayed him disappeared from the galleries; monasteries emptied; missionaries returned home; the cross was torn down in peoples' homes. Finally, when the world, shattered by this immense shock, was plunged into complete spiritual darkness, the archaeologist confessed on his deathbed that he had told a lie and that the tomb had been empty.

Whatever the value of the film, it had at least this merit: it made it clear that nothing is more essential to the world than knowledge of what happened on Easter morning. In the Gospel we have the experience of the empty tomb as the sign of Jesus' resurrection to life. The gospel does not explain the resurrection; the resurrection explains the gospels. St Paul says that, if Christ is not risen, then all our believing is in vain. Our faith is deeply rooted and finds its real meaning in the resurrection of Jesus.

When Jesus rose up again after suffering and death on the cross for mankind, he manifested that he had been appointed Lord, Messiah and Priest forever (Acts 2:36; Heb.5: 6, 7:17-21), and he poured out on his disciples the Spirit promised by the Father (Acts 2:33). The Church, consequently, equipped with the gifts of charity, humility and self-sacrifice, receives the mission to proclaim and to establish among all peoples the Kingdom of God. (Second Vatican Council- 'The Church')

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—Apr. 4-Apr. 10, 2021

4/4 The Resurrection of the Lord: Acts 10:34a,37-43*Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23*Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8*Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7.
4/5 Monday within the Octave of Easter: Acts 2:14,22-33*Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11*Mt 28:8-15. **4/6 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter:** Acts 2:36-41*Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22*Jn 20:11-18. **4/7 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter:** Acts 3:1-10*Ps 105:1-4,6-9*Lk 24:13-35. **4/8 Thursday within the Octave of Easter:** Acts 3:11-26*Ps 8:2,5-9*Lk 24:35-48. **4/9 Friday within the Octave of Easter:** Acts 4:1-12*Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27*Jn 21:1-14. **4/10 Saturday within the Octave of Easter:** Acts 4:13-21*Ps 118:1,14-21*Mk 16:9-15.



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.

All events cancelled until further notice.

<<<<< (Continued from the column on the left) Easter, however, is not only concerned with recalling the Resurrection of Jesus and its impact on the first disciples but also with the meaning of this event for our own lives and for our faith. The celebration of Easter is a call for us to change - and perhaps change radically - as Jesus 'own' disciples changed.

The gift of Resurrection is open to us not only during Eastertide, but also throughout the year. In situations where we feel the fragility of life, when depression, rejection, loneliness and hopelessness overwhelm us, meditation on the resurrection can help us reconnect with peace of Resurrection. Resurrection happens in the midst of our everyday lives. The sign that we are truly sharing in the risen life of Jesus is that our lives and our behavior undergo a constant conversion. We not only believe, we not only proclaim but we do what we believe and what we proclaim.

The message of Easter is that the Lord Jesus is truly risen and that nothing can destroy and disappoint us any more –not misunderstanding, not suffering, not pain, not sin, not rejection, not betrayal, not even death. Jesus has conquered everything including sin and death, and that we can conquer everything if we put our faith and trust in the Lord.

May the Risen Lord bless you with new life and happiness during this Easter Season.
And I wish all of you a very Happy Easter.

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.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!! What joy we feel when we say these words. Baptized into Christ's resurrection, you are a new creation. Christ lives in you and you live in Christ, both now and forever. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard L. Tellers whose funeral was at Ascension on March 17th. May he rest in peace and may his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of our Lord, rest in peace. Please pray for his family.

Catholics At The Capitol: On Mission for Life and Dignity - Thursday, April 15, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul

Join Minnesota Catholics statewide online or in-person 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, the Archbishop Jose Gomez, USCCB President and Archbishop of Los Angeles. Cost \$20 in-person, \$10 online. Registration closes March 31. Visit CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org for details & tickets.

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. Do you know what the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is doing for the prevention of child abuse? Visit safe-environment.archspm.org.



To all have a
Blessed
Easter
Season !!

"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.

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Class of St. Joseph

**Ever Wonder What God has Planned for Your Life?
Discover God's Plan of Sheer Goodness**

in the Class of St. Joseph!

This fall, the **Catechetical Institute** will offer the two-year Pillars Program in-person at **Transfiguration in Oakdale** and via live stream at various satellite sites around the Archdiocese. Classes will be held on **Monday evenings from 7 P—9 PM**. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module.

Applications are now being accepted through August 1, 2021. For more information and an application go to www.cistudent.com/pillars/

The course is also available at the following CI Satellite Sites, where students will gather at the parish for in person small group and watch the lectures via live stream from Transfiguration.

Our Lady of the Prairie, Belle Plaine—St. John Neumann, Eagan—St. Gerard Majella, Brooklyn Park

Word of Life—“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (*Spe salvi* 31).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

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

April 5 through April 11, 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 Nuvera Nu
Tel Cable TV Ch. 21

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Apr. 3	8:00pm.	All Parishioners
Sun. Apr. 4	10:00am.	†Dennis & †Bernice Wickenhauser
Mon. Apr. 5		No Mass
Tues. Apr. 6	6:15pm.	Mass at Ascension
Wed. Apr. 7	8:00am.	†Bernice Wickenhauser
Thurs. Apr. 8	8:00am.	†Elvira Winkler
Fri. Apr. 9	6:15pm.	Mass at Ascension
Sat. Apr. 10	8:00pm.	No Mass
Sun. Apr. 11	10:00am.	†Paul Wickenhauser, †Clarence & †Muriel Wickenhauser & All Parishioners

Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,649.58
Contributions 03-17 through 03-23-2021	1,540.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	142,275.76
YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget	5,469.34
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	175.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	275.00
Forward in Faith YTD	30,076.28

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. 10-11

Ministry	Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	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. 5	No Mass
Tues. Apr. 6 6:15 pm	Beverly Feltmann †
Wed. Apr. 7 8:00 am	Mass at St. Bernard
Thurs. Apr. 8 8:00 am	Mass at St. Bernard
Fri. Apr. 9 6:15 pm	Del Lano †
Sat. Apr. 10 5:00 pm	John Lewandowski †
Sun. Apr. 11 8:00 am	No Mass

Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 03/21/21

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,115.38
Contributions:	1,230.00
E-Giving:	310.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	118,384.44
Actual Collection YTD:	107,650.25
CUF-KC December Match:	7,500.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(3,234.19)
Capital Improvement Offering:	20.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	7,320.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org

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

The Woman who had Faith strong enough to stand at the foot of the Cross also had the kind of Hope that gave her the assurance that the tomb would soon be empty.

- Mother Angelica