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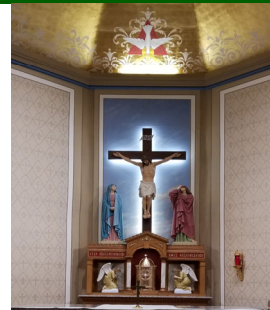
# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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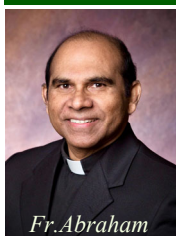


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## The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ June 6, 2021



Fr. Abraham

### Corpus Christi: Our Spiritual Food

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, is the very center and heart of the Church and of our faith. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast. It was Pope Urban IV who extended the feast to the universal Church.

Our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the promise of Christ to give his Body and Blood as our spiritual food and drink. It is found in the Gospels. Eucharistic theologians explain the real presence by a process called transubstantiation: the entire “substance” of bread and wine is changed into the glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the accidents, “taste, color, shape etc.” of bread and wine. Vatican II states as a sacrifice, “the holy Eucharist is the center and culmination of Christian life.”

A few years ago, a gentleman came to me to tell me that he was leaving the Catholic Church. He had made that decision two year earlier, but had put off changing his faith. I asked him, “Why”? He returned with the question, “Why am I leaving the faith or why did I wait two years to do so?” I responded, “Both.” He said that he was leaving the faith because he found a religion where, to use the language of the day, he felt he was being fed. Then he said, “During the last two years, I couldn’t convince myself to leave the Eucharist.” He said that the new faith did have communion celebrations, but they were meals of fellowship, not the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Some Catholics may not like the kind of songs sung in the Church, some others can not enjoy the homily, and still others may not like the priest and so on. I respect their decision, and I know that various experiences appeal to various people, but nothing could ever replace the Eucharist. We often focus on the enhancements to our celebration of Mass and forget why we celebrate Mass, and what the meaning of the Mass is. We celebrate Mass to be united with Jesus Christ at the Last Supper, and on Calvary at the Crucifixion of the Lord. We celebrate Mass to be united with Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic Gift of His Body and Blood. Most of the liturgical enhancements to our celebrations are wonderful, but none of them surpass the wonder of Jesus Christ, present in every Eucharist.

The celebration of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is an opportunity for us to focus on the Mass and the Eucharist. The act of receiving Holy Communion is meant to foster the abiding presence of the Lord in our soul and in our heart. The Eucharist is the Lord’s dying gift to us. We receive His Body, His Blood, His humanity and Divinity. We celebrate the Living Memory of Jesus Christ. We speak to Him within ourselves. And He speaks to us, calling us to unite our pains to His Cross, strengthening us with the Living Food for the Journey of our Lives.

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to renew and deepen our faith in the Eucharist. When our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is strong, then our desire to participate in Mass and to receive Communion often is strong. Eucharistic devotions are meant to deepen our love for Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist. A deeper love for Christ in the Eucharist always leads to a deeper love for our family and our neighbor. Holy Communion and Eucharistic adoration strengthen our unity, mutual love, and spiritual and physical health. Let us receive Holy Communion with fervent devotion, love and respect.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI  
Pastor

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**for the bulletin two weekends out;**  
**St. Bernard** copy must be emailed to:  
 bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and  
 pqinn55322@hotmail.com

**Ascension** copy must be emailed to:  
 busadmin@ascensionnya.org

**All inserts and weekend Mass announcements** can be emailed or a paper copy brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension.

**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.

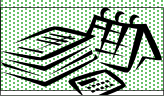
**Radio:** Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sun. at noon, and at 9 a.m. \_\_ EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live  
**Please pray the Rosary daily for our nation, our world, an end to Abortion and an end to the Coronavirus.**

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:** Revelant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. “Family Rosary across America”

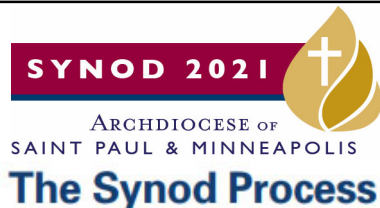


**CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES**

**All events cancelled until further notice.**

In all circumstances of our lives, you will find that Jesus is with you—He is close to you in prayer.

*St. Pope John Paul II*



**Synod Focus Areas**

Based on the information gathered in the Prayer and Listening Events, as well as the information gathered for the Ad Limina visit with Pope Francis in January, and the results of the Disciple Marker Index, Archbishop Hebda has discerned the initial set of focus areas for the Archdiocesan Synod. Those areas will set the parameters for discussions at the deanery and parish small group meetings scheduled for this fall.

1. **Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization**
2. **Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus’s love and respond to his call**
3. **Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young**

Read more in Archbishop’s August 13, 2020 article in The Catholic Spirit. On-line at: <https://thecatholicspirit.com/special-sections/archsynod/archdiocesan-synod-2022-this-present-moment/>

**Prayers are requested** for the repose of the soul of Lorraine Kelzer, mother of Doris Mielke and sister of Roger Schmitz. Lorraine passed away on May 23rd. Her funeral was on May 28th. May she rest in peace and may her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. Please also pray for peace and comfort for Lorraine’s family.

**Memorial Day Decorations on the Cemetery**

This is just a reminder that decorations for the cemeteries at both parishes may be put up the week prior to Memorial Day and must be removed by the Tuesday following Memorial Day. We like to keep the area looking nice for the residents and visitors they may receive. Any decorations not removed in a timely manner will be removed and placed over by the AC units at St. Bernard and under the big pine tree at Ascension. Thank you.

**Rural Life Sunday Mass**

**Sunday, June 27, 10:30 a.m., Church of Saint Patrick, 7525 Dodd Road, Shieldsville**

Please join the parishioners from St. Patrick’s Parish and others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. The Mass will be celebrated outdoors in the parking lot with Archbishop Hebda presiding.

Attendees can remain in their vehicles or bring lawn chairs. Refreshments and a to-go snack will be served after Mass. Restrooms (outdoor and indoor) are available and the church grounds are handicap accessible. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held indoors at St. Patrick’s church.

For more details, including a flyer with a map and directions, and a livestream link visit [archspm.org/events](http://archspm.org/events). Questions? Contact the Office of Parish and Clergy Services at 651.290.1647.

**Word of Life** — Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Serene Attention to God’s Creation”

**Action Alert: Pass School Choice Now**

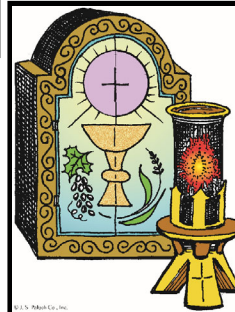
There are many options on the table to help parents access true educational choice for their kids. Whether it be tuition tax credits, education savings accounts, or any of the many solutions before them, tell your legislators and Governor Walz that Minnesota’s kids need school choice and cannot wait any longer. Hear from Bishop Cozzens and learn more at [mncatholic.org/action-alert-pass-school-choice-now](http://mncatholic.org/action-alert-pass-school-choice-now).

## Mass Ministry Schedule - June 12-13, 2021

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sat. 8:00 pm	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice	Doris Mielke
Servers	JMT Member			
Reader	JMT Member			Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	JMT Member			Volunteer
Ushers	JMT Member			Volunteer
Greeters	Suspended until further notice			Suspended until further notice
Homebound Ministers	Sue Tellers & Volunteer			Barb Knorr & Volunteers

### Mass Times/Intentions

Monday	June 7	No Mass	
Tuesday	June 8 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension †	No Mass
Wednesday	June 9 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard †	No Mass
Thursday	June 10 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard †	No Mass
Friday	June 11 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension †	No Mass
Saturday	June 12 <b>5:00 pm</b>	Ascension ††	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser
Sunday	June 13 <b>10:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	All Parishioners, and Living & Deceased members of the Mathais & Gertrude Fick Family.



### Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension  
Every Tuesday & Friday  
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard  
Every Wednesday  
2:00 pm until 7:00 pm

### 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

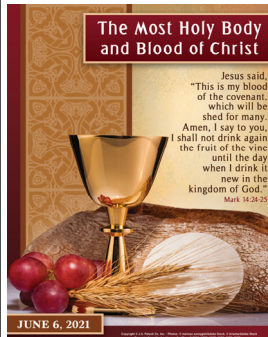
By appointment with Father.  
Call 952-856-1050

#### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS June 7—13, 2021

**Monday:** 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12  
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26  
**Friday:** Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37  
**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 2:41-51  
**Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34



### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,027.27
<b>Contributions 05-19 through 05-25-21</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	174,322.79
<b>YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>6,681.39</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	0.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>33,344.12</b>

**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](http://www.st-bernard-cologne.org)

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 5/23/2021

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 3,115.38
<b>Contributions:</b>	500.00
<b>E-Giving:</b>	1,035.00
<b>Weekly Budget YTD:</b>	146,422.86
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	137,426.30
<b>CUF-KC December Match:</b>	7,500.00
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	(1,496.56)
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	110.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	120.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	8,660.00

Sign up for electronic giving at [ascensionmya.org](http://ascensionmya.org)  
 Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.