

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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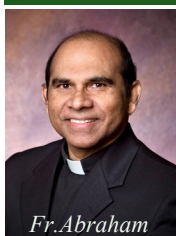


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## Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 1, 2021



Fr. Abraham

### Bread of Eternal Life

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since the last Sunday our readings have been taken from the Sixth Chapter of the Gospel of St. John. The theme of five-week discussion is the Bread of eternal life (John 6: 1- 69). St. John was the one who wrote down the beautiful words of Jesus that forms the basis for the belief of our Church about the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever. And the bread that I give is my flesh, for the life of the world.” He speaks about new bread coming down from heaven that is eternal and for all people. Jesus, the Bread of Life, will satisfy the deepest needs of humankind. Moses once pointed to the manna and said, “This is the bread the Lord has given you for your food.” Jesus points to himself and says, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (Jn 6: 35)

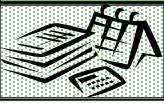
When we receive communion, we receive Jesus’ sacrificed body and blood. With sadness, we hear people reducing this sacrament to a meal of fellowship and simplifying this mystery into a reception of blessed bread. The bread is not just blessed. It is Jesus himself. We believe that the Eucharist is “*the source and summit of the Christian Life*”, because it contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Jesus Christ himself. The Eucharist is a Sacrament of Love that unites us with Christ and one another.

The Eucharist is Jesus dying for us, sacrificing himself for us, calling us to perform the same sacrifice for others. The Eucharist is infinitely greater than the manna that fell from the sky during the Exodus. The Eucharist is the eternal sacrifice of Jesus providing life to those who eat his body and drink his blood with faith.

The readings for the liturgy of these five Sundays remind us to come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the gift of Eucharist and Communion. When we come to Church, we need to prepare to receive Holy Communion. We need to reflect on what we are doing and whom we are receiving. How prayerful are we before and after receiving Communion?

What goes on in our mind and heart as we approach the altar to receive the Body of Christ? What goes on in our mind and heart after we have received Communion? Do we thank Jesus properly for his great gift? Take a few minutes every time after receiving the Holy Communion to thank Jesus for his greatest gift. Let us show with our attitude, as we receive Holy Communion, that we really believe that Jesus Christ is the “Living Bread coming down from heaven.” to satisfy our deepest hunger and thirsty for the eternal God.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI  
Pastor,



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

**Thurs, Aug 5 7:00pm Finance Council @ StB**  
**Thurs, Aug 19 7:00pm JMT Meeting @ Asc**

**Cuppa Joe: Savior of the Savior**

Tuesday, August 3, 4 p.m., virtual event  
 In this Year of Saint Joseph, join Deacon Joe Michalak virtually as he explores this amazing saint in his title as Savior of the Savior, hosted by Saint Joseph, Miesville. This is part of the Cuppa Joe series: 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 come just in time for your afternoon coffee. All talks are posted on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram – and at [archspm.org/cuppajoe](http://archspm.org/cuppajoe).

**Pray for the Synod**

Friday, August 13, 7 p.m., St. Gerard Majella, Brooklyn Park  
 All are invited to pray for our Archdiocesan Synod in this special way! Each month between now and Pentecost 2022, a different parish in our Archdiocese will host a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for daily Mass and holy hour with lectio divina prayer!

**Faith Formation Update**

At the last JMT (Joint Mission Team) meeting, the decision was made to hold Faith Formation classes at Ascension for the upcoming year. We are also planning to offer the meal program again this year. Kara and Julie are in the process of sending out registration forms so be looking for those and return them as soon as you can.  
 We will be needing all the help we can get for the move. Please be watching for the notice for the move date and pitching in to help where you can!! Many hands make light work.

“It is not always in the soul’s power to not feel a temptation. But it is always in its power not to consent to it.”  
 -- St. Francis de Sales

**Bulletin copy is due by Thursdays @ NOON for the bulletin two weekends out;**  
**St. Bernard** copy must be emailed to: [bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org](mailto:bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org) and [pquinn55322@hotmail.com](mailto:pquinn55322@hotmail.com)  
**Ascension** copy must be emailed to: [busadmin@ascensionnya.org](mailto: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](http://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”

**Help Needed!!** We are in need of a person (or team of 2) to clean the rectory at St. Bernard. This will take about a day a month . The cleaning can be done all on one day or can be split to a couple of days. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 952-466-2031 or email [busadmin@st-bernard-cologne.org](mailto:busadmin@st-bernard-cologne.org) for more details.

**News Articles or Stories Needed**

The 3rd grade faith formation class is in need of articles of goodness, people forgiving other people, reconciliation, someone gets killed and that person is forgiven from the newspaper or magazines. Please mark for the 3rd grade class and/or call Kara Wickenhauser 952-466-4719 or email her at [kara.wickenhauser@gmail.com](mailto:kara.wickenhauser@gmail.com) or email Lisa Whitaker at 952-454-1622 or [LWhitaker6@yahoo.com](mailto:LWhitaker6@yahoo.com).

**Restorative Justice Groups**

These groups are held monthly from 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom and are open to all victim/survivors.  
 · Victim/Survivor Support Group for those Abused by Clergy as Adults — First Mondays  
 · Support Group for Relatives or Friends of Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse — Second Tuesdays  
 · Victim/Survivor Support Group —Third Mondays  
 · Survivor Peace Circle —Third Tuesdays  
 · Support Group for Men who have been Sexually Abused by Clergy/Religious — Fourth Wednesdays  
 For more information and details for attending the virtual meetings, visit [archspm.org/healing](http://archspm.org/healing). Questions? Contact Paula Kaempffer, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention, 651.291.4429.

**Word of Life -**

“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” (EV 86).

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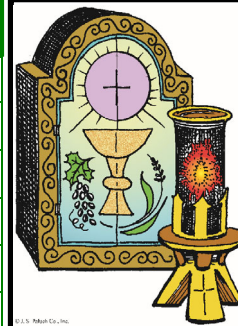
“Let justice descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop it down. Let the earth open and salvation bud forth, let justice also spring up! I, the Lord, have created this.”  
 Isaiah 45:8

## Mass Ministry Schedule - August 7-August 8, 2021

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Doris Mielke	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn
<b>Servers</b>	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice
<b>Reader</b>	Roger Storms	Rita Fahey	Julie Kleindl
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Meuwissen	Lisa Whitaker	Andy Kleindl
<b>Ushers</b>	Danny Hoen & Leo Willems	Eugene Dvorak & Florian Schindler	Vern Elke & Bob Symanitz
<b>Greeters</b>	Roger Storms	Jamie & Matt Smith	Julie & Any Kleindl
<b>Homebound Ministers</b>	N/A	Grp A: Sue & Rich Tellers Grp B: Steve Helget & Steve Lemmer	Doris Mielke Patricia Quinn

### Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	Aug. 2	No Mass	
Tuesday	Aug. 3 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser††
Wednesday	Aug. 4 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Hilbert & Euella Knauer ††
Thursday	Aug. 5 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	Aug. 6 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	Mass of Reparation
Saturday	Aug. 7 <b>5:00 pm</b>	St. Bernard	Paul Wickenhauser †
Sunday	Aug. 8 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser††
Sunday	Aug. 9 <b>10:00am</b>	St. Bernard	All Parishioners



### Eucharistic Adoration

**Ascension**  
Every Tuesday  
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

Ascension: Tues. 5:45pm - 6:05pm  
St. Bernard: Wed: 7:30am-7:50am  
Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm  
at parish hosting the Mass  
By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

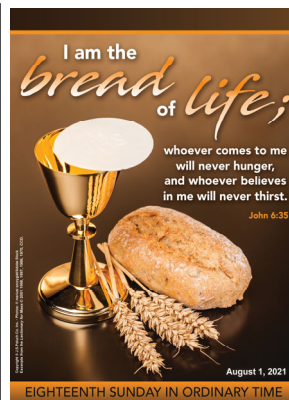
#### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS Aug 2—8, 2021

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23  
**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10  
**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20  
**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51



### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,015.75
<b>Contributions 07-14 through 07-20-21</b>	<b>5,746.17</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	12,419.09
<b>YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>3,371.84</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	225.00
Electronic Donations	543.42
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>768.42</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>2,083.92</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 7/18/2021

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 2,788.47
<b>Contributions:</b>	2,757.00
<b>E-Giving:</b>	270.00
<b>Weekly Budget YTD:</b>	8,365.41
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	10,119.00
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	1,753059
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	180.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	45.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	630.00

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