

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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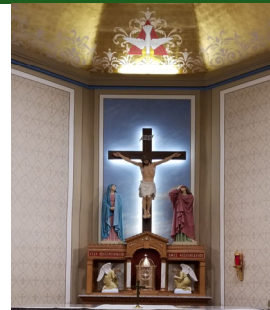
# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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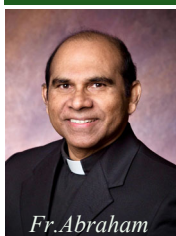


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## Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 8, 2021



Fr. Abraham

### Live Forever

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Emperor Chin built the Great Wall of China, extending over 2,000 miles. The Great Wall is the only man-made structure on earth that can be identified from outer space. Emperor Chin had a great fear of dying. One day his magicians told him about an island in the Eastern Sea. Its inhabitants had discovered the secret to eternal life. The emperor loaded several ships with priceless gifts and dispatched them to the island's inhabitants, hoping to trade the gift for their secret. But the inhabitants wouldn't exchange their secret for such perishable gifts.

From the beginning of time people have dreamed about never dying. When Jesus began talking about eternal life, people gathered to hear what he had to offer. The most remarkable thing Jesus said about eternal life is that, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; and whoever eats this bread will live forever and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51) For the third Sunday in succession we continue our reading of St. John chapter 6, based on the theme of Jesus as the Bread of Life.

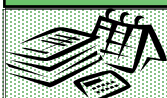
Jesus reveals that life in this world is not the end of things. There is another life to come. And that life will never end. It is an eternal life. We gather together every Sunday to hear the word of Jesus about eternal life. We gather together to be nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus, the bread of eternal life.

This Bread of eternal Life that Jesus gives can be summed up in one word: Love. The Eucharist which we share each Sunday is a declaration that we wish our own lives to be totally based on love. To approach the altar with hate or anger or revenge in our hearts is to commit a kind of sacrilege.

In order to receive the Holy Eucharist with purity of heart, Jesus himself instituted the beautiful **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. The Catholic Church provides the Sacrament of Reconciliation to reconcile with God, others and oneself. You have the opportunity to receive this sacrament on Saturday 4:30 pm, Tuesday 5:45 pm at Ascension, Wednesday 7:30 am at St. Bernard and by appointment.

Only when we live lives of love, of forgiveness, and of reconciliation can we say that we have truly eaten of the Bread of Life. Our Eucharistic celebrations must help us to be transformed into a community of love. We need to become a people reaching out in love to all those in need around us. We ourselves, as living members of the Body of Christ, must become life-giving Bread for others. Our Sunday Eucharist, then, becomes first a celebration of what we are, a loving people, and secondly becomes a force in our lives to love even more. We pray that our Sunday Eucharistic celebration may give us the nourishment to walk the next seven days experiencing and sharing with others his life and love given to us today.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI  
Pastor



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

**Thurs, Aug 19 7:00pm JMT Meeting @ Asc**

**CIVIL DISCOURSE**

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.” These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some “road rage” on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Chapter 6 in John’s Gospel is often referred to as the Bread of Life discourse, perhaps because this is where Jesus makes his strongest claims for being the bread that has come down from heaven, bringing eternal life for those who believe in him. This is one source of our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In the first reading, the prophet Elijah has come to the brink of despair, but an angel comes with food and tells him to eat, “else the journey will be too long for you.”

The Responsorial Psalm is from Psalm 34; from very early on, the Church has applied the line, “Taste and see how good the Lord is” to the Eucharist. The second reading describes an ideal Christian community characterized by mutual love and service, which is the greatest fruit of its eucharistic celebrations. In John’s Gospel, Jesus insists over and over that he is the bread of life; when he sees that some of his listeners find this hard to believe, he insists on it even more strongly. Note that centuries before the Christians celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, the psalmist sings, “Taste and see how good the Lord is!” God fed Elisha to strengthen him on his journey. God fed the Israelites with manna on their journey in the wilderness. Today, we receive from God the Bread of Life for strength in whatever journey we are on. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**THANK YOU** to so many for your help with our booth at GLAD DAYS! We had lots of tasty treats donated by parishioners from St Bernard & Ascension. We sold lots of ice cream sundaes and baked goods too. It was so nice to see many friendly faces out and enjoying the many events at Glad Days. Thank you for taking the time to stop by and say hello and also for the many hands that helped in the booth! Total profit from the ice cream was \$1128 and the bake sale was \$825. Thank you to the support from St Bernard Catholic United Financial. These efforts qualify for a matching grant from Catholic United—of \$1000. We do have some leftover ice cream mix that we plan to bring to the picnic in September.

**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 for more details.

**2021 Rummage Sale**

When: Thurs, Aug 12, 7am to 7pm and Friday, Aug 13 (Bag Day) from 7am to 2pm  
Where: St. Victoria Church, Victoria, MN 55386  
This is a matching grant fund raiser for St. Victoria parish education sponsored by Catholic United Financial. For more information, visit [www.stvictoria.net](http://www.stvictoria.net)

**Catechetical Institute | Fall 2021**

We are excited to announce that [Holy Family Catholic High School](#) will be a satellite site this fall for the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute’s two-year Pillars Program! Applications for the Class of St. Joseph beginning in September are now being accepted through August 20, 2021. For more information and an application visit, [www.CIstudent.com](http://www.CIstudent.com) or call [651-962-5072](tel:651-962-5072). Be sure to fill out the application for the Holy Family site.

**Word of Life**—“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”  
*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*  
*“Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”*

Penance is a Sacrament of Healing because it helps us overcome the weakness towards sin that remains even after Baptism.

-- quoted from *The Bible and the Sacraments study guide*

**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 and pquinn55322@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

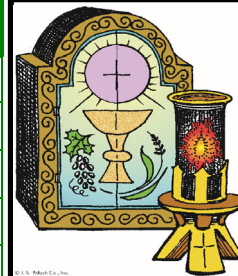
**Radio:** Revelant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. “Family Rosary across America”

## Mass Ministry Schedule - August 14-August 15, 2021

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sherry Witte	Kathy Kloempken	Doris Mielke
<b>Servers</b>	Bill Hart	Don Whitaker	Dan Worm
<b>Reader</b>	Jean Schmitz	Ann Schwichtenberg	Greg Wickenhauser
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cathleen Williams	Lucy Kostecka	Julie Clemensen
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Lano & Jim Mulville	Dave Donna6y & Roger Kostecka	Vern Elke & Brian Vos
<b>Greeters</b>	Grace Cook	Amy & Justin Buckentin	Brian Vos
<b>Homebound Ministers</b>	N/A	Grp A: Sue & Rich Tellers Grp B: Corrine & Paul Proski	Barb Knorr Connie Medenwaldt

### Mass Times/Intentions

Monday	Aug. 9	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Aug. 10 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension	George Lemmer †
<b>Wednesday</b>	Aug. 11 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
<b>Thursday</b>	Aug. 12 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Warren Flusemann †
<b>Friday</b>	Aug. 13 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	Valentine & Catherine Klobe ††
<b>Saturday</b>	Aug. 14 <b>5:00 pm</b>	Ascension	Duane Wickenhauser †
<b>Sunday</b>	Aug. 15 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	For All Mothers
<b>Sunday</b>	Aug. 15 <b>10:00am</b>	St. Bernard	Norma Ward † & 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

#### Communion for Homebound

Ascension - Sue Tellers.....612-247-6881

St. Bernard - Barb Knorr.....952-466-2447

#### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug. 9-15, 2021

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27 **Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26 **Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20 **Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1 **Friday:** Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12 **Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15 **Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56



### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,015.75
<b>Contributions 07-21 through 07-27-21</b>	<b>2,772.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	15,191.09
<b>YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>3,128.09</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	100.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>2,283.92</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 7/25/2021

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 2,788.47
<b>Contributions:</b>	2,497.00
<b>E-Giving:</b>	1,035.00
<b>Weekly Budget YTD:</b>	11,153.88
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	13,651.00
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	2,497.12
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	120.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	120.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	870.00

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.