

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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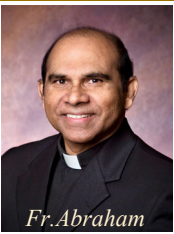


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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 21, 2021



Fr. Abraham

### Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend is the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We used to see the image of Jesus with a crown on his head, but also the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. When we look at the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus we might wonder about this image of Jesus with his heart exposed. Although Jesus didn't walk this earth with his heart exposed like that, he did walk the earth with his heart burning with love for us.

The kings of this earth demand of their subjects that they should be ready, if necessary, to lay down their lives to defend their king and kingdom. Men have always accepted this and millions have given their lives to defend their country and rulers. We have a king who laid down his life for us and set us an example unlike that of any earthly king.

This feast celebrates Christ's Kingship in an altogether non-worldly way. Jesus was anointed by the Father with the oil of gladness as the Eternal Priest and Universal King. As Priest He offered his life on the altar of the Cross and redeemed the human race by this one perfect sacrifice. As King he claims dominion over all creation that he may present to the almighty Father a Kingdom of truth, justice, peace, love and holiness.

Pilate asks Jesus if it is true that he is the king of the Jews. Jesus answers that his kingdom does not belong to this world. He says he came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth hears Jesus' voice. (Jn 18:33-37). We need to listen to Jesus voice. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." (Rev 1:5-8- second reading). Jesus is the King of our life, our homes, and our world. We have to dedicate ourselves to the eternal King of the universe.

When we consecrate our lives and our homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus we simply acknowledge that Jesus is our king. Many who have enthroned an image of Jesus' Sacred Heart in their homes and accept Christ as King of their house have come to experience the changes in family life. We begin to allow Christ to take over our lives.

We are called to gather as God's family on Sundays and Holy Days, and to receive the Eucharist. When we hear the words, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord," we are sent back to our homes to live with Christ as our king all week long. We are all called to submit ourselves to Christ the King of our lives! We can treat each other with great respect and reverence. We can continue to do Christ's work- testify to the truth- in our world.

In honoring Christ today as our King, let us especially thank him for all the humiliations and sufferings he endured on our behalf. If our Christian way of living makes some demands on us let us not forget how small they are when compared with what Christ's earthly life cost him. He made these severe sacrifices for us; we are asked to make our small offerings for ourselves. Let us promise to be grateful and loyal subjects of his for the rest of our days. He has made us members of his kingdom on earth -the Church- and is preparing a place for us in his everlasting kingdom. We come close to the end of the Liturgical Year with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Next Sunday marks the beginning of the Advent Season with a new Liturgical Cycle- C.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI, Pastor



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

Nov 25	9:00am	Thanksgiving Mass @ Asc
Dec 8	8:00am	Immaculate Conception Mass @ StB
Dec 8	6:45pm	Immaculate Conception Mass @ Asc
Dec 9	Noon	Early deadline for Dec. 19th bulletin.
Dec. 15	Noon	Early deadline for Dec. 26th bulletin
Dec 15	6:30-8:00pm	Combined Reconciliation @ Asc



**JMT Members Needed!!**

The JMT is our joint parish council and assists Father with the pastoral needs/direction of our parishes. We have two positions open at each parish on the Joint Mission Team (JMT) committee. One position will be for a two year term and the second position will be for a three year term. We did not have elections last year due to Covid so that is why there are two positions open at each parish this year. Elections are held in November with the winning candidate taking office at the January 2022 meeting. Interested persons should contact Father, any of the current JMT members or the parish office.



**Stewardship Commitment Forms/Cards**

If you haven't yet, please return your Commitment Form and Card by 1) placing them in the collection basket at Mass, 2) bringing them in to the office, or 3) mailing them in the self-addressed envelope in your packet. All volunteers are greatly appreciated!!



**Thanksgiving Day Mass**— at 9am @ Ascension. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items at this Mass. All items brought and the Offertory collection will be given to the Southwest Carver Food Shelf for those in need over the Holiday season. May your generosity be bountiful.



**Happy Thanksgiving** to all parishioners of both our parishes. May your gatherings be joyful and the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Pray for the Deceased:** During the month of November pray for your deceased loved ones.

*"Lord, continue your work of grace in their lives and comfort those bereaved by their loss."*

**Father Martin Shallbetter has moved:** His new address is : Martin Shallbetter; 1011 Feltl Court Apt. 514; Hopkins, Mn. 55343; Phone 612-747-1964 mobile. In sharing his new address he stated "It is good to visit. Please."

"Let us beware of the malice and craftiness of Satan, who does not want anyone to turn his mind and heart to God" — *St. Francis of Assisi*

**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.

**Welcome Nathan Anton Mijal!**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of St. Bernard Church who was baptized on November 7, 2021. Nathan is the son of Kevin and Carrie Mijal. Many blessings to Nathan and his family.

**THANK YOU !** To all who attended the Memorial Mass on November 11th and to all who planned and worked to make it a special Mass for our departed members. Please continue to pray for our dear departed and May God Bless You.

**THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL CHILI FEED—to all** who assisted, planned and lead the Chili Feed Cash Raffle and Quilt Raffle. Thank you to Vern Elke and his brother and brother-in-law for providing the music for the Mass. Also Thank you to all who attended the Chili Feed. To all your help and attendance was greatly appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS:**

**Quilt**—Monica Kooiman  
**Cash Raffle Winners: \$500.00** - Steve Kerber;  
**\$100.00** - Marie Doll, Belinda Storms, Sarah Foley.  
**\$50.00:** Marcia Tellers, Nancy Kerber, Jack Worm, Lisa Steinbauer, Jim Wickenhauser, Bill Paul, Brenda Jones, Eleanor Meuleners, Marcy Wickenhauser, Tina Larson, Carol Laumann, Gary Gestach, Brenna Jones, Bonnie Eder, Mick Hoen, Sarah Dammann, JoAnn Schmitz, Belinda Storms, Marcy Wickenhauser, Katie Meuwissen, Dave Tellers, Sandy Breeggemann, Joyce Lins, Kennedi Tester, Eleanor Meuleners, Diane Worm, Carol Wickenhauser, Sarah Hammers, Andre Meuleners, Mike Roise, JoAnn Wickenhauser, Vinnie Wickenhauser, Richard Arnst, Janice Konerza, Dave Tellers, Mary Lou Wildung, Donna Cebulla, Paula Stephens, Adam Worm, Brenda Worm.

**Your Prayers**—are requested for the repose of the soul of Rebecca Shamla, daughter of Robert & Margaret Wickenhauser who passed away on November 11. Pray also for peace and comfort for her family. *May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rests in peace.*

**Leave a Message for Bishop Cozzens-Now-December 6**  
 On October 18, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Andrew Cozzens as the bishop of Crookston, Minnesota. If you'd like to leave a brief message of encouragement, "thank you" or prayer for Bishop Cozzens before he leaves for Crookston, Practicing Catholic on Relevant Radio 1330AM has set up a voicemail box for you to do so. Leave your first name and a brief voicemail at (651)251-7737, and your message may be featured on the air! **\*Please note**, this voicemail box does not go directly to Bishop Cozzens.

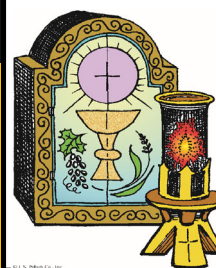
**The Year of Saint Joseph: Engage. Pray. Celebrate.**  
 Now-December 8, various locations  
 The Year of Saint Joseph continues with these upcoming opportunities. The **December 7 Cuppa Joe** will feature Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg speaking on the saint in his title as Terror of Demons. **Prayer intentions** on the Year of Saint Joseph can be submitted at [archspm.org/stjoseph](http://archspm.org/stjoseph). These will be sent to the Carmelite Monastery in Lake Elmo who will include them in their intercession for the Church. Save the date for the **Year of Saint Joseph Closing Mass, December 8, 2021, 7 p.m.** at Cathedral of Saint Paul. For details on these events as well as additional opportunities visit [archspm.org/stjoseph](http://archspm.org/stjoseph).

## Mass Ministry Schedule - November 27-28, 2021

Mass Ministry	Thanksgiving-Ascension Thurs. 9:00 am	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Cheryl Coyle	Ann Dettmann	Kathy Kloempken	Doris Mielke
Servers	Steve Lemmer	Jack Lano	Florian Schindler	Dan Worm
Reader	Darlene Mondor	Cathleen Williams	Brian Willems	Greg Wickenhauser
EMHC	Curt Wilson	Jim Mulville	Pat Johnson	John Eiden
Ushers	Gary Widmer & Justin Buckentin	Tom Lano & Rick Ulrich	Josh Gallus & Eugene Dvorak	Vern Elke & Leo Willems
Greeters	Sue Schultz	Leo Pouliot	Steve Coyle	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	N/A	Grp A: Tim & Rita Fahey Grp B: Tim George & Steve Helget	Doris Mielke Patricia Quinn

### Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Mass	Intention
Monday	Nov. 22	No Mass	
Tuesday	Nov. 23 6:15 pm	Ascension	All who Desire to be Parents
Wednesday	Nov. 24 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Robert G. Fritz †
Thursday	Nov. 25 9:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Friday	Nov. 26 8:00 am	Ascension	For Pope Francis
Saturday	Nov. 27 5:00 pm	Ascension	Living & Deceased members of the Polingo Family
Sunday	Nov. 28 8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	Nov. 28 10:00am	St. Bernard	Paul Wickenhauser † & 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 Nov 22-28, 2021

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19 **Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 **Thanksgiving Day,** Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33 **Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36 **Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,183.50
<b>Contributions 11-01 through 11-09-21</b>	<b>2,582.92</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	57,106.20
<b>YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>(1,263.92)</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	50.00
Electronic Donations	265.50
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>315.50</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>9,241.76</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 11/07/2021

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 2,788.47
<b>Contributions:</b>	2,765.00
<b>E-Giving:</b>	1,040.00
<b>Weekly Budget YTD:</b>	52,980.93
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	52,735.40
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	<b>(245.53)</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	105.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	125.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	4,260.00

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.