

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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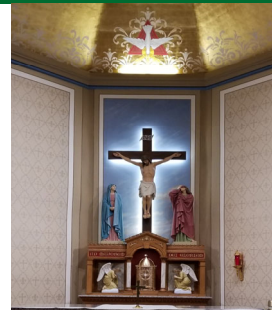
# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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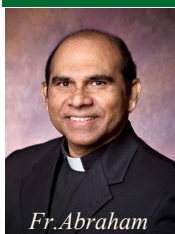


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## The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time - January 30, 2022



Fr. Abraham

### Response to the Word of God

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Jesus returned to his home town (Luke 4:21-30). At first, Jesus was received with enthusiasm. The people were amazed at the gracious words of Jesus. “All speaks highly of him.” They also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?” They thought that they know him, but actually they did not. Jesus is the Son of God. Familiarity breeds contempt. In different degrees and on many occasions, we are also guilty of this thing. There is a tendency in us to discriminate against people according to their appearance, background and status in life. This blinds us from giving respect and loving concern for what they are. We fail to grasp the truth that their dignity lies on the fact that we are children of God.

Jesus spoke the truth which was not pleasing to some people. So, they rejected him. Many of the people were not expecting a spiritual kingdom of God, but a political Messiah. Some people like to hear the words which are politically correct, not morally or actually right. Jesus was not acceptable to many, as he was not speaking politically correct. Jesus gave his heavenly Father’s message. So, his words and teachings were not appealing to many people. That made him a victim of frequent false accusations, and attempts to kill and crucify him at the end.

For many, Jesus was a looser, as he didn’t change his way of preaching by adapting a politically correct method. He continued his preaching, the life-giving words of the heavenly Father. For Jesus, the truth was not to be hidden, but to be proclaimed, whether it hurts someone or not. For Jesus, if the truth hurts anybody, that is a call for repentance and conversion. This is what happened in the life of Herod, many of the Pharisees, Zacchaeus, Peter, St. Paul, and thousands and thousands of people in history. For some it caused repentance and conversion, while for many it caused anger, revenge and departure.

A life of love and truth invite hardships and sufferings for the good of others. We will be rejected because of our faith in Jesus. There we can rightly be assured of Jesus’ presence and support as he has suffered all these things before us to give us courage. Every believer in Christ, needs to live an authentic life by performing their roles and heading towards the Heavenly Kingdom, with love and charity.

If we have loved the way that Christ has loved, then we will stand before the heavenly Father. If we have loved as he calls us to love, we will be absorbed by Him. We will see him face to face. We are not always so comfortable with the happenings of life. But God has a unique plan for everything. He wants us to live our lives with a focus on love. He is considering not our immediate happiness but our eternal happiness.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI  
Pastor



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

Tues, Feb 15 4:00pm Finance Council Mtg @ Asc  
 Thurs, Feb 17 7:00pm JMT Meeting @ StB  
 Thurs, Feb 24 7:00pm Finance Council Mtg @ StB

**Save the DATE:** K-C Fish Fry @ Ascension on Friday, March 4th, 11am-7pm (or until fish is gone) . TAKE OUT ONLY. Cost per meal-\$14.00.

**Do you play piano or organ?** Two of our three music accompanists at Ascension are unavailable for playing the next 3 months. If you would be willing to help out during this time, please contact Marilee Widmer – 952-467-3082. She will train anyone willing to assist!



**Catholic Schools Week**  
is Jan 30—Feb 5th.

**FAITH. EXCELLENCE. SERVICE**

As communities of **FAITH**, Catholic schools instill in students the desire to be like Christ. Academic **EXCELLENCE** is what Catholic education is known for. It is intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. **SERVICE** is a large part of Catholic education and the core of Catholic Disciples.

Contributions to the local Catholic School of your choice can be made next Sunday. There are Catholic School week envelopes in the Ascension packets. St. Bernard parishioners may use a plain envelope labeling it with 'Catholic Schools week'. Please designate the school you would like your donation to go to. Please help our Catholic Schools provide the best education to ALL the little children!

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH**

Do you wonder if you could be happier, healthier, more fulfilled and have more passion for your faith? Take time out of your busy life and join us for a Christ Renews weekend retreat. Men's Retreat: March 19-20. Women's Retreat: March 26—27. Sign-up online at <https://stjosephwaconia.org/programs/adult-formation/crhp-retreats/>

*Feeling disconnected? Every married couple deserves the gift of a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend!** The next weekends in this area will be held Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 612-756-8720.*

"I did not recognize it at the time, but what was clearly missing in all my relationships was Christ. When a mere human being is the most important person in one's life, all involved suffer. It is too heavy a burden to expect someone to fulfill all our needs. —*Derya Little*

**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"

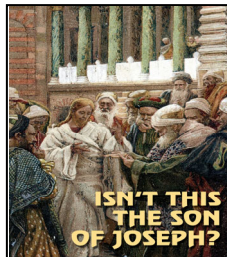
**D'Ice Cribbage Tournament Benton Lake, Cologne, MN Sat. Feb 12, 2022 at 11:00am to 3:00pm UTC-06:00**

It's Official: 2022 D'Ice Cribbage Tournament, Feb 12, 2022. \$15 to play, 7 games, 1st place \$100 cash and custom board, 2nd place \$75 cash, 3rd place \$50 cash. Come join us! Lots of new things happen including a raised floor to keep your feet dry and lots of free door prizes, great food and drink as well.

**What It Means to Be a Man of God**

**February 18-20, Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake**

Join this men's retreat for a time of rest, renewal, and re-focus. The retreat includes music, Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Confessions, small group time, and presentations by Kevin Bittner, Greg Hughes, and Brad Nelson. The cost of \$170 (\$40 extra for private room) includes meals. Register by February 3. The retreat is sponsored by Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake. Visit [churchofsaintpaul.com/mens-retreat](http://churchofsaintpaul.com/mens-retreat) for more details and to register. All men are welcome!



**YOU'VE BEEN WARNED**

The opening of the reading selected from Jeremiah is surely one of the most comforting in scripture. Imagine! God knew me before my bodily conception; God dedicated me before my birth or any human dedication rites; God appointed me a prophet! Then comes the uh-oh. Jeremiah is warned that his appointment as a prophet will bring opposition, against which

God's prophets must stand up. Somehow the appointment as God's prophet seems like it should be a bit happier, with the glamor that we might think will come from having friends in high places. Yet, just as there are many forces in the world arrayed against the divine will and divine goodness, so too are they arrayed against God's prophets. A second round of assurances comes to Jeremiah, a pledge that God will be with Jeremiah to strengthen him. God doesn't promise a turmoil-free life, but does vow to be Jeremiah's strength. **JESUS, SON OF JEREMIAH** In the synagogue at Nazareth, a similar turn of events takes place. When Jesus speaks of the Spirit's anointing being upon him, the anointing described in Isaiah, the crowd is amazed, and seems like they even want to take credit, since he's a local boy. Then Jesus speaks some words of tough love, and "local boy" pivots to "who does he think he is?" You couldn't blame Jesus, in that moment, if he recalled the words of Jeremiah, his prophetic ancestor. Though the crowd drove Jesus out of town and up a hill to throw him to his death, his time had not yet come. The strength and protection that God promises to prophets came for Jesus that day, as he passed through the mob's midst, unharmed. He passed through their midst to continue the work for which the Spirit had anointed him. For us who follow the prophetic heritage of Jesus this day, we've been warned. But we've also been assured of God's care.

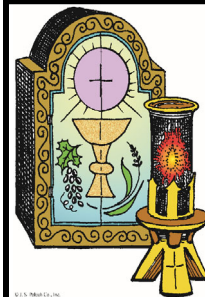
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## Mass Ministry Schedule - February 5-6, 2022

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Doris Mielke	Cheryl Coyle	Lori Kasel
<b>Servers</b>	Volunteer	Paul Prososki	Dan Worm
<b>Reader</b>	Roger Storms	Brian Willems	Greg Wickenhauser
<b>EMHC</b>	Carol Hoen	Kathy Kloempken	Victoria Arnst
<b>Ushers</b>	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Jeremy Friendshuh & Rick Ulrich	Andy Kleindl & Bob Symanitz
<b>Greeters</b>	Eileen Fasching	Amy & Justin Buckentin	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
<b>Homebound Ministers</b>	N/A	Grp A: Sue & Rich Tellers Grp B: Steve Helget & Tim George	N/A

### Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	Jan. 31	No Mass		
Tuesday	Feb. 1	6:15 pm	Ascension	For Elected Officials
Wednesday	Feb. 2	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Communion Service
Thursday	Feb. 3	8:00 am	St. Bernard	No Mass
Friday	Feb. 4	8:00 am	Ascension	No Mass
Saturday	Feb. 5	5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Lorraine & Stanley Kelzer ††
Sunday	Feb. 6	8:00 am	Ascension	Dick Lano †
Sunday	Feb. 6	10:00 am	St. Bernard	Gilbert Rademacher †



### Eucharistic Adoration Ascension

Every Tuesday  
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

### St. Bernard

Suspended for the  
Months of January and February  
Watch the bulletin  
for the return of Adoration.

### 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.

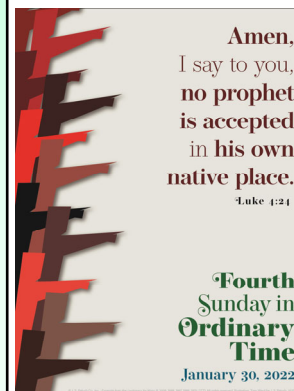
### SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan 31-Feb 6, 2022

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20 **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32] **Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13 **Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



Amen,  
I say to you,  
**no prophet  
is accepted  
in his own  
native place.**  
Luke 1:21

**Fourth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**  
January 30, 2022

### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

January Budget for week	2,493.64
<b>Contributions 01-12 through 1-18-22</b>	<b>4,102.17</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	105,275.41
<b>Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>2,642.79</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	195.00
Electronic Donations	543.12
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>738.12</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>54,689.72</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 1/16/2022

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 2,788.47
<b>Weekly Envelopes/Plate:</b>	3,827.00
<b>Weekly E-Giving:</b>	250.00
<b>Collections Budget YTD:</b> 80,865.63	
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	90,798.46
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	9,932.83
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	50.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	25.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	6,670.00

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