

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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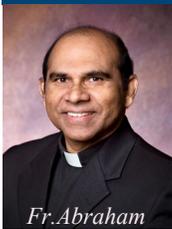


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## Fifth Sunday of Easter- May 15, 2022



Fr. Abraham

### “Let the Children Come to Me”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, children from our parish family are going to receive Jesus through their First Holy Communion. In the gospel reading, Jesus addressed his disciples as “my children.” (Jn 13: 33). We are all children of God by our baptism. The second reading for today’s Mass, from the Book of Revelation (21:3), says, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.” Jesus lives with us and within us through the Eucharist. At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, “This is my body, eat it.” He took a cup of wine and said, “This is my blood, drink.” Our Lord continues to care for us even after he has gone away from our physical sight.

Children, this is a very important day for you. Today you become Jesus’ special children. Jesus gives his body and blood to you as your spiritual food. He wants to be with you always. When Jesus comes, you want to give him a big welcome, tell him you love him, and thank him so much for coming to you. Remember that the most important present of this day is the gift of Jesus himself. You may never forget your First Holy Communion Day. Jesus may make the day a very happy day for you and your family. And you may know that love of Jesus will be with you all the days of your lives.

Parents, for you, too, this is a special day. For today, you see your children take a new step in faith. It is your privilege to present them at the altar to receive Holy Eucharist for the first time. It is fitting that you should lead them forward in this way. For, as you were reminded when you had them baptized, you are their first teachers in the ways of faith. It is through you, more than anyone else, they have come to know about God. And it is on you that they will continue to depend on for many years yet, to help them grow in their response to God’s love in their lives. Therefore, it is your responsibility to bring your children for the holy Mass on weekends regularly. When Jesus saw the children, Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19: 14) In honor of the Blessed Mother during the month of May, I encourage you to pray Rosary in your families and ask the Blessed Mother’s intercession for your children.

Relatives, Catechists, and people of the parish, this is a time of joy for you also. You have in various ways helped to lead these children to this special day. Remember them in your prayers and strive to inspire them by the example of your lives. I thank you all, especially, the Faith Formation Director and the Catechists, who prepare the children for their First Communion. **Congratulations.**

**Rosary Intention:** ‘For all the children celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion’

**‘Food For The Poor’:** Clergy Speaker will be visiting, **May 21 & 22.**

Founded in 1982, ‘Food For The Poor’ works to end the suffering of impoverished children and families in the Caribbean and Latin America. In each face they see the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. Their ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. Father Robert J. Karris, O.F.M. will be visiting our parish to speak on behalf of ‘Food For The Poor’ during the weekend of May 21 & 22, 2022. Please generously support this great cause.

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



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

Tues, May 17 4:00pm Finance Council @ Asc  
 Thur, May 19 7:00pm Joint Mission Team Mtg @ StB  
 Sat, May 21 & Sun May 22 Linger Longer @ St. Bernard  
 Thur, May 26 7:00pm Finance Council @ StB

**Congratulations Confirmants!!**



**Food for the Poor—Special Collection May 21-22**

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**Pray. Reflect. Follow. — Your Role in Synod 2022**

Thank you to all who participated in the Synod Parish Consultation with Small Groups last fall. While the Parish Consultation is complete, the Synod isn't over! There are still important ways you can stay involved now through the Synod Assembly, June 3-5:

- 1. Pray.** Prayer has always been integral to our Archdiocesan Synod process. Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers and pray in particular for Synod representatives from our parish. Find prayer opportunities at [archspm.org/synod/pray](http://archspm.org/synod/pray).
- 2. Reflect.** The same three focus areas we discussed during the Parish Consultation, will be examined in-depth throughout the remainder of the Synod process. Watch the Parish Consultation videos – again, or for the first time – and reflect on these important topics at [archspm.org/synodsmallgroups](http://archspm.org/synodsmallgroups).
- 3. Follow.** Follow The Catholic Spirit to stay up-to-date on the latest news about the Archdiocesan Synod. Visit [thecatholicspirit.com](http://thecatholicspirit.com). Find links and resources for all of the above at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).

**Synod Assembly Mass**

**Saturday, June 4, 7 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul**  
 Be part of this historic gathering of our local Church, joining Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Williams and more than 500 Synod members from across the Archdiocese who are meeting June 3-5 for the Synod Assembly. Come to worship alongside your parish's Synod representatives, clergy, religious and lay faithful, calling upon the Holy Spirit to guide those participating in the Synod Assembly - the final step in our three-year Synod journey. Learn more about the Synod at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).

“Christianity was always a domestic religion. It began with the Holy Family. The business done in the home is nothing less than the shaping of the bodies and souls of humanity. The family is the factory that manufactures mankind.” - G.K. Chesterton

**Linger Longer** after Mass next weekend, May 21st and 22nd. St. Bernard Branch of Catholic United Financial will be serving refreshments after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses next weekend. Please join fellow parishioners and guests as you “Linger Longer” after Mass.

**Welcome Audrey Grace Arnst !**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of St. Bernard Church who was baptized on May 1, 2022. Audrey is the daughter of Matthew & Miranda Arnst. Many blessings to Audrey and her family.

**Prayers are requested** for the repose of the soul of Fr. John Jerry Berger who passed away on April 27, 2022. His funeral was on Saturday, May 7th. May he rest in peace and may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Pray for peace and comfort for his family and all priests, parishioners and all he touched during his life.



**Maintenance /“handy-person” needed.**

St. Bernard is looking to hire a part-time maintenance/handy-person to perform routine maintenance in all buildings, as well as cleaning in the school building and to be backup to our lawn mowing volunteers. We anticipate approximately 40 hrs per month with starting wage of \$15.00/hr. Please contact the parish office (952-466-2031) if you are interested in this opportunity.

**Lawn Mowing Help.** St. Bernard's is seeking volunteers to join our summer lawn mowing team to help keep our grounds looking nice. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Ralph Laumann or the parish office.

**Archdiocesan Marriage Day**

June 11, 10 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul  
 Celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and a woman in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Those celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries in the 2022 calendar year will be honored in a special way. To submit your request for a special certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Life at [mfl@archspm.org](mailto:mfl@archspm.org) or 651-291-4488. Deadline for requests is May 30.

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**



**MADE FOR EACH OTHER**

We are introduced to the book of Revelation's great concluding vision in our second reading. The completion of God's project of salvation is described as a new Jerusalem coming from heaven, to form a new heaven and new earth. The image of a marriage articulates this vision, in which the two sides of God's good creation, earth and heaven, are joined in a final union. Earth (the physical universe) will not be destroyed, but instead be fully renewed. This vision rejects any notion that the physical and the spiritual are ultimately separate and opposed to each other. It rejects the idea that heaven is an escape from a prison of earthly life. Like a marriage partnership, these two sides of reality are fundamentally made for each other. Life in heaven and life on earth are quite different now. But the life of faith, here and now, offers a foretaste of God's promised future. *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

## Mass Ministry Schedule –May 21-22, 2022

Mass Ministry	S. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Tamara Lemmer	Lori Kasel
Servers	Volunteer	Florian Schindler	Daniel Worm
Reader	Judy Glander	Brian Willems	Julie Kleindl
EMHC	Carol Hoen	Kathy Kloempken	Victoria Amst
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Paul Lano & Eugene Dvorak	Tom Dahl & Andy Kleindl
Greeters	Eileen Fasching	Amy & Justin Buckentin	Sarah Foley & Brian Vos
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Steve Lemmer & Curt Wilson Grp B Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson	N/A

### Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	May 16	No Mass	
Tuesday	May 17 6:15 pm	Ascension	Michael Coyle †
Wednesday	May 18 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Living & deceased members of the Mathais & Gertrude Fick Family
Thursday	May 19 8:00 am	St. Bernard	R. M. Family
Friday	May 20 8:00 am	Ascension	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser ††
Saturday	May 21 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	All living and deceased members of the St. Bernard Branch of Catholic United Financial
Sunday	May 22 8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	May 22 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser † & All Parishioners



### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Ascension

Every Tuesday  
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

#### St. Bernard

Every Wednesday  
2:00 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 May 16-22, 2022

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26 **Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a **Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8 **Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 **Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17 **Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21 **Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**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.

### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

January Budget for week	3,027.27
<b>Contributions 04-27 through 5-03-2022</b>	<b>2,799.92</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	159,541.41
<b>Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>6,982.25</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	655.00
Electronic Donations	265.50
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>920.50</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>62,191.98</b>
<b>Catholic Home Missions collection</b>	<b>45.00</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 5/1/2022

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 2,788.47
<b>Weekly Envelopes/Plate:</b>	2,682.00
<b>Weekly E-Giving:</b>	270.00
<b>Collections Budget YTD:</b>	122,692.68
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	133,009.16
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	10,316.48
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	460.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	45.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	10,485.00

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.