

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.
- 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/synod/smallgroups.
- 3. Follow.** Follow The Catholic Spirit to stay up-to-date on the latest news about the Archdiocesan Synod. Visit thecatholicspirit.com. Find links and resources for all of the above at archspm.org/synod.



GRATITUDE Campaign Supports Byrne Residence for Retired Priests - May 4, 2022

Did you know there's a home for retired priests of the Archdiocese? There is and you have an opportunity to share your gratitude by supporting the men who've ministered to you and your family for many decades.

The **Leo C. Byrne Residence** (archspm.org/leo-c-byrne-residence) offers 29 individual apartments for priests who have reached retirement age, most of whom continue to actively serve parishes and organizations around the Archdiocese. (Note: This is where Fr. Ardolf lived the last few years before his death.)

The GRATITUDE Capital Campaign Renovation Project (coordinated by the Catholic Community Foundation) will fund work required to bring the entire Byrne Residence to a level of security and efficiency suitable for the safety and well-being of each resident priest.

Ways to Give - Visit ccf-mn.org/bymeresidence to give online or find out how to give through stock, a donor advised fund or other ways. You may also write a check out to CCF / Byrne Residence and mail it to: CCF / Byrne Residence Renovation Fund, Court West Suite 500, 2610 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55114.

Envelopes for this campaign can be found in the back of church at Ascension and in the narthex at St. Bernard.



Out with the Old—In with the New

Construction for the renovation on the Ascension social hall will begin Mon, May 23.

The hall will not be available for meetings or events until renovation is complete in the fall.

Updates include: new panelling on the lower half of the walls with sheetrock on the upper half. The carpet will be replaced and tile added in the front section under the serving tables allowing for easier maintenance of spills. New ceiling tiles and LED lighting fixtures will be installed. New audio-visual equipment will be added to make it easier to stream Masses down there and give the Faith Formation and Adult Bible Study better options for their classes. The biggest change will be with the elevator entrance. The outer door will be lowered to eliminate the slope inside the door and an automatic door opener installed to make the area more handicapped accessible.

As we mentioned in the announcement at Mass a couple of weeks ago, this project is being funded with the bequest left to the church from Fr. Ardolf. However, if anyone wishes to donate toward this project or to help boost our reserves, please mark your check or envelope with "Social hall Renovation" so we can correctly track the funds.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter- May 22, 2022



'Food For The Poor'

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Founded in 1982, 'Food For The Poor' works to end the suffering of impoverished children and families in the Caribbean and Latin America. 'Food For The Poor' is an interdenominational Christian ministry that provides lifesaving food, builds solid houses for those who are destitute, supports vulnerable children, digs water wells for parched villagers, supplies medicine and medical equipment for the sick and elderly, provides the tools for educating children, provides skills training and income-generating opportunities, and much more.

Food For The Poor serves the poorest of the poor in sixteen different countries. 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. So many people felt called to join their in making Matthew chapter 25 a reality: "When I was hungry you gave me food to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me drink,..." "As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me."

Today's gospel reading is filled with beautiful statements about love. Jesus tells us that the Father loves him, and that he in turn loves us, and that we should love one another. If we love Jesus and obey his word, then the Father and Jesus will come and make a home, dwelling with us. (Jn 14: 23-29). As Christians, we are privileged to love, serve and experience the presence of Jesus in our day to day life situations.

This weekend, our parishes are hosting a 'Food For The Poor' clergy speaker, Father Robert J. Karris, O.F.M. He will celebrate Mass with us and speak on behalf of 'Food For The Poor.' Let us give him a cordial welcome and generously support his ministry.

We offer our prayers for the 'Food For The Poor' ministry. Father Karris, thank you for visiting our parish family and celebrating Mass with us.

Praying Rosary twenty minutes before every weekend Mass with special intentions. You are welcome to join us.

Rosary Intention: *'For the Poor and the Oppressed'*

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Sat, May 21 & Sun May 22 Linger Longer @ St. Bernard
 Sun, May 22 5:30pm KC Meeting @ Asc
 Thur, May 26 7:00pm Finance Council @ StB



Memorial Day Mass/Service

The **Memorial Day Mass** this year will be at 8:45am on Mon., May 30th at **Ascension** followed by a short service in the cemetery. The VFW Honor Guard will be there to perform a salute to the veterans.

At **St. Bernard**, the Flags & Honor of MN Honor Guard will be at the cemetery at 9:30 am to perform a salute to the veterans. Please come to pay respect to those who served to keep our country safe and protect the freedoms we all enjoy. May God bless and keep each of them.

Second Collection—May 21-22

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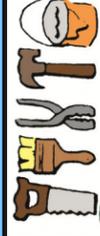
Synod Assembly Mass

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.

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 or 651-291-4488. Deadline for requests is May 30.

"Faith is not an illusion, a flight of fancy, a refuge, or sentimentalism; rather, it is total involvement in the whole of life and is the proclamation of the Gospel, the Good News that can set the whole man free. It is worth expending oneself for Christ; he alone satisfies the desires for truth and goodness that are rooted in every man's soul: now, in time that passes, and in the never-ending day of blessed Eternity." - Pope Benedict XVI



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.

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.

Thank you to Roger Storms who provided and spread Black Dirt on the flower bed across from the main entrance of the church. The flowers also thank you Roger !!



Congratulations High School Graduates!!

A Mass will be held in your honor at 10:00am on Sun., June 5th at St. Bernard. Fr. Abraham will offer the graduates a special blessing at the Mass and we will have a special Linger Longer after the Mass. Please invite your families to join

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND FAMILIES!

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!



Available ADVERTISING SPACE

Kristee Flynn from LPI, our parish communication partner, will be working with us securing new ads for our bulletin this week. Please consider purchasing an ad for a business, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

- Local, targeted community advertising for one full year, at one low price.
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

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 651-303-3461



BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am	Ascension Memorial Day 8:45am
Sacristian	Cheryl Coyle	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn	Tamara Lemmer
Servers	Paul Proloski	Don Whiakar	Daniel Worm	Steve Lemmer
Reader	Ann Schwichtenberg	Brian Willems	Helen Nicklaus	Jean Schmitz
EMHC	Curt Wilson	Irene Yaack	Meghan Stusynski	Brenda Seifert
Ushers	Tom Lano & Steve Schrupp	Justin Buckentin & Josh Gallus	Vern Elke & Brian Vos	Gary Widmer & Eugene Dvorak
Greeters	Leo Pouliot	Pat Johnson	Casey Jones & Andy Kleindl	Sue Schultz
Homebound Ministers	N/A	CpA: Steve Helget & Tim George CpB: Tim & Rita Fahey	N/A	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Monday	May 23	No Mass
Tuesday	May 24 6:15 pm	Ascension Mrs. Vo Kiem†
Wednesday	May 25 8:00 am	St. Bernard Helen Hilgers †
Thursday	May 26 8:00 am	St. Bernard Robert G. Fritz †
Friday	May 27 8:00 am	Ascension Respect for All Life
Saturday	May 28 5:00 pm	Ascension Living & Deceased members of the Clara & Albert Wickenhauer family
Sunday	May 29 8:00 am	Ascension All Parishioners
Sunday	May 29 10:00 am	St. Bernard 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.

Scripture Readings
 May 23-29, 2022
Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a **Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11 **Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15 **Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20 **Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23 **Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28 **Sunday:** Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

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 pquinn5322@hotmail.com
Ascension copy must be emailed to:
busadmin@ascensionya.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
Contributions 05-04 through 5-10-2022
 Total Actual Collection YTD 2,799.92
 Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget 159,541.41
Forward in Faith 6,982.25
 Envelope Income 655.00
 Electronic Donations 265.50
Forward in Faith Total 920.50
Forward in Faith YTD 62,191.98
Catholic Home Missions collection 45.00

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

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 5/8/2022
Weekly Operating Budget: \$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate: 629.00
Weekly E-Giving: 1,120.00
Actual Collections Budget YTD: 125,481.15
Actual Collection YTD: 134,758.16
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD: 9,277.01
Capital Improvement Offering: 1,050.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving: 175.00
Capital Improvement YTD: 11,710.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionya.org
 Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.