

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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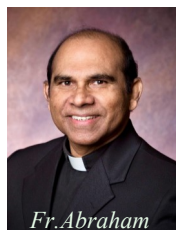
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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - June 19, 2022

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Fr. Abraham

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) is the very center and heart of the Church and of our faith. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast. It is a feast established for three main purposes: to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor him there; to instruct us in the mystery, faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist; and to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist both as a sacrament and as a sacrifice.

Our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the promise of Christ to give his Body and Blood as our spiritual food and drink. It is found in the Gospels. Eucharistic theologians explain the real presence by a process called transubstantiation: the entire "substance" of bread and wine is changed into the glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the accidents, "taste, color, shape etc." of bread and wine.

The celebration of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is an opportunity for us to focus on the Mass and the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Lord's dying gift to us. We receive His Body, His Blood, His humanity and Divinity. The act of receiving Holy Communion is meant to foster the abiding presence of the Lord in our soul and in our heart. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to renew and deepen our faith in the Eucharist. When our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is strong, then our desire to attend Mass and to receive communion often is strong. Eucharistic devotions are meant to deepen our love for Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist.

Our parish is a Eucharistic community. We are truly blessed to have Eucharistic adoration on Tuesdays at Ascension and Wednesdays at St. Bernard. I express my sincere thanks to you for deciding to commit to Eucharistic Adoration. I am grateful to everyone who is helping to promote the Eucharistic adoration. Sign-up sheets for Adoration are available in the back of church. Holy Communion and Eucharistic adoration strengthen our unity, mutual love, and spiritual & physical health. We may be often spiritually sick. But we have our spiritual doctor and he cares for us. It is only by following his advice, and by using the spiritual nourishment he prescribes for us, that we can overcome our illness and weakness and keep on the narrow road to heaven.

On this **Father's Day**, we pray for all the men who continue to reflect the divine qualities of fatherhood as they lovingly establish, nourish and maintain a family. Fathers are a blessing, and we thank them for their lives of dedication, endurance and love. We also remember and pray for all the fathers who have gone to their eternal reward.

Father's Day is also a day to remember, acknowledge and appreciate the love and providence of our Heavenly Father. Let the earthly fathers draw strength from their Heavenly Father. On this Father's Day, please don't forget to pray for our spiritual Fathers, men who are called to be Fathers through the sacrament of Holy Orders.

**Rosary Intention:** *'For all Fathers, living and deceased'*

**Happy Father's Day!**

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI  
Pastor



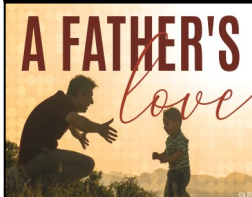
**CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES**

Sat. & Sun. June 18th & 19th Linger Longer after Mass at St. B  
 Tue, June 21 4pm Finance Council Meeting @ Asc  
 Thurs, June 23 7pm Finance Council Meeting @ StB  
 Thurs. June 30th Noon-Early bulletin deadline for the July 10th Bulletin.

**Congratulations Graduates!!**  
 May God bless you in your life's adventures.



**Rural Life Sunday June 26, 1:30 p.m. Mass, Jack and Debby Lorenz Family Farm, Cannon Falls, MN.** Join Archbishop Hebda at this celebration of rural life. Mass will be followed by lunch, music, children's activities, games and the chance to see the farm animals. All are welcome. Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards for all the details.



**Happy Father's Day**  
 We wish a special blessing for all Father's in our parishes. Thank you for your love of Jesus, your spouse and children and for leading strong faith filled families.

**Peter's Pence Collection - June 26**

You have an opportunity to be in solidarity with the Holy Father as your contributions to Peter's Pence aid the Holy Father with two universal mission activities: spiritual and material. Your financial contributions help the Pope continue the work of formation of the clergy, communications, promotion of integral human development, education and justice. Materially, you will enable assistance for the most needy who are victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Please offer what you can on Peter's Pence collection June 26.

**Word of Life** "Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux "Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"

"To live is to love, and to love is to choose one fork in life's road rather than the other, and that choice creates your destiny. East-bound roads simply cannot take you west, or vice versa; and Hell-bound roads simply cannot take you to Heaven, or vice versa."  
 —Peter Kreeft



**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.

**June is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was started and made popular by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. She was inspired by visions of Jesus to spread this devotion.

This was a favorite prayer of St. Padre Pio and he prayed it every day.

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus>

**Thank you !**

The Southwest Carver County Food Shelf gratefully acknowledges the gift of 36 pounds of food donated by the St. Bernard Church recently.

Your contribution is appreciated on behalf of those served by the Food Shelf.

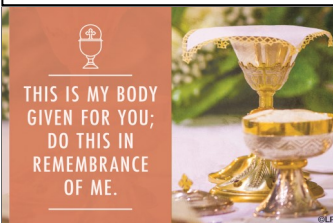
Remember during the summer months the food shelf needs your donations more than ever. Children are not in school to receive meals in school. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you !



**New bulletin provider... LPi**

This is the second week LPi has printed our bulletin. Please see the back page for all the ads. Whoo-hoo! Thank you to all of our advertisers! It is these ads that pay for the printing of the bulletin each week. Please support these businesses and thank them for supporting our parishes.

If you would like to 'join the party', please contact Kristee Flynn at [kflynn@4LPi.com](mailto:kflynn@4LPi.com).



**Sacred Vessels**

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

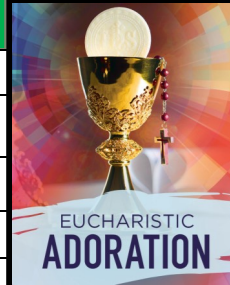
When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Mass Ministry Schedule - June 25—26

| Mass Ministry              | Ascension<br>Sat. 5:00pm | Ascension<br>Sun. 8:00am                                           | St. Bernard<br>Sun. 10:00am |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sacristan</b>           | Sherry Witte             | Tamara Lemmer                                                      | Lori Kasel                  |
| <b>Servers</b>             | Steve Lemmer             | Paul Prosofski                                                     | Luke Allison & Lexy Allison |
| <b>Reader</b>              | Jean Schmitz             | Brian Willems                                                      | Greg Wickenhauser           |
| <b>EMHC</b>                | Brenda Seifert           | Kathy Kloempken                                                    | Julie Clemensen             |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | Steve Schrupp & Tom Lano | Don Whitaker & Eugene Dvorak                                       | Bob Symanitz & Brian Vos    |
| <b>Greeters</b>            | Jeremy & Julie Gesinger  | Leo Pouliot                                                        | Andy & Julie Kleindl        |
| <b>Homebound Ministers</b> | N/A                      | Grp A Steve Lemmer & Curt Wilson<br>Grp B Paul & Corrine Prosofski | N/A                         |

### Mass Times/Intentions

| Monday           | June 20                 | No Mass     |                                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | June 21 <b>6:15 pm</b>  | Ascension   | Patricia Prchal †                                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | June 22 <b>8:00 am</b>  | St. Bernard | Theresa & Leonard Weber ††                                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | June 23 <b>8:00 am</b>  | St. Bernard | Rebecca Shamla †                                          |
| <b>Friday</b>    | June 24 <b>8:00 am</b>  | Ascension   | For All souls in Purgatory                                |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | June 25 <b>5:00 pm</b>  | Ascension   | All Parishioners                                          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | June 26 <b>8:00 am</b>  | Ascension   | Living & Deceased Members of the Braunwarth-Dupont Family |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | June 26 <b>10:00 am</b> | St. Bernard | Marcy Wickenhauser                                        |



### 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 for the week of June 19, 2022

**Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17 **Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5 **Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/ Mt 7:6, 12-14 **Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20 **Thursday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c -15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 **Friday:** Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7 **Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Lk 2:41-51 **Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

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@ NOON*

*for the bulletin two weekends out;*

St. Bernard copy must be  
emailed to:

bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org  
and pqinn55322@hotmail.com  
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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

|                                                    |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Budget for week                                    | 3,207.96         |
| <b>Contributions 06-1 through 6-7-2022</b>         | <b>3,402.92</b>  |
| Total Actual Collection YTD                        | 176,264.75       |
| <b>Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget</b> | <b>8,388.55</b>  |
| <b>Forward in Faith</b>                            |                  |
| Envelope Income                                    | 230.00           |
| Electronic Donations                               | 165.50           |
| <b>Forward in Faith Total</b>                      | <b>395.50</b>    |
| <b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>                        | <b>63,750.90</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 6/5/2022

|                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>          | \$ 2,788.47 |
| <b>Weekly Envelopes/Plate:</b>           | 1,081.00    |
| <b>Weekly E-Giving:</b>                  | 270.00      |
| <b>Collections Budget YTD:</b>           | 136,635.03  |
| <b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>            | 143,357.16  |
| <b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b> | 6,722.13    |
| <b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>     | 60.00       |
| <b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>     | 25.00       |
| <b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>          | 13,030.00   |

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.