

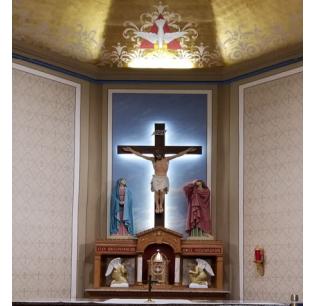
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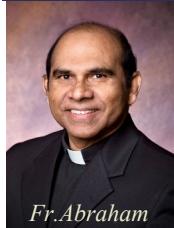


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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 1 & 2, 2023

Walking with Jesus



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We enter into the Holy Week with the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem. We celebrate this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday.

Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. The crowd waves palms and spreads their cloaks and put cut branches on the road, and sings out in loud voices, "Hosanna to the Son of David." However, shouts of "Hosanna" are soon replaced by "crucify him, crucify him."

During this Holy Week we relive the last days and final hours of our Lord Jesus Christ's earthly life. As we begin this Holy Week, let us ask for the grace to enter into these mysteries in a deep and personal way. Let us walk with our Lord from Jerusalem to Calvary. The procession with palms symbolizes the beginning of the spiritual journey into the Paschal Mystery that will unfold throughout Holy Week. On Holy Thursday, Jesus shared the Last Supper with his apostles in the Upper Room. Let us be with Jesus and the apostles for the institution of the First Holy Mass. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and invited us to serve others.

After the Last Supper, Jesus went to Gethsemane where he suffered the agony in the garden and the betrayal of Judas. Jesus said to his apostle, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." (Mt26:38). We try to keep watch with him in the garden. Jesus was confronted by the reality of what he was facing. He would be tortured to death as a sacrificial offering to the Father for the sins of the world, your sins and my sins.

Finally, we walk alongside our Lord, with Mary our Blessed Mother, as he carries his cross and is crucified. Jesus stressed this in his lifetime, saying: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mk 8:34). Whatever crosses we carry in our lives, whatever hardships we face, we need to know that Jesus is walking with us in our sufferings. Our pain is not the last word of the Good Friday. If we carry our cross with him, he will lead us to the resurrection. As we walk with Jesus and Mary throughout this Holy Week, let us say to God, as they said: "Thy will be done."

Have a blessed Holy Week!

Rosary Intention: "For the grace to declare Jesus as King of our life"

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

Pastor

Church of Ascension Norwood Young America, MN

CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Every Tue 9:00am—Noon Quilting Circle meets @St. Bernard
Sun, April 2nd after 8am Mass KC Donut Sunday @ Ascension
Fri. Apr. 7th Begin Divine Mercy Novena
Sat. Apr. 15th after 5pm Mass “Linger Longer” @ St. Bernard
Sun. Apr. 16th after 10am Mass “Linger Longer” @ St. Bernard

Easter Triduum Services

April 6 Holy Thursday, *Mass of the Lord's Supper* @ StB 7 pm
April 7 Good Friday, *Living Stations of the Cross* @ Asc 3pm
April 7 Good Friday Liturgy @ St. Bernard, 7 pm
April 8 Easter Vigil Mass @ Ascension, 8pm
April 9 Easter Sunday Mass @ Ascension, 8 am
April 9 Easter Sunday Mass @ St. Bernard, 10 am

Parish Pictorial Directory - Change in Dates

Exciting News! The Joint Leadership team of St. Bernard and Ascension, have made the decision it is time for a new **pictorial church directory**. The dates for photos will be March 30th, 31st and April 1st at St. Bernard and **April 11th and 13th - 15th** at Ascension. You may have your photo taken at either parish if the dates at your specific parish don't work for you. Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8 x10 portrait and a church directory. You will be able to view your images right away and purchase family portraits for yourself and to give as gifts to others. For online scheduling go to www.ucdir.com Church Code: mn346 Password: photos For questions call: St. Bernard: Karen @ 952-466-5928 * Ascension: Lonnie @ 952-292-6013

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's Honor Banquet Fundraiser

Saturday, April 22nd at Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion Program and Dinner start at 6:00pm (Doors open at 5:30) Keynote speaker: Carver Co. Deputy Sheriff Matt Arnst Tickets - \$20 each - can be purchased until 4/17/23 at Citizens State Bank and Old National Bank in NYA; Security Bank & Trust in Cologne and Hamburg and on-line at: <https://tinyurl.com/2023HonorBanquet>

Holy Land Appeal - Good Friday, April 7

This annual appeal on Good Friday supports the Church in the Holy Land. Pope Francis has asked parishes to help the Holy Land, which relies on pilgrimages and visitors and has been hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land continue their efforts maintaining our sacred shrines, in parishes and formation programs, in Catholic schools, and providing basic humanitarian needs of food and shelter. When you contribute to the Good Friday collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, including our brothers and sisters in Damascus. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you!

Episcopal Ordination of The Most Reverend Michael John Izen

Date(s): Tuesday, April 11 Time: 1 p.m.

Location: [Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul](#)

More Information: <https://www.archspm.org/episcopal-ordination-bishop-elect-izen/>

On Thursday, January 5, 2023, Pope Francis named Father Michael Izen, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as Titular Bishop of Newport and Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Michael John Izen will take place Tuesday, April 11.

All fatherhood is a threat to Satan. For centuries, the devil 'delighted' in the reality that so few Christians prayed to St. Joseph and called upon his paternal intercession. Today, God wants to make St. Joseph's fatherhood known and replicated in the world. This terrifies Satan. The devil knows what the intercession of St. Joseph is capable of doing. If men resemble St. Joseph, the kingdom of Satan will be destroyed.

—Fr. Don Calloway from the *Consecration to St. Joseph*

Church of St. Bernard

Cologne, MN

Your Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Theresa Johnson, sister of Judy Storms and niece of Clarissa Wickenhauser, who passed away on Friday, March 17th. Theresa's funeral was on March 25th. May she rest in peace and may her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Also please pray for Theresa's family.

Catholic United Scholarships

Catholic United Financial Scholarship application period is open from March 1 — April 30 of each year. Any member (any age) studying for their first degree after high school can apply. Applicants must have been a member for at least 2 years by the application deadline and when the scholarship is awarded. [Awards of \\$500 for attending a Catholic college or \\$300 for an accredited non-Catholic school](#). Applications are available at: www.catholicunitedfinancial.org

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bernard Wednesday 2-7pm

Adorers are needed as we have a few open hours. Please consider signing up for an hour or half hour of adoration. It will be a time well spent. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Ladies~ REVIVE Women's Night~ Mon. April 17th at 6:30pm

[Guest Speaker~ Deb Hadley - " Finding Hope through Adversity"](#)

Deb shares with you her journey of losing two children, and how she is able to handle these tragedies with grace and humility and bring good from her hardships. She will make you cry, laugh, and give you hope for an amazing future. Deb is from Alexandria, MN, an inspirational speaker, author of the Morning God Boost, Founder of the KT Humble Hearts Foundation, the Bereavement Manager for Knute Nelson Hospice, and Servant of the Lord.

Revive's Women's evening schedule: 6:30pm: Wine, refreshments & sweets. 7:00pm: Guest Speaker 8:00pm-9:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, prayer ministry teams, personal prayer time and live praise & worship music.

This is a fantastic opportunity for women to get inspired and renewed in spirit! Free will offering, ages 16+ welcome to attend. Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 110 Winsted Ave W, Winsted

Word of Life—“Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”*

THANK YOU! The Southwest Carver County Food Shelf gratefully acknowledges the gift of 36 lbs. of food and other essentials. This contribution is appreciated on behalf of those the food shelf serves. **AGAIN THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED.**



Making Way for God

As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: And you're not going to do anything about it?

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It's true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, “Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.” - Matthew 21:5 By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Mass Ministry Schedule—April 6 - 9

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Holy Thur 7:00pm	St. Bernard Good Fri 7:00pm	Ascension Sat. 8:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Doris Mielke	Ann Dettmann	Rita Fahey	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Luca Hoen, Lily Starkey, Cohen Starkey	Buckley Jones & Logan Pellegrino	Jack Lano & Volunteers	Hailey Stender & Volunteer	Marshall Panning & Gabby Remer
Reader	Patricia Quinn	Roger Storms & Rob Wickenhauser	Jean Schmitz & Cathleen Williams	Cheryl Coyle	Sarah Foley
EMHC	Mary Meuwissen	Carol Hoen	Steve Helget	Irene Yaeck & Steve Lemmer	Julie Clemensen & Volunteer
Ushers	Tom Dahl & Brian Vos	Ralph Laumann & Leo Willems	Tom Lano & Rick Ulrich	Steve Coyle & Tim George	Kieran Allison & Bob Symantz
Greeters	Victoria Arnst	Casey Jones & Brian Vos	Pat Johnson	Leo Pouliot	Andy & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tim George & Steve Lemmer Sue & Rich Tellers	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Apr 3	No Mass	
Tuesday	Apr 4 6:15 pm	Ascension	John G. Worm †
Wednesday	Apr 5 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elaine Mohrbacher †
Thursday	Apr 6 7:00 pm	St. Bernard	Joe Wickenhauser Jr. †
Friday	Apr 7 7:00 pm	St. Bernard	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday	Apr 8 8:00 pm	Ascension	Thomas Fahey †
Sunday	Apr 9 8:00 am	Ascension	Ben Vanderlinde †
Sunday	Apr 9 10:00am	St. Bernard	Gerald Mohrbacher † & All Parishioners

Readings for the week of April 2 2023—Holy Week
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54 **Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 **Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, Sab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 **Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25 **Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 **Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 **Saturday:** Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:3 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Ps 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Jn 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10 **Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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 pqquinn55322@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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension

Every Tuesday

2:00 pm until 7:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday until

Further notice

3:00 until 6:00 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.....952-484-9628

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,267.18
Contributions 03-15—through 3-21-2023	4,097.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	134,894.95
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(323.48)

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income	200.00
Electronic Donations	695.92
Forward in Faith Total	895.92
Forward in Faith YTD	41,120.79

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,

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 3/19/2023

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,473.60
Weekly E-Giving:	330.00
Collections Budget YTD:	111,807.78
Actual Collection YTD:	121,479.44
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	9,671.66

Capital Improvement Offering:	120.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	35.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	15,355.00
Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more Information: 952-467-3351.	