

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

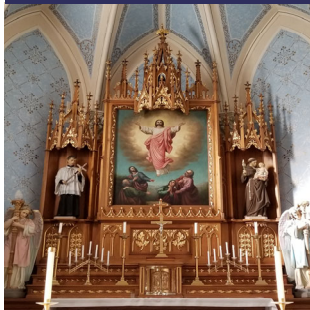
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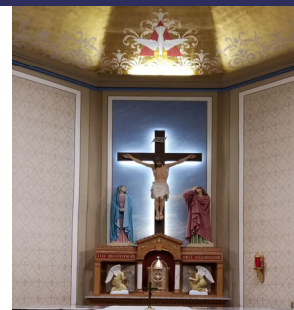
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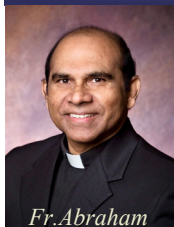


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Third Sunday of Lent - March 11 & 12, 2023



Fr. Abraham

Jesus Satisfies our thirst for Eternal Life

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The story of the Samaritan woman at the well centers on the theme of eternal life. When Jesus encountered the woman, he broke the normal practice of Jews and asked her for a drink. And so, he initiates this fascinating dialogue on two levels. He is speaking about the living water and the life of grace, while the Samaritan woman is thinking only of the water in the well. Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never thirst. The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

In every human heart there is a thirst that no water can satisfy. There is restlessness that no success can satisfy. But God has provided us a way to satisfy our inner thirst for him. He has given us Living Water through his Son Jesus. The Living Water which Christ gives is God’s life. Hence St Paul would say that on our baptism, “It was the very love of God that was poured into our hearts through the Spirit” (Romans 5: 5). It gives divine life to our souls now and immortality to our bodies at resurrection. It frees us from clinging to material things.

The water that Jesus promises is closely linked to conversion and forgiveness of sin. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. But the sin must first be confessed and acknowledged. Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman caused the change in her life. She decided to change her life and then wanted to shout out to the world that she had an experience of the Messiah who forgives her sin. The woman was filled with joy and rushed to the town, to her people, to tell them about Christ Jesus. They saw that the woman had changed, and for the first time they saw that she was happy. Many Samaritans came to believe in Jesus because of the woman’s witnessing. Then they invited him to stay with them.

In the middle of Lent, Jesus asks us to come to the living water, come to the only one who can satisfy our thirst. Lent is a special time for spiritual recollection and the renewal for the entire community. Lenten prayers, fasting and good works offer us a precious opportunity to drink this life-giving water to the full and share it with others as well. Our Lord Jesus is here with us to satisfy our thirst for eternal life.

Lenten Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 22 at 6.30 pm at Ascension.

Rosary Intention: “For all volunteers at Ascension and St. Bernard parishes.”

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Every Tue 9:00am—Noon Quilting Circle meets @St. Bernard
 Sun, Mar 12th 9:00am Bible Study @ Asc
 Tues. Mar 14th 7:00pm JMT Meeting @ StB
 Sat. Mar 17th 6:00pm Linger Longer after Mass @ StB
 Sun, Mar 19th 9:00am Bible Study @ Asc
 Sun. Mar 19th 11:00am Linger Longer after Mass @ StB

Lenten Services

Stations of the Cross will be held:

March 17, 24 & 31 at 6:00pm @ Ascension

Combined Reconciliation Service will be held:

March 22nd at 6:30pm @ Ascension. Faith Formation will attend.

Anointing of the Sick will be held:

March 25th after 5:00pm Mass @ Ascension

March 26th after 10:00am Mass @ St. Bernard



St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

A general dispensation has been granted by Archbishop Hebda from the obligation of abstinence from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the Memorial of Saint Patrick.

DISPENSE FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ABSTINENCE ON MARCH 17, 2023

Those faithful domiciled or physically present in the territory of the Archdiocese who would ordinarily be bound to observe abstinence from meat on the Fridays of the season of Lent. All, however, who choose to enjoy the favor of the dispensation by partaking in the eating of meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick this year, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Third Week of Lent.

Through the intercession of Saint Patrick, may Christ be in the heart of everyone who thinks of us, in the mouth of everyone who speaks of us, in every eye that sees us, and in every ear that hears us.

Glorious Saint Patrick pray for us!

Given at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on this 15th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord 2023

Word of Life- "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (*The Gospel of Life* 28).

Parish Pictorial Directory Info - 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 12th - 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



Boy Scout Troop 361 – Pancake Breakfast

Date: Sun, Mar 19th Time: 8:30 am to noon

Place: NYA Pavilion Cost: Free Will Donation

Please join us at our annual Boy Scout Pancake Fundraiser – with freshly scrambled eggs, fluffy pancakes, real butter and delicious sausages.

Lent is about letting go of the things that keep us from God so that we can cling more resolutely to him. We have to shed our plans and our fears, and give way to God's designs. In a word, we need to surrender.

—*Father Patrick Mary Briscoe*

The Church of the Ascension, NYA, MN and St. Bernard Church, Cologne, MN has an opening for a full time shared **Parish Business Administrator**. The Administrator works closely with the Pastor to manage the business of the parishes including the areas of finance, human resources, facility management, staff management, strategic planning and communication. The administrator reports to the Pastor and is an active participant in parish leadership councils as well as community and Diocesan Forums. A BA degree or equivalent work experience including budgeting, asset management, Human Resources and supervisory experience. Candidate must be task oriented with strong interpersonal skills who can cultivate collaborative, team-based relationships among staff, parish leaders and parishioners. Please send resume and cover letter including salary requirements to Sherry at: busadmin@ascensionnya.org



St Bernard's Parish will help again this year with the **Fish Fry** at St Joe's in Waconia on Friday March 24th.

To sign up to help please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

[go/60b0f4da4a922a57-fish#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4da4a922a57-fish#/) Go to March

23 & 24 dates and select the time and where you wish to work.

Thank you in advance for your help.

KC FISH FRIES DURING LENT-Annually, the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus host All You Can Eat Fish Fries from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm on all the Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday). Serving at St. Joseph Catholic Community at 41 East First St. in Waconia. Adults is \$15, \$7 for children 7-12, and children under 6 eat FREE! There is a max cost of \$50 per family. For up-to-date information on dates, menu, payment, and pick-up options please visit our website at stjosephwaconia.org. Stations of the Cross are at 7:00 pm. All are invited to come!

Food Drive for the West Carver County Food Shelf—Food is needed all year round. March is designated as one of the two months of the year that are especially highlighted to remind people of the special need for food donation. Meal in one, Tuna, Canned meat, Juice, peanut butter, canned soup, canned vegetables, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Crackers, etc. Bring your donations to the box in the narthex at St. Bernard and the shelf in the entrance at Ascension. Thank you in advance for your support.

St. Marks, Shakopee's Passion of Jesus in Music, Word & Light

Gather your parishioners and join the members of Shakopee's faith community. We will prepare for Easter as we have for many years, by presenting **OUR 40TH AND FINAL presentation** of the beloved and award winning **PASSION OF JESUS IN MUSIC, WORD & LIGHT**. In honor of our 40th anniversary, there will be four performances, all at the Church of Saint Mark, 4th Avenue and Atwood Street, in Shakopee. Wednesday, March 22, Thursday, March 23, and Saturday, March 25, will feature English narration. Friday, March 24, will feature Spanish narration. All performances begin with a musical prelude at 7:40 p.m., followed immediately by the Passion itself.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARISH RETREAT!

If you are seeking renewal in your faith, you are invited to come!

Those who have experienced a Christ Renews His Parish or Welcome Retreat before and those who have not, are encouraged to register for our spring retreats! During the weekend you will find fellowship and laughter, great food and friendship, and a renewed sense of belonging to this parish.

In the St. Joseph Education Center

MEN'S WEEKEND:

March 18-19

WOMEN'S WEEKEND:

March 25-26



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QUESTIONS? Contact Kirstin Bularzik
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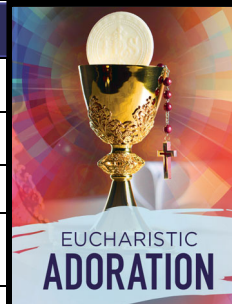
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Mass Ministry Schedule—March 18 & 19

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Rita Fahey	Lori Kasel
Servers	Lexy Allison & Luke Allison	Lacey Buckentin & Callie Buckentin	Buckley Jones & Cohen Starkey
Reader	Judy Glander	Brian Willems	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Bernie Shambour	Steve Helget	Helen Nicklaus
Ushers	Kieran Allison & Volunteer	Jeremy Friendshuh & Eugene Dvorak	Andy Kleindl & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Roger Storms	Justin & Any Buckentin	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A – Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson Grp B – Tim George & Steve Helget	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Monday	Mar 13	No Mass	
Tuesday	Mar 14	6:15 pm	Ascension Matt & Dorothy Hally ††
Wednesday	Mar 15	8:00 am	St. Bernard Annette Revering †
Thursday	Mar 16	8:00 am	St. Bernard Living & Deceased Members of the Mathias & Gertrude Fick Family
Friday	Mar 17	8:00 am	Ascension Albert Reldman †
Saturday	Mar 18	5:00 pm	St. Bernard Gerald & Delora Meuleners ††
Sunday	Mar 19	8:00 am	Ascension Joyce Hally †
Sunday	Mar 19	10:00am	St. Bernard Gerald Mohrbacher † & All Parishioners



Eucharistic Adoration Ascension

Every Tuesday
2:00 pm until 6:00 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.

Readings for the week of March, 12 2023

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30 **Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35 **Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19 **Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34 **Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 **Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Feast Days this week
Mar 17-St. Patrick
Mar 18-St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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@ascensionny.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	2,868.13
Contributions 02-22– through 2-28-2023	2,124.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	121,326.20
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(4,090.68)
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	200.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	200.00
Forward in Faith YTD	39,251.87

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 2/26/2023

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,746.00
Weekly E-Giving:	1,555.00
Collections Budget YTD:	102,980.85
Actual Collection YTD:	115,002.84
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	12,021.99
Capital Improvement Offering:	75.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	100.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	14,700.00

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