

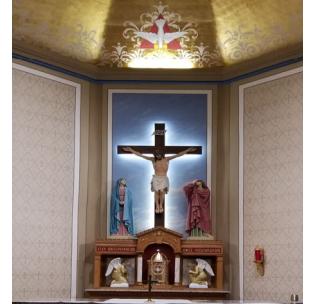
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 12 & 13, 2023

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

God and the Good Strong Wind

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

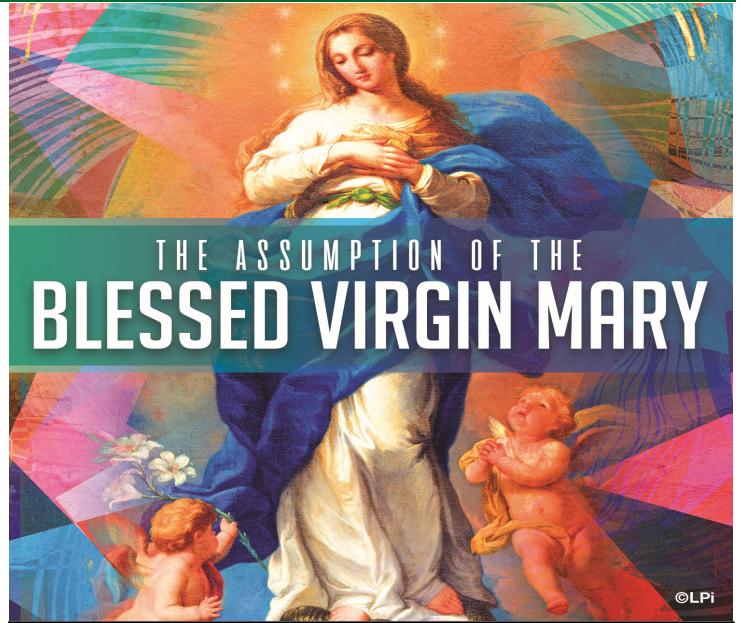
Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter..."



The Assumption: A Sign of Hope

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recite in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom. LPi

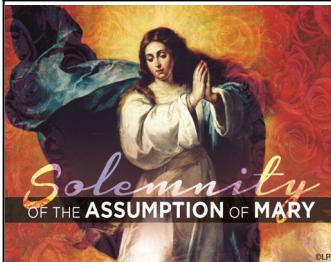
Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Bernard and Ascension, united through Baptism, redeemed by Christ's death and resurrection, and strengthened by his Word and Eucharist, are called to follow him by nurturing a rich sacramental and spiritual life, supporting strong Catholic faith formation and fostering fellowship and community.

Church of Ascension Norwood Young America, MN

CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Sat. Aug. 19th after the 5pm Mass "Linger Longer" at St. Bernard
Sun. Aug. 20th after the 10am Mass "Linger Longer" at St. Bernard



Tuesday, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be an 8am Mass at St. Bernard and a 6:15pm Mass at Ascension. Saint Joseph in Waconia is offering an Anticipated Mass, Monday, August 14th, at 6:30pm.

Ascension will be raising Cemetery Plot prices \$100 November 1st. Contact the Parish Office For pricing details.

Ascension's CUF FUNDRAISER

Help us raise money for Ascension parish and our Faith Formation program.

In partnership with the Epilepsy Foundation of MN, we will have a matching grant clothing drive from August 1-September 24. Bag up your unwanted clothes, linens, shoes, purses, belts, hats, gloves and other cloth items. (No household items)

Please bag your items and drop them off in Faith Formation classroom # 7 (across the hall from the parish office) from Aug. 1 - Sept. 10. Mon. - Thurs. (9:00 - 4:00), Friday (10:00 - 2:00) OR in the designated trailer that will be in the church parking lot Sept. 11- Sept. 24. More information to follow. Thank you. Ascension's Catholic United Financial Council

Anyone who would like to offer up prayers for their children (and/or grandchildren and/or great-grandchildren) in union with others are invited to come to Ascension Church on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

We will pray together for 1 hour, and prayers will be provided. There will be opportunities during our prayer time to say the names of our children, and any intentions we might have for them, out loud or in the silence our hearts.

People from other parishes other than Ascension are warmly welcome to join us!

If you are unable to come on Thursdays but would like a copy of the prayers, please let us know and we can get those to you. In addition, if you are unable to come but would like us to pray for your children/intentions, please let us know. Call or text Tamara at 612-790-5720 or Rita at 612-282-7030

Sunday, Aug 13th – Respect Life Picnic in the Park Event: The Knights of Columbus and SouthWest Options (SWOW) have partnered to bring you a fun afternoon in the park with food, games and pro-life speaker and lobbyist Maggee Hangge and SWOW Executive Director Kim Bennecke. 12:00 – 3:00pm, KC Park - 9055 Klein Dr, Waconia, MN.

"God's Spirit is not helping you from a distance-he is actually dwelling inside you! With his help no situation is too challenging for you to handle. Learn to depend on him as you face the struggles of daily life."

-Gary Zimak Stop Worrying and Start Living

Church of St. Bernard

Cologne, MN

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for the repose of the soul of **Richard Paul**, who passed away on Sunday, July 30th. Funeral services are pending. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please pray for Rich's wife Lorna and his family.

GLAD DAYS was a great success! We had a great group of volunteers helping with the booth. Our sales were strong too--with \$903.50 for the bake sale and \$1583.50 for the ice cream booth. The grand total in sales is \$2487. **THANK YOU** to all who helped with this event, baked treats, stopped in and visited with us at our booth. This is a St Bernard Catholic United Financial matching grant event. Many thanks to St Bernard CUF for your continued support of our faith formation program.

Word of Life -We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

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National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 9, 2023—10:00-11:00 AM Graveside at Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota, MN
Join with us as we pray for the lives lost to abortion, for the moms and dads involved in abortion and to let the world know that with every abortion there is a broken human body. <https://plam.org/event/national-day-of-remembrance-for-aborted-children/>



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

**August 13, 2023
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

Mass Ministry Schedule—August 15-20

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Assumption 8:00am	Ascension Assumption 6:15pm	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Patricia Quinn	Sherry Witte	Doris Mielke	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Logan Pellegrino & Volunteer	Jacob Johnson & Lucas Johnson	Cohen Starke & Volunteer	Caleb Michels & Jayden Michels	Marshall Panning & Kieran Allison
Reader	Judy Glander	Jean Schmitz	Patricia Quinn	Cheryl Coyle	Rob Wickenhauser
EMHC	Volunteer	Pat Johnson	Carol Hoen (H), Julie Clemensen (C), Bernie Shambour	Steve Helget	Sarah Foley (H), Helen Nicklaus (C), Meghan Stusynski (C)
Ushers	Tom Dahl & Ralph Laumann	Tim George & Curt Wilson	Tom Dahl & Ralph Laumann	Steve Coyle & Josh Gallus	Bob Symanitz & Leo Willems
Greeters	Victoria Arnst	Jeremy & Julie Gesinger	Roger Storms	Leo Pouliot	Bain Vos
Homebound Ministers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tim George & Steve Helget	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Aug. 14		No Mass
Tuesday	Aug. 15 8:00 am	St. Bernard	George Kochupurachal
Tuesday	Aug. 15 6:15 pm	Ascension	Mr. & Mrs. Arian Dostal ††
Wednesday	Aug. 16 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Communion Service
Thursday	Aug. 17 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Communion Service
Friday	Aug. 18 8:00 am	Ascension	No Mass
Saturday	Aug. 19 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Gerald Mohrbacher † & All Parishioners
Sunday	Aug. 20 8:00 am	Ascension	Bob Vanderlinde †
Sunday	Aug. 20 10:00am	St. Bernard	Roy & Vera Arnst ††

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023
Sunday: Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 **Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27 **Tuesday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 **Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20 **Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1 **Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-1 **Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15 **Next Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Feast Days
Aug. 14—St. Maximillian Kolbe
Aug. 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug. 16—St. Stephen of Hungry
Aug. 12—St. John Eudes, BVM

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.



Eucharistic Adoration Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00 until 7:00 pm

Prayers For Our Children Prayer Group

Every Thursday 5:30pm-6:30pm – **Ascension**
All are welcome from neighboring Parishes

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	2,744.75
Contributions 07-26-2023 through 7-31-2023	2,869.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	13,632.75
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(91.00)
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	100.00
Electronic Donations	00.00
Forward in Faith Total	100.00
Forward in Faith YTD	1,858.92

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 7/30/2023

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,421.27
Weekly E-Giving:	280.00
Collections Budget YTD:	14,933.95
Actual Collection YTD:	13,452.65
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(1,481.30)
Capital Improvement Offering:	140.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	55.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	1,187.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org

Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more Information: 952-467-3351.