

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	6:15 pm Ascension
Wednesday	8:00 am St. Bernard
Thursday	8:00 am St. Bernard
Friday	8:00 am Ascension
Saturday	5:00 pm St. Bernard
	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays
Saturday	5:00 pm Ascension
	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays
Sunday	8:00 am Ascension
Sunday	10:00 am St. Bernard

## 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

Or by appointment with Father.  
Call 952-856-1050

## Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

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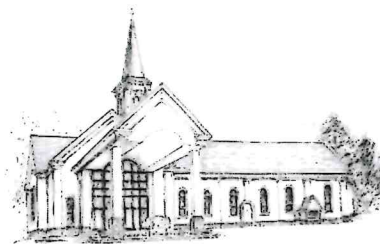
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**ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS**

(Revised 7/5/23)

# THE *MONTHLY* PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

## ~ SEPTEMBER 2023 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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3 VERY REV. MICHAEL CHRUN JOHNSON ORD 2009	4 REV. JAN MICHAEL (MICHAEL) JONCAS ORD 1980	5 REV. COLIN DANIEL JONES ORD 2018	6 REV. MARK JOSEPH JOPPA ORD 2007	7 REV. SAW JOSEPH ORD 1993	8 REV. MARK RICHARD JUETTNER ORD 1979	9 REV. THOMAS RAYMOND KADERA ORD 1987
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## WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

### PRAYER SUGGESTION

Lord Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the Flock, we pray that in the great love and mercy of Your Sacred Heart You attend to all the needs of Your priest-shepherds throughout the world. We ask that You draw back to Your Heart all those priests who have seriously strayed from Your path, that You rekindle the desire for holiness in the hearts of those priests who have become lukewarm, and that you continue to give Your fervent priests the desire for the highest holiness. United with Your Heart and Mary's Heart, we ask that You take this petition to Your heavenly Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Imprimatur: (Most Rev. Carl K. Moeddel, Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati)

# YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

Dear Friends,

Archbishop Hebda has a dream for every parish in the Archdiocese, including ours. His dream is for all Catholics to come alive in their faith and grow in community by participating in small groups. This is a return to the missionary activity of the apostles and disciples from the earliest days of the Church: they spread the Good News of Jesus through small groups which met in homes. Archbishop Hebda asks us to imagine the impact of 186 parishes across the Archdiocese journeying together to build relationships, enliven our faith and draw us closer to Jesus, all within small groups of friends.

For these small groups to be spirit filled and fruitful, leaders are needed. Think of this as the 72 disciples Jesus sent out to do good works in His name. The Synod Evangelization Team (SET) for our parishes is currently “Fishing for the next 72”.

Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to lead a small group. Is He tugging at your heart to be a part of this movement? Be open to where the Lord is leading you! There will be a free 7-week training session to guide and form you for this mission. To participate or for more information, please contact one of the SET members:

Jeremy Geisinger, Rob Wickenhauser, Kara Wickenhauser, Steve Helget, Andy Kleindl, Steve Lemmer, Elroy Knauer, Rita Fahey, Patsy Quinn, Sue Tellers, Chris George, Doris Mielke

Sincerely,

SET Members & Fr. Abraham





## Information for Small Group Leader Formation Series at St. Bernards and Ascension

June 20, 2023

1. Thank you for considering the invitation to participate in the Small Group Leader Formation Series at our parish.
2. The 7 sessions will be held at the following times:
  - Session 1: September 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm at St. Bernard
  - Session 2: September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at ~~St. Bernard~~ Ascension
  - Session 3: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at St. Bernard
  - Session 4: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at St. Bernard
  - Session 5: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Ascension
  - Session 6: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Ascension
  - Session 7: November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Ascension
3. Each session will last less than two hours, and will include times of prayer, teaching, and small group sharing.
4. Because this series is a formation toward leading small groups, and small group sharing is an important component of it, participants are expected to attend most, if not all sessions, in person. Recognizing that life happens, there will be an ability to “make up” missed sessions, but non-live participation is intended to be the exception, not the rule. If you know that you will need to miss more than two sessions, there will be future offerings of the training.
5. Participation in the series does not commit you to lead a small group. Upon the formation’s conclusion, there will be a mutual discernment, that will include the pastor, on whether each participant will lead a small group starting in Winter 2024 and what type of small group s/he might feel comfortable leading.
6. Furthermore, the formation will help discern other supporting leadership roles within the small group, such as hospitality or music ministry, as possible alternatives to being “the leader.”
7. We expect that different types of small groups will emerge. Examples include (but are not limited to): small groups among family, friends and neighbors as well as parish/pastoral groups among youth, marriage prep, RCIA, young adults, widows, etc.).
8. If you have questions, please contact me or any of the SET Team Members:

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9. Please let us know by August 31st.