



Please join us **Saturday Oct 7th, 3 to 8pm** (or until soup is gone) for our

SOUP SOCIAL

(Formally known as the Chili Feed)

We will continue with our award-winning beef and chicken chili; in the last few years we have also added Chicken Noodle and Chicken Wild Rice. New this year will be Hearty Vegetable Soup.

Mass will be at 5pm with the *Free Spirits*

We will still have our Quilt and Cash raffles, tickets can be picked up in back of church. Please return raffle tickets by 5pm on Saturday, Oct 7th to the box in the narthex or on the porch of parish office. We will once again have a Farmer's Market and Bake Sale. In addition, a meat raffle and silent auction will be added.

Wondering what you can do to help?

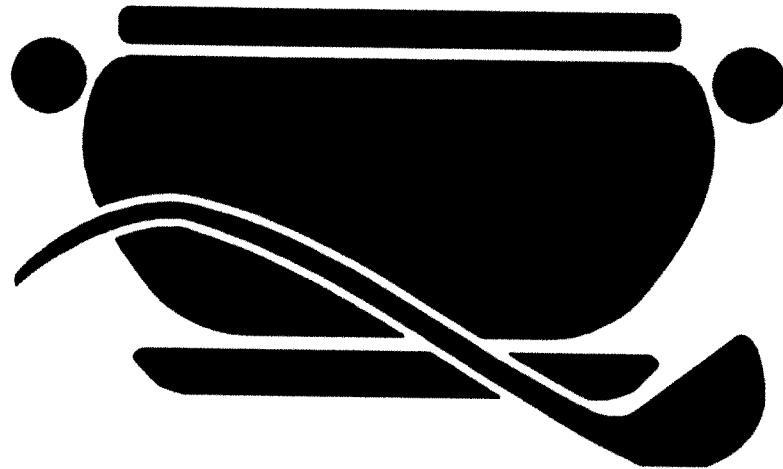
- Sell raffle and quilt chances to family and friends!
- Put up flyers at local businesses.
- Provide garden produce and baked goods for bake sale and dessert.
- (Containers located in back of church can be used for bake sale items.)
- Make a silent auction basket (baskets in back of church)
- Sign up to help/ attend Soup Social!

If you have any questions please contact:

Monica Kooiman 952-466-5769

Sandy Bengston 612-240-4977

SOUP SOCIAL



Saturday, October 7
3pm to 8pm
or until soup is gone

St. Bernard Catholic Church
212 Church St. E.
Cologne, Minnesota
Mass at 5pm

Quilt Raffle - Cash Raffle

Farmer's Market

Bake Sale

Silent Auction

FREE WILL OFFERING

Proceeds to General Fund

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:
 - o Session 1: September 21st, 6:30pm at St. Bernard
 - o Session 2: September 28th, 6:30pm at ~~St. Bernard~~ Ascension
 - o Session 3: October 5th, 6:30pm at St. Bernard
 - o Session 4: October 12th, 6:30pm at St. Bernard
 - o Session 5: October 26th, 6:30pm at Ascension
 - o Session 6: November 9th, 6:30pm at Ascension
 - o Session 7: November 16th, 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:

Jeremy Geisinger

Steve Helget

Kara Wickenhauser

Rob Wickenhauser

Rita Fahey

Sue Tellers

Doris Mielke

Steve Lemmer

Patsy Quinn

Andy Kleindl

Chris George

Elroy Knauer

9. Please let us know by August 31st.