

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

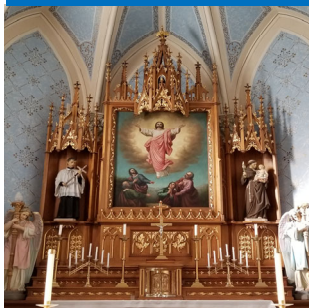
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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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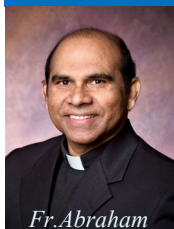


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Third Sunday of Easter – April 13 & 14, 2024



Fr. Abraham

## 40 HOURS ADORATION

“Could you not keep watch with me, one hour?” (Matthew 26:40)



**Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament!  
Be in His Holy Presence during our 40 Hours Devotion**

**at St. Bernard Church, Cologne**

**Beginning with 8pm Mass- Thursday, May 30, 2024**

**Ending with 5pm Mass - Saturday, June 01, 2024**

**Be part of an age-old tradition which is finding new life during this  
Year of the Eucharistic Revival movement.**

**Sign up sheets are located at St Bernard Church, Cologne and Church of the Ascension, Norwood Young America. You may also sign up through Sign up Genius. Contact Doris Mielke with any questions or concerns: [Dorismielke@att.net](mailto:Dorismielke@att.net) Mobile # (612) 910-2365.**

*All are welcome to join for 40 hours of Adoration.*

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor.

**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.



## CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

<i>Monday</i>	Apr.15		No Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	Apr.16	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	Apr.17	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
<i>Thursday</i>	Apr.18	ST.B. ASC.	Mass: 8:00am Prayers for Our Children: 5:00-6:00pm
<i>Friday</i>	Apr.19	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Saturday</i>	Apr.20	ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	Apr.21	ASC. ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Bible Study: 9:00am Mass: 10:00am

### What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

**If you had your picture taken for the new joint Parish Directory and have not received your new directory, please contact the parish office at 952-467-3351 or stop by during office hours to receive one!**

**CUF CLOTHING DRIVE - Remember that Ascension's Catholic United Financial is collecting for the clothing drive through April 22. Items should be dropped off at the red trailer in the church parking lot. Thank you for supporting CUF and our Faith Formation program.**

### "Rejoicing in the Harvest" Catholic Rural Life Celebrates 100 Years with Cardinal Dolan and Monsignor Shea!

To mark its 100th Anniversary, Catholic Rural Life will gather members, donors, chapters, and friends from around the country for a celebration, "Rejoicing in the Harvest," an event including Mass, distinguished speakers Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Monsignor James Shea, dinner, and social time together.

#### Event Details are:

Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
Time: 3:30 PM Mass | 5:30 PM dinner and program | 8:15 social time.  
Location: University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN – James B. Wolfe Alumni Hall  
Tables: \$1,000 - each table seats 8  
Individual Tickets: \$125 ea.  
Sponsorships: Options start at \$2,500 and include benefits  
Registration: Go to CatholicRuralLife.org to register. Registration closes on April 17th!

## Church of Ascension

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 3/31/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	3,386.00
Weekly E-Giving:	380.00
Collections Budget YTD:	122,458.39
Actual Collection YTD:	<b>129,209.15</b>
Total Collected Over ( <b>Under</b> ) YTD:	<b>6,750.76</b>
Capital Improvement Offering:	90.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	95.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	<b>14,083.00</b>

Sign up for electronic giving at [ascensionnva.org](http://ascensionnva.org)  
Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more Information: 952-467-3351.

**Last Ascension KC Bingo for this Spring will be next Sunday, April 21st starting at 1pm! Come out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Cost per card is \$6 with a \$100 coverall for the final game.**

## Church of St. Bernard

### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,028.84
Contributions 3-27 through 3-31-2024	<b>1,781.00</b>
Easter Budget	3,200.00
Easter Contributions	5,696.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	169,589.34
Total Actual Collection Over ( <b>Under</b> ) Budget	<b>28,372.05</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	50.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>18,484.52</b>
<b>Holy Land collection</b>	<b>533.00</b>

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,

**Your Prayers** are requested for the repose of the soul of **Dale Schneider**, who passed away on March 27th. A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Noon to 5pm. At Augusta Ball Park, 5950 Hampshire Rd. Chaska, Mn. Pray also for Dale's family.

**Bountiful Basket Food Shelf** needs Brown paper bags.  
Please put them in the food shelf box.

**Rosary Intention:** 'For all the youth celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation'

## Faith Formation Update:

**Service Night**—this will be at St Bernard this Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. This is our last class for our faith formation year. We are planning for three service projects—blessing bags (Sharing & Caring Hands will receive these), Sandwich Project( Allan Law's program for the homeless), and we are working on details for our third project. We are asking for cash donations to help cover some of the costs for the night. Even a donation of \$5 or \$10 will make a difference. We ask that each student brings comes with a parent or grandparent to the service night. If anyone has questions about specifics, related to items for the blessing bags, or if you would like to volunteer--please contact Kara Wickenhauser or Julie Kleindl

## Mass Ministry Schedule—April 20 – 21

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Kathy Kloempken	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Buckley Jones & Daniel Worm	Brianna Duenow & Nathan Duenow	Lily Starkey & Cohen Starkey
Reader	Joyce Schwartz	Jean Schmitz	Julie Kleindl
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Shambour (H); Victoria Arnst (C) Monica Kooiman (C)	Steve Helget	Julie Clemensen (H); Pam Kunkel (C) Helen Nicklaus (C)
Ushers	Tom Dahl & Bob Symanitz	Tim George & Richard Tellers	Andy Kleindl & Leo Willems
Greeters	Judy Glander	Grace Cook	Brian Vos
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Dave & Colleen Donnay	

### Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Location	Intention
Monday	Apr. 15		No Mass
Tuesday	Apr. 16 6:15 pm	Ascension	Myrtle Buesgens †
Wednesday	Apr. 17 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Gerald & Delora Meuleners ††
Thursday	Apr. 18 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	Apr. 19 8:00 am	Ascension	Darrel Knorr †
Saturday	Apr. 20 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Leonard Hoen Sr. & All Parishioners
Sunday	Apr. 21 8:00 am	Ascension	For Respect of All Life
Sunday	Apr. 21 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Roy & Vera Arnst †

**Readings for the week of April 14, 2024**  
**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**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](mailto:bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org) and [pquinn55322@hotmail.com](mailto:pquinn55322@hotmail.com)  
**Ascension** copy must be emailed to: [busadmin@ascensionnya.org](mailto:busadmin@ascensionnya.org).  
**All inserts and weekend Mass announcements** can be emailed or brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension. **These are due Thursday of the weekend needed.**

### 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Ascension

Every Tuesday

3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

#### St. Bernard

Every Wednesday

2:00 until 6:00 pm



### April 14, 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the Eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir