

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

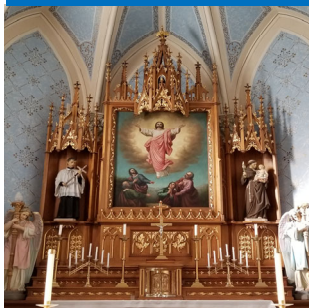
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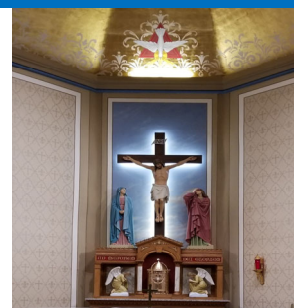
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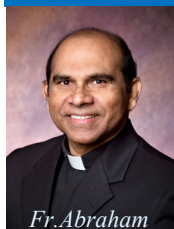


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Third Sunday of Easter – April 20 & 21, 2024



Fr. Abraham

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are currently in a 3-year **Eucharistic Revival** called for by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to revitalize and foster Eucharistic devotion, helping to deepen understanding of the Real Presence and to renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be held from May 17 - July 16, 2024. Just as crowds followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord over 6,500 miles, through cities, along highways, and past rural towns, on his way to the 10th **National Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 17-21, 2024. This year is about fostering Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through the faithful celebration of the Mass and Eucharistic adoration.



We, the Parish family of Ascension and St. Bernard, are planning 40 Hours Devotion of our Lord in the Eucharist at St. Bernard church beginning with 8.00 pm Mass on Thursday, May 30, and ending with 5.00pm Mass on Saturday, June 1st, on the eve of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Forty Hours' Devotion is a special exposition of the Blessed Sacrament over a period of three days, during which prayers continues uninterrupted for an approximate total of 40 hours. Eucharistic adoration holds a prominent place for Catholics. This is a vital part of the Catholic liturgical life. Eucharist Adoration should be a part of the liturgical life of every Catholic. 40 Hours' Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person, family and the parish as a whole. In a world where temptation and evil abound, where devotion to the Mass and our Lord in the Holy Eucharist have declined, where the practice of penance and confession have been forgotten, we need the Forty Hours Devotion more than ever.

Forty Hours' Devotion is a great opportunity to gather as a family before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray before the Lord in solemn adoration. It gives us an opportunity to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the Eucharist in our lives. We rest with Jesus, spending time with him, and we are individually consoled and nourished. From him we receive the grace and strength to bring about renewal in our families, our workplaces, our parishes and our world. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament the greatest after the sacrament, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful"

We need a minimum of one adorer per hour before our Lord in the Eucharist and for overnight hours, we prefer two or three adorers.

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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4FA5A72EABFC1-48574772-40hours>

Contact Doris Mielke with any questions or concerns: Dorismielke@att.net Mobile # (612) 910-2365.

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

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor

Rosary Intention: For favorable weather and ample rain.

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

Monday	Apr.22		No Mass
Tuesday	Apr.23	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday	Apr.24	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
Thursday	Apr.25	ST.B. ASC.	Mass: 8:00am Prayers for Our Children: 5:00:-6:00pm
Friday	Apr.26	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
Saturday	Apr.27	ASC. ASC.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday	Apr.28	ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Mass: 10:00am

What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

Next weekend we will be having a **Second Collection** to support the **Catholic Home Mission Appeal**. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. This appeal assists our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Mission Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please be generous with your donations.

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Why 40 hours? Scripture gives us repeated symbolic instances of the number. The rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights. Moses lived 40 years in Egypt. The Israelites wandered forty years in the desert. Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days in the desert before beginning his public ministry. We spend 40 days in prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent. Most importantly, from the crucifixion on the afternoon of Good Friday to the Resurrection on Easter morning, Jesus lay in the tomb for roughly 40 hours. Probably the first inspiration for this 40 Hours devotion came from the traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection.

History: The exact origin of the Forty Hours Devotion is not completely known. The practice of Forty Hours Devotion originated in Milan about the year 1530. On the whole the evidence seems to favour the conclusion that a Capuchin Father, Joseph Piantanida da Fermo, was the first to organise the arrangement by which the Forty Hours' Exposition was transferred from church to church in Milan. It flourished under the promotion of saints like St. Charles Borromeo, St. Anthony Maria Zaccaria, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis de Sales, St. Philip Neri, and many others. Recognizing the tremendous graces offered through this devotion as well as the dangers threatening the Church, Pope Clement VIII in his letter "*Graves et diuturnae*" in 1592 issued directives for the official observance this devotion in the diocese of Rome.

In our own country, St. John Neumann, the fourth bishop of Philadelphia, introduced first, the Forty Hours Devotion. The first was held in St. Philip Neri Parish in 1853. At the Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1866, the Forty Hours Devotion was approved for all Dioceses of the United States.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 4/07/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,910.00
Weekly E-Giving:	760.00
Collections Budget YTD:	125,445.18
Actual Collection YTD:	132,469.15
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	7,023.97
Capital Improvement Offering:	50.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	255.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	14,678.00

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

There are just a few days left to drop off your items for the Ascension CUF and Faith Formation Clothing Drive Fundraiser. Last day to drop off your items is April 22nd. Reminder to drop off items just inside the door and do not enter the trailer. Thank you to all who have donated to our Fundraiser!

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,265.00
Contributions 04-01 through 04-09-2024	4,005.20
Total Actual Collection YTD	173,594.54
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	29,348.41
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	216.00
Electronic Donations	171.00
Forward in Faith Total	387.00
Forward in Faith YTD	18,871.52

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 **Mildred Paul**, who passed away on Tuesday, April 9th. Her funeral was on April 16th. May she rest in peace and may her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. Please pray for Mildred's family.

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!

Faith Formation Update:

Please keep our 2nd Graders in your prayers as they prepare to make their First Communion next weekend.

Thank you Ascension CUF for helping to put on the First Communion and Confession retreat, and the Confirmation Dinner! Both were beautiful and could not have happened without your dedication and hard work.

-The Faith Formation Team, 2nd Grade Families, Confirmation Families, and Parish Office.

Mass Ministry Schedule—April 27 – 28

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Brian Willems	Doris Mielke
Servers	Payton Stender & Hailey Stender	Caleb Michels & Gabriel Michels	Logan Pellegrino & Gabby Remer
Reader	Cheryl Coyle	Colleen Donnay	Helen Nicklaus
Eucharistic Ministers	Irene Yaeck & Volunteer (C)	Kathy Kloempken	Sarah Foley
Ushers	Steve Coyle & Curt Wilson	Jeremy Friendshuh & Tim George	Leonard Hoen Jr. & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Jim Mulville	Volunteer	Vicki Arnst
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Rich & Sue Tellers	

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Location	Intention
Monday	Apr. 22		No Mass
Tuesday	Apr. 23 6:15 pm	Ascension	For the Unborn
Wednesday	Apr. 24 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Edward Tellers Family
Thursday	Apr. 25 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Margaret Eiden † and living & deceased members of the Eiden Fam.
Friday	Apr. 26 8:00 am	Ascension	For the Dying
Saturday	Apr. 27 5:00 pm	Ascension	For our First Communicants
Sunday	Apr. 28 8:00 am	Ascension	For the Oppressed
Sunday	Apr. 28 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser † & All Parishioners

Readings for the week of April 21, 2024
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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 brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension. **These are due Thursday of the weekend needed.**

SACRAMENTS

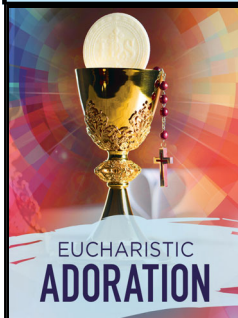
Baptisms: By appointment.

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 21, 2024 4th Sunday of Easter



Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own and my own know me,"** and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us. — *Father John Muir*