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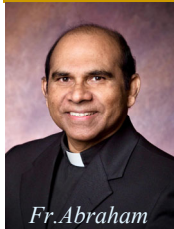


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The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ – June 1 & 2, 2024



Fr. Abraham

The Feast of Corpus Christi

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every year, we celebrate the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast. It was Pope Urban IV who extended the feast to the universal Church.

Our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the promise of Christ to give his Body and Blood as our spiritual food and drink. It is found in the Gospels. Eucharistic theologians explain the real presence by a process called transubstantiation: the entire “substance” of bread and wine is changed into the glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the accidents, “taste, color, shape etc.” of bread and wine. Vatican II states as a sacrifice, “the holy Eucharist is the center and culmination of Christian life.”

The bread and wine are transformed, so that we can be transformed into sons and daughters of God. All Christians who gather throughout the whole world, is properly referred to as the Body of Christ. As St. Paul tells us, we are the body of Christ, and each of us is a part of it (1 Cor. 12:27). Through this Solemnity we renew our commitment to this transformation, we renew our commitment to the Lord, really and truly present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. And may we, like Jesus, become life for the world.

The celebration of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is an opportunity for us to focus on the Mass and the Eucharist. The act of receiving Holy Communion is meant to foster the abiding presence of the Lord in our soul and in our heart. The Eucharist is the Lord’s dying gift to us. We receive His Body, His Blood, His humanity and Divinity. We celebrate the Living Memory of Jesus Christ. We speak to Him within ourselves. And He speaks to us, calling us to unite our pains to His Cross, strengthening us with the Living Food for the Journey of our Lives. The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to renew and deepen our faith in the Eucharist. When our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is strong, then our desire to participate Mass and to receive Communion often is strong.

It is very appropriate to conclude the **40 Hours of Adoration** in our parish on the feast of Corpus Christ. Eucharistic devotions are meant to deepen our love for Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist. A deeper love for Christ in the Eucharist always leads to a deeper love for our family, neighbor and for parish. I express my **gratitude to all** who signed up and participated in the 40 hours of Adoration. I am also grateful to all who work hard and prayed for the success of this great devotion. May the Holy Communion and Eucharistic adoration strengthen our unity, mutual love, and spiritual and physical health.

Rosary Intention: “For the grace to renew and deepen our faith in the Holy Eucharist.”

Yours in Christ,

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. BERARDS' PARISHES**

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

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

Enkrateia House of Hope is looking for volunteers!

We are a compassionate, caring, faith centered Shepherd Home for homeless pregnant mothers to live at during their pregnancy and after the birth of their children. They are seeking volunteers for babysitting, driving mothers and babies to appointments, overnight companionship close to due date/during newborn phase, daytime companionship which can include babysitting, cooking, cleaning, or simply spending time with the mothers and their children, and yard work/gardening. If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please contact us at (507) 516-2229 or ehoh.waconia@gmail.com

**Archdiocesan Marriage Day
Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m., Cathedral of St. Paul**

Please join in celebrating the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony. Bishop Michael Izen will be celebrating this Mass. Those celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries in 2024 will be honored in a special way. Families and friends are invited to share in this special Mass and short reception. Learn more at archspm.org/archdiocesan-marriage-day.

Rural Life Sunday Celebration-Sunday, June 23

Please join in this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Celebration on June 23, hosted by Fr. Michael Miller on his farm – "Taste of Heaven" at 12890 70th Street West, New Prague. The celebration begins with Sunday Mass at 1:30 p.m. with Bishop Joseph Williams presiding. Following, there will be lunch, music, fun activities for children and families, and animals to see. Please join the parishioners from the Churches of St. Patrick and St. Catherine, along with others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. For more details, including a map and directions, visit archspm.org/events, or call 651-238-2074.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 5/19/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,925.00
Weekly E-Giving:	420.00
Collections Budget YTD:	143,365.92
Actual Collection YTD:	149,199.15
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	5,833.23
Capital Improvement Offering:	130.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	35.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	16,228.00

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

**Wojtyla Community Institute
Community Gathering,
Next Sunday, June 9, 4-7pm,
Ascension Social Hall.**

Families from both Parishes are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship and a discussion on how to have a faith-filled community in today's society. We will have Evening Prayer together as well as a potluck meal. Please contact Julie at 952-807-6295 with any questions and to RSVP by this Tuesday, June 4th.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,275.00
Contributions 05-15 through 05-21-2024	3,800.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	192,669.03
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	29,511.38
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	155.00
Electronic Donations	581.00
Forward in Faith Total	736.00
Forward in Faith YTD	21,545.52

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,

Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on **Tuesday, June 25 at 7 p.m. CT**. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/6-25-24/. the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/6-25-24/.

Thank you ! Over the last several months 56 lbs. of food and essentials has been donated to the Bountiful Harvest Food shelf from St. Bernard parishioners. Thank you for your generous donations! !

Interested in Advertising your business in our bulletin?! Gina Shaughnessy with LPI is working on updating our ads in our bulletin these next few weeks. Reach out to her at 952-356-6488 or GShaughnessy@4LPA.com if you are interested in advertising in the bulletin.

Mass Ministry Schedule—June 8–9

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Hailey Stender & Payton Stender	Jack Lano	Dan Worm & Logan Pellegrino
Reader	Volunteer	Cheryl Coyle	Judy Glander
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteer (H), Cathleen Williams (C), Jim Mulville (C)	Steve Lemmer (H), Lisa Whitaker (C), Steve Helget (C)	Monica Kooiman
Ushers	Steve Schrupp & Curt Wilson	Dave Donnay & Don Whitaker	Vern Elke & Leo Willems
Greeters	Jeremy & Julie Gesinger	Steve Coyle	Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Tim George & Steve Helget	

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	June 3		No Mass
Tuesday	June 4 6:15 pm	Ascension	Myrtle Buesgens †
Wednesday	June 5 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Daniel Hoen †
Thursday	June 6 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Margaret Eiden † and all living & deceased members of the Eiden Fam.
Friday	June 7 8:00 am	Ascension	Mass of Reparation
Saturday	June 8 5:00 pm	Ascension	Ken Sanquist †
Sunday	June 9 8:00 am	Ascension	Living & Deceased Members of the Schindler Family
Sunday	June 9 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser † & All Parishioners

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.

Readings for the week of June 2, 2024

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12 **Tuesday:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27 **Thursday:** 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37 **Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51 **Next Sunday:** Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

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Thursdays @ NOON

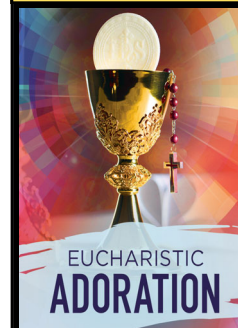
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two weekends out;

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Ascension copy must be emailed to: busadmin@ascensionya.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.**



Eucharistic Adoration Ascension

Every Tuesday

3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

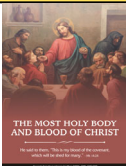
St. Bernard

Every Wednesday

2:00 until 6:00 pm

June 2, 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



The best way to understand the Eucharist is to recall God's long, careful teaching process beginning in the Old Testament. This week in Exodus 24, we learn the basic pattern. Moses reads the dictates of God's law to the people, who profess their allegiance to it. Then Moses takes representatives of Israel's twelve tribes and splashes the sacrificed blood of animals in two directions: on the altar and on the people. It's clear and serious business: clear, because the participants are entering a blood-bond with God Himself; serious, because the dead animals symbolize the life-and-death stakes at play.

Many centuries later, God uses the experience at Sinai to teach us something new. At the Last Supper, like a new Moses, Jesus proposes to "pour out" blood as a new covenant. It will land on the altar of the cross and the lips of his disciples. They have promised to be obedient to him who is God's law in flesh. This renews and elevates the breath-taking romance God wants with His people, unfolding from Sinai to this Supper. The Body and Blood of Christ is the sacrificial action whereby this covenant is strengthened.

How hopeful that, like us, the Israelites and the apostles repeatedly fail to live up to their promises and discover that the blood of the covenant continually renews and refreshes them. Today the blood of Christ faithfully flows, to unite and renew, moving us forward toward where our great teacher is taking us. This week, we should say a renewed "amen" to God who so carefully teaches us how to be one with Him in this new covenant. — *Father John Muir*