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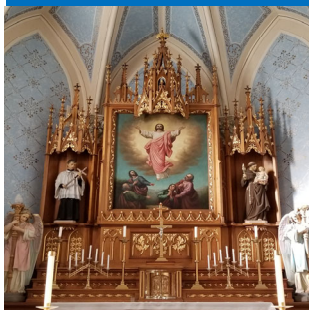
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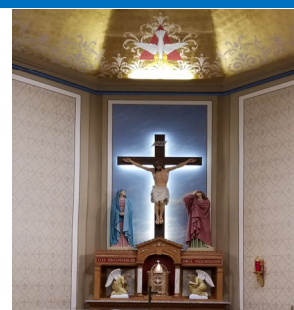
# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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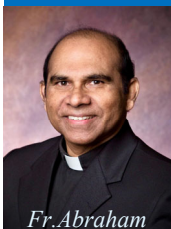


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## The Ascension of the Lord – May 11 & 12, 2024



Fr. Abraham

### ‘What should I do during Eucharistic Adoration?’

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

**Happy Feast of Ascension of the Lord to all, especially to the Ascension parish family.**

Most people have asked or at least wondered that ‘**what should I do during Eucharistic Adoration?**’ There are no specific rules about what you should do during Eucharistic Adoration. Just “be there” in Jesus’ presence. Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes no special skill, just a willingness to spend time with the Lord. Jesus is there waiting to listen to you, go and talk to him as a friend.

However, these are some suggestions what to do during private Eucharistic adoration. There are four types of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist, namely, **adoration and praise**, **confession** (repentance), **thanksgiving**, and **supplication** (petition and intercession). The names of these four types of prayer can be remembered through the acronym “ACTS.”

**1. Prayer of Adoration and praise.** A prayer of adoration is a prayer that praises God’s goodness and majesty. We praise God for who He is and for what He has given us: giving us life, for the wonder and beauty of our world, and for all the many blessings we enjoy. Pray the prayer that St Francis of Assisi instructed his brothers to pray whenever they were before the Blessed Sacrament: *“I adore you, O Christ, present here and in all the churches of the world, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”*

**2. A prayer of confession** is a prayer of repentance. Acknowledge your sins against God and others, and asking for forgiveness. Think of those who have hurt you and request a special blessing for them. Ask God to forgive you for all the times you have acted against God’s will, and neglected or hurt someone else.

**3. A prayer of thanksgiving** helps us to be grateful for God’s many blessings, spiritual and temporal, and helps us to recognize and appreciate all the good things God gives to us. Reserve some time to thank God for his blessings and gifts: the gifts of life, health, families and friends, the gift of food, clothing, and shelter, the gift of faith, and the numerous other gifts we often take for granted.

**4. A prayer of supplication** is a prayer of requests before God. This is probably the most familiar form of prayer for us. Supplications are often divided into petitions and intercessions. In the prayer of **petitions**, the request we make for ourselves, for our needs and the needs of others. Bring before the Blessed Sacrament all those who have asked you to pray for them. Ask the Lord to address their concerns. In the prayer of **intercessions**, the requests we make on behalf of others. This form of prayer can be a source of blessing upon others, the Church, and our world. Because we know that Our Lady and the Saints intercede for us before God.

**Happy Mother’s Day.**

### 40 HOURS DEVOTION

**We, the Parish family of Ascension and St. Bernard, are hosting 40 Hours Devotion of our Lord in the Eucharist at St. Bernard church,**

**Beginning with 8.00 pm Mass - Thursday, May 30, 2024**

**Ending with 5.00pm Mass- Saturday, June 1, 2024**

**Be part of an age-old tradition which is finding new life during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival. Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Sign-up sheets are located at St Bernard Church, Cologne and Church of the Ascension, Norwood Young America. You may also sign up by scanning the QR code.**

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

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

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May.13</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May.14</b>	<b>ASC.</b> <b>ASC.</b> <b>ASC.</b>	<b>Adoration:</b> 3pm-6pm <b>Confession:</b> 5:45-6:05pm <b>Mass:</b> 6:15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May.15</b>	<b>ST. B.</b> <b>ST. B.</b> <b>ST. B.</b>	<b>Confession:</b> 7:30-7:50am <b>Mass:</b> 8:00am <b>Adoration:</b> 2:00-6:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May.16</b>	<b>ST. B.</b> <b>ASC.</b>	<b>Mass:</b> 8:00am <b>Prayers for Our Children:</b> 5:00:-6:00pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May.17</b>	<b>ASC.</b>	<b>Mass:</b> 8:00am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May.18</b>	<b>ST. B.</b> <b>ST. B.</b>	<b>Confession:</b> 4:30-4:50pm <b>Mass:</b> 5:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May.19</b>	<b>ASC.</b> <b>ST. B.</b>	<b>Mass:</b> 8:00am <b>Mass:</b> 10:00am

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

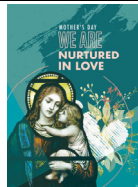
**You are invited during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival, to come and Adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during our 40 Hours of Adoration at St. Bernard Church. The 40 hours will begin with 8pm Mass on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and end with 5pm Mass on Saturday, June 01, 2024. Scan the QR code to sign up**



**‘Food For The Poor’ (May 18 & 19). Father Robert J. Karris, OFM** will be visiting our parish to speak on behalf of ‘Food For The Poor’ during the weekend of May 18 & 19, 2024. ‘Food For The Poor’ is an interdenominational Christian ministry that provides lifesaving food, builds solid houses for those who are destitute, supports vulnerable children, digs water wells for parched villagers, supplies medicine and medical equipment for the sick and elderly, provides the tools for educating children, provides skills training and income-generating opportunities, and much more. ‘Food For The Poor’ works to end the suffering of impoverished children and families in sixteen different countries, especially in the Caribbean and Latin America. In each face they see the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, and homeless. Their ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. So many people felt called to join their in making Matthew chapter 25 a reality: “When I was hungry you gave me food to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me drink,...” “As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me.” Please pray for them and generously support this great cause.

#### PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.



Bless all mothers this day.  
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.  
May they be blessed  
by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

**Happy Mothers Day to all the Mothers and Spiritual Mothers in our Parishes!**

### Church of Ascension

#### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 4/28/2024

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 2,986.79
<b>Weekly Envelopes/Plate:</b>	2,527.00
<b>Weekly E-Giving:</b>	1,785.00
<b>Collections Budget YTD:</b>	134,405.55
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	<b>141,971.15</b>
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	<b>7,565.60</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	240.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	110.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	<b>15,598.00</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.

We have many dates still open for Mass Intentions at Ascension for this year. Having a Mass said is a beautiful and powerful way to pray for your loved one as a community, with the added blessings from the celebration of the Eucharist. If you wish to have a Mass said for your loved one, please contact the Parish Office or fill out an envelope that is located in the back of church. Cost per Mass Intention is \$7.

**Church of Ascension and St. Bernard Church Quilter’s update:** Quilts that have been knotted this year, will be blessed on Tues. May 7th after the 6:15pm Mass. The quilts will remain on the pews through the weekend. Church of Ascension and St Bernard 2024 Graduating High School Seniors have been invited to receive a quit. Quilts will be available for purchase after the Masses on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. **Quilt prices are: Single \$50 Full Size \$75 Queen/King \$90 Baby Quilts or Wheel Chair \$20-\$25.** Thank you for your continued support. Contact Irene Yaeck with any questions at 612-716-7063.

### Church of St. Bernard

#### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,265.00
<b>Contributions 04-24 through 04-30-2024</b>	<b>4,661.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	184,209.03
<b>Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>30,876.38</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	150.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>19,972.52</b>
<b>Catholic Home Mission Collection</b>	<b>502.25</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,

**A fundraising hog roast** is planned for Sat August 17th, 3-8 pm at Cologne Lion's Park. Looking for volunteers/ community members to help with planning the event. Please join us for a planning meeting Monday May 13th at 6:30pm at the Cologne Bountiful Basket, in lower level of St Bernard's School. All are welcome! **Please join us** for a planning meeting for the Soup Social this fall, Monday May 20th, 6:30 pm in the church basement. All are welcome as we plan this event!

**Your Prayers are requested** for the repose of the soul of **Bernard Quinn**, brother-in-law of Patricia Quinn. Bernie passed away on Tues., April 30th. Funeral was on Fri., May 10th. Please pray also for his wife Diane and all of Bernie’s family.

**Rosary Intention:** \*For the Grace to follow in our Mother Mary's footsteps as she leads us closer to Jesus.\*

## Mass Ministry Schedule—May 18 –19

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Luca Hoen & Dan Worm	Brianna Duenow & Nathan Duenow	Marshall Panning & Logan Pellegrino
Reader	Joyce Schwartz	Jean Schmitz	Rob Wickenhauser
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Hoen (H); Julie Clemensen ( C)' Bernie Shambour ( C)	Lisa Whitaker	Helen Nicklaus (H); Victoria Amst ( C); Andy Kleindl ( C)
Ushers	Ralph Laumann & Bob Symanitz	Rich Tellers & Don Whitaker	Leonard Hoen Jr. & Leo Willems
Greeters	Barb Knorr	Justin & Amy Buckentin	Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Rich & Sue Tellers	

### Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Location	Intention
Monday	May 13		No Mass
Tuesday	May 14 6:15 pm	Ascension	Debby Rose Levander †
Wednesday	May 15 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Edward Tellers Family †
Thursday	May 16 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	May 17 8:00 am	Ascension	For an increase in Religious life
Saturday	May 18 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	The Deceased Members of the Bernard Mohracker Family
Sunday	May 19 8:00 am	Ascension	Myrtle Buesgens †
Sunday	May 19 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 May 12, 2024**  
**Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/ Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19  
**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33 **Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17 **Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17:11b-19 **Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26 **Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19 **Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25 **Nest Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

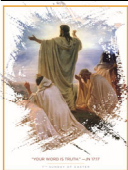
**Bulletin copy is due by Thursdays @ NOON for the bulletin two weekends out;**  
**St. Bernard** copy must be emailed to: bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and pquinn55322@hotmail.com  
**Ascension** copy must be emailed to: busadmin@ascensionya.org.  
**All inserts and weekend Mass announcements** can 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



## May 12, 2024 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, “Everyone in.” He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church’s primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus’ concern is unity, praying to the Father, “**that they may be one, even as we are one**” (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope’s desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

— *Father John Muir*

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