

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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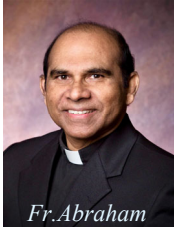
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## Pentecost Sunday – May 18 & 19, 2024

### Pentecost-Fulfilment of the Promise



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit would also enable the Apostles to fulfill Jesus' commission to preach the gospel to all nations. The Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11) describes how the Holy Spirit empowered the early Christians to bear witness to Christ by their sharing love and strong faith. The Scripture readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in that room with the gift they had been given. They burst out to tell the world how much God loves everyone and how he wants everyone to experience that love.

The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Christ, and to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Rom 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Rom 5:7) and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of Jesus. We radiate that Spirit by our word and example and invite others to share it. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love.

**'FOOD FOR THE POOR'.** This weekend (May 18 & 19), our parishes are hosting a 'Food For The Poor' clergy speaker, **Father Robert J. Karris, O.F.M.** He will celebrate Mass with us and speak on behalf of 'Food For The Poor.' Let us give him a cordial welcome and generously support this ministry. **Thank you, Father Karris,** for visiting our parishes and celebrating Mass with us. We offer our prayers for you and for the 'Food For The Poor' ministry.

### 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

**Rosary Intention:** For favorable weather for a fruitful growing season"

#### 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. 20</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May. 21</b>	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May. 22</b>	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May. 23</b>	ST. B. ASC.	Mass: 8:00am Prayers for Our Children: 5:00:-6:00pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May. 24</b>	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May. 25</b>	ASC. ASC.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May. 26</b>	ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Mass: 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**



**Thank you** Father Robert J. Karris, OFM for visiting our parishes to speak on behalf of 'Food For The Poor' this weekend. '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.

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

**Ordination to the Priesthood Saturday, May 25, 10-11:30 a.m., Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul.**

All are welcome to attend the Presbyteral Ordination at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Thirteen Theology IV seminarians from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis are scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ! Go to [10000vocations.org/ordinations.html](http://10000vocations.org/ordinations.html) for more information.

**Church of Ascension**

**Ascension Weekly Collection Report**

Totals as of 5/05/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,266.00
Weekly E-Giving:	420.00
Collections Budget YTD:	137,392.34
Actual Collection YTD:	<b>143,667.15</b>
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	<b>6,274.81</b>
Capital Improvement Offering:	10.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	55.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	<b>15,653.00</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.

**Please prayer for the repose of the soul of Rose A. Flaig who passed away on Friday May 3rd. May she rest in peace and may her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please pray for peace and comfort for Rose's family.**

**CUF Clothing Drive results**

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that donated to our recent 40 Days Clothing Drive. We collected even more clothes than last fall! Approximately 6,600 lbs. of clothes was collected, for a profit of \$1,328.00. Catholic United Financial will match half of that, so our total will be \$1,992.00. All of that money gets used at Ascension, primarily for Faith Formation needs.

**Church of St. Bernard**

**St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure**

Budget for week	3,275.00
Contributions 05-01 through 05-07-2024	<b>3,255.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	187,464.03
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	<b>30,856.38</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	366.00
Electronic Donations	171.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>537.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>20,509.52</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!

**Worlds Largest Diaper Drive**-Help replenish the diaper stock at *Southwest Options for Women*. Collection will run the Month of May from the 1st to the 31st. Especially needed sizes are Newborn, 5 and 6. St. Bernard is a designated drop off site for the Diapers. A box for the collection of diapers is next to the Food Shelf box in the Narthex of the Church.

## Mass Ministry Schedule—May 25 –26

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Kathy Kloempken	Doris Mielke
Servers	Brianna Duenow & Nathan Duenow	Payton Stender & Hailey Stender	Kieran Allison & Luca Hoen
Reader	Cathleen Williams	Colleen Donnay	Patricia Quinn
Eucharistic Ministers	Curt Wilson	Lisa Whitaker	Meghan Stusynski
Ushers	Tom Lano & Steve Schrupp	Tim George & Don Whitaker	Tom Dahl & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Dave & Colleen Donnay	Grace Cook	Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Tim George & Steve Helget	

### Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Location	Intention
Monday	May 20		No Mass
Tuesday	May 21 6:15 pm	Ascension	Gladys Donnay †
Wednesday	May 22 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Margaret Eiden † All Living & Deceased members of the Eiden Fam.
Thursday	May 23 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Edward J. Tellers Family †
Friday	May 24 8:00 am	Ascension	Pope Francis
Saturday	May 25 5:00 pm	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	May 26 8:00 am	Ascension	Cathy and Bill Klobe †
Sunday	May 26 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Robert G. Fritz † & All Parishioners

**Readings for the week of May 19, 2024**  
**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  
**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34  
**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40  
**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50  
**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12  
**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16  
**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

**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



### May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— *Father John Muir*

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