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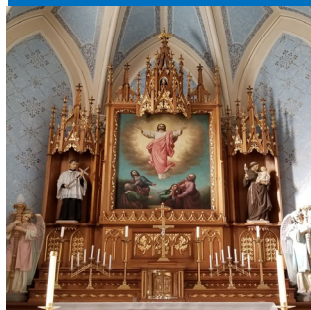
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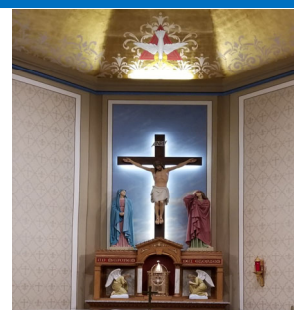
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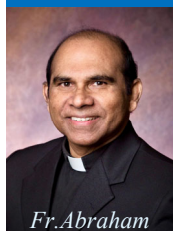
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The Most Holy Trinity – May 25 & 26, 2024

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Solemnity of the most **Holy Trinity**, we are actually celebrating God’s dynamic and intimate friendship with us through the three persons of the Holy Trinity. The doctrine of the Trinity is ultimately not about the abstract nature of God, nor about God in isolation from everything. It is rather a teaching about God’s life with us, and our life with each other.

The joy that this feast gives us today is that the God we worship here is the God who is for us and with us forever. Let us pray for the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us and that He is the source of our hope, courage and strength, and is our final destination.

Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, mournfully asked His disciples, “Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?” (Matthew 26:40). Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes no special skill or rule, just a willingness to spend time with the Lord. Jesus is there waiting for you, go and listen to him and talk to him as a friend. A good Holy Hour can be made simply by sitting in the presence of God. Place yourself in front of the tabernacle or monstrance, and “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:11). Just you and Jesus, are sitting in each other’s presence and listen to Jesus’ voice. One of the best ways to spend time in adoration is visualizing being with Jesus, one-on-one, may be kneeling at his feet or praying together to the heavenly Father, invite him into your heart. Stop talking and thinking, just rest in him. Quietly be in the presence of the Lord & listen to Him. The following prayers also can be helpful for Holy Hour: Say prayer of adoration and praise, ask for forgiveness, offer the prayers of thanksgiving, and intercessions. Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary; Divine Mercy chaplet. Recite ‘Jesus prayer’: “*Jesus Son of Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner*”. Read the life of saints and pray with them. Pray the prayer that St Francis of Assisi: “*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.*” Meditative way of reading the Scripture (Lectio Divina). Choose a passage from the Bible. Read the words and ask God to let the passage speak to you. Pay special attention to anything that strikes you and ask God what he wishes for you to draw from that passage.

Please consider to sign up for this great spiritual opportunity. Thank you all who have already signed up for the Eucharistic Adoration.

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 the intentions and needs of all adorers at our 40 Hours Adoration Devotion"

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>	May. 27	ASC.	Memoria Day Mass: 8:45am
<i>Tuesday</i>	May. 28	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	May. 29	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
<i>Thursday</i> <i>Start of 40Hours</i>	May. 30	ASC. ST. B.	Prayers for Our Children: 5:00-6:00pm Mass: 8:00pm
<i>Friday</i>	May. 31	ST. B.	Mass: 6:00pm
<i>Saturday</i>	June. 1	ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	June. 2	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 30th, 2024, and end with 5pm Mass on Saturday, June 01, 2024. Scan the QR code to sign up



MEMORIAL DAY



We wish you all a safe and blessed Memorial Day Weekend. We remember and pray for those, especially those from our community, who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our safety.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday May 27th.

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

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.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 5/12/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,467.00
Weekly E-Giving:	770.00
Collections Budget YTD:	140,379.13
Actual Collection YTD:	146,854.15
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	6,475.02
Capital Improvement Offering:	70.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	290.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	16,063.00

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, 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.

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 05-08 through 05-14-2024	1,405.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	188,869.03
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	29,986.38
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	200.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	300.00
Forward in Faith YTD	20,809.52

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,

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from the distractions of daily life for couples in good marriages. Give your marriage this gift! The next available Weekends are Aug 17-18, 2024 in Oakdale, MN and Aug 17-18, 2024 in Oakdale, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org <<mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com>> or 612-234-7440.

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 27, June 1–2

Mass Ministry	Ascension Mem. Day 8:45am	St. Bernard Thursday 8:00pm	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Cheryl Coyle	Doris Mielke	Doris Mielke	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Caleb Michels & Jayden Michels	Daniel Worm, Kieran Allison, Luke Allison, & Lexy Allison	Logan Pellegrino, Luca Hoen, Steve Lemmer & Volunteer	Nathan Duenow & Brianna Duenow	Daniel Worm & Buckley Jones
Reader	Brian Willems	Roger Storms	Joyce Schwartz	Colleen Donnay	Greg Wickenhauser
EMHC	Steve Coyle	Mary Meuwissen	Carol Hoen (H), Bernie Shambour (C), Julie Clemensen (C)	Lisa Whitaker (H), Steve Helget (C), Curt Wilson (C)	Sarah Foley (H), Andy Kleindl (C) & Volunteer (C)
Ushers	Paul Lano & Volunteer	Dick Amst & Volunteer	Ralph Laumann & Leo Willems	Richard Tellers & Dave Donnay	Leonard Hoen Jr. & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Sue Schultz	Barbara Knorr	Roger Storms	Janet Fahey	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sue & Rich Tellers	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	May 27 8:45am	Ascension	All Veterans
Tuesday	May 28 6:15 pm	Ascension	Moe Mahan †
Wednesday	May 29 8:00 am	St. Bernard	John Slimmer †
Thursday	May 30 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Hilbert & Euella Knauer †
Friday	May 31 6:00 pm	St. Bernard	Paul Simons †
Saturday	June 1 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	The Deceased members of the Bernard Mohrbacher Family
Sunday	June 2 8:00 am	Ascension	Rose Flaig †
Sunday	June 2 10:00 am	St. Bernard	George & Ethel Worm ††

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 26 2024
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 **Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31 **Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45 **Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52 **Friday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33 **Next Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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.

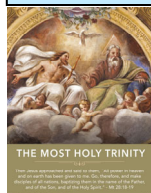
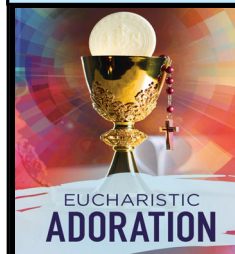
Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00 until 6:00 pm



May 26, 2024 The Most Holy Trinity

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: “You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people.” I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, “That’s not what mine’s about.” His quizzical look begged for clarification. “Mine is about plunging into the life of God,” I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, “**Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.**” (Matthew 28:19-20). The word “baptize” means “to immerse in, to plunge into.” It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God’s name? In the Bible, God’s name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus’ formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn’t a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It’s more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.

— *Father John Muir*

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