

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

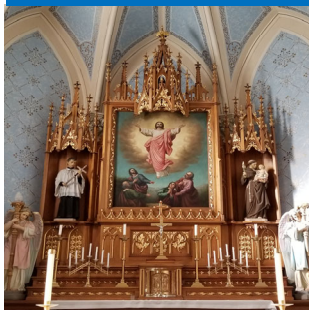
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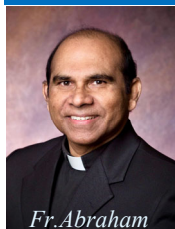


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Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 4 & 5, 2024



‘Remain in Jesus’ Love’

Dear Sisters and brothers,

Month of May is very special for us. May is the month of devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as “the Queen of May”. May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The feast is a reminder for us to uphold the dignity of human labor as well as to respect and show gratitude to all the workers who keep our world going.

This Sunday scripture readings are filled with beautiful statements of love. Jesus says, “Love one another as I love you.” Jesus invites us to remain in his love as he remains in his Father’s love. (John 15: 9-17). Jesus explains precisely how the disciples are to remain in his love. It is just as he has kept his Father’s commandments and remaining in his love. In the second reading (I John 4: 7-10), St. John defines God as love and explains that he expressed his love for mankind by sending his son to die for us “as expiation for our sins.” Jesus’ unconditional, forgiving, selfless and sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The divine love gives us the command as well as duty to love one another as we have been loved by God.

‘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 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. Please pray for them and generously support this great cause.

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 Grace to follow in our Mother Mary's footsteps as she leads us closer to Jesus."*



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. 6		No Mass
<i>Tuesday</i>	May. 7	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	May. 8	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
<i>Thursday</i>	May. 9	ST. B. ASC.	Mass: 8:00am Prayers for Our Children: 5:00:-6:00pm
<i>Friday</i>	May.10	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Saturday</i>	May.11	ASC. ASC.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	May.12	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 located at St. Bernard Church in Cologne, MN. 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



We will celebrate the graduates of the Parishes of Ascension and St. Bernard on Sunday, May 12th at the 10am Mass at St. Bernard.

"May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Psalm 20:4

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 quilt. Quilts will be available for purchase after the weekend Masses on May 11th and 12th.

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.

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 for more information.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 4/21/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,659.00
Weekly E-Giving:	470.00
Collections Budget YTD:	131,418.76
Actual Collection YTD:	137,659.15
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	6,240.39
Capital Improvement Offering:	275.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	35.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	15,248.00

Sign up for electronic giving at 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 for this year for Masses offered at Ascension.** 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 St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,265.00
Contributions 04-17 through 04-23-2024	2,437.49
Total Actual Collection YTD	179,548.03
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	29,224.22
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	120.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	120.00
Forward in Faith YTD	19,722.52

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,

Thank you to Dick Arnst and Dan Worm for spreading wood chips on the flower beds on the Parish grounds. Your help is greatly appreciated. THANKS AGAIN !

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend renews the promises you made to each other on your wedding day. Experience an enrichment for your marriage that will make your good marriage great! The next available Weekends are Aug 17-18, 2024 in Oakdale, MN and Oct 4-6, 2024 in Buffalo, 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.

Faith Formation Update:

THANK YOU to all our volunteers, Catechists, and supporters who made this 2023-24 Faith Formation a very successful year! A special thank you to the Ascension CUF, Ascension Knights of Columbus, Cologne Fire Department, and the St. Bernard CUF for your generous support and donations. We could not have had as successful of a year without all your support! - Kara, Julie, and the Parish Staff

Mass Ministry Schedule—May 11 –12

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Rita Fahey	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Payton Stender & Hailey Stender	Gabriel Michels & Jayden Michels	Buckley Jones & Gabby Remer
Reader	Julie Gesinger	Cheryl Coyle	Brenda Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Mulville (H), Irene Yaeck (C) Pat Johnson (C)	Steve Lemmer (H); Steve Helget (C) Kathy Kloempken (C)	Helen Nicklaus
Ushers	Tom Lano & Steve Schrupp	Justine Buckentin & Jeremy Friendshuh	Vern Elke & Leonard Hoen Jr.
Greeters	Volunteer	Steve Coyle	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Steve Lemmer & Curt Wilson	

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Location	Intention
Monday	May 6		No Mass
Tuesday	May 7 6:15 pm	Ascension	Cassandra Drusch
Wednesday	May 8 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Margaret Eiden † & Living & Deceased Members of the Eiden Fam.
Thursday	May 9 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Warren Kahnke †
Friday	May 10 8:00 am	Ascension	Paul Simons †
Saturday	May 11 5:00 pm	Ascension	George and Aliene Lemmer ††
Sunday	May 12 8:00 am	Ascension	For our High School Graduates
Sunday	May 13 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Jenny Dahl †

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 5, 2024
Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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 5, 2024 6th Sunday of Easter

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, “He is mistaken about our friendship. I don’t recall ever having suffered with him.” As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I’m not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn’t the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, “**You are my friends if you do what I command you**” (John 15:14). In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you’ll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you’ve suffered together a great deal. — *Father John Muir*