

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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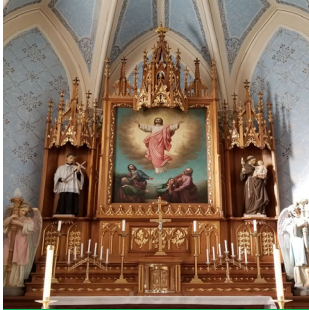
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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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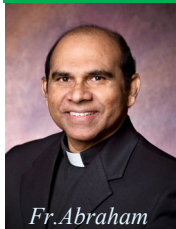


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## Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time – June 8 & 9, 2024



Fr. Abraham

### Redemption Comes through Jesus Christ

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On this Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Readings remind us that as humans, we all have an existential struggle against evil. However, the good news is that, we are given the assurance of victory through Christ. The first reading from the Book of Genesis, tells us the story of Original Sin, the fall of Adam and Eve. Sin comes into the world by the disobedience to God's will. It also reminds us of the consequence of disobedience. We have the conversation between God and Adam, who passes it off to Eve, who points at the serpent. Adam blamed the woman. He not only blamed the woman but also indirectly blamed God who kindly gave him a life partner. On the other hand, Eve blamed the serpent that tempted her. Rather than accept their fault, they tried to justify themselves by blaming each other.

In a sense both Adam and Eve are honest. Everything they say to God is true. But, they failed to take responsibility for their own choices. The honest words they speak are lacking a moral maturity. Sin creates conflict in the world and it will never end until we choose to follow the Lord Jesus. It is the Lord Jesus who can re-make us in the image of God and restore to us the loving relationship with God. It is Jesus himself who invites us to follow him and to be his family.

Today's gospel narrates Jesus' encounter with his people and family. Every true disciple of Christ is, his brother, sister, mother and a member of his family. He came to save all who are ready to do the will of God. Of course, Mary, his Mother is a great model of this for all of us. Hence, Christ did not disrespect his own faithful mother. Rather, he teaches an important lesson. Through faith and obedience to God's will, we all have the opportunity to become members of his family.

Thanks to all: I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to all who signed up and faithfully participated in the 40 hours of Adoration. I am also grateful to all who have worked hard and prayed for the success of this great devotion. Without your dedication and support, the 40 hours of Adoration would not have been so successful. I wanted to offer a special thanks to Doris Mielke for her dedication and selflessness. We are the Eucharistic people. Your love for Mass and Eucharistic devotion is greatly appreciated. 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 neighbor. May the Holy Mass and Eucharistic adoration strengthen our unity, mutual love, and spiritual and physical health.

Rosary Intention: *"For peace and comfort to all the sick, suffering and home bound."*

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>June. 10</b>		No Mass:
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June. 11</b>	<b>ASC.</b>	Adoration: 3pm-6pm
		<b>ASC.</b>	Confession: 5:45-6:05pm
		<b>ASC.</b>	Mass: 6:15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June. 12</b>	<b>ST. B.</b>	Confession: 7:30-7:50am
		<b>ST. B.</b>	Mass: 8:00am
		<b>ST. B.</b>	Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June. 13</b>	<b>ST. B.</b>	Mass: 8:00am
		<b>ASC.</b>	Prayers for Our Children: 5:00:-6:00pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June. 14</b>	<b>ASC.</b>	Mass: 8:00am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June. 15</b>	<b>ST. B.</b>	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm
		<b>ST. B.</b>	Mass: 5:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June. 16</b>	<b>ASC.</b>	Mass: 8:00am
		<b>ST. B.</b>	Mass: 10:00am
		<b>ST. B.</b>	Linger Longer After Masses

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **40 Hours of Devotion** and to all those that assisted in coordinating and serving at all the Masses.  
A special thank you to Doris Mielke!

**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?! Reach out to her at 952-356-6488 or [GShaughnessy@4LPA.com](mailto:GShaughnessy@4LPA.com) if you are interested in advertising in the bulletin.**

#### 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](http://archspm.org/events), or call 651-238-2074.

## Church of Ascension

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 5/26/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,450.00
Weekly E-Giving:	1,785.00
Collections Budget YTD:	146,352.71
Actual Collection YTD:	<b>154,384.15</b>
Total Collected Over ( <b>Under</b> ) YTD:	<b>8,031.44</b>
Capital Improvement Offering:	260.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	110.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	<b>16,573.00</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.

### Catholic Services Appeal Update:

Church of the Ascension has reached 71% of their Parish Goal! We are \$2,879 short of our goal.

SW Carver County Food Shelf in NYA (102 East Main Street) will be hosting an **Open House on Sunday, June 23 from 1:00-3:00**. All are welcome to see the recently remodeled facility. Stop by to see how our community is serving those in need.

## Church of St. Bernard

### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,275.00
<b>Contributions 05-22 through 05-28-2024</b>	<b>1,535.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	194,204.03
<b>Total Actual Collection Over (<b>Under</b>) Budget</b>	<b>27,771.38</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	100.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>21,745.52</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,

### Catholic Services Appeal Update:

St. Bernard has reached 77% of their Parish Goal! We are \$2,505 short of our goal.

Thank You ! We would like to **THANK** Tim Worm for the large water hose caddy on the south side of Church. This is much appreciated by the people who water the plants and flowers around the church.

### 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/](http://ssnd.org/events/6-25-24/).  
the Zoom link at [ssnd.org/events/6-25-24/](http://ssnd.org/events/6-25-24/).

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?  
When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.  
Ps 27 (26)1-2

# Mass Ministry Schedule—June 15–16

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Marshall Panning & Logan Pellegrino	Caleb Michels & Gabriel Michels	Dan Worm & Volunteer
Reader	Joyce Schwartz	Brian Willems	Helen Nicklaus
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Hoen (H), Monica Kooiman (C), Bernie Shambour (C)	Lisa Whitaker	Julie Clemensen (H), Andy Kleindl (C), Meghan Stusynski (C)
Ushers	Ralph Laumann & Bob Symanitz	Richard Tellers & Don Whitaker	Dick Arnst & Leonard Hoen Jr.
Greeters	Barbara Knorr	Janet Fahey	Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Rich & Sue Tellers	

## Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Location	Intention
Monday	June 10		No Mass
Tuesday	June 11 6:15 pm	Ascension	Gladys Donnay †
Wednesday	June 12 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Edward J. Tellers †
Thursday	June 13 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Hilbert & Euella Knauer ††
Friday	June 14 8:00 am	Ascension	Rose Flaig †
Saturday	June 15 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Elizabeth (Betty) Paul † & All Parishioners
Sunday	June 16 8:00 am	Ascension	Edward and Alice Witte ††
Sunday	June 17 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.

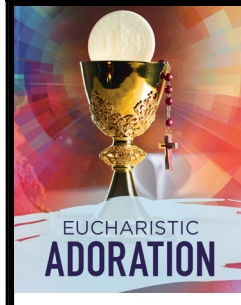
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Ascension: Tues. 5:45pm - 6:05pm  
St. Bernard: Wed: 7:30am-7:50am  
Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm  
at parish hosting the Mass  
By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

**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.

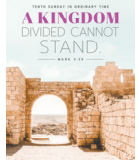
**Readings for the week of June 9, 2024**  
**Sunday:** Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35 **Monday:** 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12 **Tuesday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16 **Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19 **Thursday:** 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26 **Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32 **Saturday:** 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37 **Next Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26

**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](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.**



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Ascension**  
 Every Tuesday  
 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

**St. Bernard**  
 Every Wednesday  
 2:00 until 6:00 pm



### June 9, 2024 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: **“How can Satan cast out Satan?”** To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we’re honest, our response to some degree is: “How *else* can we cast him out? Satan is *precisely* how we cast out Satan!” But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here’s what I mean.

*Satanas* names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. “I’ll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy.” “She’s already trying to get ahead of me.” “That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs.” And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind’s sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus’ cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of “casting out Satan by Satan” and ushers in a new one he calls “the Kingdom of God.” He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the **“stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house.”** This week let’s notice the ways we **“cast out Satan by Satan,”** and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand. — *Father John Muir*