

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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### Grand Knight

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## SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms:

By appointment.

### Marriage Arrangements

Must be made with the priest at least six months before the proposed marriage date.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ascension—Sat. 3:00—4:00 p.m.  
7:30—8:15 pm

St. Bernard —Mon. & Fri. 8:30 a.m.  
Sat. 9:00 p.m.

Additionally by appointment.

### Communion for Homebound

Call parish office.

### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF Jan. 2—Jan. 8, 2011

1/2 **The Epiphany of the Lord:** Is 60:1-9 \* Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 \* Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 \* Mt 2:1-12.

1/3: **(The Most Holy Name of Jesus ):** 1 Jn 3::22—4:6 \* Ps 2:7-8,10-12 \* Mt 4:12-17,23-25.

1/4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:** 1 Jn 4:7-10 \* Ps 72:1-4,7-8 \* Mk 6:34-44.

1/5 **St. John Neumann:** 1 Jn 4:11-18 \* Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13 \* Mk 6:45-52.

1/6:**(St. Andre' Bessette)** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 \* Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17 \* Lk 4:14-22a.

1/7:**(St. Raymond of Penafort):** 1 Jn 5:5-13 \* Ps 147:12-15,19-20 \* Lk 5:12-16.

1/8: 1Jn 5:14-21 \* Ps 149:1-6,9 \* Jn 3:22-30.

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**“THEY PROSTRATED THEMSELVES  
AND DID HIM HOMAGE.”**

# CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD



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Tue.9 am -11am & Fri. 8:30-11:30 am

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From  
the  
Pastor



**Dear Parishioners,**

We are called to celebrate being wise men and women as we begin our new year. The Feast of the Epiphany reminds us to be like the wise men who were searching for Christ and found him by reading the signs of the time and going into action. They believed that something special would happen and they were wanting and willing to take what it takes to make it all happen by their cooperation. We have dreams about the education of the children and we have dreams about jobs and we have dreams about significant friendships. We are motivated to find God in the midst of it all. They all require commitment and creative planning and they all involve elements of mystery and process. They all contain the wonderful image of being on a journey. We have companions on our way and we have goals and a destination. The wise men, who became kings in legend, portray three possible responses to God's call to each of us. One is we gather to adore and honor God's revelation. Another could be our hesitation in the midst of putting together God's plan and our plans. A third could be our desire to give but then we hold back for fear of loss of our precious time, talent and treasure. We can do it when we meet together and share our hopes and dreams and invite the Spirit of God to be with us.

Happy New Year.

**Fr. Martin Shallbetter**

**Word of Life**

In many areas of public policy, the rift continues to widen between the moral principles expressed by a majority of Americans and the actions of government. For example, Americans oppose public funding of abortion by wide margins with 67% opposing federal funding of abortion in health care in one recent poll. Yet in March of 2010, Congress passed a health care reform law that allows for federal funding of abortion in some programs and could pressure millions of Americans to help subsidize other people's abortions through their health care premiums. Ensuring that health care reform will meet the urgent need for which it has been proposed, and is not misused to promote abortion to trample on the rights of conscience, will be an urgent task in the coming year.—Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Statement for Respect Life Month (2010)

**CHOOSE LIFE**— How like the King Herod today's abortion providers are. First he pretends he wants to worship the new born Baby Jesus, but hidden behind his deceitful words is a heart set on destruction of the Child. The magi, wise men that they were, saw in a dream Herod's new intentions and did not report the child's location to the destruction minded king. Today's Harrods tell women they have their best interests at heart, meanwhile planning the destruction of their unborn children.



**CALENDAR FOR  
ASCENSION AND  
ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES**

**Jan. 4-Natural Family Planning Classes at the U of M Medical Center (Fairview), Minneapolis. To register or for more information, please call Twin Cities FertilityCare 651-232-3088 or visit [www.tcnfp.org](http://www.tcnfp.org)**

**Jan. 6- At Ascension-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Thursday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Spending time in the Presence of the blessed Sacrament will bring us closer to the Lord Jesus and bring about the conversion of others.

**Jan. 8-**The Catholic Single Adults Club of the Twin Cities invites all single Catholics, 21 and older, to join us Saturday, January 8, 2011 for our annual Christmas dinner and dance. A social hour and dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. The cost for dinner and dancing is \$20, or the dance only is \$10. Dinner reservations, including dinner choices (bacon wrapped chicken Kiev or 8 oz. top sirloin) are required by Monday, December 28th. For reservation information please call Carl at 651-603-1412.

**Jan. 8-Catholic Apologetics Conference Sat. 2011 1:00-4:30pm.**Featuring Mark Shea "Popular and gifted Catholic apologist at Church of St. Augustine, 403 3rd St. North, South St. Paul.

Topics: **I Protest! An Evangelical Protestant's Journey to the Catholic Faith and Behold Your Mother: An Evangelical Discovers The Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Cost: \$15 a person, 18 & under: \$10. No charge for clergy & religious. Advance registration required. Register before Jan. 3, 2011. On the web: [www.nomensanctum.org](http://www.nomensanctum.org), 2011 Apologetics Conference, c/o Ron Schmitz, 2119 Viburnum Trail, Eagan, MN 55112. For more information call: 612-216-4734

**Jan 9-At. St. Bernard's-Faith Formation is hosting a Free Will offering Scrambled Egg and Ham breakfast in the narthex of the church from 8:30—12:00 noon.**

**Jan. 22-March for Life at the Capitol, Prayer Service at the Cathedral. Watch for further information.**

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**Feb. 20—At. St. Bernard's 38th Annual Winter Carnival.**

**Feb. 26—2011 Archdiocesan Stewardship Conference; Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Location: Pax Christi, Eden Prairie More Info: Office of Development & Stewardship. Stewardship a Way of Life: Building Vibrant, Engaged Communities**

**Feb. 26-ONE DAY RETREAT for Caregivers**

We invite you to join us as we offer a quiet, spiritual day of renewal for all Caregivers on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Church of the Annunciation, 509 - 54th St. W, Minneapolis, MN from 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Fr. James Himmelsbach, our speaker will present "Intimacy of God's Love: Father, Son & Holy Spirit." The retreat will include Mass, music, the sacrament of Penance and quiet time for prayer and reflection. Cost is \$15 - including lunch. For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at (651) 291-4543 or email [curtans@archspm.org](mailto:curtans@archspm.org). Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life Outreach to Persons with DisAbilities.

**Weekly Collections  
December 17-18**

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Envelope and Plate Collection:</b> | <b>\$3,040.00</b> |
| <b>Religious Retirement Fund:</b>     | <b>\$624.00</b>   |
| <b>Total now:</b>                     | <b>\$1419.01</b>  |
| <b>Building Maintenance Fund:</b>     | <b>\$782.00</b>   |

**Bible Study**

**Session 11-Week Leaders and Schism-Part 1**

Sunday, January 9 6:30 pm  
Monday, January 10 9:00 am  
Thursday, January 13 7:00 pm



*Welcome to Our Parish*

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**We welcome our new parishioners:**

James and Jane Sherack, 114 Reform Street N. Norwood Young America. They manage the Oak Grove Apartments. Welcome to the Church of Ascension

**St. John Vianney College Seminary**— Please pray for Brian Kloempken, along with the 140 young seminarians at St. John Vianney Seminary, as they discern a call to the priesthood. Good parishioners of the Church of the Ascension, you are remembered in our prayers as well. God Bless, Fr. Michael C. Becker, JR. Rector

**Catholic Services Appeal Rebate**

The rebate to Ascension is \$4,577. This is possible because of your support of CSA. Thank you

**Gifts for the Baby Jesus will be given to Birthright of Waconia.**

Birthright helps mothers uncertain about their pregnancies and gives them someone to listen to, and stick with them when times are difficult. Birthright volunteers provide rides to medical appointments, maternity and baby clothes, furniture when needed, and assistance to seek out the best in medical and financial aid. Gifts for the Baby Jesus may be clothing, blankets, anything that can be used by a baby or its mother. Money is also welcome. Make checks out to "Birthright of Waconia", 233 Olive Street South, Waconia, MN 55387. Gifts may be placed by Mary's altar or around the trees at Christmas.

**The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage Family & Family** invites you to the Annual Single Parent Retreat at Church of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin, 1414 Dale St., St. Paul, MN 55117, Feb. 5, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Optional Mass at 8:00 am. Cost is \$10 per family (includes childcare). Scholarships available. Make check payable to Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis. mail to Single Parent Retreat, 328 West Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55102. See green flyers at rear of church.

**Relevant Radio® 1330AM:** Take your faith beyond Sunday and into the rest of the week with Relevant Radio! **It's Talk Radio for Catholic Life! Tune in to Relevant Radio 1330AM.**  
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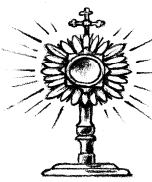
**Pray  
for the  
Deceased**



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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Sister Bernita Hesse SSND**, who passed away recently. Sister Bernita is a former parishioner of St. Bernard's and a sister to Sr. Florence Hesse SSND a former teacher at St. Bernard's. May Sr. Bernita rest in peace in heaven with our Infant King Jesus.

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



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**Eucharistic Adoration** Tuesday, January 4, 2011, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. Please sign up for an hour or half-hour on the sign-up sheet at the Scrip table until all time periods are filled. Perhaps this is a quiet opportunity to give thanks for all blessings received during the year past, also prayers for our school, church, family, the economy, etc.



**School resumes—January 3rd.**

**The School Advisory Committee meeting will be on Monday,**

**January 10th. All Winter Carnival Chairpersons are asked to attend this meeting to complete the work list for the Carnival.**

**WINTER CARNIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS:** ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH. BE SURE TO PICK YOUR ENVELOPE OF RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY. THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY GET TOGETHERS ARE A GREAT TIME TO SELL YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TO RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS !

**Winter Carnival—February 20, 2011. As you do your after Christmas shopping, keep the Carnival game rooms in mind. Prizes for Bingo, Children's games, hooligan etc. are needed. Let's make this carnival the best one ever !!**



**Scrip:** We have the following special scrip available: Calibella's—\$50. Amazon.com—\$50 and Macy's \$50. All are in \$25.00 increments.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:**

**Weekly Collection December 18-19, 2010**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Envelope/Plate Income</b>                    | <b>\$ 5,325.35</b> |
| <b>Total Income December 18-19, 2010</b>        | <b>\$ 5,325.35</b> |
| <b>Forward in Faith</b>                         | <b>\$ 4,251.00</b> |
| <b>Religion Retirement Fund (Total to Date)</b> | <b>\$ 859.93</b>   |

**2011 Youth Offering Envelopes** are available on the table in the Narthex. All youth, grades 1 through 12 have envelopes. St. Bernard's school children received their envelopes at school. Please pick up the envelopes to save us the cost of postage. Thank you.

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD**  
**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**January 3 through January 9, 2011**

**LECTORS:**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Patricia Quinn  
Sun. 8:00 am. Roger Storms  
10:00 am. Leo Willems

**SERVERS:**

**Weekdays: St. Bernard School Students**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Todd Broll & Caleb Wickenhauser  
Sun. 8:00 am. Joseph Rademacher & Andrew Schmieg  
10:00 am. Ashley Jacques & Megan Jacques

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sat. 8:00 pm. John Eiden  
Sun. 8:00 am. Mary Meuwissen  
10:00 am. Vicki Arnst

**USHERS:**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Phil Bovy & Ralph Laumann  
Sun. 8:00 am. Mike Pawelk & Andy Kleindl  
10:00 am. Bob Symanitz & Mike Worm

**GREETERS:**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Carol Hoen  
Sun. 8:00 am. Roger Storms  
10:00 am. Bob Rademacher

**GIFT BEARERS:**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Jim & Greg Hoen  
Sun. 8:00 am. Margaret & Bob Wickenhauser Family  
10:00 am. Kara & Rob Wickenhauser Family

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

**Tuesday, January 4, 2011**  
**After the 8:00 A.M. Mass until 6:00 P.M.**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

|           |        |        |                            |
|-----------|--------|--------|----------------------------|
| Saturday  | Jan. 1 | 9 am.  | Stanley Zlotkowski Family  |
| Saturday, | Jan. 1 | 8 pm.  | <b>NO MASS</b>             |
| Sunday    | Jan. 2 | 8 am.  | †Marcella "Sally" Schwartz |
|           |        | 10 am. | People of the Parish       |
| Monday    | Jan. 3 | 8 am.  | † Leo & Arlene Heger       |
| Tuesday   | Jan. 4 | 8 am.  | †LeRoy Glander             |
| Wednesday | Jan. 5 | 8 am.  | <b>NO MASS</b>             |
| Thursday  | Jan. 6 | 8 a.m. | †Martin J. Quinn           |
| Friday    | Jan. 7 | 8 am.  | †Leonard Hoen Sr.          |
| Saturday  | Jan 8  | 8 pm.  | † Matilda Greins           |
| Sunday    | Jan. 9 | 8 am.  | †Clara Storms              |
|           |        | 10 am. | People of the Parish       |

**INTENTIONS:**

**RADIO ROSARY:**

Jan. 3 To Free Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal  
Jan. 4 In memory of James Sand and Ray Hennes  
Jan. 5 In memory of Greg and Amalia Walerius  
Family and Anna Skluzacek  
Jan. 6 In memory of The Roach Family and Living  
And Deceased members of Southwest Deanery  
Jan. 7 In memory of Martin and Emma Donnelly

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
STEWARSHIP OF TIME  
January 3 Through January 9**

**SERVERS**

**Jan. 8-9**

Sat. 5:00 pm Sam & Joan Fuhrman  
Sun. 8:00 am Kimberly George, Rebecca Padilla  
Sun. 10:00 am Josh & Zach Gallus

**LECTORS:**

**Jan. 8-9**

Sat. 5:00 pm Rodney Pieper  
Sun. 8:00 am LuAnn Johnson  
Sun. 10:00 am Amy Gallus

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

**Jan. 8-9**

Sat. 5:00 pm Joan Pieper  
Sun. 8:00 am Pat Clark  
Sun. 10:00 am Ann Fitz

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:**

**Today :** Michael Harrison  
**Jan. 9:** Tim & Rita Fahey

**USHERS FOR JANUARY:**

Sat. 5:00 pm Kevin Raether, Jim Louwagie  
Sun. 8:00 am Jim Dvorak, Gary Widmer  
Sun 10:00 am Paul Lano, Justin Buckentin

**GREETERS:**

**Jan 8-9**

Sat. Sheila Hart, Sun. 8:00 Jim Braunwarth, 10:00 Julia Little

**ADORATION:**

Each Thursday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

|           |          |                      |
|-----------|----------|----------------------|
| Sunday    |          | Middle East Peace    |
|           | 10:00 am | Parish               |
| Monday    |          | Parish               |
| Tuesday   |          | Donaver Schrupp †    |
| Wednesday |          | Poor Souls           |
| Thursday  |          | Vocations            |
| Friday    |          | President & Congress |
| Saturday  |          | The Sick             |
|           | 5:00 pm  | Marie Neutgens †     |

**MASS TIMES**

**Weekday-7:15 am**  
**Saturday 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Times**  
**Sat. 3:00-4:00**

*We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.*