

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

# ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH & SCHOOL



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### 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 p.m.

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 Dec. 11 -Dec. 17, 2011

12/11 Third Sunday of Advent: Is 61:1-2a,10-11 \*  
Lk 1:46-48,49-50,53-54 \* 1 Thes 5:16-24 \* Jn 1:6-8,19-28.

12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab \* Jdt 13:18,19 \* Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47.

12/13 St. Lucy: Zep 3:1-2,9-13 \* Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23 \* Mt 21:28-32.

12/14 St. John of the Cross: Is 45:6c-8,18,21b-25 \*  
Ps 85:9-10,11-12,13-14 \* Lk 7:18b-23.

12/15: Is 54:1-10 \* Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13 \* Lk 7:24-30.

12/16: Is 56:1-3a,6-8 \* Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8 \* Jn 5:33-36.

12/17: Gn 49:2,8-10 \* Ps 72:1-2,3-4,7-8,17 \* Mt 1:1-17. Copyright 2011 by Creative Communications for the Parish. Used with permission.

**"I BAPTIZE WITH WATER; BUT THERE IS ONE AMONG YOU WHOM YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE."**



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From  
the  
Pastor



**Dear Parishioners,**

We are reminded to renew our commitment for building expectations for the coming of the Lord and our openness to being led by the Spirit. John the Baptist encourages us to listen to the word and respond. For this to happen, we will need to be so receptive as to allow the word to come deep into our lives and to let it permeate our whole being. We know how true this is in all relationships. When people speak to us, we hear the word and it moves us emotionally and we take it to heart or we do something with it. In a real sense we are never the same after the encounter as simple or profound it may be. It stirs up something in us that causes us to respond with our word. We have an emotional response that could be fear or as simple as we like or dislike it. We so often ask them to repeat what they said to make sure we heard and understand. Sometimes we explore by asking, what do you mean or what did you say? Both responses need the word to be clarified and the meaning needs to be understood. So often we need to sit on the experience and let it sink in. This is so true with words like love or hate or trust and hope. We sort out and filter the message trying to judge it and determine the authenticity and sincerity of the person delivering the message. Advent is the time for us to be open with confidence and trust in the source of the message God and the person of the word, Jesus.

**Fr. Martin Shallbetter**

**A SIMPLER CHRISTMAS**



- Forget the "ideal" Christmas: put the emphasis on Jesus.
- Drop any Christmas activity you hate.
- Dread sending Christmas cards? Go to catholicgreetings.org or a similar site and send e-cards with a few mouse clicks.

- Hosting Christmas dinner? Have family pitch in and ask guests to bring something.
- Don't spend what you don't have. Set a dollar limit and stick to it.
- Consider a family gift exchange, a donation to charity, gifts under a giving tree. Give coupons for time and talent gifts. Buy faith-related gifts at your parish bookstore.
- Create your own traditions: a Christmas nativity scene, Christmas candles, Midnight Mass, read the Christmas stories, serve dinner in a shelter.
- Don't expect anyone to behave in certain ways or to give you the right gifts.
- Don't do anything to excess: gift-giving, partying, drinking, eating.
- Don't fight with family, especially over who goes to church.



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

**Today-Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Ascension & St. Bernard's**—Support elderly religious. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes: "We thank God for every religious sister who taught in our schools, not only our ABC's but also to love God." Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have made a difference in so many lives. Please Share in the Care and give generously to this collection. By 2019 , it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future.

**Dec. 12, 2011—10:30 am -At St. Bernard's-communal Penance Service for St. Bernard's School Students and any adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Penance.**

**DEC. 15-THURSDAY—EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC. 24 & 25. ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M.**

**Dec. 16**— Starting this date. **Catholic Come Home** evangelization commercials will be airing nationwide, inviting those away from the practice of their faith to return "home." We encourage our parishioners to pray for those who have left the Church and invite them to join us this Advent and Christmas season at Ascension parish. This campaign is supported through the generosity of donors from across the country.

**DECEMBER 31, 2011-AT. ST. BERNARD'S—SATURDAY EVENING MASS WILL BE AT 4:00 P.M. - NOT 8:00 P.M. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. THIS CHANGE IN MASS TIME IS ONLY FOR DECEMBER 31ST, 2011. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS CHANGE !**

**Jan. 7, 2012-The Catholic Single Adults Club of the Twin Cities** invites all singles Catholics, 21 and older to join us Saturday 7, 2012 for our annual Christmas Dinner and dance. A social hour and dinner will begin at 5:30 pm, dancing at 8:00 pm. The cost for dinner and dancing is \$20; dance only is \$10. Dinner reservations for delicious buffet style meal are required by Tuesday, December 27th. No reservation is required for dance only participants. For reservation information please call Carl at 651-603-1142.

**Weekly Collections  
December 4th & 5th**

**Envelope and Plate Collection: \$3,141.76**  
**Capital Improvement Fund: \$1,100.00**

**Gifts for the Baby Jesus**

**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 crib at Christmas.

**Ascension Council Minutes of October 24, 2011**

**Present:** Frs. Shalbetter, Ardolf, Jack Lano, Gary Widmer, Tim Fahey, Joe Weckman, Brian Willems, Gary Lembcke, Pam Stoks, Kathy Kloempken

-Reviewed and approved September minutes and financial report.

**-Old Business:**

-Kathy Kloempken reported on Contribution Envelope Project. A starter card was made and will be sent with the first set of envelopes to be sent out this December. We ordered 50 children envelopes also. All is on schedule.

-Jack Lano reported that Jan Johnson was hired as the back up bookkeeper and has already been working with Sue Steinhagen.

-The city engineer came out and had some good suggestions on our sidewalk and curb repairs with some handicap accessibility changes. It is too late in the year for such a project so it is set for next spring. Norm Willems, a KC member said they would like to donate proceeds from this Sunday's breakfast to help fund this project.

-Tim Fahey reported on the St. Patrick Cemetery stone for us. Dan Steinhagen still has a stone for us. It will need a design and base.

-Vacation Bible School is already making plans for next year.

-We have invited St. Bernard's to our Masses during Catholic School Week in January 2012.

-Mass attendance count numbers for the month of October were 1st week 258, 2nd week 289, 3rd week 277. 4th week 379.

**-New Business:**

-The Archdiocesan Assessment Report was just done before this meeting by Gary Widmer, Sue Steinhagen & Jack Lano.

-Council voted to renew our dues to the NYA Chamber of Commerce for another year. The benefit of this is that our church is listed on the NYA website and on a list at Baylor Park.

-Fr. Shallbetter reported that education regarding changes in the Liturgy is going well. Practicing will begin in November.

-Next meeting is November 28, at 7:30 pm.

**School**



The Home and School Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of our St Nick's Dinner and Social. Thank you for all the donations to our live auction and for all of the fun bidding! Thank you to Mr. Tim Fahey for sharing his time and talent with us as an auctioneer. Thank you to Jennifer Raether and family for the preparation and cooking of the fabulous meal! The evening would not have been possible without the dedication and planning by Denise Vieth in the organizing, decorating, and arranging for the entertainment. Thank you also to all the workers that helped bus tables, wash dishes, tend bar, etc, we couldn't have done it without you! **Happy Holiday's to**

**Thank you to all the parishioners** who worked, made craft items, baked, and participated in the Ladies Guild annual Holiday Luncheon and Bazaar. Also, a special thank you to all of our friends and neighbors who visited, shopped and had lunch with us. When you see your friends who were our guests, please remember to thank them for their support. **The beautiful quilt made by our church quilting group was won by Carol Wickenhauser, congratulations!**

**Thank You** to all who gave of their time working at the Southwest Carver County Food-shelf. During the Month of November, St. Bernard's Parish is assigned to provide the Food-shelf with 2 volunteers for each Tuesday afternoon from Approximately noon until 4:30 p.m. Your service to the Food-shelf is much appreciated. God Bless you !

**SCRIP INFO** - We now have Holiday and Kwik Trip in \$100.00 cards as well as \$25.00 in stock. Holiday gift orders are coming in pretty good. Remember the deadline for guaranteed Christmas delivery is Dec 16. Do your shopping the easy way, get the gift everyone can use by purchasing gift cards.

**Pressed for time as Christmas approaches?** Save a step and mail your Christmas Offering envelope with your Sunday Offering envelope. It doesn't even need a stamp! You can fill out your regular Sunday envelope for December and simply put your Christmas envelope inside it and mail it in or drop it in the collection basket during Mass. We will accept contributions for 2011 through Saturday, December 31st. Thank you for your generosity.

**Living Stewardship Now**

Find time to prepare your own heart for Christmas. Pray more, go to confession, read the scriptures, attend Mass.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**Gathering Our Gifts**

Envelope/Plate Income (12/4/11)	\$ 3,241.16
Electronic Donations	\$ 580.00
<b>Subtotal Income for Gathering Our Gifts</b>	<b>\$ 3,821.16</b>

**Forward in Faith**

Envelope Income (12/4/11)	\$ 275.00
Electronic Donations	\$ 50.00
<b>Subtotal Income for Forward in Faith</b>	<b>\$ 325.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,146.16</b>
<b>Campaign for Human Development (Total to Date)</b>	<b>\$ 309.66</b>

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD**  
**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**December 12 through December 17, 2011**

**LECTORS:**

**Sat. 8:00 pm.** Greg Wickenhauser  
**Sun. 8:00 am.** Julie Kleindl  
**10:00 am.** Patricia Quinn

**SERVERS:**

**Weekdays: St. Bernard School Students**

**Sat. 8:00 pm.** Caleb Wickenhauser & Jared Wickenhauser  
**Sun. 8:00 am.** Jacob Steinbauer & Max Kasel  
**10:00 am.** Carter Clemensen & Casey Clemensen

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

**Sat. 8:00 pm.** Bernie Shambour  
**Sun. 8:00 am.** Lynnae Bosch  
**10:00 am.** Carol Symanitz

**USHERS:**

**Sat. 8:00 pm** Ralph Laumann & Brent Buesgens  
**Sun. 8:00 am.** James Storms & Bob Willems  
**10:00 am.** Brian Vos & Bob Symanitz

**GREETERS:**

**Sat. 8:00 pm.** Andrea Wickenhauser  
**Sun. 8:00 am.** Mike Pawelk  
**10:00 am.** Charles Rademacher

**GIFT BEARERS:**

**Sat. 8:00 pm.** Rose & Leonard Hoen  
**Sun. 8:00 am.** Donna & David Tellers Family  
**10:00 am.** Fran & Brad Terfehr Family

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: PLEASE NOTE TIME**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012**  
**After the 8:00 A.M. Mass until 6:00 PM.**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday Dec. 10</b>	<b>8:00 pm.</b>	†Ardis Kunze
<b>Sunday Dec. 11</b>	<b>8:00 am.</b>	†Donald Storms
	<b>10:00 am.</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Monday Dec. 12</b>	<b>8:00 am.</b>	†Cyril Aretz
<b>Tuesday Dec. 13</b>	<b>8:00 am.</b>	†Paul & Elizabeth Greins
<b>Wednesday Dec. 14</b>	<b>8:00 am.</b>	NO MASS
<b>Thursday Dec. 15</b>	<b>8:00 am.</b>	Edward J. Tellers Family
<b>Friday Dec. 16</b>	<b>8:00 am.</b>	†Leo & Arlene Heger
<b>Saturday Dec. 17</b>	<b>8:00 pm.</b>	†Bud & Idella Meuwissen
<b>Sunday Dec. 18</b>	<b>8:00 am.</b>	†Marcella "Sally" Schwartz
	<b>10:00 am.</b>	People of the Parish

**RADIO ROSARY:**

**Dec. 12** In Memory of Janice Smisek and  
Robert V. Klehr

**Dec. 13** In memory of Living and Deceased members of  
Henry and Anna Bendzick Family

**Dec. 14** In Memory of Lilian Weinandt and Living and  
Deceased of St. Mark's C.C.W.

**Dec. 15** Friends of the Rosary

**Dec. 16** Holy Trinity Altar Society, Veseli

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
STEWARSHIP OF TIME  
December 12 Through December 18**

**SERVERS:**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Brandon Fabel, Joey Simons  
**Sunday 8:00 am:** Kimberly George, Rebecca Padilla  
**Sunday 10:00 am:** Rachel Hegseth, Jayme Ulrich

**LECTORS:**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Richard Fehr  
**Sunday 8:00 am:** Norm Willems  
**Sunday 10:00 am:** Jim Mulville

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

**Saturday 5:00 pm:** Carol Donnay  
**Sunday 8:00 am:** Colleen Donnay  
**Sunday 10:00 am:** Lisa Whitaker

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:**

**December 11:** Dolores Bohlinger  
**December 18:** Joe & Diane Weckman

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER:**

**Saturday 5:00 pm** Mike Mooney, Kent Fabel  
**Sunday 8:00 am** Bill Dvorak, Tim George  
**Sunday 10:00 am** LeRoy Fitz, Steve Gallus

**GREETERS:**

**Saturday 5:00 pm** Ann Dettmann  
**Sunday 8:00 am** Betty O'Neil  
**Sunday 10:00 am** Lisa Whitaker

**ADORATION:**

Thursdays from 8:00 am-8:00 pm

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sunday	10:00	Sp. Int. Parish
Monday		Edward Steinhagen †
Tuesday		Dick Lano †
Wednesday		Dorothy Hally †
Thursday		Katherine Doyle †
Friday		Margaret O'Reilly †
Saturday	5:00 pm	Ardis Kunze † A. Family

**MASS TIMES**

Weekdays—7:15 am  
Saturday —5:00 pm  
Sunday—8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 7:30-8:15 pm

*My soul rejoices in my God.*