

# 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. 18 -Dec. 24, 2011

12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent: 2 Sm 7:1,5b-12,14a,16 \* Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29 \* Rom 16:25-27 \* Lk 1:26-38.

12/19: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a \* Ps 71:3-4,5-6,16-17 \* Lk 1:5-25.

12/20: Is 7:10-14 \* Ps 24:1-2,3-4,5-6 \* Lk 1:26-38.

12/21 (St. Peter Canisius): Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a \* Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 \* Lk 1:39-45.

12/22: 1 Sm 1:24-28 \* 1 Sm 2:1,4-5,6-7,8 \* Lk 1:46-56.

12/23 (St. John of Kanty): Mal 3:1-4,23-24 \* Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10,14 \* Lk 1:57-66.

12/24: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 \* Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27-29 \* Lk 1:67-79. Copyright 2011 by Creative Communications for the Parish. Used with permission.

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HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.”*



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From  
the  
Pastor



**Dear Parishioners,**

I pray with you that your Advent is coming along with your commitment to being a good messenger of good news as John the Baptist was. He announced the coming of the Lord when he said prepare the way of the Lord. He was convinced about his role as he came out of the desert where he reflected on the word and deepened his desire about the coming of Christ as the new revelation. Jesus is the redeemer who would restore our relationship with God and all creation. He put his conviction into action by inviting people to do some soul searching. Out of their efforts and enlightened by the Spirit, the people asked what they could do as they were moved to change their behavior. Each one received some suggestions that fit their state in life and what they were involved in. The invitation is for us as well and that is a critical question for all of us, what can we do? One of three suggestions could be to look at our personal prayer life and praying together. Second, we could evaluate our greetings in this season of wishing each other a Merry Christmas with cards, emails or words. Finally, we could invite others to join us to be a community at weekend liturgies and especially Christmas. The Spirit filled John the Baptist. We are filled with the same Spirit in our baptism and confirmation that will lead us to ask the question and put our resolutions into action.  
Fr. Martin Shallbetter

**Living Stewardship Now**

What can you do for a God who has already loved you so much? Give your heart to God, and be prepared like Mary to take some risks.

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**YES, LORD!**

God chose to announce the promised Savior to a young woman in a backwater village called Nazareth. In a small painting created over a thousand years ago, the artist shows the angel holding up one hand in greeting. Mary is standing facing him with her hands extended in welcome. The words of the angel are rich in power and promise: "you have found favor with God . . . [your child] will be called Son of the Most High . . . The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you" (Luke 1:30, 32, 35). Pure of heart and trusting completely, Mary answered God with a wholehearted "yes." Through her cooperation, God broke into our world, breathing the same air we breathe, experiencing our sorrows and joys. God became flesh in the Son, Jesus Christ, born of Mary. The world would never be the same. The time is here to let him into our hearts and change us completely.



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

**Dec. 18 (Today) At St. Bernard's after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All are asked to help set up Nativity Scene and Christmas Decorations in the church.**

**Dec. 19- At St. Bernard's School - Poinsettia Delivery.**

**Dec. 22-At. St. Bernard's School- Christmas Program, Afternoon Performance, 7:00 Evening Performance.**

**Dec. 22- Einladung!** German Christmas Celebration 7 pm; Westview Acres; 433 West Fifth St, Westview Acres Chapel, Waconia, Mn.

**December. 23-January 2 - At St. Bernard's School - Christmas Vacation.**

**Dec. 24th - At. St. Bernard's. Christmas hymns will be sung beginning at 7:40 pm. Mass at 8:00 p.m.**

**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. 3-At. St. Bernard's; Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m.**

**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.

**Natural Family Planning Classes-Monday, January 9, 2012 at Fairview Oxboro Clinic, Bloomington or Saturday, January 14, 2012 at U of M Medical Center-Fairview, Mpls. Modern Natural Family Planning** is based on comprehensive scientific research and is healthy and marriage building! If you are looking to enhance your married life, a series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on: To register or for more information, please call the **Twin Cities FertilityCare** at 651-232-3088 or register on-line at [www.tcnfp.org](http://www.tcnfp.org).

***"Who can be afraid of a Baby?"***

Fr. Rich Simon ponders this in his brief audio reflection for Christmas —  
and we'd like you to have a free copy.  
Go to [www.revelanradio.com](http://www.revelanradio.com) and type keyword "baby" to listen or download.

*May your Holy Seasons be truly bright!*  
**Saint Paul-Minneapolis 1330AM**

**Weekly Collections  
December 10 & 11**

**Envelope and Plate Collection: \$3,901.25**  
**Religious Retirement Fund: \$797.70**

**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.

**Welcome to a new parishioner, Alexander Thomas Urness. Baptized December 10, 2011, the son of Mathew and Sherry Urness. Congratulations to the parents.**

**From the Center for Mission:**

Thank you for your gift of \$764 to *The Society for the Propagation of the Faith*. for Mission Sunday Collection.

**World Youth Day**

The Holy Father to the youth to strive for holiness. "There is no saint, apart from the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has not also known sin, who has never fallen. Dear friends, Christ is not so much interested in how often in your lives you stumble and fall, as in how often you pick yourselves up again. He does not demand glittering achievements, but he wants his light to shine in you. He does not call you because you are good and perfect, but because he is good and he wants to make you his friends. Yes, you are the light of the world because Jesus is your light.

In October Pope Benedict announced a special "Year of Faith" for 2012. Pope Benedict suggests that studying the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to gain a better understanding of the Nicene Creed and conducting acts of charity would be ways to faithfully observe the Year of Faith. If we have yet to read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, this would be a good time to begin.

Regions Hospital as of December 9 has closed at abortuary. "This comes after seven 40 Days for Life campaigns involving thousands at the hospital, petition drives, phone calling and emailing campaigns, and millions of dollars in lost business for Health Partners over its ownership of the hospital and the abortuary." More prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will continue to change hearts.

**New to the community?** We invite you to register. See Father after Mass or call him at 467-3351. You need a church address. If you are new to the community we encourage you to register.



**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**—Remember performances of the St. Bernard School Christmas Program will be at 1 pm and 7 pm next Thursday, December 21st. All students, grades Pre K thru 6th participate in the program. Everyone is invited to attend either or both performances. Catholic United Financial is sponsoring refreshments in the school after the 7 pm performance. Our students have worked very hard, please support the children and celebrate Christmas with us.

**CHRISTMAS WISH LIST**—St Bernard School will be updating 30 computers. Each computer will cost approximately \$225. If you write a check for \$250 you will be able to receive a tax deduction note from the Church/School.

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE** - St Nick's Dinner profit \$3,813.13 Piggy Bank and Pig Out Lunch around \$2,000.00

**REMINDER**—Christmas break starts Friday Dec. 23. School resumes Monday Jan 3rd 2012. There will be no school from Dec 23 thru Jan 2.

Day Care will be open Dec 23 and Dec 27 thru Dec 30. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Thank You !** To all who donated food to the Thanksgiving day offertory collection. The Southwest Carver County Food Shelf gratefully acknowledges your gift of 239# of food. Your contribution is appreciated on behalf of those served by the food shelf.

**Mitten Tree-** On Tuesday, Dec. 13th the Mitten Tree collection was taken to the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf. 49 Pairs of Mittens, 27 Hats, 9 blankets, 8 Scarves, 6 jackets, 5 pairs of socks, 1 pair of boots and 1 pair of slippers. were donated to the Christmas collection of items for those who use the food shelf. St. Bernard's Faith Formation students wish to **THANK** all who so generously donated items for the Mitten Tree. The students also wish to thank Patsy Quinn for delivering the items to the Food shelf. God Bless you all for your donations! !

**Over the river and through the woods,** to Grandmother's house we go..." Enjoy safe travels over this Christmas Season! As you get ready to make the trek, no matter how far, please remember to put your Christmas Offering envelope into your Sunday Offering envelope and drop it in the mail with your last-minute Christmas cards. As you review your charitable contributions for 2011, please remember that any contributions received in the office or postmarked by 12/31/2011, or any offering envelopes put in the collection basket on Saturday evening Mass on December 31st will be counted as contributions for 2011. Any funds received on Sunday, January 1st will be contributions for 2012. Through your generosity, we fulfill our mission as a parish. **Thank you and God bless you.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

<b>Gathering Our Gifts</b>	
Envelope/Plate Income (12/11/11)	\$ 4,456.94
Electronic Donations	\$ -
<b>Subtotal Income for Gathering Our Gifts</b>	<b>\$ 4,456.94</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income (12/11/11)	\$ 341.00
Electronic Donations	\$ 100.00
<b>Subtotal Income for Forward in Faith</b>	<b>\$ 441.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,897.94</b>
<b>Campaign for Human Development (Total to Date)</b>	<b>\$ 359.66</b>
<b>Retired Religious Fund (Total to Date)</b>	<b>\$ 642.03</b>

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD**  
**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**December 18 through December 25, 2011**

**LECTORS:**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Megan Wickenhauser  
Sun. 8:00 am. Jerry Laumann  
10:00 am. Anna Rademacher

**SERVERS:**

**Weekdays: St. Bernard School Students**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Mitchell Wickenhauser & Jeff Worm  
Sun. 8:00 am. Brett Kleindl & Luke Kleindl  
10:00 am. Kenny Feist & Ben Roufs

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER                      CUP MINISTERS**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Carol Hoen Megan Wickenhauser & Tom Kasel  
Sun. 8:00 am. Sister Jancy Andy Kleindl & Sister Parnitha  
10:00 am. Denann Karels Eileen Fasching & Doug Bosch

**USHERS:**

Sat. 8:00 pm Brent Buesgens & Danny Hoen  
Sun. 8:00 am. Bob Willems & Bob Wickenhauser  
10:00 am. Bob Symanitz & Mike Worm

**GREETERS:**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Marcy Wickenhauser  
Sun. 8:00 am. Jan Storms  
10:00 am. Bob Rademacher

**GIFT BEARERS:**

Sat. 8:00 pm. Marcy & Leon Wickenhauser  
Sun. 8:00 am. Julie & Andy Kleindl Family  
10:00 am. Darin Feist Family

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: PLEASE NOTE TIME**

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

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**INTENTIONS:**

Saturday	Dec. 17	8:00 pm.	†Bud & Idella Meuwissen
Sunday	Dec. 18	8:00 am.	†Marcella "Sally" Schwartz
		10:00 am.	People of the Parish
Monday	Dec. 19	8:00 am.	†Warren Kahnke
Tuesday	Dec. 20	8:00 am.	†Edward J. Tellers Family
Wednesday	Dec. 21	8:00 am.	NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 22	8:00 am.	†Hilbert Knauer
Friday	Dec. 23	8:00 am.	†Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	Dec. 24	8:00 pm.	†Martin J. Quinn
Sunday	Dec. 25	8:00 am.	People of the Parish
		10:00 am.	†Theresa Feist

**RADIO ROSARY:**

Dec. 19 In Memory of Robert V. Klehr and  
Michael Hennen

Dec. 20 In Memory of Patricia Pink and  
Ann Skluzacek

Dec. 21 In Memory of Francis and Helen Coleman

Dec. 22 In Memory of Donna Kerber and Barbara Wolf

Dec. 23 In Memory of Julian Pieper Family and  
Michael Plonski

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
STEWARSHIP OF TIME  
December 19 Through December 25**

**SERVERS:**

**Sat.-Christmas Eve 5:00 pm:** Emma, Karl and Erich Dettmann  
**Christmas Day- 8:00 am:** Tim Kloempken, Tracy & Elizabeth  
George  
**Christmas Day- 10:00 am:** Josh & Zach Gallus

**LECTORS:**

**Christmas Eve 5:00 pm:** Jan Pouliot  
**Christmas Day 8:00 am:** LuAnn Johnson  
**Christmas Day 10:00 am:** Amy Gallus

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

**Christmas Eve-5:00 pm:** Deb Prchal, Beverly Feltmann, Maria Swanson  
**Christmas Day-8:00 am:** Al Wirtz, Betty O'Neil, Pat Clark  
**Christmas Day- 10:00 am:** Dolores Bohlinger, Julia Little, Diane Anderson

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:**

**December 18:** Joe & Diane Weckman  
**December 25:** Pat Hegseth

**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:**

**Christmas Eve 5:00 pm** Pat Johnson  
**Christmas Day 8:00 am** Betty O'Neil  
**Christmas Day 10:00 am** Diane Anderson

**ADORATION:**

Thursdays from 8:00 am-8:00 pm

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sunday		Sp. Int.
	10:00	Parish
Monday		Dorothy Hally †
Tuesday		Dick Lano †
Wednesday		Edward Steinhagen †
Thursday		Frank Hally †
Friday		Joyce Hally †
Saturday	7:15 am	Sp. Int. B.
	5:00 pm	Edward & Virginia Stacken
Sunday	8:00 am	Homeless
	10:00 am	Parish

**MASS TIMES**

Weekdays—7:15 am  
Christmas Eve —5:00 pm  
Christmas Day—8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 3:00-4:00 pm, 7:30-8:15 pm  
Saturday, 10:30-11:30 am

*For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*