

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.

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Call parish office.

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Call the parish office at any time.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF Dec. 4—Dec. 10, 2011

12/4 Second Sunday of Advent: Is 40:1-5,9-11
* Ps 85:9-14 * 2 Pt 3:8-14 * Mk 1:1-8.

12/5: Is 35:1-10 * Ps 85:9-14 * Lk 5:17-26.

12/6 St. Nicholas: Is 40:1-11 * Ps 96:1-3,10-13
* Mt 18:12-14.

12/7 St. Ambrose: Is 40:25-31 * Ps 103:1-4,8,10 * Mt 11:28-30.

12/8 Immaculate Conception: Gn 3:9-15,20 *
Ps 98:1-4 * Ep 1:3-6,11-12 * Lk 1:26-38.

12/9 St. Juan Diego: Is 48:17-19 * Ps 1:1-4,6
* Mt 11:16-19.

12/10: Sir 48:1-4,11 * Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 *
Mt 17:9-13. *Copyright 2011 by Creative Communications for the Parish. Used with permission.*

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From
the
Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

I was impressed how well Ascension was on top to being ready for the new Roman Missal English translation and the new musical settings. Fr. Paul mentioned that St. Bernard's is coming along. I look forward to getting first hand experience now that I am at St. Bernard's for the month of December. We will have to continue to move with it slowly and patiently. I know the presiders have to stay focused on the book making sure we stick with changes in English and some additional words. The peoples response "And with your Spirit" happens over and over and is a little surpassing when it comes before the Gospel and at the end of Mass. We can do it and we will keep on smiling. Please give to the Retirement Fund for the Religious that is part of our annual December giving plan. They have given so much and continue to give for the life and well being of the church. They have been and are indeed special gifts to the church. Both parishes are now on their new mailed envelope plan for the 2012 coming year. Thanks to all those who sorted out options and created a new effort for helping us in our offering. This is an important part of our offertory which includes the offerings of all our gifts and efforts that are a part of everyday life. Happy Advent.

Fr. Martin Shallbetter

The beginning of the Liturgical Year helps us live anew the expectation of God who took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself little, who becomes a child; it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is close, who chose to experience human life from the very beginning in order to save it totally, in its fullness. And so the mystery of Lord's Incarnation and the beginning of human life are closely and harmoniously connected and in tune with each other in the one saving plan of God, the Lord of the life of each and everyone.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Celebration of First Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2010

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

TODAY-At St. Bernard's School, Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the Cologne Lions with profits going to St. Bernard's Faith Formation Confirmation class Retreat expenses.

Dec. 6 -At St. Bernard's-Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to spend an hour in prayer during the Advent Season.

Dec. 7-Wed., 7:00 pm, Penance Service at St. Bernard's for Ascension and St Bernard's parishioners. A great, perhaps a necessary preparation for Christmas.

Dec. 8-Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times at Ascension are 7:00 am, 5:15 and 7:30 pm. No Adoration this Thursday. Mass times at St. Bernard's 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 11-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, 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. 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.

Church of the Ascension Norwood Young America, MN**Weekly Collections
November 19th-20th**

Envelope and Plate Collection: \$1,802.00
Restoration: \$100.00
CCHD Special Collection: \$324.90

November 26th-27th

Envelope and Plate Collection: \$1,808.00
Food Shelf: \$820.00

The Ascension Knights of Columbus would like to say "Thank You" to all who attended our breakfast on Oct. 30th. All proceeds from the event will go to improve handicap access to the church. The breakfast brought in \$997.00. Thank you!

2012 Contribution Envelopes will be mailed out this year. Look for them the first week of December. This is a new system that has proven to save time and money for the parishes that now use it. Envelopes will be mailed out every two months. Contributions can then be dropped off in the collection basket at church or you may place a stamp on it and mail it. Since, this is a new system we ask that you review all your information when it is sent to you. If any of your information is wrong or we have missed you please contact Father Ardolf. We would like to thank you for your support in this project.

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.

TEAM VIANNEY/THEOTOKOS

This is a Catholic movement for college and high school students. Meetings are Dec. 1, 2011; Feb. 2, 2012, and April 12, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Vianney College Seminary, These evenings for students in grades 10, 11, 12, include dinner with college seminarians, a short dynamic talk on our Catholic faith, and participation in an energetic Mass with seminarians and university students. For more information, go to www.10000vocations.org or www.vianney.net,

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WANTED!

Faith Formation is in need of more teachers. If you can help please call Julie Kleindl at 467-3548.

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.

Church of St. Bernard**Cologne, MN****School**

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GRANT RECEIVED -- We have great news. We have received a grant of \$10,000.00 from Archbishop Flynn's Charitable Funds for tuition assistance. Please keep him in your prayers for his great generosity and kindness to our school.

OINK FUNDRAISER -- This has been an exciting month with our OINK fundraiser. We finished our fundraiser today and we have five winners. The student who raised the most money was Ella Wickenhauser, the students who had the most green bills in their pig were Kenny and Greta Feist, the student with the most creatively decorated pig was Jossy Sevilla, and the student who had the fattest (heaviest) pig was Lidia Meuleners. These students received a big piggy bank in the shape of a pumpkin for winning. We raised approximately \$1000 with every student counting their money. The total weight was 101.5 lbs. We collected three ice-cream buckets full of change. We thank all the parents and the people who donated money to our pigs. We send a great big OINK out to all of you. Each family can add the money toward your fair share. We are waiting for 11 more students to turn their OINKS. Please send it as soon as possible.

St Nicks Dinner – We hope everyone had a great time!

Catholic United Financial meeting, Monday, Dec. 5th 6:30 pm. In the St. Anne's Room. Election of officers.

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday, December 6th, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. Please take an hour or half hour of your day to spend before the Eucharist. Prayers are especially needed for the overturn of the federal rule requiring almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as "preventive services" for women. See the Nationwide Bulletin Insert from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in our bulletin this past weekend. The sign-up sheet is on the Scrip table. Let's see if we can get it filled.

As the calendar year end approaches and you review your charitable contributions for 2011, please remember to include St. Bernard's Church and School. All parishioners have an extra Christmas envelope in their packets. If your family is traveling for Christmas, remember that you can drop your contribution in the mail – postage paid! You can fill out your Sunday envelope for December 25th 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**Gathering Our Gifts**

Envelope/Plate Income (11/20/11)	\$ 2,354.15
Electronic Donations \$	-
Subtotal Income for Gathering Our Gifts	\$ 2,354.15

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income (11/20/11)	\$ 384.00
Electronic Donations \$	-
Subtotal Income for Forward in Faith	\$ 384.00
Total Weekly Income	\$ 2,738.15

Campaign for Human Development (Total to Date)\$ 259.66

Gathering Our Gifts

Envelope/Plate Income (11/27/11)	\$ 2,764.39
Electronic Donations \$	-
Subtotal Income for Gathering Our Gifts	\$ 2,764.39

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income (11/27/11)	\$ 401.00
Electronic Donations \$	100.00
Subtotal Income for Forward in Faith	\$ 501.00

Total Weekly Income \$ 3,265.39

Campaign for Human Development (Total to Date)\$ 279.66

CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND LITURGY SCHEDULE
December 4 through December 11, 2011

LECTORS: Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception 8pm-
Lori Kasel

Sat. 8:00 pm. Leonard Hoen Jr.
Sun. 8:00 am. Tom Kasel
10:00 am. Rob Wickenhauser

SERVERS: Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception 8pm.-
Volunteers

Weekdays: St. Bernard School Students

Sat. 8:00 pm. Todd Broll & Mitchell Weiland
Sun. 8:00 am. Andrew Schmieg & Steven Schmieg
10:00 am. Ben Roufs & Ben Wickenhauser

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Thursday-Dec. 8at 8:00pm. Mick Swanson

Sat. 8:00 pm. Judy Glander
Sun. 8:00 am. Lori Kasel
10:00 am. Vicki Arnst

USHERS:

Sat. 8:00 pm Phil Bovy & Ralph Laumann
Sun. 8:00 am. Leo Willems & James Storms
10:00 am. Dale Schmitz & Brian Vos

GREETERS: Dec. 8th 8:00 pm. - Volunteer

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

GIFT BEARERS: Dec. 8th 8:00 p.m. - Volunteers

Sat. 8:00 pm. Rose & Brent Buesgens
Sun. 8:00 am. Irene & Hilary Drees
10:00 am. JoAnn & Roger Schmitz

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesday, December 6, 2011
After the 8:00 A.M. Mass until 6:00 PM.

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS:

Saturday	Dec. 3	3:00 pm.	Sick of the Parish
Saturday	Dec. 3	8:00 pm.	†Leonare & Sheila Walter
Sunday	Dec. 4	8:00 am.	†Clara & Alex Storms, Ronald & Donald Storms & Judy Pijahn
		10:00 am.	People of the Parish
Monday	Dec. 5	8:00 am.	†Fr. Clarence Zlotkowski
Tuesday	Dec. 6	8:00 am.	†Edward Greins
Wednesday	Dec 7	8:00 am.	NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 8	8:00 am.	†Edward J. Tellers
Immaculate Conception	8 pm.		People of the Parish
Friday	Dec. 9	8:00 am.	†Martin J. Quinn
Saturday	Dec. 10	8:00 pm.	†Ardis Kunze
Sunday	Dec. 11	8:00 am.	†Donald Storms
		10:00 am.	People of the Parish

RADIO ROSARY:

Dec. 5 In Memory of Robert V. Klehr and
The Roach Family

Dec. 6 In Memory of Jerome and Bernice Sand

Dec. 7 In Memory of Jayme Hennen and Ann Schwaesdall

Dec. 8 In Memory of Alois and Bertha Menden

Dec. 9 In Memory of George Plekkenpol

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
STEWARSHIP OF TIME
December 4 Through December 11**

SERVERS:

Thursday Dec. 8: Volunteers
Saturday 5:00 pm: Sam & Joan Fuhrman
Sunday 8:00 am: Tracy & Elizabeth George
Sunday 10:00 am: Nick Holliday, Nick Garfunkel

LECTORS:

Dec. 8: 7:00 am Ann Dettmann, 5:15 pm Leo Pouliot, 7:30 pm Pat Hegseth
Saturday 5:00 pm: Brandon Fabel
Sunday 8:00 am: Brian Willems
Sunday 10:00 am: Rita Fahey

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Dec. 8: 7:00 am Pat Johnson, 5:15 pm Joan Rosckes, 7:30 pm Ann Fitz
Saturday 5:00 pm: Monica Dertinger
Sunday 8:00 am: Kathy Kloempken
Sunday 10:00 am: Tim Fahey

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:

December 4: Michael Harrison
December 11: Dolores Bohlinger

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 Sheila Hart
Sunday 8:00 am Jim Braunwarth
Sunday 10:00 am Julia Little

ADORATION:

Thursdays from 8:00 am-8:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday		Catholic Aid Members
	10:00	Parish
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday		Dick Lano †
Wednesday		Dorothy Hally †
Thursday	7:00 am	Family Healing
	5:15 pm	Parish
	7:30 pm	Sp. Int.
Friday		Margaret O'Reilly †
Saturday		Poor Soul
	5:00 pm	Marie Neutgens †

MASS TIMES

Weekdays—7:15 am (No Mass Monday)
Thursday Dec. 8, FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A Holy Day of Obligation, 7:00 am, 5:15 pm and 7:30 pm
Saturday —5:00 pm
Sunday—8:00 am & 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

***Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.***