

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.

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 Apr. 11—Apr. 17, 2010
4/11 Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy
Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16 * Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 * Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 * Jn 20:19-31.

4/12: Acts 4:23-31 * Ps 2:1-9, * Jn 3:1-8.

4/13 (St. Martin I): Acts 4:32-37 * Ps 93:1,1-2,5 * Jn 3:7b-15.

4/14: Acts 5:17-26 * Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9 * Jn 3:16-21.

4/15: Acts 5:27-33 * Ps 34:2-9,17-18,19-20 * Jn 3:31-36.

4/16: Acts 5:34-42 * Ps 27:1-4,13-14 * Jn 6:1-15.

4/17: Acts 6:1-7 * Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 * Jn 6:16-21.

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“THOMAS ANSWERED...
‘MY LORD AND MY GOD’”

CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD



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Parish Office Hours

Tue. 9 am —11am & Fri. 9am—12 pm

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From
the
Pastor



Dear Parishioners,
Happy Easter and welcome to Divine Mercy Sunday. We are now invited to be an Easter people who will continue to be formed in our faith with the risen Lord. Over my 4+ years, I have been sorting out how to be pastor for both parishes and teaming up with Fr. Paul as sacramental minister. Thank you for your flexibility and adapting to the changes. You have helped maintain a wonderful commitment to fulfilling the ministry needs in all areas of worship, Education and Social Justice. As we move into my 5th year, it is time now to do some planning for the future. Along with Archbishop Nienstedt, we continue to promote his strategic planning process and asking each parish to reflect on how it fulfills the mission of Christ as reflected in the local church. To begin this planning process, I have invited the Trustees from both parishes to meet with me and Fr. Paul. We have met three times to explore some options. We have presented a three page report to the Parish Pastoral Councils for their deliberations and input. We took a big picture look that covers all areas of parish life. You can imagine it is very educational to see what is involved in parish life. To make the exploration manageable, the six of us began by focusing on two major areas. The first one is the weekend Mass schedule and secondly the possibility of hiring a Parish Business Manager. This person would help oversee the study and implementation of a plan of communication, volunteer ministry and financial accountability. Next weekend, in my article, I will share with you our latest thoughts and decisions for implementation for all areas of parish life. Thomas is a wonderful reminder that even as we have doubts and fears Christ is with us so we can come to believe.

Fr. Martin Shallbetter

Immunization Clinic

Clinic Date: April 12 & 26, 2010

(Monday) 3:00-5:00 pm

Clinic Site: Public Health Office

Government Center

600 E Fourth St

Chaska, MN 55318

This is an appointment only clinic. Please call 952-361-1329 to schedule or for more information.

For non-English speaking person please call 952-361-1329 and indicate this need when you call to schedule your appointment.

CHOOSE LIFE— Adult stem cells are showing promise in growing bones to replace those damaged from birth defects, arthritis, or injury. Cheekbones and a jaw bone have been grown from stem cells in the patient's own marrow and subsequently implanted. "The availability of personalized bone grafts engineered from the patient's own stem cells would revolutionize the way we currently treat these defects," commented researchers at Columbia University which, along with Cincinnati Children's Hospital, has achieved success in this area. **NRL News 10-09**



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

April 11— Holy Family Circle #824 will be attending 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Waconia, Mn. Breakfast and a short meeting will be held in the Parish Center. Members may invite a guest.

April 13-ST. JOHN'S Lutheran Church, Plate, Mn. —GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM will share their experiences at 7:00 p.m. in the church Sanctuary. St. John's Refreshments will be served by the LWML after the presentation. All men, women, and children are invited to attend.

April 15-Thursday-AT ASCENSION-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Your time in prayer before the Lord is bringing great blessings to the parish. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you need to change your time or would like to take an hour of prayer call Rita Fahey at 952-467-6478.

April 15-Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support Group. For parents who have experienced a loss due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or newborn death. 3rd Thursday each month beginning April 15, 2010, 6:30-8:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 800 Waconia Parkway N. Waconia. For more information this class and other support groups go to www.ridgeviewmedical.org/events

April 18-AT ASCENSION-KC meeting at 9:00 am in the social hall.

April 19— 500 Card Party. 1:30 p.m. No admission, Men and women welcome. Free will offering dessert luncheon. St. Pius School Cafeteria, Glencoe, Mn. Sponsored by: St. Francis Mission Club.

April 23-RE/MAX ADVANTAGE PLUS will be hosting Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women's 11th Annual Silent Auction and Hog Roast Dinner Fundraiser. This year's theme is a Hootenanny Hoedown which will be held at the OK Corral Barn in Jordan. The public is invited for an evening of music, fun and all the fixins'. Donation of silent auction items are also needed. Call 952-873-4214 for dinner tickets and or information.

April 24-AT ASCENSION-Senior Mass at 5:00 pm with Graduation Dinner to follow in social hall.

April 24, 2010—Cologne Fire Dept. Annual Steak fry:(10 oz. Steak, with fixings) Cologne Fire Station;3pm to 8pm;Cost ;\$11.00 Adult; Kids 8 and under 6.00.Hot Dog and chips meal \$3.00

April 25-Confirmation students with support of the KCs will be hosting a breakfast in the social hall. They will be serving from 8:00 am to noon. Proceeds will be going to the youth programs. There will also be a bake sale with proceeds going to Vacation Bible school.

April 27-West Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring meeting at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mound. Women of Faith, Women of Action. Registration \$10.00. Mass at 9:15, 10:15 Business meeting, 11:30 Speaker-Susan Kenton (Arrived from Denmark 21 years ago-will share her joy of conversion.)12:15 luncheon, 1:30 closing. Please call in your reservation to Darlene Lacey, 952-935-2769 by April 23.

May 2nd—63rd Annual Family Rosary Procession. United in prayer, we will process from our State Capitol, to our beautiful Cathedral, where we will entrust our families to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, pray for our priests in this special Year for Priests, pray for our country and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with closing Benediction. Gathering time is 1:30 at the Minnesota State Capitol. Because of the special initiative for the Year for Priests and to gather all families into one place, there will be no procession in Minneapolis. For more information please visit us @ www.familyrosaryprocession.org

May 3, 2010, Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation at the Basilica

May 6-ACCW-78th Biennial Conference of St. Paul & Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Thurs. May 6, 8:00 am-2:00 pm at Church of St. Patrick, Inver Grove Heights. Cost for the day: \$15 before April 16. This includes Mass, lunch, speaker. \$25 for the whole day. After April 16-\$30.

May 8— "Healing Resentments and Moving On"; A presentation by Earnie Larson 9:00 tot Noon at St. John The Baptist Church; 835 2nd Ave. N.W.; New Brighton, Mn. \$20.00 at the door, no pre-registrations.

May 9, 2010 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Receiving Mass at St Bernard's.

Church of the Ascension Norwood Young America, MN

**Weekly Collections
03-28-2010**

Envelope and Plate Collection:	\$2,506.00
Building Fund:	\$105.00
Restoration Fund:	\$100.00

Weekly Collection Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Envelope and Plate Collection:	\$4,788.60
Holy Land:	\$478.60
Rice Bowl:	\$116.40
Food Shelf:	\$677.00
Restoration Fund:	\$50.00

Catholic Services Appeal Collected:	\$3,730.00
Catholic Services Appeal Pledged:	\$12,551.00
We are now at 70% of our goal.	

Parish Council Candidates: The parish council will be having an election shortly. The council is inviting men and women of the parish as candidates. Please contact Jack Lano or Fr. Ardolf now if you are interested. The parish council does a great job for the parish. Please call 467-3765.

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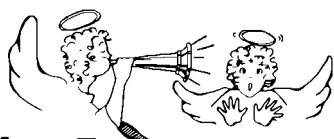
Joseph Richard Kostecka, born February 26, 2010, was baptized March 28, 2010. The parents are Gregory Kostecka and Anastasia Riberty Nggaa'au. Welcome and Congratulations.

A Thank You From Deacon Mickey Friesen at The Center for Mission

Thank you for your gift of \$1,376.61. Also, thank you to the people of your Parish, for welcoming and supporting the missionary group that came to your parish recently under the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Each year we participate in this face-to-face encounter with the efforts of one missionary organization so that we might personally share in the story of the Good News of Christ being proclaimed in one part of the world.

May our Missionary continue to strengthen you in living out your own call to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Rice Bowl Offerings for Catholic Relief Services may be placed in the box in front of the Blessed Virgin altar.



Your Attention Please

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The date of April 24-25 was omitted from the printed schedule. Please note those assigned as follows:

Lectors-Sat. Rodney Pieper; Sun. 8:00 Leo Pouliot, 10:00 Rita Fahey
Communion Ministers: Sat. Beverly Feltmann; 8:00 Joe Weckman; 10:00 Tim Fahey.
Homebound April 25: Pam Hanson

Church of St. Bernard

Cologne, MN

Pray for the Deceased



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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Bernadette Jansen, who passed away Sunday. Bernadette is the sister of Leonard Meuleners, sister-in-law of Eleanor & Harriet Meuleners, Aunt of Leonard, Daniel, Roger & Richard Hoen, Patricia Quinn, Art, Alan & Paul Meuleners. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of our risen Savior.



Exciting News: St. Bernard's School is very fortunate to receive grants through different charitable funds. We are so happy to announce that we have received a \$20,000 grant from the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Charitable Fund. This grant is made to us through the Catholic Community Foundation with donations made to the Foundation by many different donors. Let us keep Archbishop Flynn and all these donors in our prayers for making these types of donations to keep our catholic schools going and growing. We pray that families will enroll their children in our catholic schools to ensure that we can keep our faith alive and strong to face the moral challenges in today's world and through the generations to come.

St. Bernard's Busy Bees Summer Day Care Programs:

The summer program consists of three elements: Skill Learning, Recreation, and Field Trips. This program is open to all parishioners. Contact the school for rates and availability.

SCRIP NEWS-Spring clean-up and fix-up is here. Don't forget we can order larger amount of Scrip for your big jobs. Scrip is available from Menards, Home Depot, Lowes and Ace Hardware. It's easy-give us a check and several days notice to get the order processed. If we order on Monday, we can have Scrip here Wednesday or Thursday. Any questions give me a call, 466-5863. Mackenthun's Dollar day is set for April 28 & 29. Don't forget to purchase scrip for this sale.....

Parishioners' of St. Bernard's Thank you for your very generous gift to **Catholic Relief Services**. Your recent offering of \$1,512.36 provides vital support to CR' Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund.

The Spring West Deanery Meeting will be held at **Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mound, MN** on Tuesday April 27, 2010. Registration will be at 8:30. For more information or reservations call Darlene Lacy at 952-935-2769. See flyer posted on kiosk.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

Weekly Collection March 27-28, 2010

Envelope/Plate Income	\$ 2,355.10
Envelope/Plate Income	\$ 20.00
Fuel & Heat	\$ 150.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 132.00
Easter	\$ 60.00
Home Mission	\$ 20.00
Total Income March 27-28, 2010	\$ 2,950.12

Weekly Collection April 3-4, 2010

Envelope/Plate Income	\$ 2,795.67
Easter Envelope	\$ 4,087.00
Fuel & Heat	\$ 50.00
Repair Fund	\$ 335.00
Total Income April 3-4, 2010	\$ 7,267.67

2010 Catholic Services Appeal Archdiocesan Goal	\$12,273.00
2010 Catholic Services Appeal Pledges Received	\$ 9,923.00
\$ Percent of Goal	80.9%
Total Names On Parish Roster	246
# of Names Responded To Date	116
% of Participation	47.2%

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

SERVERS:

April 17-18

Sat. 5:00 pm Brandon Fabel, Joey Simons
Sun. 8:00 am Brian & Brianna Dvorak
Sun. 10:00 am Nick Holliday, Nick Garfunkel

LECTORS:

April 17-18

Sat. 5:00 pm Julie Pieper
Sun. 8:00 am Brian Willems
Sun. 10:00 am Amy Gallus

COMMUNION MINISTERS

April 17-18

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

April 18: Ann Fitz

GIFT BEARERS :

Sat. 5:00 pm: Volunteers
Sun. 8:00 am: Volunteers
Sun. 10:00 am: Volunteers

USHERS FOR APRIL:

Sat. 5:00 pm Dennis Stoks, Jim Richter
Sun. 8:00 am Jim Louwagie, Bill Dvorak
Sun 10:00 am Rich Ulrich, Rich Tellers

GREETERS:

April 17-18:

Sat. 5:00 Ann Dettmann Sun. 8:00 Betty O'Neil, 10:00 Judy Little

ADORATION:

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday	8:00 am	The Sick
	10:00 am	Parish
Monday		Valentine & Catherine Klobe †
Tuesday		Karl & Pauline Klobe †
Wednesday		Joseph & Christine Ettl †
Thursday		Fr. Elgar Bockenfeld †
Friday		Fr. Fred Mertz †
Saturday		Conversion of Terrorists
	5:00 pm	John Willems †

MASS TIMES

Weekday-7:15 am

Saturday-5:00 pm

Sunday- 8:00 & 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Time

Sat. 3:00-4:00 and 7:30-8:15 pm

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**