

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 pm

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

Additionally by appointment.

Communion for Homebound

Call parish office.

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Call the parish office at any time.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF Mar. 27 - Apr. 2, 2011

3/27 Third Sunday of Lent: Ex 17:3-7 * Ps 95:1-2,6-9 * Rom 5: 1-2,5-8 * Jn 4:5-42.

3/28: 2Kgs 5:1-15 * Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4 * Lk 4:24-30.

3/29: Dn 3:25,34-43 * Ps 25:4-9 * Mt 18:21-35.

3/30: Deut 4:1,5-9 * Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 * Mt 5:17-19.

3/31: Jer 7:23-28 * Ps 95:1-2,6-9 * Lk 11:14-23.

4/1: Hos 14:2-10 * Ps 81:6-11,14,17 * Mk 12:28-34.

4/2 (St. Francis of Paola): Hos 6:16- * Ps 51:3-4,18-21 * Lk 18:9-14. Copyright 2010 by Creative Communications for the Parish. Used with permission.

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SPEAKING WITH YOU."*



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From
the
Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Lent is moving along at steady pace. I hope the spirit of God is leading you well into your Lenten journey. This is an opportunity to rediscover our covenant relationship with God that began with our baptism. The covenant is celebrated with our commitment of worship, study and outreach to the world around us. There have been special opportunities for prayer with Stations of the Cross and adoration of Christ in the Eucharist and celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation. How is our daily prayer life coming along? It is a question of our openness to ask the spirit of God to guide us when and what to say. We all wonder and feel the pressure from time to time to do something with our morning and evening prayers and prayers a meal times. I am always edified by parents' efforts, to be with their children in prayer. This includes the standard prayers and spontaneous prayers. Keep up the good work. What about your reading and writing life? Journaling can be such an important way to put on paper your thoughts and feelings and see your goals and accomplishments in life. In these changing times we are reexamining of priorities about God, family, friends, work and hobbies. Take time for a retreat and quiet time.
Fr. Martin Shallbetter

LENTEN RETREAT

RSVP TODAY FOR THE LENTEN RETREAT—Saturday, April 9th. St. Bernard's is hosting a Lenten Retreat beginning at 8:30 with an optional Rosary 9:00 a.m. Mass and ending at 12:30 p.m. Morning refreshments and a lunch will be included. Suggested Donation of \$10.00. See today's bulletin for more details.

Sister Mary Jo Welter, SSND is our speaker for the Lenten Retreat. Her topic is:

"We are Called to be People of Spine, Spice and Spark"

This reflection will focus on God's loving initiative in our lives and how this impels us to live with conviction, awareness and outreach to the larger world.

Sister Mary Jo Welter, SSND

S. Mary Jo is a spiritual director with many years of experience here in the USA and in Africa directing retreat days and offering spiritual direction. She has given presentations/workshops on many topics of personal and spiritual development. Mary Jo comes from a rural background having grown up on a farm outside of New Prague. S. Mary Jo spent 12 1/2 years ministering in Africa in three different countries.

Many thanks to everyone that came out and supported our Soup Fundraiser at Ascension & St Bernard's! We are pleased to report that our profits from this event were \$586. Keep us in your prayers as we continue to prepare for our mission trip. God Bless, Rachel, Emma, Jayme, Hilary, Megan, Luke, Vince, & Brett



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

Every Monday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 8 a.m.—Quilting at the Paul & JoAnn Wickenhauser home.

Mar. 28-At Ascension-Parish Council Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Mar. 30-At St. Bernard's 2:45 pm. Stations of the Cross with St. Bernard's School Students. NO STATIONS at 7:30 pm. Spring Break.

Mar. 30-At Ascension-Choir practice at 7:00 pm

Mar. 30-Peace Villa, 1:00pm, 952-467-3692, Maintain Your Brain-How to live a Brain Healthy Lifestyle

Mar. 31- At Ascension-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Let one of your prayer intentions be for those Catholics who have drifted away.

Mar. 31-At. St Bernard's- Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.—Finance/Board of Stewards 8:00 p.m.

April 1-Fri., At Ascension-Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm.

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April 2 & 3—At St. Bernard's "Linger Longer" after all Masses. Refreshments will be served.

April 3-At Ascension-Coffee and rolls after the 8:00 am Mass. All are welcome.

April 5- The Cologne Senior Citizens will be enjoying Bingo hosted by the KleinBank.

April 5-At St. Bernard's—Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00 p.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m.

April 5-7:00 pm Tues. Communal Penance Service at Ascension. Four priests will be available.

April 9-Sat., Lenten Service at St. Bernard's 9:00 am-12:30 pm. All are welcome. 8:30 am Rosary (optional), 9:00 am Mass, 9:45 am refreshments, 10:00 am Speaker: Sr. Mary Jo Welter SSND, 10:45 am Adoration & Confessions, 11:45 am Benediction, 12:00 pm Lunch. Suggested donation \$10.00. The retreat will be held in the church. Please invite your friends and relatives. In order to prepare for our luncheon please RSVP to Barb at 952-466-2447 by Monday April 4.

April 9 & 10- At St. Bernard's the Daughters of Isabella Bella are selling Jelly Beans after all the weekend Masses.

April 13-At Ascension-Wednesday, 7:00pm, Youth Stations of the Cross.

April 12-April 17-At Ascension-Knights of Columbus Paper Drive. Drop off times are 7am. to 7pm. Thank you for supporting our paper drives.

April 13-At Ascension-Wednesday, 7:00pm, Youth Stations of the Cross (No Stations on Fri. April 15)

Women of all ages and stages in life are invited to attend an Archdiocesan Women's Lenten Retreat! Join in the spirit of Lent as we explore Turning Away from Sin: Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving with a morning of prayer, sacrament, reflection and a dynamic presentation by Fr. Peter Laird at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in St. Paul. The retreat will take place Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 9:00 am to 12 noon (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.). Cost is \$10, which includes light refreshments.

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family, and Life. For more information or to pre-register and pay at the door with cash or check, call 651-291-4489. Registration forms are also available at www.archspm.org/family

Word of Life

It now seems undeniable that once we cross the fundamental moral line that prevents us from treating any fellow human being as a mere object of research, there is no stopping point. The only moral stance that affirms human dignity of all of us is to reject the first step down this path. We therefore urge Catholics and all people of good will to join us in affirming precisely in this context of embryonic stem cell research, that "killing of innocent human creatures, even if carried out to help others, continues an absolutely unacceptable act" (Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae)*, no. 63, USCCB, *On Embryonic Stem Cell Research* (June 13, 2008)

0.50 **Waconia Knights of Columbus** 0.50
Fish Fry
Coupon good for 50 cents off
Any Friday
At St. Joe's Parish Center
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
One coupon good for 2 meals
0.50 0.50

Weekly Collections

March 19th & 20th

Envelope and Plate Collection:	\$2,505.00
Catholic Services Appeal- Collected:	\$6,778.00
Pledged:	\$8,743.00
(We are at 49% of our goal.)	
Ash Wednesday (Food Shelf):	\$10.00

Scholarships

Attention All High School Seniors

April 1st is the deadline to apply for scholarships from the Knights of Columbus. Please call Bill Hart at 952-467-4056 for more information.

Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal last weekend. If you were unable to make a pledge last weekend, please consider doing so today. You will be given an opportunity to make your gift of treasure today. Your gift to Catholic Services Appeal makes a difference in the lives of so many in our Archdiocese. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew. Once completed, please put them in the collection basket



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Operation Rice Bowl

The Lord shows us another way. When the Israelites felt they were out of options in the desert and pleaded to God for help, God answered their prayers. Your support of Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl provides options to workers in Senegal and throughout the world. With CRS support, workers can access small loans to establish businesses so that they can provide for their families. Everyone has a right to work.

Father Ardolf is inviting students grade 3 and up to become Mass servers. Please see Father right away if interested.

Third Sunday of Lent

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbling against Moses, saying "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" (Exodus 17: 3-7). The situation in the desert was so vexing that the people began to long for a return to slavery. The key tenet of Catholic social teaching is the promotion of the dignity of work and the rights to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions.

Boubacar Diao lives in Galouel, a village in south Senegal. He is a traditional bread baker. CRS (Catholic Relief Services) and it's partner Caritas Senegal have helped Boubacar and others through the organization of a microfinance community. By participating in this project, Boubacar can access small loans to buy flour and other supplies. He is now able to work though out the year, save money, and send his children to school. He has been able to pay off his original loan an plans to expand his business. In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work." (John 4:34) We cooperate with God's will and work by helping others to realize their rights as workers and to enjoy the dignity inherent in their labor. That work, in Christ, is our bread.

School This is a special week for St. Bernard's. On **March 31 & April 1st. We will have our visit from the accreditation team. Please pray for a successful visit.**



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Spring Plant Sale: The order form was in last week's bulletin. Extra copies are on the scrip table in the narthex. The deadline for orders is April 7th.

Thank you to Dianne and Dan Worm for completing the installation of base board in the narthex and lower level of the church addition, as always your work looks great and is appreciated.

Thank you to Bob Symanitz for help with changing out the Banners in the Narthex and repairing a light fixture in the church.

Thank you to Rose Buesgens for hanging the Lenten banners in the church.

Thank you to Nancy Elke for the barren branches displayed at the foot of the cross

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesday, March 30th 7:00 pm. We will be beginning practice for the Easter Season. We welcome anyone interested in joining the choir for the celebration of the Easter season. Come to practice Tuesday evenings or contact Helen at 466-2000.

Catholic United Financial-St. Bernard's branch will meet on Thursday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Ann's room in the Church.

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday, April 5th, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. Please sign up for an hour or half-hour at the Scrip table until all time periods are filled. Did you resolve to make Lent more meaningful this year? Here is an opportunity for more intimate prayer time. Jesus is always waiting for us; and the need for prayer is greater than ever with all the problems in the middle east and Japan, not to mention our own immediate needs.

Our Lady of the Lake in Mound has a very special evening planned on April 5th and has invited the women of the West Deanery to participate as our Lenten spiritual program. Please see flyer on Kiosk and RSVP to Carol Shukle by April 4 to ensure there are enough refreshments. There will be a meeting after the program for OLL CCW members.

Scrip News - Kwik Trip has just announced they will be giving a 10% discount if we order direct from Kwik Trip or a 9% discount when ordering through the scrip clearing house. The additional percent will be offered until the end of the year. We were receiving 4% so this is a great offer. Kwik Trip cards are now in \$25.00 increments. A new list is available at the Scrip table or the Kiosk.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

Gathering Our Gifts

Envelope/Plate Income (3/20/11)	\$ 4,015.33
Electronic Donations	\$ -
Subtotal Income for Gathering Our Gifts	\$ 4,015.33

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income (3/20/11)	\$ 755.00
Electronic Donations	\$ -
Subtotal Income for Forward in Faith	\$ 755.00
Total Weekly Income	\$ 4,770.33

CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND LITURGY SCHEDULE
March 28 through April 3, 2011

LECTORS:

Sat. 8:00 pm. Megan Wickenhauser
Sun. 8:00 am. Becky Worm
10:00 am. Leo Willems

SERVERS:

Weekdays: St. Bernard School Students

Sat. 8:00 pm. Todd Broll & Caleb Wickenhauser
Sun. 8:00 am. Clare Wickenhauser & Hilary Wickenhauser
10:00 am. Ben Roufs & Ben Wickenhauser

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER CUP MINISTERS

Sat. 8:00 pm. Lori Kasel Carol Hoen & Denann Karels
Sun. 8:00 am. Mick Swanson Judy Glander & Sr. Jancy
10:00 am. Vicki Arnst Mary Meuwissen & Lynnae Bosch

USHERS:

Sat. 8:00 pm Brent Buesgens & Danny Hoen
Sun. 8:00 am. Leo Willems & James Storms
10:00 am. Bob Rademacher & Dale Schmitz

GREETERS:

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

GIFT BEARERS:

Sat. 8:00 pm. Sue & Allen Wickenhauser
Sun. 8:00 am. Jean & Russell Worm
10:00 am. Sue & Alan Roufs

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesday, April 5th, 2011
After the 8:00 A.M. Mass until 6:00 P.M.

MASS SCHEDULE

			INTENTIONS:
Saturday,	Mar. 26	8 pm.	People of the Parish
Sunday	Mar. 27	8 am.	†Martin J. Quinn
		10 am.	†Theresa Feist
Monday	Mar. 28	8 am.	†Germaine Hilgers
Tuesday	Mar. 29		†Leo & Arlene Heger
Wednesday	Mar. 30	8 am.	NO MASS
Thursday	Mar. 31	8 a.m.	†Edward J. Tellers Family
Friday	Apr. 1	8 am.	†Ralph Molnau
Saturday	Apr. 2	8 pm.	†Matilda Greins
Sunday	Apr. 3	8 am.	†Marcella "Sally" Schwartz
		10 am.	People of the Parish

RADIO ROSARY:

Mar. 28 In Memory of Joseph and Alma Pint
Mar. 29 In Memory of Magdalen Clemens and Myron and Deb Pauly Family
Mar. 30 In memory of Martin and Emma Donnelly
Mar. 31 In memory of Leon Breeggemann and Ronald Pieper Family
Apr. 1 Friends of the Rosary

Support the Radio Rosary send your donations to: Radio Rosary; C/O Wells Fargo Bank; 380 Marschall Road ; Shakopee, Mn. 55379. \$12.50 per name. Costs \$25.00 a day so they want 2 names per day.

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
STEWARSHIP OF TIME
March 28 Through April 3**

SERVERS

Fri. -7:30 pm: Erich, Karl & Emma Dettmann

Apr. 2-3

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

LECTORS:

Apr. 2-3

Sat. 5:00 pm Bill Hart
Sun. 8:00 am Dean Johnson
Sun. 10:00 am Amy Gallus

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Apr. 2-3

Sat. 5:00 pm Pam Stoks, Pat Johnson, Deb Prchal
Sun. 8:00 am Norm Willems, Deb Stacken, Colleen Donnay
Sun. 10:00 am Pat Hegseth, Jody Becker, Diane Anderson

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Mar. 27: Pat Hegseth

Apr. 3: Michael Harrison

USHERS FOR APRIL:

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

GREETERS:

Apr. 2-3

Sat. Sheila Hart, Sun. 8:00 Jim Braunwarth, 10:00 Jody Becker
(More people needed for greeters. See Father)

ADORATION:

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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday		Earthquake Victims
	10:00 am	Parish
Monday		Anton Pieper Family †
Tuesday		Dick Lano †
Wednesday		Msgr. Bernard Popesh †
	8:05 pm	Faith Formation
Thursday		Julian Pieper Family †
Friday		Poor Souls
	5:15 pm	Respect Life
Saturday		Stray Sheep
	5:00 pm	Marie Neutgens †

MASS TIMES

Weekdays--7:15

Wednesday 7:15 am & 8:05 pm

Friday 7:15 am & 5:15 pm

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

Stations of the Cross-Friday 7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Times

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