

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

ST. BERNARD CHURCH



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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: By appointment.

Marriage Arrangements

The couple should contact the priest as soon
as they become engaged.

They must meet with the priest twice before
setting a marriage date. These two meetings
need to be completed 6 months
before the proposed date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ascension: Tues. 5:40-6:05pm.

Sat. 4:15-4:45pm.

St. Bernard: Wed. 7:30-7:50am.

Sat. 7:15-7:45 pm.

Additionally by appointment.

Communion for Homebound

Call parish office.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

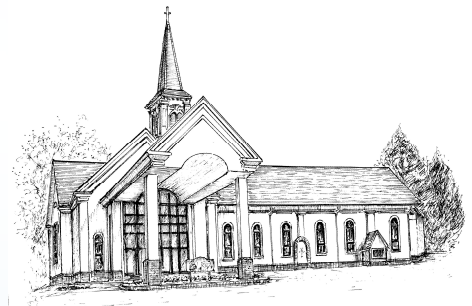
MASS SCHEDULE

Ascension-Weekend-Sat. 5 pm. Sun. 8 am.

Tuesday 6:15 pm. & Friday 7:15 am.

St. Bernard-Weekend-Sat. 8 pm. Sun. 10am.

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am.



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The Presentation of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from India. Hope you are all doing well. I have a great time with my family, especially with my dad. We made some travel together. One of my sisters is a nun. She was also home for few days. She was serving as school principal in north western part of India. I am assisting my parish priest with celebrating Masses. My family wanted me to say hello to every one of you. I am enjoying the warm weather, 85 degrees. I am getting ready to return to St. Bernard and Ascension. I have missed you.

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It takes place on February 2, forty days after Christmas. The Presentation of Jesus has more than one layer of meaning. *First*, it fulfills the OT prophecy that the long-awaited Messiah would come to the temple. *Second*, the statements made by Simeon and Anna serve to confirm that Jesus is indeed, the promised One. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They represent Israel in their patient expectation. They acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

As devout Jews, Mary and Joseph faithfully observed the Law of the Lord. As parents, they subjected themselves to the rite of "purification". "They took the child to the Temple to be presented to God." (Luke 2:22).

As Christians, we follow this tradition in the sacrament of baptism. Our parents present us to the Lord in order that we become true Christians. They want us to follow the right path. This ceremony also recalls an ancient tradition that a child is never given to parents, but only lent to them by God

After Joseph and Mary presented the child Jesus in the temple, they returned to their home city of Nazareth. Like all saintly parents, Mary and Joseph raised the child Jesus in the wisdom of God.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS—February 2 –8, 2020

2/2 **The Presentation of the Lord:** Mal 3:1-4*Ps 24:7-10*Heb 2:14-18*Lk 2:22-40. 2/3 **St. Blaise, St. Ansgar:** 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13*Ps 3:2-7*Mk 5:1-20. 2/4: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14,24-25,30—19:3*Ps 86:1-6*Mk 5:21-43. 2/5 **St. Agatha:** 2 Sm 24:2,9-17*Ps 32:1-2,5-7*Mk 6:1-6. 2/6 **St. Paul Miki and Companions:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12*1 Chr 29:10-12*Mk 6:7-13. 2/7: Sir 47:2-11*Ps 18:31,47,50-51*Mk 6:14-29. 2/8 **St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita :** 1 Kgs 3:4-13*Ps 119:9-14*Mk 6:30-34.



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Tuesdays — NOON; All copy must be in to the bulletin: e-mail address & e-mail to

pquinn55322@hotmail.com

Fridays — NOON; All inserts and announcements must be in to the bulletin e-mail address or a paper copy in the Parish office at St. Bernard.

Sun. Feb. 9th 9am: KC Donut Sunday

Tues. Feb. 11th: Daily Masses resume

Tues. Feb 11th 7pm: JMT Core-Ascension

Fri. Feb. 14th 10:15am: Mass at The Harbor

Sun. Feb. 16th 1pm: KC Bingo at Ascension

Wed.-Fri. 5-7: No Daily Mas at Ascension or St. Bernard

Sun. Feb. 9th 9am: KC Donut Sunday

Tues. Feb 11th 7pm: JMT Core-Ascension

Fri. Feb. 14th 10:15am: Mass at The Harbor

St. Joseph Catholic STEM School -

Toddler-Gr. 8 Open House - February 2

Join us on Sunday, February 2, from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, for a STEM and Zoo Open House! See our colorful classrooms and meet our incredible teachers! A light breakfast, including cinnamon rolls, will be available. Explore our middle school STEM Fair and check out our petting zoo in the gym!

St. Joseph Catholic STEM School - Toddler-Gr. 8 Enrollment is open for our 2020 Summer and Fall Programming! Spots will be limited. For any questions or to schedule a tour, visit our website at

school.stjosephwaconia.org or call Emily at 952-442-4500.

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Under their care the boy Jesus "grew, became strong, and was filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40). Like Jesus, we have to follow God's will and become true children of God. The Lord's favor is with all, parents and children alike, who listen to God's word with trust and obedience. God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

Church of the Ascension Norwood Young America, MN



Every Thursday
Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 9am: Bible Study at Ascension
Monday 9am: Bible Study at Ascension

Synod Survey: The Archbishop is seeking as much input as possible from all parishioners – adults, children, young adults, practicing Catholics and those who have fallen away from our parishes.

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed via smartphone, tablet or computer at www.disciplemakerindex.com from **February 1 – March 1** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

If you do not have the ability to complete an online survey, we will have an opportunity for you to fill out a paper survey at the Feb. 9th KC Donut Sunday at Ascension and Linger Longer at St. Bernard.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact: For Ascension – Jeremy Gesinger at 952-212-2369. For St. Bernard – Tom Monsen at 507-514-7654. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact: For Ascension – Jeremy Gesinger at 952-212-2369. For St. Bernard – Tom Monsen at 507-514-7654.

Scheduling Coordinator needed. We are looking for a volunteer to take over the scheduling for the Mass ministries. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Cheryl Coyle or the parish office.

**Cathedral Men's Association Annual Retreat
Saturday, February 15 at the Cathedral of St. Paul**

All men are invited! Event includes breakfast, confession, adoration, and a presentation by Monsignor Jeffrey Steenson P.A., the papal appointed ordinary of the Personal Ordinate of the Chair of St. Peter. For more information contact Dave Hueller at dchueller1949@outlook.com.

**CCF Investment Conference
February 12, 7:15 – 10:15 a.m., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Mendota Heights**

The Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) of Minnesota is sponsoring this event for people who want to better understand the world of Catholic investing. Pastors, parish business administrators and trustees are encouraged to attend as well as anyone who wishes to live their faith through philanthropy. Attendees will gain perspective on the 2020 economic outlook and learn how CCF stewards more than \$378 million charitable assets on behalf of its many donors to meet the needs of our local community. For more information and to register, visit ccf-mn.org/events/investment-conference/

Church of St. Bernard

Cologne, MN



1st. Wed. of the month Eucharistic Adoration after the 8a.m. Mass until 8p.m.
All other Wednesday's of the Month Eucharistic Adoration 3pm until 8pm.
Please sign up for an hour or half hour of adoration at the Narthex Table.

St. Bernard's Sewing Circle Quilters

Quilting, Monday at 6:30pm and on Wednesday at 8am. Each week at JoAnn Wickenhauser' home. Anyone is welcomed to come and help quilt. If you have any questions please call Irene Drees at 952-466-2531

Thank You

The Cemetery Board wishes to thank the Bernard Shambour Estate for the donation of \$4000.00 to the Cemetery
Thank You.

Annulment Q & A

February 26, 2020, 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul

Staff members of the Metropolitan Tribunal will be available for confidential consultation and to answer questions regarding the investigation into the possibility of nullity of the marriage bond (annulment process). No appointment necessary. For more information contact the Tribunal at (651) 291-4466.

Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL) at Guardian Angels and St. Nicholas this Spring

ECFL will be returning to Guardian Angels and St. Nicholas this spring. We would like to invite families from St. Bernard's to join us. At ECFL (Early Catholic Family Life) we believe that a child's first and most important teachers are his and her parents. Our mission is simple – connect parents with their peers and empower them to raise their children in the faith. Using a format similar to ECFE classes found in most school districts, ECFL's 8 sessions allow for parent-child interaction, parent discussion time, and children's learning time. ECFL welcomes families with children ages birth-5 years old.

The 2020 spring session of ECFL will take place Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in Guardian Angels School room 003. Session dates will be February 6, 20, March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30, and May 7, 2020. The cost is \$40 per family, however scholarships are available. Registration forms can be found at the info table in the back of church and at the GA school office. For more information or if you have any questions, please email Principal, Sue Lovegreen slovegreen@gachaska.org.

Word of Life: When parents say 'yes' to life for their child, they are saying 'yes' to the most loving and healing path for all involved. When God invites us to draw close to him by following his commandments (Jn 14:15), he does so because he wants what is best for us. By saying 'yes' to life for their child, which is morally good and right, parents are placing their trust in God and embracing their child and the life their child has been given for as long as it is given."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis"

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNARD
STEWARDSHIP OF TIME
AND LITURGY SCHEDULE
February 3 through February 9, 2020**

LECTORS:

Saturday 8:00 pm. Greg Wickenhauser

Sunday 10:00 am. Sarah Foley

SERVERS:

Saturday 8:00pm Jim Monsen

Sunday 10:00am. Lexy Allison & April Henkel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

Saturday 8:00pm. Bernie Shambour

Sunday 10:00am. Margaret Wickenhauser

USHERS

Saturday 8pm Ralph Laumann & Brent Buesgens

Sunday 10:00 am. Vern Elke & Brian Vos

GREETERS:

Saturday 8:00pm Doreen Walter

Sunday 10:00am. Vern Elke

GIFT BEARERS: Sat. & Sun.—Volunteers

CHURCH CLEAN: Nancy Elke &

Mackenzie Lobitz

NARTHEX CLEANING: Victoria Arnst &

Julie Clemensen

MASS SCHEDULE

INTENTIONS:

Saturday Feb. 1 8pm. Edmund Vanderlinde
Family

Sunday Feb. 2 10am. † Jim, Eugene &
Margaret Willems & The People of the Parish

Monday Feb. 3 No Mass

Tuesday Feb. 4 6:15pm Mass at Ascension

Wed. Feb. 5 No Mass

Thursday Feb. 6 No Mass

Friday Feb. 7 No Mass

Sat. Feb. 8 8:00pm. †Irene Shambour

Sunday Feb. 9 10:00am. †Gilbert Rademacher
& The People of the Parish

Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for Week	3,203.50
Contributions 1-22 through 1-29-20	6,008.04
Total Actual Collection YTD	126,118.50
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	9,148.50
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	510.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	610.00
Forward in Faith YTD	14,220.42

Did you know you can have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking or savings account? For more information call the parish office 952-466-2031 , or visit www.st-bernard-cologne

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
STEWARSHIP OF TIME
February 3 through February 9**

SERVERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Mason Miller, Isabella Miller

Sun. 8:00 am: Hailey Buckentin, Callie Buckentin

READERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Jean Schmitz

Sun. 8:00 am: Brian Willems

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Cathleen Williams

Sun. 8:00 am: Diane Weckman

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

February 9th 8:00 am

Team A: Steve Lemmer, Jim Louiwagie

Team B: Paul & Corrine Prososki

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Kent Fabel, Tom Lano

Sun. 8:00 am: Bill Dvorak, Eugene Dvorak

SACRISTAN:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Sherry Witte

Sun. 8:00 am: Joe Weckman

GREETERS:

Sat. 5:00 pm: Pat Johnson

Sun. 8:00 am: Diane Weckman

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Feb. 3		No Mass
Tues.	Feb. 4	6:15 pm	Linda Edwards†
Wed.	Feb. 5		No Mass
Thurs.	Feb. 6		No Mass
Fri.	Feb. 7	7:15 am	No Mass
Sat.	Feb. 8	5:00 pm	Merlin Dwire†
Sun.	Feb. 9	8:00 am	All Parishioners

Weekly Collection Report

Totals for 01/26/2020

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$3,379.81
Contributions:	\$2,253.00
E-Giving:	\$735.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	\$101,278.92
Actual Collection YTD:	\$90,966.39
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	(\$10,312.53)
Capital Improvement Offering:	\$199.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	\$150.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$8,809.00