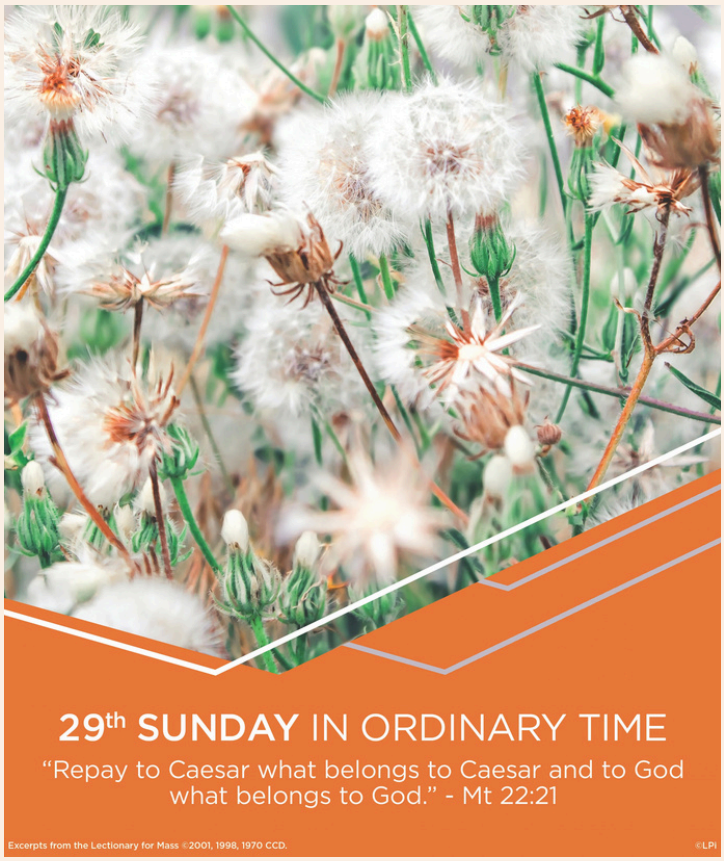
ASCENSION & SAINT BERNARD

CATHOLIC CHURCHES



Mass schedule

ASCENSION

Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm
(2nd, 4th and 5th Weekends)
Sunday | 8:00am
Tuesday | 6:15pm
Friday | 8:00am

Reconciliation
Tuesday| 5:45-6:05pm
Saturday | 4:30pm-4:50pm
(2nd, 4th and 5th Weekends) or by appointment

SAINT BERNARD

Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm
(1st and 3rd Weekends)
Sunday | 10:00am
Wednesday | 8:00am
Thursday | 08:00am

Reconciliation
Wednesdays | 7:30am - 7:50am
Saturday | 4:30pm-4:50pm
(1st and 3rd) Weekends) or by appointment

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Featured News

This weekend we will be celebrating World Mission Sunday, where Catholics around the world come together in Prayer, reflection, and giving, for mission and evangelization. We will be having a second collection that will go towards furthering the Mission of the Catholic Church. Please be as generous as possible.

Mark your Calendar, the annual St. Bernard Soup Social will be next Sunday, October 25th from 11:00am-3:00pm or until the soup is gone! Join us after the 10:00am Mass with the Free Spirits downstairs for some delicious soup and fellowship. Gluten Free options will be available! There will be Quilt, Cash, and Meat raffles, as well as a Silent Auction, Farmer's Market, Bake Sale, and Kids Bingo from 1:00-2:00pm. Hope to see you there!

Stewardship: Giving to God What Belongs to God

Dear Brothers and sisters,

"Give to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21). What belongs to God? The answer is **everything**. God created the world and gave us the gift of life. Every person and everything we have ultimately belongs to God. Just as the coin bearing Caesar's image belonged to Caesar and was to be given back to him, so we who are created in the image and likeness of God belong completely to God. He is our Creator and the God who has made us the object of his infinite love. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us, "There is none besides him" (Isaiah 45:6).

Because everything belongs to God, we are called to give ourselves to him completely. Stewardship begins with our relationship with God. We are called to be faithful in fulfilling our Sunday obligation and to make time each day for prayer and worship, especially within our families. St. Augustine teaches that when we give to God what belongs to God, we are "doing justice to God." True stewardship, therefore, means recognizing that all we have is a gift from God and returning to him what is his. We are not owners but stewards, entrusted with God's gifts and called to use them wisely and generously.
We are citizens of this world and, ultimately, citizens of heaven. As responsible citizens, we fulfill our duties to our country by obeying just laws, paying taxes, and contributing to the common good. At the same time, as members of the Body of Christ, we are called to serve God and his people.

God has given each of us different gifts, abilities, talents, and opportunities. Good stewardship means using these gifts faithfully in service of God and others. Our active participation in the various ministries of our parish, **through our time and talents**, is one important way we give back to God what belongs to him. Whether we volunteer, welcome others, serve at Mass, visit the sick, support parish activities, or simply offer a helping hand, every gift offered with love has value in God's eyes.
Our **treasure** is also part of stewardship. All that we possess, including our money and material resources, comes from God in the first place. Giving back to God can therefore become an act of worship, gratitude, and love. Generosity is not simply about how much we give; it is about recognizing the source of all we have and trusting God enough to share his gifts with others. Stewardship is ultimately a way of life: giving God our time, our talents, and our treasure, and offering him our whole selves in love and gratitude

This weekend, we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. It is a special opportunity to express our love, solidarity, and support for our brothers and sisters in faith throughout the world. Through our prayers, we strengthen missionaries as they proclaim the Gospel and bring Christ's love to communities in need. Through our generosity, we also respond to Christ's call to care for those who are hungry, poor, and vulnerable. Let us join together in prayer and give generously to the World Mission Sunday collection, sharing our faith and blessings with our brothers and sisters across the world.

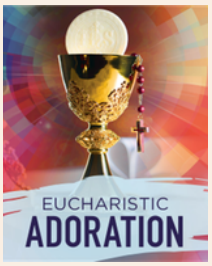
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

What is going on in our community



The "Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage Group" as they prepared for their journey down to La Crosse!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



ASCENSION
EVERY TUESDAY
3:00PM UNTIL 06:00PM

ST. BRNARD
EVERY WEDNESDAY
2:00PM UNTIL 6:00PM

Rosary Intention:

"For the Missionaries who sharing the Good News worldwide"

Ascension Mass Intentions

TUESDAY: 6:15pm- Alice Enright +
FRIDAY: 8:00am- Paul Simons +
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- Dolores Bohlinger +
SUNDAY: 8:00am - Chris Heille +

Ascension News

There will be the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, October 24th after the 5pm Mass.



Ascension Weekly Collection Report
Totals as of 10/04/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	**$ 3,211.54**
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	759.00
Weekly E-Giving:	895.00
Collections Budget YTD:	$ 44,961.56
Actual Collection YTD:	**$ 32,689.00**
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	**$ (12,272.56)**
Capital Improvement Offering:	210.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	51.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	**$ 3,694.00**

Interested in signing up for E-Giving or want to make a one time donation? Scan here to donate to the Church of the Ascension. Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Bernard Mass Intentions

WEDNESDAY: 8:00am- Merlyn Eiden Family
THURSDAY: 8:00am- Donna Meuleners Family
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- **Mass at Ascension**
SUNDAY: 10:00am- Adrian Wickenhauser + & all Parishioners

Saint Bernard News

St. Bernard Families if you have not had a chance yet to pick up your raffle tickets for the Soup Social in the Narthex, please do so this weekend!



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure
Totals as of 10/04/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	**$ 3,500.00**
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	2,240.00
Weekly E-Giving:	750.00
Collection Budget YTD:	$ 49,000.00
Actual Collection YTD:	**$ 42,372.75**
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	**$ (6,627.25)**
Capital Improvement Offering:	59.00
Capital Improvement E-Giving	200.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	**$ 4,038.50**

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Faith Formation Updates



On October 7th our 6th - 10th Graders attended the Praise and Worship night hosted by St. Joseph in Waconia. The evening was filled with adoration, and praise and worship!

Readings for the week of October 18, 2026
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 **Monday:** Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21 **Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38 **Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48 **Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53 **Friday:** Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59 **Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9 **Next Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Sacraments

Baptisms: Please call the priest to make an appointment.
Marriage Arrangements: You should contact the priest as soon as you become engaged. You must meet with the priest twice, and these meetings should be 6 months before proposed wedding date.

Communion for Homebound
Ascension - Sue Tellers…...612-247-6881
St. Bernard - Barb Knorr……952-484-9628

Anointing of the Sick
Call the parish office at any time.

Bulletin requests are due by Wednesday for the bulletin two weekends out. All inserts and announcements are due the Thursday morning of the weekend needed. Please emailed your requests or bring them to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension. St. Bernard requests should be emailed to: bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org. Ascension requests should be emailed to: busadmin@ascensionnya.org.