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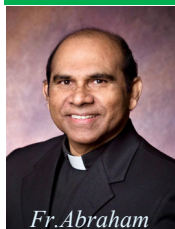
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Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time – June 13 & 14, 2026



Fr. Abraham

Congratulations and Welcome to Father Adam Worm

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Sunday's Gospel reveals the deep compassion of Jesus for His people: "At the sight of the crowds, His heart was moved with pity" (Matthew 9:36). Jesus saw the people searching for hope, guidance, and healing, like "sheep without a shepherd." Moved by love and concern for them, He turned to His disciples and said, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Matthew 9:37–38). These words remain just as meaningful for us today. Christ continues to call men and women to serve His people and to continue His mission of proclaiming the Gospel, bringing healing, and leading others closer to God.

This weekend, our parish is especially blessed to **welcome newly ordained priest Father Adam Worm** to his home parish as he celebrates the Holy Mass with our community. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 5 for the Diocese of Winona–Rochester by the Most Reverend Robert Barron. His ordination is a joyful sign that God continues to answer the prayers of his Church by raising up laborers for the harvest. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, he has been called to serve Christ and his people in a unique and sacred way—preaching the Word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and shepherding the faithful with compassion and care.

With hearts full of joy and gratitude, our parish community offers heartfelt congratulations and a warm welcome to Father Adam. We give thanks to the Lord for the gift of his vocation and for his generous and faithful response to God's call. We also extend our sincere appreciation and congratulations to his parents and family, who have lovingly supported him throughout his journey to the priesthood through encouragement, sacrifices, and constant prayer.

As we welcome him into our parish family, we offer our prayers and support for his priestly ministry. May his presence among us inspire young people to listen courageously to God's call in their own lives. And may all of us, as disciples of Christ, renew our own commitment to continue the Lord's work on earth through lives of faith, charity, and joyful service. Let us continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, trusting that the Lord of the harvest will continue to send faithful laborers into His vineyard.

I would like to express my sincere **gratitude to everyone** who signed up and faithfully participated in the **40 Hours of Adoration**. A heartfelt thank you also goes to the coordinators and to all who worked so diligently and prayed for its success. Your dedication, sacrifice, and prayers made this devotion a beautiful witness of faith in our parish.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

Rosary Intention: For the newly Ordained Priest Father Adam Worm

Parish Mission Statement We, the family of St. Bernard and Ascension, united through Baptism, redeemed by Christ's death and resurrection, and strengthened by his Word and Eucharist, are called to follow him by nurturing a rich sacramental and spiritual life, supporting strong Catholic faith formation and fostering fellowship and community.



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Monday	June. 15		No Mass:
Tuesday	June. 16	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday	June. 17	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2pm-6pm
Thursday	June. 18	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
Friday	June. 19	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
Saturday	June. 20	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:00pm Confession: 4:30pm-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm Linger Longer
Sunday	June. 21	ASC. ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 9:30am-10:00am Mass: 10:00am Linger Longer

What is going on in our Parishes
and in the Community

This Week's Open Parish Office Days Are:
Ascension– Monday and Wednesday
St. Bernard– Tuesday and Thursday
Both offices are closed on Friday June 19th.

We are looking for a Faith Formation Director: Ascension/St. Bernard are currently looking for someone to take over the Faith Formation Program! If anyone is interested in learning more about the position please contact Virginia at 952-467-3351 or email busadmin@ascensionnya.org.

Rural Life Celebration – Saturday, June 27, 4 p.m., Kevin & Carrie Riester homestead, Red Wing (29065 Flower Valley Trl, Red Wing, MN 55066)

Join Archbishop Hebda at this celebration of rural life. Mass will be followed by dinner and refreshments, all-ages yard games and live music. Please join the parishioners from the St. Joseph, Red Wing and others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. (Due to limited onsite parking, car-pooling or ride-sharing is strongly encouraged.) Find more information at archspm.org/events/rural-life.

His Name Hallowed- An Outdoor Night of Music & Community This year's event features KTIS hit artist Seph Schlueter, whose song "Counting My Blessings" reached #1 on Christian radio. Seph's original band, Damascus Worship will open the night, and Catholic speaker Jeff Cavins will share an inspiring message. The evening ends with a sunset Adoration time on the football field! Tickets and details at info@hisnamehallowed.org

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report Totals as of 05/31/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,182.70
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	966.00
Weekly E-Giving:	665.00
Collections Budget YTD:	\$ 152,769.60
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 150,313.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	\$ (2,456.60)
Capital Improvement Offering:	25.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	420.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$ 11,041.00

**Capital Campaign Total Raised So Far:\$399,920-182%
Goal \$220,000.00.**



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!

Homebound Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to take communion to our Ascension Community who are home bound. If you are interested in joining this special ministry please contact Sue Tellers or the Parish Office.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure Totals as of 05/31/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	3,197.52
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	2,660.00
Weekly E-Giving	115.00
Collection Budget YTD:	178,866.67
Actual Collection YTD:	181,464.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	2,598.33
Capital Improvement Offering:	110.00
Capital Improvement E-Giving	0.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	11,248.00

**Capital Campaign Total Raised So Far:\$402,972 -155%
Goal of \$260,000.00.**



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Vicki Arnst & Brenda Jones want to **THANK** Brian Vos, Cecilia Jones, Dick Arnst, Dan Worm & Russ Worm for helping put down the wood chips in the flower beds at Church. Could not do it without your help. **THANK YOU !! GOD BLESS !!**

Word of Life: - "As we reflect with gratitude on the blessings God has bestowed on our country, our devotion to the Sacred Heart demands that we consider how we might foster truth, justice, and charity in American life. We are called to bring our faith into the actions we take and the lives we lead in our communities. We celebrate the ways the Church has contributed to a more just world, and we invite all in our society to see the face of Christ reflected in each sister and brother." Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample, Archbishop of Portland "[Reflection on the Consecration to the Sacred Heart](#)"

Mass Ministry Schedule—June 20th, & 21st

Mass ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Volunteers	Kendra Michels & Jayden Michels	Luke Allison & Lexy Allison
Reader	Joyce Schwartz	Colleen Donnay	Julie Kleindl
EMHC	Carol Hoen (H); Mary Meuwissen (C); Volunteer (C)	Kathy Kloempken	Julie Clemensen (H); Sarah Foley (C); Andy Kleindl (C)
Ushers	Tom Dahl & Ralph Laumann	Eugene Dvorak & Curt Wilson	Kieran Allison & Brian Vos
Greeters	Judy Glander	Steve Coyle	Victoria Arnst
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Rich & Sue Tellers Grp B: Dave & Colleen Donnay	

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	June 15		No Mass
Tuesday	June 16 6:15 pm	ASC.	Edward & Alice Witte ††
Wednesday	June 17 8:00 am	ST. B.	Roy & Vera Arnst ††
Thursday	June 18 8:00 am	ST. B.	Richard & Joan Joos ††
Friday	June 19 8:00 am	ASC.	Bryce & Alice Enright ††
Saturday	June 20 5:00 pm	ST. B.	Richard Paul † & All Parishioners
Sunday	June 21 8:00 am	ASC.	Delores Schrupp †
Sunday	June 21 10:00 am	ST. B.	Elvira Winkler †

Readings for the week of June 14, 2026

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8 **Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42 **Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48 **Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15 **Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/ Mt 6:19-23 **Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34 **Next Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**Bulletin copy is due by
Thursdays @ NOON
for the bulletin
two weekends out;
St. Bernard copy must be emailed
to:
bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org
and pquinn55322@hotmail.com
Ascension copy must be emailed to:
busadmin@ascensionnya.org.
All inserts and weekend Mass
announcements can be emailed or
brought to the Parish office at St.
Bernard or Ascension.
These are due Thursday of
the weekend needed.**

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. 5:45pm - 6:05pm

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

Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm

at parish hosting the Mass

By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

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.

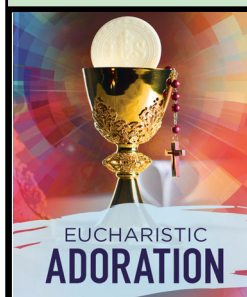
Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00 until 6:00 pm



June 14, 2026 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is **“moved with compassion” for the crowd, for they were “like sheep without a shepherd.”** (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi