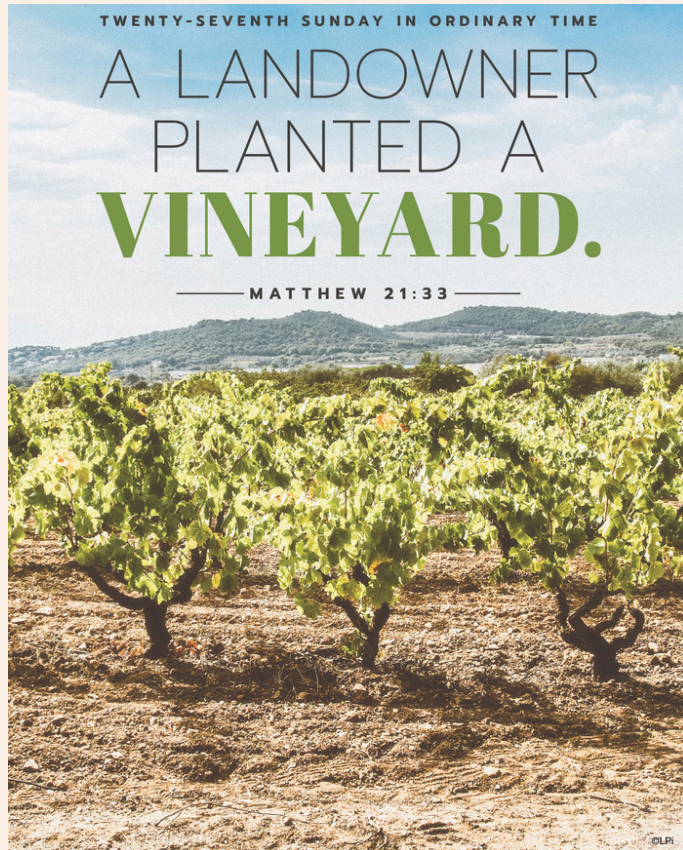


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Mass schedule

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

Featured News

A huge THANK YOU to all involved with our Joint Parish Picnic, including those who organized, planned, prepared, cooked, cleaned, decorated, set up, served, cleaned up, and loaned use of their picnic tables and tents! Above all, a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who attended. Without your presence, camaraderie, delicious contributions of salads, veggies, fruits, yummy desserts and ice cream, the picnic would have been a total wash out compared to the Fun, Delight-filled Feast it truly was! May God's bountiful blessings be upon you all.

OCTOBER 3RD AND 4TH, 2026 | 27TH LITURGICAL SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Bearing Fruit in the Christian Life

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This 27th Sunday, both the First Reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect on a powerful image: the vineyard of the Lord. In Isaiah (Isaiah 5:1-7), the landowner carefully plants and tends a vineyard, hoping that it will produce good grapes. Yet, despite all the care given to it, the vineyard produces wild grapes. The vineyard represents the chosen people of Israel. Isaiah describes God's loving care for, and expectations of, his chosen people. They have failed to bear fruit despite the blessings lavished upon them by a loving God. Furthermore, they have been poor tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Hence, God asks: "What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?" In the Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43), Jesus tells the parable of a landowner who carefully prepares his vineyard and entrusts it to tenants. Sadly, the tenants forget that the vineyard belongs to the landowner and refuse to give him what is rightfully his. Finally, the owner sends his own son, Jesus, but the tenants kill him. Thus, the vineyard is taken away from those who failed to produce good fruit and is given to others who are expected to do so.

The vineyard in this parable represents the *Kingdom of God* and, in a broader sense, the Church. We are the "new Israel," and we are the tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Jesus has given his Church everything necessary for Christians to bear good fruit. The vineyard can also represent our *parish community*. We are called to care for it, nurture it, and help it bear good fruit. The fruits God desires are not measured by success or recognition but by love, compassion, forgiveness, generosity, justice, and faithful service.

These readings invite us to look at our own lives and ask: *What kind of fruit are we producing?* God has given each of us many gifts—our faith, our families, our parish community, our talents, our time, and opportunities to serve others. These are gifts entrusted to us, not to keep for ourselves, but to be shared with others. May the Lord help us become faithful caretakers of the vineyard entrusted to us, so that our lives may bear abundant fruit for his Kingdom.

Respect Life Sunday is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church across the United States on the first weekend of October. Through prayers, devotions, and various activities, we are reminded of our responsibility to advance a culture that respects and protects human life. To respect life means to honor the dignity and sacredness of every human person and to protect human life from conception to natural death. Through the celebration of Respect Life Sunday, we are once again reminded of our responsibility to pray and work to eradicate all forms of violence against human life and to uphold the dignity of every person. October is traditionally the **month of the Holy Rosary**. Let us pray the Rosary for the strength and courage to uphold the truths of human life and our faith. Let us also ask the intercession of Our Lady for our families and our parish communities.

Mass for the Elderly: We are planning a special Mass for the Elderly on **Sunday, October 18, at 10:00 am at St. Bernard** for members of both parishes. The Mass will include the **Anointing of the Sick**, followed by a reception after Mass. We warmly invite all our elderly parishioners and those who are homebound to join us for this special celebration of faith, prayer, and fellowship. We look forward to gathering together and celebrating the gift of life, faith, and community.

Yours in Christ,

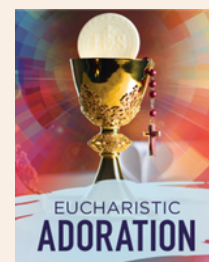
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

Pastor

What is going on in our community

Mark your Calendar, the annual St. Bernard Soup Social will be on 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!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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

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

Rosary Intention:

"For a renewed consecration to Mary through our daily recitation of the Rosary."

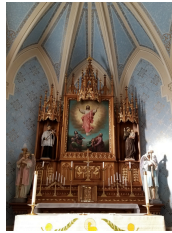
Ascension Mass Intentions

TUESDAY: 6:15pm- Donna Meuleners Family
FRIDAY: 8:00am- **No Mass**
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- Allan Schmitt +
SUNDAY: 8:00am - Dar Mondor +

Ascension News

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

Thank you to everyone who continues to regularly give to our Building Fund. We recently used some funds to give the bathrooms a refresh. We encourage you to check them out if you have not had a chance yet!



Ascension Weekly Collection Report Totals as of 09/20/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,211.54
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	2,136.00
Weekly E-Giving:	1,815.00
Collections Budget YTD:	\$ 38,538.48
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 29,464.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	\$ (9,074.48)

Capital Improvement Offering:	80.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	260.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$ 3,143.00



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- The Shamla Family Members
THURSDAY: 8:00am- Merlyn and Margaret Eiden + +
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- **Mass at Ascension**
SUNDAY: 10:00am- Elvira Winkler+



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure Totals as of 09/20/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	3,500.00
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	2,255.00
Weekly E-Giving:	520.00
Collection Budget YTD:	42,500.00
Actual Collection YTD:	37,376.25
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	(4,623.75)

Capital Improvement Offering:	160.00
Capital Improvement E-Giving	120.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	3,499.00



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Thank you for your generosity

Saint Bernard News

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Reminder St. Bernard Families to pick up your raffle tickets for the Soup Social in the Narthex!

Faith Formation Updates

Reminder that there will be no class on October 14th for MEA Break!

Readings for the week of October 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43 **Monday:** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37 **Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42 **Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13 **Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26 **Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28 **Next Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

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.