

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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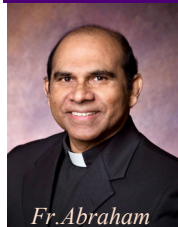
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## The Third Sunday Of Lent – March 22, & 23, 2025



Fr. Abraham

### HOW TO MAKE A HOLY HOUR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, take a few moments to speak with Jesus, asking for His help and listening to His voice.

**Tell Jesus what you are most thankful for.** Lord, I am truly grateful for the many blessings in my life - the love of family and friends, the beauty of creation, and Your constant presence with me. Thank You for Your grace that sustains me even in difficult times, and for Your forgiveness.

**Tell Jesus what you are sorry for.** Jesus, I am sorry for the times I have failed to live according to Your will. For the times I have been impatient, selfish, or unkind. I regret when I have let fear or pride guide my actions instead of Your love. Please forgive me, and help me to grow in holiness and humility.

**Tell Jesus what you are most excited about.** Lord, I am excited about the future and the possibilities You have planned for me. I look forward to the opportunities to serve You and others. I trust in Your guidance and the hope that You bring, knowing that You are always by my side.

**Tell Jesus what you are worried or concerned about.** Jesus, I bring before You my worries - about the future, my loved ones, and the struggles I face. Please ease my anxieties and help me trust that You are in control. Grant me Your peace, knowing that You will provide for all my needs.

**What does Jesus say to you about any of the above?** *Jesus might respond:* "My child, I hear your gratitude and your sorrow. I know the depths of your heart. Do not worry, for I am with you in all things. Trust in My plan for you, and know that I am always working for your good. I will never leave you. Continue to love others as I have loved you, and you will experience peace."

**Ask Jesus for the help you need in the days to come.** Jesus, I ask for Your wisdom and guidance in the days ahead. Help me to follow Your will more closely, to trust You more deeply, and to love others as You have loved me. Grant me the grace to face the challenges that come.

**Who are in need of your prayers? Pray for those persons.** Lord, I lift up those who are suffering, those facing illness, loneliness, or hardship. I pray for my family and friends, asking You to protect and guide them. I pray for those who don't know You, that they may encounter Your love and mercy.

**What else do you want to ask Jesus for or about?** Jesus, I ask for clarity and guidance in the decisions I face. Help me to hear Your voice and follow Your direction. Please fill me with the courage to do Your will, no matter where it leads.

**Ask Jesus what He wants you to do for Him in the days to come.** Lord, show me how I can serve You and others. Help me to be a reflection of Your love in everything I do. Open my eyes to the needs of those around me, and give me the grace to respond with compassion and humility.

Lord Jesus, I adore You, I praise You, and I love You. Thank You for listening to me and for speaking to my heart. I know You are always with me. Help me to follow You more closely, and to love others as You have loved me. Amen.

Please join us for a special **13-Hour Eucharistic Adoration** on Wed, **March 26th**, at St. Bernard, beginning after 8:00 am Mass and continuing through 9:00 pm.

**Rosary Intention:** *That we may deepen our relationship with Jesus through Adoration*

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor

**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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 24</b>		<b>No Mass:</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 25</b>	<b>ASC.</b> <b>ASC.</b> <b>ASC.</b>	<b>Adoration:</b> 3pm-6pm <b>Confession:</b> 5:45-6:05pm <b>Mass:</b> 6:15pm
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>13 hours of Adoration</i>	<b>Mar. 26</b>	<b>ST. B.</b> <b>ST. B.</b> <b>ST. B.</b> <b>ST. B.</b>	<b>Confession:</b> 7:30-7:50am <b>Mass:</b> 8:00am <b>Adoration:</b> 8:00am-9:00pm <b>Confession:</b> 8:00-8:45pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>ST. B.</b>	<b>Mass:</b> 8:00am
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 28</b>	<b>ASC.</b> <b>ASC.</b>	<b>Mass:</b> 8:00am <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 29</b>	<b>ASC.</b> <b>ASC.</b>	<b>Confession:</b> 4:30-4:50pm <b>Mass:</b> 5:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 30</b>	<b>ASC.</b> <b>ST. B.</b>	<b>Mass:</b> 8:00am <b>Mass:</b> 10:00am

### What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

#### Surrounding Area Reconciliation Services:

- April 1 : St. Victoria's in Victoria- 6:30 pm
- April 10: St. Hubert's in Chanhassen-6:00-8:00 pm
- April 13: St. Joseph in Waconia- 4:00-6:00 pm

#### Stations of the Cross Schedule:

3/28– Ascension at 6pm

4/4– Ascension at 6pm

4/11– Ascension at 6pm 4/18– Living Stations at Ascension at 3pm

**The 13 hours of Adoration is this Wednesday at St. Bernard! If you have not signed up for a spot yet, please consider an hour that may work for you to spend with our Lord this Lenten season.**

#### Holy Week Scheduled:

Holy Thursday– St. Bernard at 7pm

Good Friday—St. Bernard at 7pm

Easter Vigil– Ascension at 8pm

**Next weekend we will be having Anointing of the Sick after the Saturday the 29th 5pm Mass at Ascension and Sunday the 30th 10am Mass at St. Bernard.**

**Next weekend we will be having a second collection for Global Solidarity Sunday. Global Solidarity Sunday gives us a way to participate in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Africa and through Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able.**

**Thank you to everyone who supported the Ascension KC's Annual Fish Fry, both with volunteering and with orders! It was another successful year and your support is greatly appreciated!**

### Faith Formation Update:

**Reminder there is no class this week!  
Enjoy your Spring Break!**

## Church of Ascension

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report Totals as of 03/09/2025

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 3,101.92
<b>Weekly Envelopes/Plate:</b>	,3,636.00
<b>Weekly E-Giving:</b>	,1,075.00
<b>Collections Budget YTD:</b>	111,669.12
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	<b>\$ 120,556.85</b>
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	<b>8,887.73</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	255.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	25.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	<b>\$ 9,170.00</b>



**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!**

**March is MN Food Shelf month** The SW Carver County Food Shelf in NYA is always accepting donations. Non-perishable food items can be left in the church entry or dropped off at the SW Carver County Food Shelf (10 First Avenue NE, NYA) Tuesdays noon-5:00. \* \* **Monetary donations are also appreciated** \* \*

## Church of St. Bernard

### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,790.10
<b>Contributions 03-05 through 3-11-2025</b>	<b>2,891.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	139,305.05
<b>Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>11,010.32</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	59.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>59.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>35,357.96</b>



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

Volunteers are needed to help with the St. Bernard night at the St. Joseph Fish Fry on Thursday April 10th from 3-6pm and Friday April 11th 3-8pm! See the link on the St. Bernard Web Page on our joint Website to sign up for a slot! If you are not able to volunteer, stop by for a delicious dinner and support our Parish! We receive a portion of the funds raised back to St. Bernard Parish!

### Catholic United Scholarships

Catholic United Financial Scholarship application period is open from March 1 — April 30 of each year. Any member (any age) studying for their first degree after high school can apply. Applicants must have been a member for at least 2 years by the application deadline and when the scholarship is awarded. **Awards of \$500 for attending a Catholic college or \$300 for an accredited non-Catholic school.** Applications are available at: [www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/scholarships](http://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/scholarships)

## Mass Ministry Schedule—March 29 & 30

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Rita Fahey	Cheryl Coyle	Doris Mielke
Servers	Noah Kerber & Volunteer	Charlie Friendshuh & Josie Friendshuh	Luke Allison & Lexy Allison
Reader	Brian Willems	Cheryl Coyle	Helen Nicklaus
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Johnson	Steve Coyle	Julie Clemensen
Ushers	Dave Donnay & tom Lano	Eugene Dvorak & Steve Schrupp	Brian Vos & Leo Willems
Greeters	Sue Schultz	Janet Fahey	Sarah Foley
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Rich & Sue Tellers	N/A

### Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Monday	Mar. 24		No Mass
Tuesday	March 25	6:15 pm	Ascension Jeanne C. Kreger †
Wednesday	Mar. 26	8:00 am	St. Bernard Merlyn Margaret Eiden & Living & Deceased members of the Eiden Family
Thursday	Mar. 27	8:00 am	St. Bernard Sue & Sarah Shamla ††
Friday	Mar. 28	8:00 am	Ascension Dan Conser †
Saturday	Mar. 29	5:00 pm	Ascension For All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Mar. 30	8:00 am	Ascension Darlene Mondor †
Sunday	Mar. 30	10:00 am	St. Bernard Denise Vieth † & All Parishioners

**Readings for the week of Mar. 23, 2025**  
**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 **Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30 **Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 **Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19 **Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23 **Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34 **Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 **Next Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**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.

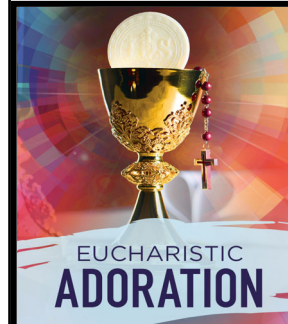
### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Ascension

Every Tuesday  
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

#### St. Bernard

Every Wednesday  
2:00 until 6:00 pm



**March 23, 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**



My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

**Lenten challenge:** Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi