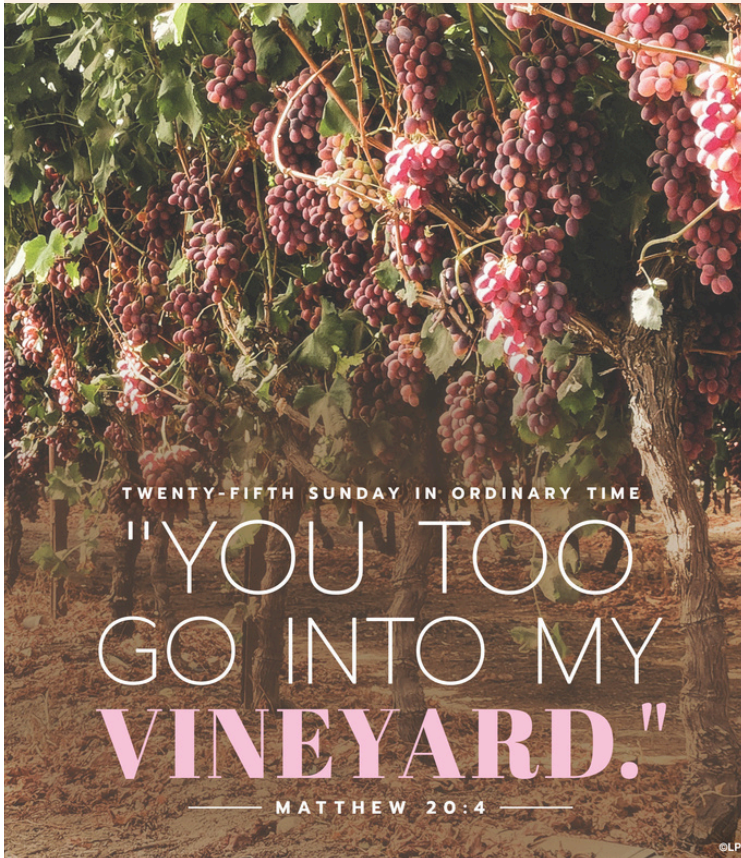


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Mass schedule

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

Join us on **Saturday, October 3rd** for a **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI!** The day will be filled with Mass, Prayer and fellowship. The bus will depart **St. Bernard** around **7:25am** and will arrive back before **7:00pm** Please plan on bringing your own food and beverages, or purchase a lunch at the Café. **Contact Pam Kunkle or the Parish Office for more information! A Free Will donation is being accepted for gratuity for the bus driver.**



SEPTEMBER 19TH AND 20TH, 2026 | 25TH LITURGICAL SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God's Ways Are Not Our Ways

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah: *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord"* (Isaiah 55:8). These words provide a beautiful key to understanding Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard in Matthew 20:1-16. The landowner hires workers at different times of the day, yet at the end of the day, he gives each of them the same daily wage. Those who worked from morning until evening are surprised and resentful when those who worked for only one hour receive the same amount.

From a human perspective, the arrangement does not seem fair. We may even think that it is unjust. We tend to measure things by effort, time, achievement, and what we believe we deserve. We compare ourselves with others and can easily ask, "Why should that person receive the same as me when I have worked so much harder?" But God's ways are not our ways.

The parable is not really about wages; it is about **grace**. God's generosity cannot be reduced to a calculation of what we have earned. God's mercy and grace cannot be earned or merited, even through a lifetime of hard work. The daily wage Jesus speaks about points to salvation, which is God's own gift. The Lord does not love us according to our merit. His love is freely given, abundantly offered, and available even to those who come to him late in life or after years of wandering.

Perhaps there are times when we feel like the workers who arrived early. We have served faithfully, prayed regularly, raised our families in faith, volunteered, or carried responsibilities for many years. At other times, we may recognize ourselves in those who arrived late - people who have made mistakes, drifted away, or only recently discovered the importance of faith and the beauty of God's love.

The good news is that there is room for everyone in God's vineyard. This Gospel also challenges us to examine our tendency to compare ourselves with others. Remember the complaint of those who had worked from morning until evening: *"These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us."* Another person's blessing does not diminish our own. God's generosity toward someone else is not a loss for us. Instead, we are invited to rejoice that God is merciful and that his grace reaches people in ways we cannot always understand. In this parable, Jesus challenges us: *"Are you envious because I am generous?"*

Isaiah reminds us that God's thoughts are higher than ours. The Gospel shows us what that can look like: a God whose mercy surprises us, whose generosity exceeds our calculations, and whose invitation remains open throughout our lives. As we continue our journey of faith, may we have the humility to trust in God's wisdom, the gratitude to receive his grace, and the generosity to celebrate the blessings he gives to others without resentment or jealousy.

Yours in Christ,

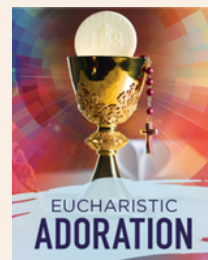
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

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. BRNARD

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
2:00PM UNTIL 6:00PM**

Rosary Intention:

"For all who are battling cancer and their families."

Ascension Mass Intentions

TUESDAY: 6:15pm- Dolores Bohlinger +
FRIDAY: 8:00am- Norm Willems +
SATURDAY 5:00pm- Del Lano +
SUNDAY: 8:00am - Allan Schmitt +

Ascension News

A special Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Stiftungsfest Polka Mass possible! We received many wonderful compliments and are so appreciative to everyone who gave of their time and talent!

Please join us downstairs after the 8am Mass (Sunday the 19th) for Donut Sunday, hosted by the Ascension KC's!



Ascension Weekly Collection Report Totals as of 09/06/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,211.54
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	493.00
Weekly E-Giving:	965.00
Collections Budget YTD:	\$ 32,115.40
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 23,149.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	\$ (8,966.40)
Capital Improvement Offering:	0.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	51.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$ 2,688.00



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 & Margaret Eiden Family
THURSDAY: 8:00am- Richard Worm +
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- **Mass at Ascension**
SUNDAY: 10:00am- Stanley Paul + & All Parishioners



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure Totals as of 09/06/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	3,500.00
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	1,681.00
Weekly E-Giving:	750.00
Collection Budget YTD:	35,000.00
Actual Collection YTD:	30,213.25
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	(4,786.75)
Capital Improvement Offering:	49.00
Capital Improvement E-Giving	200.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	3,005.00



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Saint Bernard News

Word of Life-“When we have lost our way and find ourselves brought low by sin and suffering, we can know with confidence that the Lord will never abandon us. No matter what sins we have committed or how many times we have chosen to separate ourselves from the flock, we can know that Christ’s mercy and kindness await us. There is nothing we can do, no sin so great, that cannot be overcome with the infinite mercy of Christ.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Hope After Abortion”

Faith Formation Updates

October 7th, all 6th-10th graders will attend the Praise & Worship Night at St. Joseph Catholic School in Waconia from 6pm-8pm. Attendance is required as this takes the place of class. Parents are welcome to stay and worship with their kids!

Readings for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a **Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21 **Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6 **Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9 **Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22 **Saturday:** Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

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 email 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.