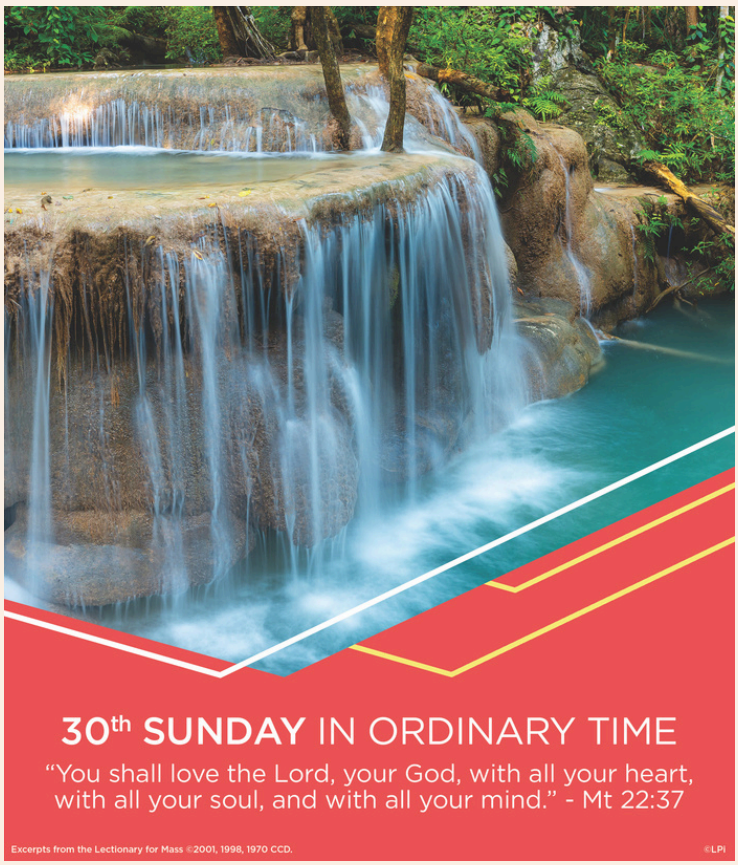
ASCENSION & SAINT BERNARD

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

Stewardship Ministry Directories and forms are in the pews. Your completed form can be returned in the collection basket, a basket in the back of church or narthex or the office by Nov 15th. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our parishes. To what ministry is God calling you?

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Our joint All Souls Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 2nd at Church of the Ascension at 7:00pm.

Stewardship: Love in Action

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Jesus summarized the whole Law in two great commandments: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37–39). In these two commandments, Jesus teaches us that true religion is rooted in love, love of God and love of our neighbor.

To love God means to put Him first, honor His name, and keep His day holy. To love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength means placing His will above our own, seeking His guidance in all things, and making Him the center of our lives. There are many ways in which we express our love for God. We express our love for God by keeping His commandments, praying daily, reading His Word, and gathering with His people for the Holy Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

The second commandment calls us to *"love your neighbor as yourself."* This means respecting the dignity of every person: their relationships, their reputation, their property, and, above all, their God-given dignity. Love of neighbor begins at home. From there, it extends to our friends, coworkers, fellow parishioners, and ultimately to everyone we encounter. Christian love does not depend on race, nationality, social status, wealth, age, or any other distinction.

The First Reading from Exodus reminds us of our special responsibility toward those who are vulnerable: the stranger, the widow, the orphan, and the poor (Exodus 22:20–26). God reminds the Israelites that they themselves were once strangers in the land of Egypt. Because God had protected them and treated them with mercy, they were called to extend that same mercy and kindness to others. To love as Jesus loves means that we are willing to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for one another.

Our **stewardship** is one of the ways we put these two great commandments into practice. When we offer our **time, talents, and treasure**, we are not simply supporting the activities of our parish; we are expressing our love for God and our love for one another.

In our parish, many people generously share their gifts, time, and talents through our various ministries and acts of service. Their generosity strengthens our parish community and helps us grow as a vibrant community of faith. Their faithful and sacrificial service is a beautiful witness to the love of God at work among us.

I invite each of you to take time to reflect prayerfully on the many blessings you have received from God. Ask yourself: How is God calling me to share my time, talents, and treasure in service to him, our parish, and others? Each of us has something valuable to offer, and every gift, no matter how small, can make a difference when offered with love.

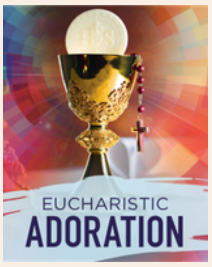
I am deeply grateful to all of you for your generosity, faith, and commitment to our parish family. I also extend my sincere gratitude to the members of our Stewardship Committee for their dedicated and faithful service. Let us pray that we may love God with our whole heart and love our brothers and sisters as ourselves, generously sharing our time, talents, and treasure for the building up of God's Kingdom and the good of our parish and community.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

What is going on in our community

Church of the Ascension is partnering with Citizens State bank of Norwood and the Minnesota Department of Commerce to offer a fraud presentation on Tuesday, November 18th at 10:00am in the Ascension Social Hall. The presentation will go over how attendees can protect themselves from fraud and financial exploitation and what red flags to look for, as well as resources for victims and how to report fraud. This is open to parishioners from both Parishes as well as members in our community. Please RSVP to the Church Office if you would like to attend.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



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

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

Rosary Intention:

"For all who give of their time, talent and treasure to our parishes."

Ascension Mass Intentions

TUESDAY: 6:15pm- Mary Kelly Family
FRIDAY: 8:00am- Norm Willems +
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- Mike Williams +
SUNDAY: 8:00am - Chris Heille +



Ascension News

We will be having New Alter Server Training for Grades 3-10 on Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30pm. This is open to all Parishioners from both Parishes.
Ascension especially needs Servers for Saturday Evening Mass so we ask you please consider signing up to serve. Contact the Parish Office for more Details.

Ascension Weekly Collection Report
Totals as of 10/11/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	**$ 3,211.54**
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	1,934.00
Weekly E-Giving:	1,035.00
Collections Budget YTD:	$ 48,173.10
Actual Collection YTD:	**$ 35,658.00**
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	**$ (12,515.10)**

Capital Improvement Offering:	
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	50.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	**$ 3,744.00**

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- Robert Nicklaus +
THURSDAY: 8:00am- Francis and Larry Zimmer + +
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- **Mass at Ascension**
SUNDAY: 10:00am- Benjamin Jenkins + & all Parishioners



Saint Bernard News

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Ken Haasken whoes Funeral was this past Thursday. Please keep his family in your prayers during this time.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure
Totals as of 10/11/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	**$ 3,500.00**
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	1,610.56
Weekly E-Giving:	135.00
Collection Budget YTD:	$ 52,500.00
Actual Collection YTD:	**$ 44,118.31**
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	**$ (8,381.69)**

Capital Improvement Offering:	59.00
Capital Improvement E-Giving	200.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	**$ 4,038.50**

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Faith Formation Updates

Upcoming Events:

1st Communion Parent Meeting-October 28th 5:45pm-6:15pm.
New Alter Server Training- October 28th at 6:30pm
Feed My Starving Children Grades 6th-10th - November 4th

Readings for the week of October 25, 2026
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 **Monday:** Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17 **Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21 **Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16 **Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35 **Friday:** Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6 **Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11 **Next Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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.