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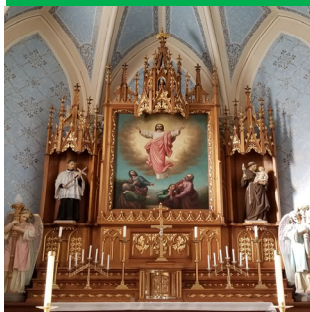
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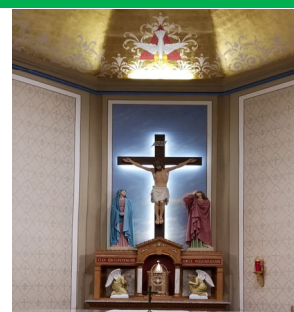
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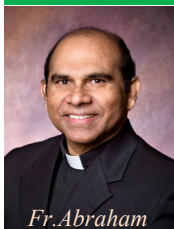
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Saints Peter and Paul – June 28 & 29, 2025



St. Peter and St. Paul, the Principal Pillars of the Church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two great pillars of the church. It is not often that this feast falls on Sunday. This year, it does and it replaces the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Peter and Paul came from very different backgrounds. Peter was a fisherman from Galilee, uneducated, a man of the sea and the nets. Paul, on the other hand, was a learned Pharisee from Tarsus, deeply trained in the Law. Peter walked with Jesus during his earthly ministry from his baptism to his passion and death. Paul met Jesus only in the light of the resurrection, in a vision near Damascus. And yet, they have something deeply in common. **Both resisted the Lord.** Peter denied him three times. Paul persecuted his followers with zeal. But here is the heart of today's feast: **their resistance did not stop God's plan.** Their failings did not define them. Grace had the final word.

Peter was chosen to be the leader of the Twelve, the rock on which Jesus would build his Church. He wrote letters to encourage the early believers, led the Council of Jerusalem, and gave his life as a martyr in Rome, crucified under Nero. Paul, once Saul the persecutor, was called to become the Apostle to the Gentiles. He made long and dangerous missionary journeys, established Christian communities across the Mediterranean world. He wrote 14 epistles, a fact, that would shape Christian theology for all time. He too was imprisoned, and finally gave his life in Rome, beheaded for the sake of Christ.

They were different men. They had different missions. But they were united in Christ, especially in their martyrdom and their faith. What does this mean for us? It reminds us that God works uniquely through each one of us. You and I are not Peter. We are not Paul. But like them, we are called. We may come from different backgrounds. We may carry mistakes, denials, or even failures. But those do not disqualify us from being instruments of God's grace. Peter denied Christ. Paul attacked the Church. Yet, they became saints. So too, the Lord looks upon our lives not with condemnation, but with purpose. He sees not just what we have done, but what we can become, **if we allow his grace to work in us.** St. Paul once wrote, *"God's grace toward me has not been in vain."* That same grace is offered to us. Let it not be in vain.

St. Peter made his great confession at Caesarea Philippi: *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* And every day, in every Mass, the Church echoes that confession. May we echo it too, not just with our lips, but with our lives. Let us be encouraged by Peter and Paul today. Let us remember that weakness is no barrier to mission. Let us trust that God's plan for us is as real and as purposeful as it was for them. The Lord's grace towards us in our weakness and frailty need never be in vain if we continue to open ourselves to the workings of that grace, as Peter and Paul did.

Thank you, everyone: I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who signed up and faithfully participated in the 40 Hours of Adoration. A heartfelt thanks also goes to all who worked so diligently and prayed for its success. Without your dedication and support, this devotion wouldn't have been as meaningful or effective.

Rosary Intention: For the preservation of religious freedom in our country

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

Monday	June. 30		No Mass:
Tuesday	July. 1	ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm
		ASC.	Confession: 5:45-6:05pm
		ASC.	Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday	July. 2	ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am
		ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
		ST. B.	Adoration: 2:00am-6:00pm
Thursday	July. 3	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
Friday 4th of July	July. 4	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am Parish Offices Closed
Saturday	July. 5	ST. B.	Confession: 4:30pm-4:50pm
		ST. B.	Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday	July. 6	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
		ST. B.	Mass: 10:00am

What is going on in our Parishes
and in the Community



**Mass on July 4th will be at 8:00am
at Ascension.**

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Friday, July 4th in observation
of Independence Day.
We wish you a blessed Holiday.
God Bless American.**

Today is the Peter Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the works of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of the Pope. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be as generous as you are able.

Mission Appeal- July 12 & 13—Fr. Duncan Mwangangi of the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya, will be celebrating Masses at Ascension and St. Bernard parishes the weekend of July 12/13, in support of the Kitui Partnership. The Kitui Partnership is a global solidarity partnership between our Archdiocese and the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya, begun in 2004 in recognition of our shared faith in the Eucharist. The Diocese of Kitui covers an arid and semi-arid rural region that often battles drought and famine, and we are hoping to raise \$20,000 to help fund increased access to clean water, sanitation improvement, and education on best hygiene practices. Funds raised in excess of this amount will go to support the general and administrative work of the partnership. Please cordially welcome Fr. Duncan to our parishes, generously support the Kitui Partnership. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We are looking for volunteers to take Fr. Duncan to dinner on Friday July 11th and after Mass at Ascension on Saturday July 12th. We are also looking for a volunteer to drive him to St. Bernard after the 8am Mass on Sunday July 13th, and back to Ascension after the 10am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report Totals as of 06/15/2025

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,101.92
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	4,523.75
Weekly E-Giving:	1,125.00
Collections Budget YTD:	155,096.00
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 163,725.10
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	8,629.10
Capital Improvement Offering:	255.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	50.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$ 12,175.00



**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!**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN ©LPI

Question: What is the instrument used to sprinkle holy water on the congregation during Mass called?

Answer: The aspergillum.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,121.10
Contributions 06-11 through 6-17-2025	2,543.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	184,692.50
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	12,562.97
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	59.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	159.00
Forward in Faith YTD	38,795.96



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GLAD DAYS--

We will have the St Bernard Booth from Friday--Sunday, Dates July 25, 26, & 27. The Ice Cream Sundae and Bake Sale/Garden Produce will be back! We have three ways to offer your support--donate your tastiest baked goods, work a two hour shift, or come and support our booth.

Our location will be on the west side of the building (asphalt in front of the mural) that has the bathrooms. This event is sponsored by the St Bernard Catholic United group. The booth benefits our faith formation program. Contact: Julie Kleindl 952-807-3522

His Name Hallowed Outdoor Summer Concert

Thursday, July 10, 5-10 p.m.,

Holy Family High School, Victoria.

Join for a night of praise and hope, celebrating faith, friends, and families. Featuring Catholic artists Seph Schlueter and Aly Aleigha. This night is for all ages! Get tickets at eventbrite.com/e/his-name-hallowed-tickets.

Mass Ministry Schedule—July 05 & 06

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	Ava Hanson & Volunteer	Callie Buckentin & Greta Buckentin	Daniel Worm & Isaac Schrupp
Reader	Roger Storms	Colleen Donnay	Julie Kleindl
EMHC	Bernie Shambour	Kathy Kloempken	Andy Kleindl
Ushers	Ralph Laumann & Leo Willems	Justin Buckentin & Paul Lano	Dick Arnst & Leonard Hoen Jr.
Greeters	Volunteer	Pat Johnson	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Dave & Colleen Donnay Grp B: Steve Helget & Curt Wilson	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	June 30		No Mass
Tuesday	July 1 6:15 pm	Ascension	Chris Hellie †
Wednesday	July 2 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Living & Deceased members of the Donna Meuleners Family
Thursday	July 3 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Living & Deceased members of the Donna Meuleners Family
Friday	July 4 8:00 am	Ascension	For Our Country
Saturday	July 5 5:00pm	St. Bernard	Clara Storms † And All Parishioners
Sunday	July 6 8:00 am	Ascension	Dick & Del Lano ††
Sunday	July 6 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauer †

Readings for the week of June 29, 2025

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-9

**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.

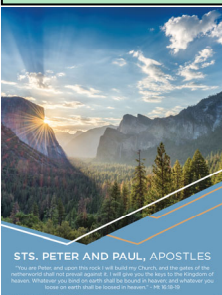
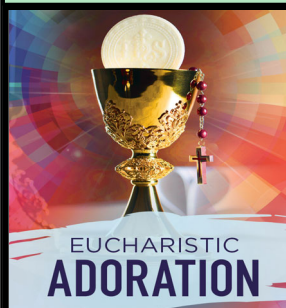
Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00 until 6:00 pm



June 29, 2025 Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church. Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through

violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul? — *Father John Muir* ©LPi