

ASCENSION & SAINT BERNARD

..... CATHOLIC CHURCHES



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

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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

We will be having a special Mass for the Elderly next Sunday, October 18th at the 10am Mass at St. Bernard, with a special Linger Longer to follow. All are invited from both Parishes! We will also be having Anointing of the Sick at the Mass.

Next weekend we will be celebrating World Mission Sunday, the annual Sunday where Catholics around the world come together in Prayer, reflection, and giving, for mission and evangelization. We will be having a second collection that will go towards furthering the Mission of the Catholic Church. Please be as generous as possible.

OCTOBER 10TH AND 11TH, 2026 | 28TH LITURGICAL SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship: Our Faithful Response to God's Invitation

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

During the month of October, we are reflecting on the subject of stewardship in a special way. Stewardship is a loving and faithful response to God's gifts to us. Everything we have comes from him and is entrusted to us for a purpose: to love God, to serve others, and to build his kingdom. This understanding of stewardship is beautifully reflected in today's readings. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about a king who prepares a wedding banquet for his son. The king sends his servants to invite the guests: "Come to the feast." (*Matthew 22:1-10*) But many of those invited refuse the invitation. Some are too busy with their farms and businesses; others simply do not want to come.

The king does not give up. He sends his servants again and eventually opens the doors of the banquet to everyone. This parable is much more than a story about a king and a wedding feast. It is a story about God's invitation to salvation. God has given us not only an invitation but also everything we need to respond to that invitation through his son Jesus. And this is where stewardship becomes so important. God has given each of us gifts. He has given us time. He has given us talents and abilities. He has given us relationships, opportunities, material resources, and the gift of faith. These are not merely possessions to keep for ourselves. They are gifts entrusted to us so that we can use them for God's glory and for the good of others.

The question of stewardship is therefore not simply, "How much should I give?" The deeper question is: "How is God asking me to use what he has given me?" Stewardship begins when we recognize that everything belongs to God and that we are simply entrusted with his gifts. Saint Paul gives us a beautiful perspective in today's second reading. He assures us: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (*Philippians 4:19*) What a beautiful promise! Christian stewardship is ultimately an act of trust. When we give, serve, and share, we are saying, 'Lord, I trust You. Everything I have comes from You, and You will continue to provide what I truly need.'

As a parish family, we are called to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We express that love through our participation in the Mass and the sacraments, through prayer, through service to one another, and through the generous sharing of our time, talent, and treasure. The goal of stewardship is not simply to make our parish stronger or our ministries more successful. The deeper goal is to become faithful disciples of Jesus and to prepare ourselves for the eternal banquet that God has prepared for us. One day, the Lord will invite us to the greatest banquet of all—the banquet of eternal life. Let us open our hearts to God's invitation. Let us place God first in our lives. Let us generously share the blessings he has entrusted to us, and let us walk together as a parish family toward the heavenly banquet.

Yours in Christ,

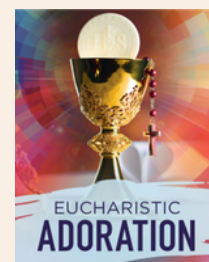
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

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:

"That our community may grow in faith through active and joyful stewardship."

Ascension Mass Intentions

TUESDAY: 6:15pm- For all Parishioners
FRIDAY: 8:00am- Father Abraham's Intention
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- **Mass at St. Bernard**
SUNDAY: 8:00am - Dolores Bohlinger +

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 09/27/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,211.54
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	1,031.00
Weekly E-Giving:	540.00
Collections Budget YTD:	\$ 41,750.02
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 31,035.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	\$ (10,715.02)
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- Communion Service
THURSDAY: 8:00am- Communion Service
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- Benjamin Jenkins + & All Parishioners
SUNDAY: 10:00am- Clarissa Wickenhauser +



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure Totals as of 09/27/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	3,500.00
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	1,560.00
Weekly E-Giving:	466.50
Collection Budget YTD:	45,500.00
Actual Collection YTD:	39,382.75
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	(6,117.25)
Capital Improvement Offering:	155.00
Capital Improvement E-Giving	125.50
Capital Improvement YTD:	3,779.50



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Saint Bernard News



Welcome to the Catholic Church, Adilynn Marie Willems, who was baptized at St. Bernard on Sunday, September 27th.
Congradulations to the Willem's Family!

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 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 **Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32 **Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41 **Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46 **Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54 **Friday:** Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7 **Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12 **Next Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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.