

ASCENSION & SAINT BERNARD

..... CATHOLIC CHURCHES



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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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

Last chance to sign up for the Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI! Join us Saturday, October 3rd for a day 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 brining 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 26TH AND 27TH, 2026 | 26TH LITURGICAL SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saying Yes with Our Lives

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons (Matthew 21:28-32). A father asks both of his sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says, “No,” but later changes his mind and goes. The second son says, “Yes,” but never goes. This parable was primarily intended to expose the hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees. The first son, who initially refuses but later repents, represents the tax collectors, public sinners, and Gentiles. The second son represents the chief priests and elders of the Jews, who maintain an outward appearance of piety but fail to make a genuine commitment to doing the will of God.

At its heart, this is a parable about obedience and disobedience. It is about changing one’s mind in a positive way, but also in a negative way. Fundamentally, it is about the choices we make in life. Neither of the two sons is completely satisfactory. Both disappoint their father. The first son was late in doing his father’s will, but he was not too late. He eventually changed his mind and went. This son had a real counterpart in St. Augustine. His early life was, in many ways, a blunt refusal to follow the Gospel. In his *Confessions*, Augustine openly acknowledges his sins and his long resistance to God’s grace. Eventually, at the age of thirty-three, his refusal turned into a committed “yes” to God. He famously wrote, “Late have I loved Thee, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved Thee.”

Jesus himself is the perfect example of doing the Father’s will. He gave an unconditional “yes” to God the Father. He not only said “yes,” as the second son did, but unlike him, Jesus faithfully did what he promised. Today’s second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians, 2:6-9, gives us a beautiful description of Jesus’ complete obedience and self-emptying love. Though he was in the form of God, he humbled himself and became obedient, even to death on a cross.

How often do we say “yes” to God but find ourselves slow to follow through? We may say that we want to pray more, forgive someone, serve our neighbor, or become more involved in the life of our parish. We may have good intentions, but intentions alone do not transform our lives. The Lord invites us to put our faith into action.

The first son reminds us that it is never too late to change our minds and turn back to God. Perhaps we have said “no” to God in the past. Perhaps we have neglected prayer, carried resentment in our hearts, or allowed ourselves to become distant from the Church. The good news is that God does not give up on us. A change of heart, even one that comes late, is precious in his eyes.

The vineyard is still waiting. There is work for each of us to do: encouraging someone who is struggling, caring for a family member, volunteering, praying for those in need, or simply offering kindness to someone who feels forgotten. The question is not simply whether we have said “yes” to God. The more important question is whether our “yes” is reflected in the way we live.

Yours in Christ,

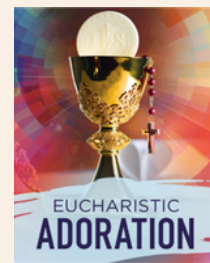
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

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 the spiritual fruitfulness of our parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse.”

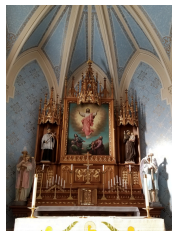
Ascension Mass Intentions

TUESDAY: 6:15pm- Pope Leo XIV
FRIDAY: 8:00am- Mass of Reparation
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- **Mass at St. Bernard**
SUNDAY: 8:00am - LeRoy E. Brown +

Ascension News

There will be the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, October 24th after the 5pm Mass.

Join us next Sunday after the 8am Mass for Donut Sunday hosted by the Ascension KC's!



Ascension Weekly Collection Report Totals as of 09/13/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,211.54
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	1,574.00
Weekly E-Giving:	790.00
Collections Budget YTD:	\$ 35,326.94
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 25,513.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	\$ (9,813.94)
Capital Improvement Offering:	65.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	50.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$ 2,803.00



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- George & Delaine Wolff ++
THURSDAY: 8:00am- The Glen Wickenhauser Family
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- Richard Paul + & All Parishioners
SUNDAY: 10:00am- Duane Wickenhauser +



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure Totals as of 09/13/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	3,500.00
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	4,203.00
Weekly E-Giving:	185.00
Collection Budget YTD:	38,500.00
Actual Collection YTD:	34,601.25
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	(3,898.75)
Capital Improvement Offering:	160.00
Capital Improvement E-Giving	54.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	3,219.00



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Thank you for your generosity

Saint Bernard News

We will have a special Mass for the Elderly on Sunday, October 18th at the 10am Mass. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception after Mass.

Reminder St. Bernard Families to pick up your raffle tickets for the Soup Social in the Narthex!

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 27, 2026

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 **Monday:** Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51 **Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62 **Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12 **Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10 **Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24 **Next Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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.