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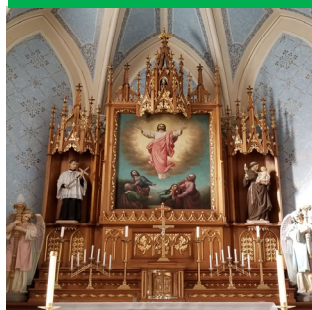
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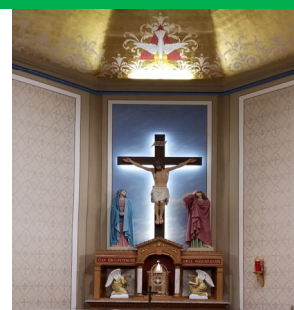
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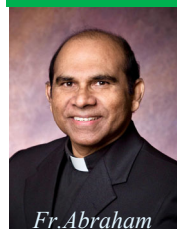
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The Dedication Of The Lateran Basilica – November 8 & 9, 2025



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the Cathedral of Rome and thus the Pope's own cathedral. It is the episcopal seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Pope, and is therefore called *"the mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world."* The basilica is known as St. John Lateran because the land on which it was built was donated by the *Laterani* family, and it was dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

The readings for this feast invite us to reflect on the mysteries of our faith: on Christ himself as the Temple, and on ourselves as the Temple of God, members of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Today's gospel (John 2:13–22) gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus refers to the temple as *"my Father's house."* When Jesus cleanses the Temple, he expresses his reverence for the place where God meets his people. The invisible God manifests his presence in visible signs recognizable by faith is at the heart of biblical revelation. God dwelt among his people in the Ark of the Covenant, leading them through the wilderness, and later in the Temple of Jerusalem.

In Jesus Christ, this revelation reaches its climax. When he declares, *"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up,"* his listeners misunderstand him as speaking of the physical temple. Only after the Resurrection did his disciples realize that he was referring to the temple of his body.

Christ's body is the new and eternal temple, promised in the Messianic age. His body, in turn, is identified with the Church and with each member of the Church. In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us: *"You are God's temple, and the Spirit of God dwells in you"* (1 Corinthians 3:16). This is both a privilege and a call to keep our lives pure and holy as the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. It is fitting, then, that today's Gospel recounts the cleansing of the Temple. This story calls us to examine our own hearts and lives, to ensure that we keep our inner "temple" worthy of God's presence.

This feast reminds us of certain key truths: *Firstly*, the Church is a holy place, a house of prayer where God dwells among his people. *Secondly*, the Church is a community of believers, built on Christ, who is both its foundation and head. *Thirdly*, we ourselves are temples of God, called to recognize and nurture the Spirit's presence, allowing him to renew every part of our lives. And *finally*, we are united as Roman Catholics, in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the successor of St. Peter, and thus remain one family in faith and love.

May this feast renew in us a deep reverence for the Church, a love for Christ who is our true temple, and a renewed commitment to live as holy temples of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI

Pastor

Rosary Intention: For all veterans, who made sacrifices in serving our country.

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	Nov. 10		No Mass:
Tuesday	Nov. 11	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday	Nov. 12	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00pm-6:00pm
Thursday	Nov. 13	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
Friday	Nov. 14	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
Saturday	Nov. 15	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Adoration: 4:30pm Confession: 4:30pm-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm Linger Longer
Sunday	Nov. 16	ASC. ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 9:30am Mass: 10:00am Linger Longer

What is going on in our Parishes
and in the Community

Stewardship Renewal:

Thank you to everyone who completed the Stewardship Ministry Form. If you have not already done so, there are some forms in the pews or back radiators of Ascension or kiosk at St. Bernard. Please return it by November 17th in the basket in the back of church.

Thanksgiving Mass will be at Ascension this year at 9:00am.

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root cause of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is committed to helping those who are victims of abuse or victimization from someone representing the Catholic Church. If you, or if you suspect someone, is a Victim, please reach out to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 651-291-4475 or go to our website under the contact page for a link for recourses.

Faith Formation Update:

We are happy to report that CUF received \$440. from the coffee sales and \$60.60 from the sales at the Elephant Joe's truck last Sunday. Thanks to everyone that made our sale successful!

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report Totals as of 10/26/2025

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,182.70
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	5,099.00
Weekly E-Giving:	,,,720.00
Collections Budget YTD:	54,105.90
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 53,285.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	\$,(820.90)
Capital Improvement Offering:	30.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	,,75.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$ 3,475.00



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!

November is Food Insecurity Awareness Month. The SW Carver County Food Shelf is grateful for all food and monetary donations. Suggested items at this time include: baked beans, salmon, beef gravy, alfredo sauce, tomato paste, canned whole potatoes, various canned beans, Ramen noodles (chicken flavored). Donations can be left in the church entry. Thank you.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,476.33
Contributions 10-22 through 10-28-2025	2,166.50
Total Actual Collection YTD	55,044.19
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	19.81
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	459.00
Electronic Donations	162.50
Forward in Faith Total	621.50
Forward in Faith YTD	3,854.50



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We are looking for a few individuals who would be willing to help go through the St. Bernard School Building and catalog items. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Word of Life—"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own."

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
"Living Radical Solidarity"

Pray daily for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Mass Ministry Schedule November 15 & 16

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Kathy Kloempken	Pam Kunkel
Servers	Evelynn McInnis & Elijah McInnis	Brianna Duenow & Nathan Duenow	Emma Panning & Isaac Schrupp
Reader	Joyce Schwartz	Sue Tellers	Mary Sue Thaemert
EMHC	Carol Hoen	Irene Yaeck	Meghan Stusynski
Ushers	Tom Dahl & Ralph Laumann	Eugene Dvorak & Tom Lano	Dick Arnst & Leonard Hoen Jr.
Greeters	Judy Glander	Pat Johnson	Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Dave & Ann Dettmann Grp B: Richard & Sue Tellers	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Nov. 10		No Mass
Tuesday	Nov. 11 6:15 pm	ASC.	Pope Leo XIV
Wednesday	Nov. 12 8:00 am	ST. B.	Merlyn & Margaret Eiden †† & Living & Deceased members of the Eiden Family
Thursday	Nov. 13 8:00 am	ST. B.	Vernon Walter †
Friday	Nov. 14 8:00 am	ASC.	Fr. Abraham's Intention
Saturday	Nov. 15 5:00 pm	ASC.	Dale Schmitz † And All Parishioners
Sunday	Nov. 16 8:00 am	ASC.	Leo Pouliot †
Sunday	Nov. 16 10:00 am	ST. B.	Marcy Wickenhauser †

Readings for the week of Nov. 9, 2025

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 **Tuesday:** Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10 **Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19 **Thursday:** Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25 **Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37 **Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

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.

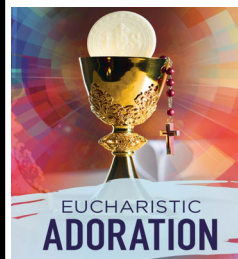
Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

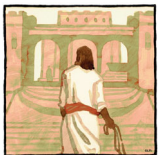
St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00pm until 6:00 pm



November 9, 2025

John 2:13-22



When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up"** (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi