

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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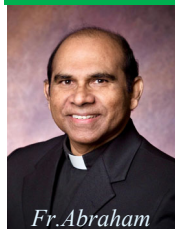
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## Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time – November 2 & 3, 2024



Fr. Abraham

### Understanding the Holy Mass – 7

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

#### 2) The Eucharistic Prayer.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In this prayer, the priest acts in the person of Christ as head of his body, the Church. He offers/ gathers/ not only the bread and the wine, but ourselves, our lives, our individual efforts to grow more like Christ, our efforts as a community to spread God's Word, and to serve others, to the Father in union with Christ's perfect sacrifice.

The priest offers the Eucharistic Prayer in the first-person plural, for example, "Therefore, O Lord, *we* humbly implore you..." This "we" signifies that all the baptized present at the Eucharistic celebration make the sacrificial offering in union with Christ, and pray the Eucharistic Prayer in union with him. It is a perfect praise and thanksgiving to the Father.

There are **four principal Eucharistic Prayers** in Roman Missal.

**a) Eucharistic Prayer I**, is also known as the *Roman Canon*. It is an ancient text, having existed since the mid-fourth century. It was the only Eucharistic Prayer used at Mass in the West between 1570 and 1970. It is especially suited to certain feast days that have special formulae assigned within it, Holy Thursday, Christmas, Easter, etc

**b) Eucharistic Prayer II**, is inspired from an ancient Eucharistic Prayer called the Anaphora of Hippolytus from the 3rd or 4th centuries. Because of its conciseness and comparative simplicity, it is suited for use on weekdays or in special circumstances. It is also suited for use at Masses for the Dead as it has a special formulary for such Masses. Although it is provided with its own Preface, it may also be used with other Prefaces, especially those that sum up the mystery of salvation, for example, the Common Prefaces.

**c) Eucharistic Prayer III**, was composed after the Second Vatican Council. Its use should be preferred on Sundays and festive days. It may also be used in Masses for the Dead as it also has a special formula for deceased.

**d) Eucharistic Prayer IV**, was also composed after Vatican II and includes a rather detailed summary of the history of salvation. It is based on Eastern Eucharistic Prayers (*Anaphorae*), especially that of St. Basil the Great. It has an invariable preface, it may be used when a Mass has no preface of its own and on Sundays in Ordinary Time. There are nine other Eucharistic Prayers that are not as commonly used. These include three Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children, two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and finally four Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions.

### Stewardship is an Expression of Gratitude.

This year, we focus on Mass and Eucharist as the part of the Synod Evangelisation process. Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'. Stewardship is an expression of our gratitude to God and for all the gifts and blessing received from the Almighty. Our gratitude for these many gifts can be expressed through our prayer, worship, offerings and action.

As God's faithful stewards, we are called to stewardship as a way of life by actively participating in the Eucharistic celebration and other Sacraments, prayerfully discerning how God has uniquely gifted us. Your gifts make it possible to continue and expand the spiritual, sacramental and social outreach ministries at our parish.

Please prayerfully consider sharing generously your time, talent and treasure for our parish community. I ask you to join your fellow parishioners by returning your completed Stewardship Commitment Card by mail or at Mass by November 17, 2024. I thank each of you for the gifts of yourselves and sharing the blessings with the parish community. You are the Church, and together we will build up God's kingdom on earth and answer His call to discipleship. I am also grateful to the Stewardship Committee for this great ministry, and all their hard work to promote stewardship life in our parish community.

**Rosary Intension:** 'Eternal Rest for all the Faithful Departed.'

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

<b>Monday</b>	Nov. 4		No Mass:
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nov. 5	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Nov. 6	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. ASC.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm Faith Formation:
<b>Thursday</b>	Nov. 7	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
<b>Friday</b>	Nov. 8	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
<b>Saturday</b>	Nov. 9	ASC. ASC.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Nov. 10	ASC. ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Mass: 10:00am

### What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

Please return your response to the Stewardship mailing by November 17th. These can be dropped off to the Parish Office or mailed back.

The Annual Parish Reports are now available. A summary is available to be picked up at each Parish and a full report can be requested and received by contacting the Parish Office at 952-467-3351. We thank you for your support and donations during the 2023-24 Fiscal Year!

The theme for year 2 of the Synod is the Mass. A small group will be meeting and will be viewing "The Mass" videos by Bishop Robert Barron along with discussion and prayer. The group will be meeting every Monday from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Ascension Church Faith Formation Room #8, now through November 25th. All are welcome to join at any time. See last weeks insert on our Website under Bulletins for more information.

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening November 21, 2024, and ends Sunday evening November 24, 2024. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com)

"Treasure of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis" (550 pages with pictures and history of the Archdiocese & Parishes) \$36.00 and "The Illustrated History of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis" (Graphic children's book presentation of the history) \$16.00. These books are available to order. Please sign up BEFORE November 9th. Sign up sheets available at each parish.

## Church of Ascension

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 10/20/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,101.92
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,079.00
Weekly E-Giving:	230.00
Collections Budget YTD:	49,630.72
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 45,262.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(4,368.72)
Capital Improvement Offering:	10.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	20.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$3,885.00



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!

Ascension is at 83% of their Catholic Services Appeal goal. We need an additional \$1,684 to reach our goal. Our Parish receives funds back once we have reach our goal, so please prayerfully consider donating.

## Church of St. Bernard

### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,476.00
Contributions 10-16 through 10-22-2024	4,480.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	47,665.25
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(4,000.27)
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	50 00
Electronic Donations	361.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>411.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>6,671.00</b>
World Mission Sunday Collection	543.00



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St. Bernard is at 83% of their Catholic Services Appeal Goal. We need an additional \$1,825 to reach our goal. Our Parish receives funds back once we have reach our goal, so please prayerfully consider donating.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to put on the Soup Social! It was a successful event and could not have happened without the generosity of time and talent of so many.

**THANK YOU!!**

## Faith Formation Update:

All 3rd-12th graders interested in becoming Alter Servers are invited to attend training on Wednesday, November 6th, during the second session of Faith Formation. This training is for both Ascension and St. Bernard parishioners. We are always in need of Servers, so please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

## Mass Ministry Schedule—November 9 & 10

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Hailey Stender & Payton Stender	Jayden Michels & Caleb Michels	Lexy Allison & Luke Allison
Reader	Jean Schmitz	Colleen Donnay	Sarah Foley
EMHC	Jim Mulville	Steve Lemmer	Pam Kunkel
Ushers	Steve Schrupp & Curt Wilson	Richard Tellers & Don Whitaker	Vern Elke & Brian Vos
Greeters	Cathleen Williams	Janet Fahey	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Rich & Sue Tellers	

Mass Times Intentions			
Monday	Nov. 4		No Mass
Tuesday	Nov. 5 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension	For Those on our Prayer Chain
Wednesday	Nov. 6 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Nancy Sinnen †
Thursday	Nov. 7 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Donna Meuleners †
Friday	Nov. 8 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	Fr. Abraham's Intention
Saturday	Nov. 9 <b>5:00 pm</b>	Ascension	For All Parishioners
Sunday	Nov. 10 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	Jerry and Jeanne Kreger
Sunday	Nov. 10 <b>10:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	The deceased members of the Bernard Mohrbacher Family

### 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.

**Readings for the week of Nov. 3, 2024**  
**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34 **Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24 **Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33 **Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10 **Friday:** Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** 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  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

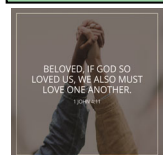
**Bulletin copy is due by  
Thursdays @ NOON  
for the bulletin  
two weekends out;  
St. Bernard copy must be emailed  
to:  
bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and  
pquinn55322@hotmail.com  
Ascension copy must be emailed to:  
busadmin@ascensionnya.org.  
All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or  
brought to the Parish office at St.  
Bernard or Ascension. These are due  
Thursday of  
the weekend needed.**



### Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension  
Every Tuesday  
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard  
Every Wednesday  
2:00 until 6:00 pm



### November 3, 2024 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, **“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’”** Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with **“all your mind.”** Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi