ASCENSION & SAINT BERNARD

CATHOLIC CHURCHES



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

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Featured News

Next weekend we will be having a second collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. Please be as generous as you are able!

Keep Our Lamps Burning

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1–13) is one of the most thought-provoking teachings of Jesus. Through the story of ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom, Jesus reminds us of an important truth: we must always be prepared to meet the Lord.

Five are wise and bring extra oil for their lamps, while five are foolish and come unprepared. When the bridegroom is delayed, all ten grow weary and fall asleep. But at midnight, the announcement comes: "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" The wise virgins are ready, but the foolish ones find themselves unprepared. When the bridegroom arrives, those who are ready enter the wedding feast, and the door is shut.

What does this parable mean for us today? The bridegroom represents Christ, and the wedding feast points toward the joy of being united with him in his Kingdom. The lamps symbolize our lives of faith, while the oil reminds us of the spiritual preparation that sustains our relationship with God. We keep our lamps burning through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, repentance, forgiveness, acts of charity, and a faithful commitment to the Gospel.

Jesus is teaching us that we must be prepared, even when his coming seems delayed or when life becomes difficult. We may sometimes postpone our spiritual commitments, thinking that there will always be time to pray, forgive an old hurt, help a person in need, or return wholeheartedly to God. Yet the Gospel gently reminds us that we should not put off until tomorrow the good we can do today. The oil of our spiritual life cannot simply be borrowed from someone else. Each of us must personally nurture our relationship with the Lord.

As a parish community, we can help one another keep our lamps burning. An active participation in the parish life, a visit to the sick, a helping hand to a struggling family, a sincere act of forgiveness, or a prayer offered for someone who is suffering can bring the light of Christ into another person's life. We cannot live another person's faith for them, but we can encourage one another along the journey.

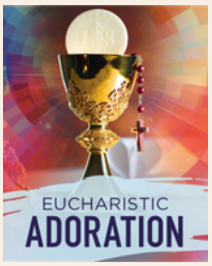
Jesus concludes the parable with these words: "*Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour*." This is not a warning intended to frighten us, but an invitation to live each day with purpose, hope, and spiritual attentiveness. We do not know when we will meet the Lord face to face, but we can prepare for that day by welcoming him into our hearts today. The parable invites us to ask ourselves: If Christ called me to meet him today, would I be ready? May we not wait until tomorrow to deepen our faith or share Christ's love. May we use the time God gives us wisely, keeping our hearts open and our lamps burning brightly.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

What is going on in our community

Church of the Ascension is partnering with Citizens State bank of Norwood and the Minnesota Department of Commerce to offer a fraud presentation on Tuesday, November 17th at 10:00am in the Ascension Social Hall. The presentation will go over how attendees can protect themselves from fraud and financial exploitation and what red flags to look for, as well as resources for victims and how to report fraud. This is open to parishioners from both Parishes as well as members in our community. Please RSVP to the Church Office if you would like to attend.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



ASCENSION
EVERY TUESDAY
3:00PM UNTIL 06:00PM

ST. BRNARD
EVERY WEDNESDAY
2:00PM UNTIL 6:00PM

Rosary Intention:

"For all Veterans, who made sacrifices in serving our country."

Ascension Mass Intentions

TUESDAY: 6:15pm- Pope Leo XIV
FRIDAY: 8:00am- Father Abraham's Intention
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- Dorlores Bohlinger +
SUNDAY: 8:00am - Rita & Leo Gestach + +



Ascension Weekly Collection Report
Totals as of 10/25/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	**$** 3,211.54
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	3,906.00
Weekly E-Giving:	740.00
Collections Budget YTD:	$ 54,596.18
Actual Collection YTD:	**$ 43,003.00**
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	**$ (11,593.18)**

Capital Improvement Offering:	105.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	75.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	$ **4,184.00**

Ascension News

November is a critical month for food shelves as they prepare for the winter and upcoming holidays. Support our local food shelf by leaving donations in the Ascension church entry or delivering directly to **SW Carver County Food Shelf,** at 10 First Ave. NE, NYA. For volunteer opportunities, call Linda at (952) 467-1870 or Pam at (952)-240-5004. A list of most needed items can be found on the bulletin board in the entryway!

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- Amber Czech +
THURSDAY: 8:00am- Merlyn & Margaret Eiden ++
SATURDAY: 5:00pm- **Mass at Ascension**
SUNDAY: 10:00am- Vernon Walter + & all Parishioners



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure
Totals as of 10/25/2026

Weekly Operating Budget:	**$** 3,500.00
Weekly Envelopes/Plate	1,700.00
Weekly E-Giving:	613.88
Collection Budget YTD:	$ 59,500.00
Actual Collection YTD:	**$ 56,317.49**
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD	**$ (3,182.51)**

Capital Improvement Offering:	35.00
Capital Improvement E-Giving	145.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	**$ 4,468.00**

Saint Bernard News

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped with the 2026 Soup Social! Thank you to the committee who helped plan and coordinate it, everyone who made the delicious soup, baked for the farmer's market, donated silent auction items, and sold raffle tickets.
And finally thank you to everyone who came out to support Saint Bernard by eating lunch, purchasing baked goods, bidding on auction items, purchasing raffle tickets. We appreciate your support!

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Faith Formation Updates

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Family Mass: (no class and no meal)
- November 18th 6:30pm

Thanksgiving Break: No Class on 25th!

Readings for the week of November 8, 2026

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13 **Monday:** 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 **Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27 & 29/Lk 17:7-10 **Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19 **Thursday:** Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25 **Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37 **Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8 **Next Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

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.