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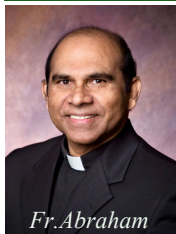


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Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time June 13, 2021



Fr. Abraham

The Kingdom of God

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

July 1st marks end of dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation.

On June 3rd the Catholic bishops of Minnesota announced that the Sunday Mass obligation will return the weekend of July 3-4. We invite you to return to Mass, if you have not already. With the Governor's Executive Order 21-21, we have room to welcome everyone home to Ascension and St Bernard. I believe, you have already received the welcome letter from the pastor and the parish leadership. We are excited to see you.

The readings for this Sunday are about the growth of the Kingdom of God and about the growth of the Church from very humble beginnings. Both growths are slow and mysterious, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The first reading, taken from Ezekiel 17:22-24, is a messianic prophecy. Nebuchadnezzar removed Jehoiachin from the throne and took him into exile. But God is more powerful than Nebuchadnezzar and in due course brought back to Zion in order for it to grow in the city of God. The Gospel (Mark 4:26-34) tells us too of the power that God gives the seed to grow to reach full maturity. Jesus compares the growth of the kingdom of God to the sprouting of a wheat seed and that of a tiny mustard seed. Both have very small beginnings. The wheat seeds, by gradual but steady growth help the farmer to get a bumper crop. In the same way, the life principle in a tiny mustard seed enables it to grow into a large bush. The reign of God in human hearts and the growth of the Church in the world also have small beginnings. But the Source of all life, God the Holy Spirit, gives to both a steady and persistent growth.

With the coming of Christ, the kingdom of God was inaugurated. Jesus sows the seed of God's word in our hearts, that we may bear great fruit for his kingdom. The Kingdom of God is the growth of God's rule in human hearts. It occurs when man does the will of God and surrenders his life to God. The seed of faith lies dormant within each of us. When we say words of love and encouragement, deeds of charity, mercy and forgiveness, we will bear much fruits for his kingdom. When we permit the Holy Spirit to nurture it, it grows miraculously. As we learn God's will from his words and try to put these words into practice, we participate in the growth of God's kingdom on earth which will be completed in our heavenly life.

The Second Vatican Council described the Church as "the seed" of the kingdom (LG 5). In the Nicene Creed we proclaim that "we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church." The Church began tiny, insignificant, but she has certainly put out branches. No other institution has had such an impact on the world. Because the Church is the Body of Christ, who is its head (CCC 792), in whom all the individual members are united with each other (CCC 788), and which is joined to Christ as bride to bridegroom (CCC 796). The Church has suffered from persecutions, internal dogmatic fights and scandals. The Church grew and will grow to its fullness, despite all obstacles. God gives his Church growth. As St. Paul tells the Corinthians in today's second reading (2 Cor 5:6-10), "we walk by faith, not by sight." May we always stay united to Church so God might work the miracle of His growth through us.

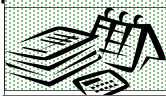
Yours in Christ,
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 bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and
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All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or a paper copy brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension.



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

All events cancelled until further notice.

"It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through Trial and Suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection." *Bp. Fulton Sheen*

Hallelujah!! The Mass Dispensation has been LIFTED.

We were notified by the Archdiocese on June 3rd that the dispensation for attending Sunday Masses will be lifted. "Now, as the pandemic subsides, and public gathering restrictions and safety protocols are lifted, it is time to gather as the Body of Christ once again. Therefore, the bishops and diocesan administrators of the Minnesota Catholic Conference have decided to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation beginning the weekend of July 3-4, 2021." To view the full letter, go to archspm.org/covid19/ If you haven't already, you will be receiving a letter shortly from our parish's leadership welcoming everyone back and outlining some changes to Mass times and schedules. Jesus tells us, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

Pray for the Synod

Thursday, June 17, 7 p.m. at St. Pius V, 410 Colvill St. W., Cannon Falls

All are invited to pray for our Archdiocesan Synod in this special way! Each month between now and Pentecost 2022, a different parish in our Archdiocese will host a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for the first daily Mass and holy hour with lectio divina prayer at St. Pius V in Cannon Falls!

Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute — School of Discipleship

Tuesdays, June 22-August 3 and Saturday, September 25 at St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park or via **Livestream.**

Taught by Jeff Cavins, this course is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. In this 7-week course, students become "activated disciples" and embark on a guided 40-day discipleship challenge to help put what they learn into practice. The course culminates with an interactive seminar with Dr. Mary Healy. The cost for the course, materials, and seminar is \$125. Sign up with a friend and get a discount! For more information visit semssp/ci.

Rural Life Sunday Mass

Sunday, June 27, 10:30 a.m., Church of Saint Patrick, 7525 Dodd Road, Shieldsville

Please join the parishioners from St. Patrick's Parish and others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. The Mass will be celebrated outdoors in the parking lot with Archbishop Hebda presiding.

Attendees can remain in their vehicles or bring lawn chairs. Refreshments and a to-go snack will be served after Mass. Restrooms (outdoor and indoor) are available and the church grounds are handicap accessible. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held indoors at St. Patrick's church.

For more details, including a flyer with a map and directions, and a livestream link visit archspm.org/events. Questions? Contact the Office of Parish and Clergy Services at 651.290.1647.

Word of Life — "It is so hard to express in words what a unique experience adoption has been for us. It has been quite a journey facing infertility, as well as so many unknowns and acts of kindness and sacrifice—all with so many emotions—which led to the growth of our family. There were times when our faith was shaken and we weren't sure if we could handle our cross. But adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activites
 "An Adoption Love Story"



"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds of the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." Mark 4:31-32

Spiritual Resources!

TV: Diocese of St. Cloud: Sun., 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45;—Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sun., 11:30 AM. on Fox 9+;— Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sun., Noon on Fox 9+ (Dish/Direct 29, Comcast 10/807; Over Air 9.2);—EWTN: 7:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM.

Radio: Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sun. at noon, and at 9 a.m. — EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live

Please pray the Rosary daily for our nation, our world, an end to Abortion and an end to the Coronavirus.

The following is a list of a few TV and Radio stations that air the Rosary.
TV:EWTN: 6:30am, After the TV Mass at Approximately 8:00am.; 2:30pm.; 8:30pm.

Catholic TV Network: 2:00 am; 9:00am; 5:30pm Nuvera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21

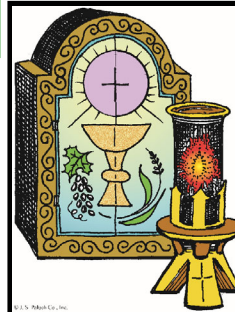
Radio: Revelant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. "Family Rosary across America"

Mass Ministry Schedule - June 19-20, 2021

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sat. 8:00 pm	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice	Patricia Quinn
Servers	JMT Member			
Reader	JMT Member			Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	JMT Member			Volunteer
Ushers	JMT Member			Volunteer
Greeters	Suspended until further notice			Suspended until further notice
Homebound Ministers	Sue Tellers & Volunteer			Barb Knorr & Volunteers

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	June 14	No Mass	
Tuesday	June 15 6:15 pm	Ascension	† No Mass
Wednesday	June 16 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Communion Service
Thursday	June 17 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Communion Service
Friday	June 18 6:15 pm	Ascension	Bob † & Sharon Polingo
Saturday	June 19 5:00 pm	Ascension	Living and Deceased Members of Mathias & Gertrude Fick Family
Sunday	June 20 10:00 am	St. Bernard	† Robert Arnst & All Parishioners



Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Bernard
Every Wednesday
2:00 pm until 7:00 pm

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

By appointment with Father.
Call 952-856-1050

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS June 14 – June 20, 2021

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;
 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,027.27
Contributions 05-26 through 05-31-21	4,886.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	179,208.79
YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget	8,540.12
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	0.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	100.00
Forward in Faith YTD	33,444.12

Did you know you can have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking or savings account?
 For more information call the parish office 952-466-2031, or visit www.st-bernard-cologne.org

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 5/30/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,115.38
Contributions:	1,610.00
E-Giving:	270.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	149,538.24
Actual Collection YTD:	139,306.30
CUF-KC December Match:	7,500.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(2,731.94)
Capital Improvement Offering:	40.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	65.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	8,765.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnva.org
 Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.