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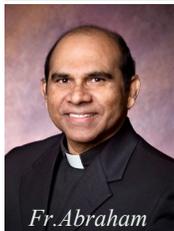


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Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time June 27, 2021



Fr. Abraham

Jesus, the Source of Life and Healing

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The gospel reading (Mark 5:21-43) for 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time is about Jesus as the giver of life. It consists of two related stories, with one inside the other, a typical feature of Mark's gospel known as 'inclusion'. Jesus is approached by one of the synagogue officials, called Jairus. He wants Jesus to come and lay his hands on her daughter who is seriously ill and save her life. So, Jesus sets out for Jairus' house and is followed by a huge crowd.

It is at this point that the second story begins. A woman who has suffered a hemorrhage for 12 years is in the crowd. She believed that if she could just touch his cloak it would be enough for her to be healed. In fact, the moment she touched Jesus' clothes she was healed. Jesus, the resurrection and the life, has restored her to fullness of life. Not only is she physically cured but she is fully restored to a normal social life. But it was her deep faith in Jesus that was a major factor in her healing. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you."

We now move back to our first story. Just as Jesus finishes with the woman, Jairus is told that his daughter has died and that there is no need to bother Jesus any longer. Jesus, however, insists on going. He says wonderful words of consolation which we all need to hear him saying often in our own lives, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Jesus goes into the house and takes the girl by the hands and tells her: "Little girl, I tell you to get up." And the girl immediately got up and walked around quite normally.

Jesus did these miracles as rewards for the trusting faith of a Synagogue official and of a woman with a hemorrhage. Both of these stories reveal Jesus as the source of life and healing. As the First Reading (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24) says, "God does not rejoice in the destruction of the living." The Book of Wisdom tells us, "God made us imperishable he made us in the image of his own nature." All of us, in some way or another, are constantly in need of God's healing touch. We pray for healing which will give us health in every aspect of our lives, and not just in our bodies.

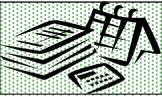
Jesus wants to help us. He is ready to heal us. He is saying, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." My love is right here with you. Both people in today's gospel trusted Jesus. But both of them realized that they must do more than just trust Jesus. They must go a step farther. The women came to Jesus and touched the clothes of Jesus and was healed. Since Jairus' daughter is seriously sick, he came to Jesus and requested Jesus to come and touch her. Let us bring to Jesus our bodily illness and spiritual wounds and ask Jesus for his healing touch.

Let us ask Jesus the Lord of life to help us reach that level of health, wholeness and holiness to which he is calling us. Let us also thank God for the great gift of health and use it for helping those who are sick and less fortunate than us. As followers of Christ, we need to continue the healing mission. We are called to have compassion for the hurting. We do our share of Christ's healing mission by visiting the sick, by praying for their healing, and by boosting their confidence with our loving words of encouragement. Thus, we may enable them to experience the compassion of Jesus.

For the past 16 months, we have had a dispensation to attend Sunday Mass because of the pandemic. The Archbishop Hebda announced the **July 1st will mark the end of the dispensation.** All are welcome to join the community for the celebration of the holy Mass.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Mon. July 5th—offices closed.

WHY BOTHER?

So Mark seems to be asking us: Like Jairus on his way home or like the woman after twelve years, will we wonder, why bother? Or keep walking in faith with Jesus? Is a silent touch of Jesus' garment—a quiet prayer of faith—enough for us? In the face of apparent hopelessness, will we choose faith over despair despite the ridicule of the crowd, remembering that Jesus has grasped us by the hand in baptism and commanded us to rise? Note the Gospel's ending: after bidding Jairus' daughter rise, Jesus commands that she be given something to eat (5:43). So, too, Jesus invites us now to feast at his eucharistic sacrifice and banquet!

Please join our banquet! The new Weekend Mass times beginning July 1st will be as follows:

- Saturday (1st and 3rd) 5:00pm at St. Bernard**
- Saturday (2nd, 4th and if a 5th) 5:00pm at Ascension**
- Sunday 8:00 am at Ascension**
- Sunday 10:00 am at St. Bernard**

Cuppa Joe: Just and Reverent Man

Tuesday, July 6, 4 p.m., virtual event
In this Year of Saint Joseph, join Fr. Kevin Zilverberg virtually as he explores this amazing saint in his title as Just and Reverent Man, hosted by Saint Joseph, New Hope. This is part of the Cuppa Joe series: 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, taking place at 10 locations in our archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks come just in time for your afternoon coffee. All talks are posted on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram – and at archspm.org/cuppajoe.



Happy Independence Day to you All!!

Please pray for all the leaders of our country, state and municipalities, that they may be touched by the hand of Jesus to utilize our resources to the benefit of all. Blessings to all Americans!

Word of Life—We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

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[“Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”](#)

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”

Thank You— to everyone who helped make the Funeral Mass and luncheon for Ron Hilgers a true celebration of his life. The Celebrant of the Mass, Fr. Jim, Devorak. The sacristan, those who provided the music and prepared the church for the visitation and the Funeral Mass. Those who set up the Cologne Community Center, the ladies who helped serve the food and cleaned up and those who brought food for the luncheon. We appreciate all that you did for us. *The Family of Ron Hilgers.*

Peter's Pence Collection—June 26-27—Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit: www/peterspence.va/en.html

Pray for the Synod

Tuesday, July 6, 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 11300 Frankfort Pkwy NE, St. Michael

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

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a personal and parish spiritual renewal process. As Catholics, we are called to witness to one another the amazing things God has done for us. The CRHP process allows us to do just that—take a break from our busy lives, share our faith with others, and get to know God through his works. Since 1969, CRHP has impacted over 1,400 parishes throughout the United States. Today, CRHP is the primary program for both personal and parish spiritual renewal in over 100 Catholic dioceses and 40 states across America. *Sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.* For more information and to register go to [Christ Renews His Parish \(Retreat\) | St. Joseph Catholic Church | Waconia, MN](http://ChristRenewsHisParish(Retreat)|St.JosephCatholicChurch|Waconia,MN) stjosephwaconia.org/programs/adult-formation/crhp-retreats/

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 a paper copy brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension.

Mass Ministry Schedule - July 3-4, 2021

| Mass Ministry | St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm | Ascension Sun. 8:00 am | St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am |
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| Sacristan | Doris Mielke | Per emailed schedule | Patricia Quinn |
| Servers | Suspended until further notice | Suspended until further notice | Suspended until further notice |
| Reader | Per emailed schedule | Per emailed schedule | Ally Kunkel |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Per emailed schedule | Per emailed schedule | Per emailed schedule |
| Ushers | Per emailed schedule | Per emailed schedule | Per emailed schedule |
| Greeters | Per emailed schedule | Per emailed schedule | Per emailed schedule |
| Homebound Ministers | Barb Knorr & Volunteers | Per emailed schedule | Barb Knorr & Volunteers |

Mass Times/Intentions

| Day | Date | Mass Time | Intention |
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| Monday | June 28 | No Mass | |
| Tuesday | June 29 | 6:15 pm | Ascension Sheila Hart † |
| Wednesday | June 30 | 8:00 am | St. Bernard Nick & Rebecca Shamla |
| Thursday | July 1 | 8:00 am | St. Bernard Hilbert & Euella Knauer †† |
| Friday | July 2 | 8:00 am | Ascension Bob Polingo † |
| Saturday | July 3 | 5:00 pm | St. Bernard Paul Wickenhauser † |
| Sunday | July 4 | 8:00 am | Ascension Dick & Del Lano †† |
| Sunday | July 4 | 10:00 am | St. Bernard 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

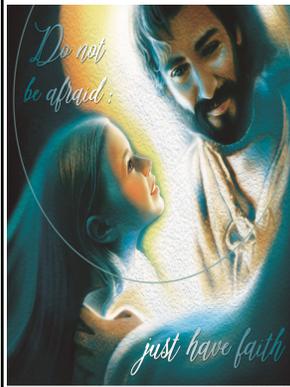
Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS June 28– July 4, 2021

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

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| Budget for week | 3,207.83 |
| Contributions 06-09 through 06-15-21 | 1,545.53 |
| Total Actual Collection YTD | 183,814.24 |
| YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget | 6,729.91 |
| Forward in Faith | |
| Envelope Income | 550.00 |
| Electronic Donations | 100.00 |
| Forward in Faith Total | 650.00 |
| Forward in Faith YTD | 34,284.62 |

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 6/13/2021

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| Weekly Operating Budget: | \$ 3,115.38 |
| Contributions: | 2,201.00 |
| E-Giving: | 990.00 |
| Weekly Budget YTD: | 155,769.00 |
| Actual Collection YTD: | 143,799.30 |
| CUF-KC December Match: | 7,500.00 |
| Total Collected Over (Under) YTD: | (4,469.70) |
| Capital Improvement Offering: | 60.00 |
| Capital Improvement-E-Giving: | 45.00 |
| Capital Improvement YTD: | 9,005.00 |

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