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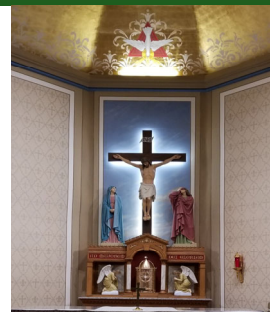
# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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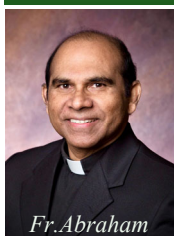


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## Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 11, 2021



Fr. Abraham

### Called to Proclaim the Message of Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During the Korean War, a small Korean village came under heavy artillery fire. When the smoke of the battle cleared away, the pastor of the parish sought the help of some American soldiers in restoring to its pedestal a fallen statue of Christ. Since the statue's hands were gone, the soldiers planned to mold two new hands. The pastor, however, came up with a very meaningful suggestion: "Let us leave the statue as it is and write on the front of the pedestal the words, "Friend, Lend Me your hands."

Sending his apostles as his ambassadors to preach the good news and to heal the sick, Jesus, in today's gospel (Mark 6:7-13), reminds us that he has no hands but ours to raise the fallen; no feet but ours to seek out the lost; no ears but ours to listen to the lonely; and no tongue but ours to speak words of sympathy, love and encouragement to those weighed down by sorrow, pain and failure.

Jesus sent forth his apostles to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it most. They must preach repentance of the sins of the people and to heal them of their ills and wants. Repentance is a sorrow for sins, recognition that my sins have hurt me, others and God. Repentance opens up God's grace. When people listened and repented, the Apostles then could drive out demons and cure illnesses.

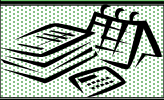
When we repent and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, wonderful things can happen in our personal lives, in our families, our parish and our world. The human soul in a state of grace is the most beautiful of all creatures and radiates with the beauty of divine love. The pandemic makes our regular confession a little harder. Now everything is getting normal. All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The schedule for confession is given in the bulletin.

Each Christian is called not only to be a disciple but also to be a missionary. Every person who has been baptized has this mission to share their faith with others. The most important thing for a disciple and a missionary is to share with others his or her experience of knowing Jesus. We are sharing not just words, or ideas but an experience, our experience of God and of Jesus. We work with Jesus to help people find or recover their freedom. We help people to cure their sicknesses, not only bodily sicknesses but psychological and emotional illnesses.

On sending his disciples to preach the good news, Jesus instructs them to carry minimum material things with them. What he meant was that, if we preach about the coming of the kingdom of God, then our material life has to be simple. If we proclaim the values of the kingdom such as loving God, depending on him, loving our neighbors and serving them, then we cannot so clutter ourselves with material things that they make us forget our dependence on God. Jesus wants his disciples should be walking examples of God's love and providence in action.

Jesus himself is a marvelous model. He only had the clothes on his back and had "nowhere to lay his head". But Jesus was rich in all the things which really matter and was able to enrich those who came in contact with him. We meet Christ in the Eucharist so that we may be sent out healed of the effects of sin, strengthened and made new by God's Word and the Body and Blood of Christ. In this way we are equipped to proclaim and teach the truth by which Christ is made known to the world.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI.  
Pastor



**CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES**

**Thurs, July 15 7:00pm JMT Meeting—virtual**  
**Tues, July 20 4:00pm Finance Council @ Asc**  
**Thurs, July 22 7:00pm Finance Council @ StB**

**Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute — Applications Available for Class of St. Joseph!**

Mondays, 7-9 p.m. at Transfiguration, Oakdale and satellite sites at *Holy Family in Victoria and Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine*

Ever Wonder What God has Planned for Your Life? This fall, the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pillars Program in person at Transfiguration Catholic Church in Oakdale and at various CI Satellite Sites, where students will participate in the small group dynamic and gather together to watch the lectures via live stream.

Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, such as Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Deacon Dan Gannon, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Todd Flanders, Christina Smith, Liz Kelly, and more, the CI: Pillars Program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and layout the roadmap to heaven. Applications are now being accepted for the Class of St. Joseph. For more information, CI: Satellite Sites locations, and an application, visit [semssp/ci](http://semssp/ci) or call (651) 962-5072. Please see the bulletin insert for more details. If interested, Ascension and St. Bernard will reimburse for half of the tuition.

**FUNERAL LUNCHEONS MAY RESUME!**

After a long time of not being able to have time with family and friends after the passing of a loved one, we can finally resume having luncheons after the funeral. Because there are still some cautions because of covid, some changes have had to be made. For the time being luncheons (all food and drink) will need to be catered. Caterer and menu can be chosen by the family through the funeral home. No food from private kitchens will be allowed. At Ascension, we will begin using this process. However, at St. Bernard, there are repairs being done in the school cafeteria so, until further notice, luncheons should be held at the Cologne Community Center. Thank you for your understanding.

**UNFINISHED MISSION**

Here's a simple test to find out whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't. —Anonymous

**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](mailto:bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org) and [pquinn55322@hotmail.com](mailto:pquinn55322@hotmail.com)

**Ascension** copy must be emailed to: [busadmin@ascensionnya.org](mailto: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.

**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](http://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"

**Your Prayers are Requested** for the repose of the soul of Krystal Le Luedloff, granddaughter of Vernon and Doreen Walter who passed away on June 24th. Her funeral was on July 1st. Please also pray for peace and comfort for her family. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed though the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**Confirmation classes for those with disabilities, age 16 and over —**

Saturday, August 7 and Saturday, August 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Church of St. Richard, Richfield

Confirmation classes for those with disabilities will be held August 7 and August 21. Registration forms will be available at 8:30 a.m. prior to the first day of classes. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. For those who complete the classes, the sacrament of confirmation will be available at the Mass for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, September 19, 3 p.m., at St. Mary's Chapel, Saint Paul Seminary. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will officiate. To register contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at the 651.291.4488 or [flomos@archspm.org](mailto:flomos@archspm.org)

**SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET**

Jesus told the pairs of disciples, "Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." Jesus is preparing the disciples for the experience he had in his home town. This is how you behave when you are not accepted. He didn't tell them to curse them or threaten them, just simply shake off the dust and move on. Rejection is a hard thing for any of us, and Jesus is teaching us how to handle it, as if to say "Pick your battles." This is a good reminder to us all in a time and culture when the climate is so politically charged. Know when it is best to shake the dust and walk away from social media, from an angry word, or from something that won't turn out well. Respond and stay true to your calling. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**Word of Life—**"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."

Read more at [www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory](http://www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory).

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

## Mass Ministry Schedule - July 17-18, 2021

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice
Reader	Patricia Quinn	Cheryl Coyle	Tom Kasel
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Shambour	Steve Coyle	Lori Kasel
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Per emailed schedule	Vern Elke & Brian Vos
Greeters	Roger Storms	Per emailed schedule	Andy and Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	Doris Mielke & Patricia Quinn	Per emailed schedule	Barb Knorr & Connie Medenwaldt

### Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	July 12	No Mass	
Tuesday	July 13 6:15 pm	Ascension	Valentine & Catherine Klobe ††
Wednesday	July 14 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Hilbert & Euella Knauer ††
Thursday	July 15 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	July 16 8:00 am	Ascension	Brian Bluemke †
Saturday	July 17 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser ††
Sunday	July 18 8:00 am	Ascension	James J. Fahey †
Sunday	July 18 10:00am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler † & All Parishioners



### Eucharistic Adoration

**Ascension**  
Every Tuesday  
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

Ascension: Tues. 5:45pm - 6:05pm  
St. Bernard: Wed: 8:30am—9:00am  
Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm  
at parish hosting the Mass

By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

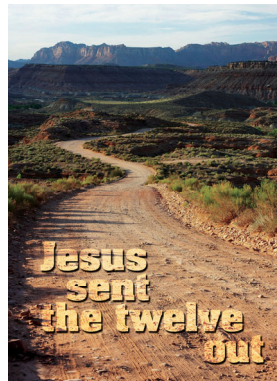
#### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS July 12 – July 18, 2021

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34—11:1  
**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21  
**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,207.83
<b>Contributions 06-23 through 06-29-21</b>	<b>2,482.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	189,672.51
<b>YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>6,172.52</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	0.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>35,028.04</b>
<b>Peter's Pence Collection</b>	<b>165.00</b>

**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](http://www.st-bernard-cologne.org)

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 6/27/2021

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 3,115.38
<b>Contributions:</b>	800.00
<b>E-Giving:</b>	1305.00
<b>Weekly Budget YTD:</b>	162,000.00
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	147,156.30
<b>CUF-KC December Match:</b>	7,500.00
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	(7,343.46)
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	70.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	185.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	9,465.00

Sign up for electronic giving at [ascensionnva.org](http://ascensionnva.org)

Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.