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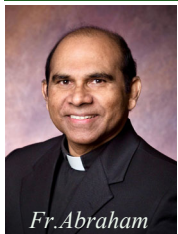


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Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 18, 2021



Fr. Abraham

Balanced Life of Prayer Work and Rest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The last weeks' gospel reading told of the sending of the apostles. On this weeks' gospel reading, disciples have just come back from a missionary journey (Mk 6:30-34). They are happy and probably tired. Jesus and they are surrounded by people so that they do not even have time to eat. Jesus wanted them to have some quiet time for rest and prayer.

When the people saw Jesus and his disciples leave they began to follow the boat on foot along the shore. Jesus understood their need for him. When he saw them, his heart was moved with pity for them. So, Jesus immediately sat down and began to teach them many things.

We might mention at this point that Jesus was not a workaholic or a compulsive evangelist. He answered the unexpected need of the people at this time. Jesus was neither governed by the demands of others nor self-centered. He responded to genuine needs of the people.

We see the kind of tension that exists in the life of every committed Christian. On the one hand, there is the need to have a quiet place and time to regenerate one's spiritual energy through prayer and rest. At the same time, there are constant demands on our commitment to work and to serve. We need to respond generously and empathetically to where there is real need. The emphasis is on 'real need' and not just on the demands of others or our own desire to be popular or for the self-satisfaction. It demands discernment. We need to be available but there is no absolute availability. We are limited in the quality service we can give.

Jesus himself is the best model for us. The Gospels tell us that early mornings he went to pray and sometimes he spent the whole night in prayer. He wanted his followers also to have the same experience. It is something every person needs to do from time to time.

In Jesus we have a Good Shepherd and a good leader of unique type. He was a person who was people oriented at the same time he was a man of prayer. Our life is a series of goings from the presence of people to the presence of God and back again. But Jesus knew that there are dangers in each of the alternatives. One can spend too much time in the activities of people and thus gradually lose the trust in God. On the other hand, one can go to God to escape our responsibility to others. A good disciple of Jesus should follow the middle way, being refreshed by God to offer something concrete to others.

We live today in a hectic world where the cry "I have no time!" is constantly heard. Whenever we become so focused on getting the job done that prayer becomes an afterthought. When this happens, we might take a reminder from St. Teresa of Calcutta. As we all know, she did wonderful service to humanity, but only because she was a woman of constant prayer. "Because I cannot depend on my own strength," she confessed, "I rely on him twenty-four hours a day. My secret is simple: I pray."

As Christians, we need to be people of prayer and action. Prayer is essentially listening to God and talking to Him. We are often in danger of refusing to allow God to recharge us with spiritual energy. How can we do God's work unless we rely on God's strength? And how can we receive that strength unless we pray to him individually, in the family and as a community? We are invited to become more and more like Jesus: never pushing the people out of our lives but always finding time to pray and rest.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI.
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CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

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 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.

FEAST OF FAITH - The Prayer Over the Offerings

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . per omnia saecula saeculorum. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

You may be the only Jesus your neighbor will ever see.
 -- Mother Angelica

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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.

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"

News Articles or Stories Needed

The 3rd grade faith formation class is in need of articles of goodness, people forgiving other people, reconciliation, someone gets killed and that person is forgiven from the newspaper or magazines. Please mark for the 3rd grade class and/or call Kara Wickenhauser 952-466-4719 or email her at kara.wickenhauser@gmail.com or email Lisa Whitaker at 952-454-1622 or LWhitaker6@yahoo.com.

Glad Days in Cologne is celebrating its 20th year in 2021-- July 23, 24, & 25.

For the celebration this year—there will be a parade and the tractor display on Sunday. Our parish will be there—so come and check it out! Our booth is up at City Square Park; usually we are right by the water tower. We will have a Farmer's Market and the soft serve ice cream booth. We hope to see you there. There are three ways to be involved. Donate bake sale items or other farmer's market items (garden produce, home canned goods, etc). Grab and go individual baked items are popular—one large cookie or rice Krispy bar—packaged individually. Come and check out our booth! We will have lots of yummy toppings to make a tasty ice cream sundae. Lend a hand at our booth. We encourage parent/child, or grandparent/grandchild to sign up together, or two youth together. We would LOVE to have some families involved. We plan to be there on Friday-during KidFest, Saturday-from about 10-6, Sunday-after the parade. Contact Julie Kleindl if you can help out. You can call/text/email to let me know when you can help. 952-807-3522 or julie.kleindl@gmail.com St Bernard Catholic United Foundation is not having the Rummage Sale, so that is why we have combined the ice cream booth and the Farmer's Market this year.

Stiftungsfest will once again be hosting a family night. All of the parishes and churches in the area are sponsoring and hosting this event. **St. Bernard is in desperate need of a volunteer** to serve on this committee. Please contact Tom Kasel @ 612-386-9109, Don Whitaker or the parish office for more information.

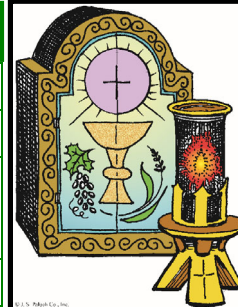
Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? A Marriage Encounter Weekend allows a husband and wife to get away together and focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Oct 8-10, 2021 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 15-17, 2021 in OWATONNA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org <<mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com>> or 612-756-8720.

Mass Ministry Schedule - July 24-25, 2021

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Cheryl Coyle	Doris Mielke
Servers	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice
Reader	Cathleen Williams	Brian Willems	Brenda Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Kloempken	Steve Helget	Andy Kleindl
Ushers	Per emailed schedule	Per emailed schedule	Vern Elke & Leo Willems
Greeters	Per emailed schedule	Per emailed schedule	Brian Vos & Sarah Foley
Homebound Ministers	Per emailed schedule	Per emailed schedule	Doris Mielke & Patricia Quinn

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Occasion	Intention
Monday	July 19	No Mass	
Tuesday	July 20 6:15 pm	Ascension	Pope Francis
Wednesday	July 21 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Living & Deceased members of the Albert & Clara Wickenhauser Family
Thursday	July 22 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	July 23 8:00 am	Ascension	Jack Lewandowski †
Saturday	July 24 5:00 pm	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	July 25 8:00 am	Ascension	For the Unborn
Sunday	July 25 10:00am	St. Bernard	Bernice Wickenhauser † & 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: 7:30am-7:50am
Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm
at parish hosting the Mass

By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

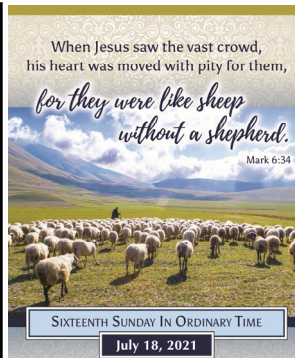
Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS July 19 – July 25, 2021

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,015.75
Contributions 07-1 through 07-06-21	3,239.92
Total Actual Collection YTD	3,239.92
YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget	224.17
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	0.00
Electronic Donations	165.50
Forward in Faith Total	165.50
Forward in Faith YTD	165.50

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 7/04/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	2,476.00
E-Giving:	0.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	2,788.47
Actual Collection YTD:	2,476.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(312.47)
Capital Improvement Offering:	190.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	0.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	190.00

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