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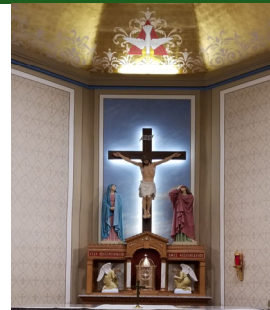
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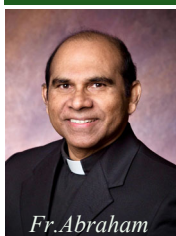


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Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 25, 2021



Fr. Abraham

The Miracle of the Loaves Prefigured the Eucharist

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

For Sunday readings of this year, being Cycle B, we follow the Gospel of Mark. In the past two Sundays we have been listening to the first part of chapter 6 of Mark. Following that sequence today we should have listened to the feeding of the five thousand according to Mark (Mk 6:35-44). However, the Church provides us the Gospel of John narrating to us the same story of feeding the five thousand (Jn 6:1-15).

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish is the only miracle found in all four Gospels. It is an exceptional event with meaning that goes much deeper than the extraordinary feeding of those thousands. St. John links the miracle with the Eucharist. He uses the same verbs we later find in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and gave the bread to the people inviting them to take as much as they wanted. Chapter 6 of John's Gospel confirms the account of the Last Supper found in the other three Gospels. Most importantly this chapter stands alone as prefiguring the Eucharist.

Beginning today, 17th Sunday, and for the next four Sundays, we read the Gospel from St. John's "Bread of Life Discourse" (chapter 6) which focuses primarily on the Eucharist. This is a great opportunity for us to reflect on the Eucharist and Mass. May I suggest you find time at home to read prayerfully this chapter. This chapter of the New Testament contains the deepest Eucharistic theology in scripture, the chapter of the Bread of Life. This week, in verses 1-15, we read about the feeding of thousands with five loaves and two fish. The chapter begins with the multiplication of loaves and fish. This is followed by an in-depth study of the Bread of Life and finally, concluded by the call to faith in the Eucharist.

Our Lord continues the miracle today in the Breaking of the Bread at Mass. The miracle of the loaves is nothing compared to the miracle of the Eucharist. In the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus gave the crowd bread and fish to eat. In the miracle of the Eucharist, Jesus gives us His own Body and Blood to eat and drink.

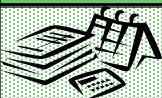
Jesus miraculously turned five loaves and two fish into an inexhaustible amount of food, which was enough to feed five thousand men, not counting the women and children, and still fill twelve baskets with leftovers. In this miracle, Jesus works with the boy who has five loaves and two fish. The small offering of the boy fed the multitude. God can make much of what we offer. Our attempts to live in his love and follow him are nothing without him. We never know where our efforts to love, to help, and to support others may bear fruit.

Today Jesus is saying to you: "I need your talent. I need your generosity. I need your feet. I need your hands. I need your tongue. I need you. For today I have only your feet to carry me into your cities, your streets, your workplaces, and your houses. I have only your hands to reach out to the helpless, the homeless, and the sick. I have only your tongue to tell my brothers and sisters why I came to live on earth, and why I suffered and died for them."

Jesus invites us to cooperate with him in working miracles among us. Whatever we give him, our time, our talents, our resources, our prayers, our faith, our sacrifices, he will use in a way that will exceed our greatest expectations.

Yours in Christ,

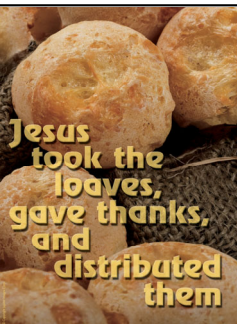
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CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Thurs, Aug 5 7:00pm Finance Council @ StB

Last call for application to the **Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute**—applications are due by August 1st. Classes will originate from Transfiguration Catholic Church in Oakdale and live stream to the following satellite locations: **Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine and Holy Family High School in Victoria.** Classes will be on Monday evenings. Please see the insert in the bulletin for all the application details. Both Ascension and St. Bernard will reimburse you for half of the class costs if you are interested in attending.



ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when

they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

Today's message could be summed up in psalm 145, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs." Each reading shows how carefully God feeds and cares for us, in an up-close and personal fashion. Elisha fed the crowd with twenty barley loaves. Jesus blessed a few loaves and thousands were fed. Perhaps this seems far-fetched, but we read stories in the news about chefs taking the leftovers from fancy restaurants and feeding many people in a soup kitchen. As a child, one of my favorite stories was "Stone Soup," the tale of a couple of war-weary soldiers convincing the people of a frightened and starving little country village to bring out their meager supplies and share them to make a marvelous soup to feed the town. The second reading asks us to "Consider well our call." How do we respond to those in need around us? Copyright © J. S.

"Life isn't a race, it's a dance. Every step forward and every step back, stepping side wards and twirling in circles, are all part of the dance we call life."
-- Matthew Kelly

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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"

We are looking for someone, an individual or a team, to clean the rectory on a monthly basis. Schedule is negotiable. Hourly rate is \$15.00o an hour. Please contact the office if your are interested in this position.

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.

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Classes teach couples the Church-approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, visit archspm.org/family or call 651.291.4489.

Make plans for a fall get-away with the one you love before your calendar fills up!!

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to 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.

National NFP Awareness Week: July 25-31, 2021

The dates of National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* (July 25), which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, married love, and responsible parenthood.

Word of Life—"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

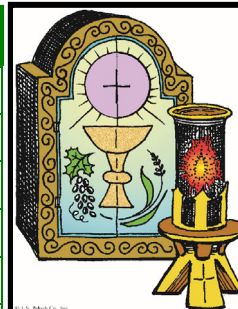
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
 "Married Love and the Gift of Life"

Mass Ministry Schedule - July 31-August 1, 2021

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Kathy Kloempken	Doris Mielke
Servers	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice
Reader	Ann Schwichtenberg	Cheryl Coyle	Lori Kasel
Eucharistic Ministers	Lisa Whitaker	Irene Yaeck	Tom Kasel
Ushers	Per emailed schedule	Per emailed schedule	Vern Elke & Andy Kleindl
Greeters	Per emailed schedule	Steve Coyle	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Corrine Prosofski Paul Prosofski	Barb Knorr Connie Medenwaldt

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Location	Intentions
Monday	July 26	No Mass	
Tuesday	July 27 6:15 pm	Ascension	No Mass—Communion Service
Wednesday	July 28 8:00 am	St. Bernard	No Mass—Communion Service
Thursday	July 29 8:00 am	St. Bernard	No Mass—Communion Service
Friday	July 30 8:00 am	Ascension	No Mass—Communion Service
Saturday	July 31 5:00 pm	Ascension	Del Lano †
Sunday	Aug. 1 8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	Aug. 1 10:00am	St. Bernard	Dennis & 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

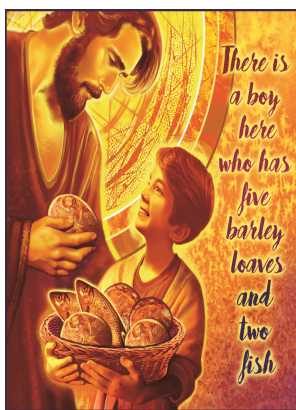
Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS July 26 – Aug 1, 2021

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35 **Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43 **Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46 **Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 **Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58 **Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12 **Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,015.75
Contributions 07-7 through 07-13-21	3,433.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	6,672.92
YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget	641.42
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	1,050.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	1,150.00
Forward in Faith YTD	1,315.50

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 7/11/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	3,626.00
E-Giving:	990.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	5,576.94
Actual Collection YTD:	7,092.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	1,515.06
Capital Improvement Offering:	170.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	405.00

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