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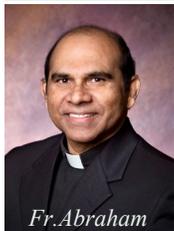


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Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 4, 2021



Fr. Abraham

Maintain a Positive Attitude to Rejection

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Bishop Fulton Sheen, the great preacher, was told by his college debate coach, “You are absolutely the worst speaker I ever heard.” Ernest Hemingway, the great novelist, was told by his teacher, “Forget about writing: you don’t have enough talent for it.” Richard Hooker, the author of MASH, had his book rejected by six publishers before it was finally accepted and became a best seller. These three were rejected early in life as useless for the future.

These stories are the modern example of the kind of rejection Jesus encountered when he returned to his home in Nazareth. (Mark 6:1-6a). Jesus has come home after doing some amazing things, healing, calming the storm, casting out demons, even raising a little girl to life. However, lack of faith prevents the people from believing Jesus as the Messiah. The people said to one another, “Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary.” And yet Jesus demonstrated God’s strength in the very midst of denial and rejection unto Calvary.

St. Paul was pained when he heard the unjust attacks of his opponents. In addition, he had to carry all his life, “a thorn in his flesh” (2 Cor. 12:7). But he asserted that “when I am weak, then I am strong.” A thorn in the flesh could be a physical illness. It could take the form of rejection by others. Jesus said, “No disciple is greater than his teacher, no slave is greater than his master” (Mt 10:24). In other words, if people rejected Jesus in his lifetime, we shouldn’t be surprised if people reject us, when we stand for his teachings and values, in our lifetime.

We shouldn’t be surprised if people reject us because we oppose destroying innocent life through abortion. We shouldn’t be surprised if people reject us because we speak out in defense of human rights and justice. And finally, we shouldn’t even be surprised if some times our own families reject us. Jesus said this would happen (Lk.12: 53) if anyone loves Jesus and his values more than anything in this world.

When rejection occurs, it’s easy for the rejected one to lose heart. It is easy to stop loving. It is easy to grow angry. It is easy to become bitter and resentful. At the moments of weakness and rejection we must recall that the joy of life depends not so much on what we do or others do to us, but on what God does through us. He has in himself all power to protect us, all wisdom to direct us, all mercy to save us and all happiness to crown us.

Welcome back to Mass and Community: Thanks be to God, for he is answering our prayers! With the COVID-19 pandemic subsiding, we can return to the holy Mass and Communion. Archbishop Hebda announced that the Sunday Mass obligation will return the weekend of July 3-4. All are welcome to join the community for the celebration of the holy Mass.

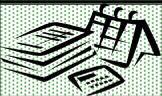
The Parish Pastoral Council (JMT) and trustees discussed the possibility of three weekend Masses instead of four. The idea of a three Mass weekend has been discussing for years in our parishes. This was done at many other parishes where there is one priest with two parishes. It may reduce the work load of priests in multiple parishes. Saturdays may have funerals, weddings and confessions. After the discussions, it was decided that three Masses for a weekend between Ascension and St. Bernard. 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at St Bernard’s, and 2nd 4th (and 5th) at Ascension. The Saturday Mass will be 5pm at both parishes. All these weekend Mass schedule changes will start the weekend of July 3 & 4th.

Hearing Confessions in the confessional will resume on July 3rd. It will be on Saturdays at 4:30 pm (follow the Saturday Mass rotation), Tuesdays at 5.45 pm at Ascension and Wednesday at 7:30 am at St. Bernard.

Thank you for all your cooperation and understanding this past year during the pandemic. Let us all work together to make this a safe and healthy year going forward for the fellowship, communion and the Eucharist.

Happy Independence Day

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Mon. July 5th—offices closed.

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**

Confession times beginning July 3rd:

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

Synod Small Group Meeting Update

The Small Group Process Managers from both of our parishes have met to begin discussion on the format of this fall's Synod Small Group meetings. All of the **Ambassadors** from both parishes are invited to our next meeting on **Thursday, July 8th at 7:00pm** at the Ascension social hall. Your involvement in this process is very important so please plan to attend in order to ensure a smashing success at the fall Small Group meetings. Thank you—Small Group Process Managers.

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 keep us safe from all enemies. Blessings to all Americans!

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.

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"

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.

"Loved the wedding! Invite me to the marriage." -God. **A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will do just that! 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.

A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

There are times when being Catholic, or even being Christian is very countercultural. It used to be you belonged to a parish, and that was your home, based on your geographic boundaries or ethnicity. But now people change parishes depending on pastors, styles of music, or the Mass schedule. In these days of Covid-19, many who stayed away because of social distancing have not yet found their way back. Many never recovered from their disillusionment over the abuse scandals. Others left Catholicism for non-denominational churches, or explored other paths such as Buddhism. Still others consider themselves "spiritual but not religious" or are labeled "nones." Frequently, families who once sat together every week in church are now scattered all over the spiritual spectrum. In the face of all this, let us pray for the strength of Ezekiel to continue to preach our faith by the lives we live, despite everything in our culture that rebels against religion. May we have the wisdom of Paul to persevere despite our weaknesses and the thorns in our side. And like Jesus, may we always find the faith we need to endure, even when those around us do not.
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Mass Ministry Schedule - July 10-11, 2021

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan		Per emailed schedule	Doris Mielke
Servers	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice	Suspended until further notice
Reader	Per emailed schedule	Per emailed schedule	Sarah Foley
Eucharistic Ministers	Per emailed schedule	Per emailed schedule	Julie Clemensen
Ushers	Per emailed schedule	Per emailed schedule	Vern Elke & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Per emailed schedule	Per emailed schedule	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers		Per emailed schedule	Barb Knorr & Volunteers

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Mass	Intention
Monday	July 5	No Mass	
Tuesday	July 6 6:15 pm	Ascension	George Lemmer†
Wednesday	July 7 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Rebecca Shamla
Thursday	July 8 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	July 9 8:00 am	Ascension	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser ††
Saturday	July 10 5:00 pm	Ascension	Valentine & Catherine Klobe ††
Sunday	July 11 8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	July 11 10:00am	St. Bernard	Robert & LaVonne 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

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 5 – July 11, 2021

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26 **Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38 **Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7 **Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15 **Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23 **Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33 **Sunday:** Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,207.83
Contributions 06-16 through 06-22-21	3,376.27
Total Actual Collection YTD	187,190.51
YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget	6,898.35
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	100.00
Electronic Donations	543.42
Forward in Faith Total	643.42
Forward in Faith YTD	34,928.04

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 6/20/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,115.38
Contributions:	872.00
E-Giving:	270.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	158,884.38
Actual Collection YTD:	144,941.30
CUF-KC December Match:	7,500.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(6,443.08)
Capital Improvement Offering:	160.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	9,210.00

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