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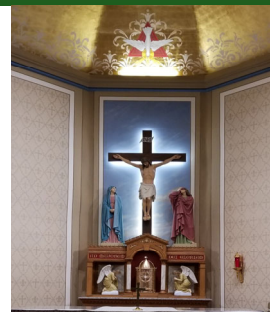
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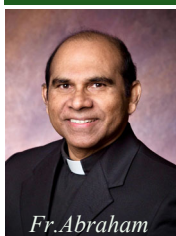


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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2021



Fr. Abraham

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

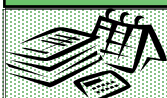
The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that when the course of her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things. (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 966). On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a dogma of Catholic faith. Although the dogma of the Assumption is a relatively new declaration, the belief in the Assumption is one of the oldest and first beliefs in the Church regarding Mary. The uninterrupted tradition in the Eastern Churches starting from the first century, the apocryphal first century book, *Transitus Mariae*, and the writings of the early Fathers of the Church, such as St. Gregory and St John Damascene, supported and promoted the popular belief in the Assumption of Mary.

In his decree on the dogma of the Assumption, Pope Pius XII gives four theological reasons to support the traditional belief. First, the decay of the body after death is the result of original sin. However, since, Mary was born without original sin, it is not proper that God would permit her body to degenerate in the tomb. Secondly, since Mary was given the fullness of grace, heaven is the proper place for this sinless mother of Jesus. Thirdly, Mary was our co-redeemer, with Christ in a unique sense. Hence her rightful place is with Christ our redeemer in heavenly glory. Hence, it is “fitting” that she should be given the full effects of the Redemption, which is the glorification of the soul and the body. Finally, in the Old Testament, we read that the prophet Elijah was taken into heaven in a fiery chariot. Thus, it appears natural and possible that the mother of Jesus would also be taken into heaven.

This feast celebrates the special place that Mary has in the life of the Church. This place is first of all defined by her being chosen to be the mother of Jesus. This alone gives her a uniqueness which is shared by no other person who has ever lived. Because of the dignity of her motherhood and her own personal submission to God’s will at every stage of her life, takes precedence over everyone in the sharing of God’s glory which is the destiny of all of us who die united with Christ her Son.

Mary’s Assumption gives us the assurance and hope of our own resurrection and assumption into heaven on the day of our Last Judgment. It is a sign to us that someday, through God’s grace and our good life, we, too, will join the Blessed Mother in giving glory to God. Since Mary’s Assumption was a reward for her saintly life, this feast reminds us that we, too, must be pure and holy in body and soul, since our bodies will be glorified on the day of our resurrection. St. Paul tells us that our bodies are the temples of God because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. This feast also gives us the message of total liberation. Jesus tells us in John 8: 34 that everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin, and St. Paul reminds us that, since Christ has set us free, do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5: 1). Thus, the Assumption encourages us to work with God to be liberated from the bondage of sin and evil. The feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother challenges us to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her abiding faith and her perfect obedience to the will of God.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Thurs, Aug 19 7:00pm JMT Meeting @ Asc

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed:

As summer winds down, we are beginning to make plans for our faith formation program. Weekly classes will be held @ Ascension on Wednesday night. We are in need of several volunteers to help teach. There is one opening to co-teach in our confirmation program. We also need three volunteers in the middle school program--which is called the Edge. For middle school, you would be a small group leader and have some occasional teaching opportunities. You can make a difference by sharing your unique gifts! **Contact:** Julie Kleindl to learn more.

The Art of Dying as a Remedy for Souls

Tuesday, August 17, 6:30- 7:30 p.m., virtual event

You're invited to this discussion on improving spiritual care at the end of life by reclaiming the Ars moriendi hosted by the Curatio Apostolate. Presented by Br. Columba Thomas OP, MD a Dominican Friar and Internal Medicine Physician with interests in geriatrics, end of life care, prognosis & bioethics. Register for the link at curatioapostolate.com/events-2/upcoming-events

Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute – Class of St. Joseph Application deadline extended to August 20, 2021

—This fall, the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year foundational course “Pillars: A Journey through the Catechism” in person at Transfiguration in Oakdale, and at CI Satellite Sites with live streamed lectures and in person small groups. The **CI Satellite Sites are: Our Lady of the Prairie (Belle Blaine), Holy Family High School (Victoria).**

Applications are now being accepted through August, 20, for the class beginning in September. For more information and an application to become part of the Class of St. Joseph at any location call 651-962-5072 or visit semssp.org/ci.

Through prayer, especially to Jesus at Communion, you will understand so many things about the world and it's relationship to him, and you will be in a position to read accurately what are referred to as the “signs of the times”. Above all, you will have something to offer those who come to you in need.

-- Pope St. John Paul II

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.

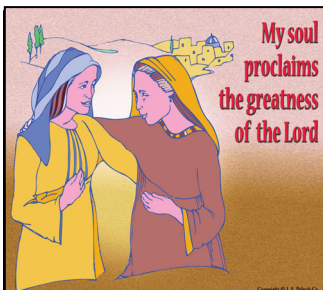
The following is a list of a few TV and Radio stations that air the Rosary.

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”

THANK YOU ! We are so grateful to the group of people that manned the Ice Cream and Bake Sale stand at Glad Days. Thank you everyone so much for the donation of baked goods, for working extra shifts, for setting up and daily removal of the machine and baked goods. All of your hard work helped us reach our goal of \$1900 and qualify for a \$1000 match from Catholic United Financial. Special Thanks to Julie and Andy Kleindl for the use of their ice cream machine and ALL of their help. These Funds will be used for our Faith Formation Program. Thanks Again.



MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

Mary's response to Elizabeth, which we hear in today's Gospel, is known as the Magnificat. Mary “magnifies” the greatness of the Lord—through her, we see God's mercy clearly.

Mary's canticle is a declaration that God cares for the lowly and vulnerable, for the humble and hungry. This, Mary says, is the God for whom the people of Israel had long waited. This is God in whom we believe. Like Mary, the Almighty has done great things for us. As followers of Mary's son, Jesus Christ, we are called to make this merciful, caring God known to those who are in need. How will you glorify, magnify, the Lord by your life?

“Benefit Banquet for Relevant Radio 1330 AM and Catholic Schools

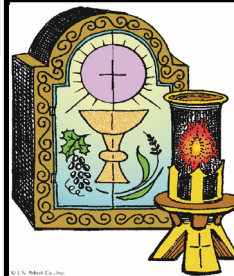
All are cordially invited to join Relevant Radio Executive Director Father Francis Hoffman (“Father Rocky”) and radio show hosts Patrick Madrid, Father Richard Simon, Glen Lewerenz, and Paul Sadek, as we honor Saint Joseph at the 10th Annual Christ Brings Hope Benefit Banquet. This festive evening will take place at the DoubleTree - Bloomington/ Minneapolis South on Thursday, September 16, 2021. Gifts made to Relevant Radio that evening will be matched to assist with tuition funds of participating Catholic schools. For details, visit the Events tab at www.relevantradio.com, or call Celine at 612-643-4117. Space is limited! Register today!”

Mass Ministry Schedule - August 21-August 22, 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	Jack Lano	Dan Worm
Reader	Judy Glander	Cheryl Coyle	Rob Wickenhauser
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Hoen	Jan Louwagie	Sarah Foley
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Bob Symanitz	Gary Widmer & Curt Wilson	Vern Elke & Leo Willems
Greeters	Roger Storms	Steve Coyle	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Steve Helget & Steve Lemmer Grp B: Pat Johnson & Theresa Hartmann	Doris Mielke Patricia Quinn

Mass Times/Intentions

Monday	Aug. 16	No Mass	
Tuesday	Aug. 17 6:15 pm	Ascension	Living & Deceased members of the Clara & Albert Wickenhauser family
Wednesday	Aug. 18 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Living & Deceased members of the Mathias & Gertrude Fick family
Thursday	Aug. 19 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	Aug. 20 8:00 am	Ascension	Living and Deceased members of the Polingo family
Saturday	Aug. 21 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	All Parishioners
Sunday	Aug. 22 8:00 am	Ascension	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser††
Sunday	Aug. 23 10:00am	St. Bernard	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser††



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

Communion for Homebound

Ascension - Sue Tellers.....612-247-6881

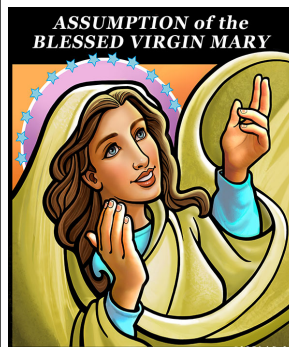
St. Bernard - Barb Knorr.....952-466-2447

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Aug 16-22, 2021

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22 **Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30 **Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16 **Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14 **Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40 **Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12 **Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,930.47
Contributions 07-28 through 08-03-21	1,979.92
Total Actual Collection YTD	17,171.01
YTD 12-31 Collection Over (Under) Budget	2,177.54
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	400.00
Electronic Donations	165.50
Forward in Faith Total	565.50
Forward in Faith YTD	2,849.42

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 8/1/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	3,146.75
E-Giving:	270.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	13,942.35
Actual Collection YTD:	17,067.75
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	3,125.40
Capital Improvement Offering:	220.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	65.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	1,155.00

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