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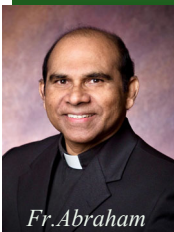


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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 10, 2021



Fr. Abraham

What must I do to Inherit Eternal Life?"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A rich young man approaches Jesus and enquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. (Mark 10:17-27). Jesus replies that one must observe the Commandments to inherit eternal life. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: "Sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Jesus answer disappoints him. He goes away sad, because he had great possessions. He prefers his possessions to eternal life. He placed his hope and security in what he possessed. He was afraid to give to others for fear that he would lose what he had gained.

The man in the gospel is nameless, which might mean that he stands for every one. The man is not told just to give alms generously to the poor. He is told to sell all his property and give it to the poor. The Gospel is not about giving donations from one's surplus; it is about sharing what one has with one's brothers and sisters. The Gospel is really interested in sharing, not just in almsgiving. Those who are generous towards God and towards their neighbor find that they cannot outgive God in his generosity towards us. God blesses us with the priceless treasures of his kingdom. He alone can truly satisfy the deepest longing and desires of our heart.

Jesus was not against wealth. He had many friends who were well-to-do, including some tax collectors. One even became an apostle. Hence, what Jesus is actually telling us is that riches give a false sense of security demanding the total loyalty of one's heart and forgets eternal life. The possessions may cause to forget that we are only stewards of God's gift and to blind us to the needs of others. Wealth can lead us into hurtful desires and selfishness (1 Timothy 6:9-10). Recall the lesson Jesus gave about the rich man and his sons who refused to aid the poor man Lazarus (Luke 16:19ff).

The gospel passage reminds us that we are stewards not the owners. God alone is the owner.

This passage addresses the topic of generosity with the God-given resources at our disposal. We are invited to examine the gift of time, talent and wealth, asking how best to use these gifts for the building up of God's kingdom. And while the very human tendency is to suppose that such wealth is ours, something we have worked hard to achieve or attain. But the truth is that whatever we have is given from above, a gift to be used in continuing God's work on earth, the advancement of the heavenly kingdom in our midst, and thus to inherit the eternal life. October is the month of stewardship. On this month, we are praying, thinking, and acting in a special way as good stewards of God. We will hear more about stewardship in coming weeks.

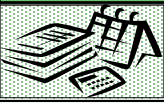
Thank you for your generosity and willingness to share God's blessings with our parish community.

Our Parish Picnic was wonderful. The picnic was truly a community builder when parishioners came together to give of their time and talent to create an enjoyable experience for ourselves. I greatly enjoyed the picnic. Thank you all for joining the picnic.

I extend my gratitude to our staff members and all who volunteered for this event.

Your service is very much appreciated.

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



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Oct 19 4:00pm Finance Council Meeting @ Asc
Oct. 21 7:00pm Joint Mission Team Meeting @ StB
Oct 28 7:00pm Finance Council Meeting @ StB

JMT Members Needed!!

We have two positions open at each parish on the Joint Mission Team (JMT) committee. One position will be for a two year term and the second position will be for a three year term. We did not have elections last year due to Covid so that is why there are two positions open at each parish this year. The JMT is our joint parish council and assists Father with the pastoral needs/direction of our parishes. Elections are held in November with the winning candidate taking office at the January 2022 meeting. Interested persons should contact Father, any of the current JMT members or the parish office.

Join a Synod Small Group

We have 4 sessions left.

We would love to hear from you!!

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am at Ascension on Oct. 10, 17, 31 and Nov. 7th or Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at St. Bernard on Oct. 12, 26 and Nov. 2, 7.

Hope to see you there!

St. Joseph Prayer Book Now Available

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph in our Archdiocese, the celebration committee asked the St. Joseph Business Guild to create and publish a prayer book. The book uses the 10 Wonder concept from the book "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Donald H. Calloway' as a cohesive Archdiocesan theme that coincides with the monthly Cuppa Joe lecture series (archspm.org/cuppajoe/). Cost of the prayer book is \$2.95. Orders may be purchased from Leaflet Missal, 976 West Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul, or online at <http://www.leafletonline.com>.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."

— Pope Saint 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"

Welcome June Marjorie Teigland !

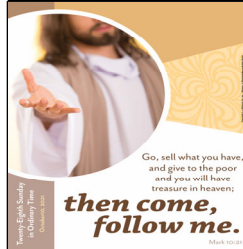
We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of St. Bernard Church who was baptized on September 26, 2021. June is the daughter of Reid and Maria Teigland. Many blessings to June and her family.

St. Bernard's Chili feed and Cash Raffle is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 6th from 3 - 7pm. Dine-in or take out available. Raffle tickets for cash prizes and quilt chances can be picked up or purchased after the weekend Masses or from committee members. Mass on the 6th will be at 5:00pm.



Thank You to those who have stepped up and filled **all** of the **Faith Formation** teaching positions. We are fully staffed now. God will bless you richly for imparting your knowledge of Him to 'all the little children'.

October is respect life month (Respect Life Sunday is Oct, 3rd. Last Sunday); the month of the rosary (the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is the 7th); and the month of mission (World Mission Sunday falls on the 24th).



BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

Today's Gospel describes a tense and tragic encounter between Jesus and a wealthy man. It appears that the man sincerely desired to know the way to inherit eternal life. He had followed much of the Law of Moses. Apparently, he had also followed society's rules in gaining and sustaining his wealth, avoiding steal-

ing and defrauding. Jesus indicates that the man missed a crucial part of the Biblical tradition, which calls upon those who have much to share generously with those who have little. The Old Testament regularly refers to this obligation (for example, see Deuteronomy 15). Historians note that in the society in Jesus' day, the wealthy enjoyed privileges in an economic system that also prevented the poor and vulnerable from meeting their basic needs. The wealthy man's entrapment in his possessions damaged both himself and the whole community. In our own time and place, those of us who enjoy privileges of various kinds are invited into social and economic practices that embrace this biblical generosity. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

"Many people say, 'Mother Teresa, you are spoiling the poor, because you give everything free of charge.' But no one spoils us as much as God Himself. Look, you have good eyes and can read. What if God were to demand money from you because He gave you eyes? Or look at how the sun is shining outside. What if God were to tell us, 'You must work five hours to get two hours of sunlight?'" *-St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Mass Ministry Schedule - October 16-October 17, 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	Volunteer	Jack Lano	Dan Worm
Reader	Helen Nicklaus	Cheryl Coyle	Rob Wickenhauser
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Hoen	Jim Louwagie	Meghan Stusynski
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Josh Gallus & Justin Buckentin	Vern Elke & Brian Vos
Greeters	Eileen Fasching	Renee Garfunkel	Casey Jones & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Tim & Rita Fahey Grp B: Volunteers	Doris Mielke Patricia Quinn

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	Oct. 11		No Mass	
Tuesday	Oct. 12	6:15 pm	Ascension	Patricia Prchal †
Wednesday	Oct. 13	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Thursday	Oct. 14	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Paul Wickenhauser †
Friday	Oct. 15	8:00 am	Ascension	Pope Francis
Saturday	Oct. 16	5:00 pm	St. Bernard	All Parishioners
Sunday	Oct. 17	8:00 am	Ascension	Eugene & Veronica Braunwarth ††
Sunday	Oct. 17	10:00am	St. Bernard	For Vocations



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 Oct 11-17, 2021

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9;

Lk 11:42-46 **Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps

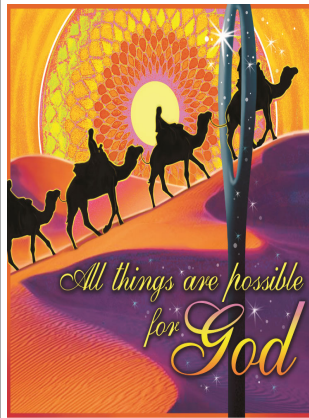
130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54 **Friday:** Rom 4:1-

8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7 **Saturday:**

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8

-12 **Sunday:** Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20,

22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,325.50
Contributions 09-22 through 09-28-21	1,727.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	40,787.27
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	769.92
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	125.00
Electronic Donations	222.00
Forward in Faith Total	347.00
Forward in Faith YTD	6,657.76

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 9/26/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	1,896.00
E-Giving:	1,105.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	36,250.11
Actual Collection YTD:	37,496.40
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	1,246.29
Capital Improvement Offering:	320.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	100.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	2,785.00
Special Collection for Missionary Appeal:	958.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnva.org

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