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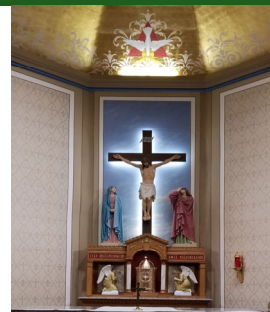
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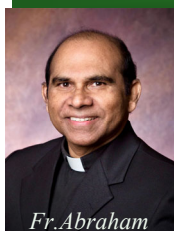


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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 24, 2021



Fr. Abraham

Stewardship: An Expression of Gratitude

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus shows the mercy and compassion of his heavenly Father by healing the blind man, Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52). At the beginning of the story we saw a blind man sitting beside the road. This is the person who has not yet met Jesus. Jesus passes the blind man Bartimaeus. He can only hear the commotion. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” The people were telling him ‘to be silent’. How foolish Bartimaeus would have been if he had stopped shouting because of the crowd’s opposition.

There is no time for Bartimaeus to hesitate. If he does not take advantage of the presence of Jesus now, he will remain blind forever. We do not know how many opportunities we will have to respond to the presence of the Lord. Certain chances happen only once. He instinctively knew that. He realizes that only Jesus can heal him. He has faith in the Lord. Nothing would stop his desire to meet Jesus. He was utterly determined. His response to the call of Jesus was immediate and eager, so eager that he cast off his hindering cloak to run to Jesus the more quickly.

Jesus asked the blind man: “What can I do for you?” He replied to him, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus tells him, “Go, your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately, the man was able to see. He did not selfishly go on his way when his need was met. He was a man of gratitude. Having received his sight, he followed Jesus. He was a good steward. No longer is he beside the road but now on the road, on the way of Jesus. Bartimaeus becomes a follower of Jesus and therefore engages in active discipleship out of his gratitude. The true understanding of stewardship is always tied to our response of gratitude. Being a good steward, Bartimaeus gave himself, his time, talent and treasure to the Lord as an expression of gratitude. There are many connections with good stewardship in this story of Bartimaeus.

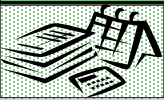
Everything we have is the gift of God. “The Lord’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it” (Psalm 24:1). Everything that God has given to us is intended to serve the divine plan. “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (Peter 4:10) Therefore, our life is to be lived in gratitude toward God.

For our parish community, October is the month of stewardship. All of us have different gifts. We have a responsibility to develop our gifts in service to the Lord and his people. They are given to us to serve others. That is how we give back to the Lord of what he has given to us. Please prayerfully discerning how God has uniquely gifted you and consider sharing generously your time, talent and treasure for our parish community. Your gifts make it possible to continue and expand the spiritual, sacramental and social outreach ministries at our parish.

October 24th is the **World Mission Sunday**. The celebration of the World Mission Sunday is an occasion to show love and solidarity to our family in faith around the world. The Church is missionary by her very nature. By the grace of baptism, we are called to be missionaries. Let us support generously the World Mission and missionaries through our prayers and donations.

Thank you for your generosity and willingness to share God’s gifts with our parish community and also for the need of the wider community.

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



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Oct 28 7:00pm Finance Council Meeting @ StB
Nov 6th 3:00-7:00pm Chili Feed @ 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.

Appalachia Christmas Mission.

Ascension will not be participating this year. Will see what next year brings. If questions contact Sue Tellers 612-247-6881."



We need your voice! As part of the Synod process to help Archbishop Hebda discern priorities for our Archdiocese, small groups are meeting at our parish to discuss Synod focus areas – important topics in our faith. One of these focus areas is, *“Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.”* Session 5 topics for October 31st at Ascension & Nov 2nd at St. Bernard are: 1) **Parents as primary educators (birth—adult)** and 2) **Helping the young encounter Jesus (birth—grade 6)**. Please join us on Sunday morning at 9:15am at Ascension or Tuesday evening at 7:00pm at St. Bernard. Hope to see you there!

Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute: School of Discipleship Tuesdays, November 9-December 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville .

Concludes with a seminar Saturday, February 5
 Be prepared for the best New Year’s resolution ever! Join over 3,000 students who are now “activated disciples!” This experience takes you through Advent, culminates at Christmas, and concludes with a 40-day discipleship challenge in the New Year to put what you learn into practice! Taught by Jeff Cavins, this course is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. The course finishes with an interactive seminar with Dr. Mary Healy. The cost for the course, materials, and seminar is \$125. Sign up with a friend and get a discount! Pricing differs for those taking the course via live stream. For more information visit semssp/ci.

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.

“By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord’s life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed.”—
Pope St. Paul VI

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 the small, but mighty group that cleaned up our parish grounds on Saturday, October 9th! Our campus looks so beautiful because of you, as well as all the others who helped care for the flowers and plants all season. Thank you for being good stewards of the earth!



Stewardship Prayer

Our Father,
 You have given us all that we are
 and all that we have.
 Thank You.
 Give us the wisdom and
 the strength to care for these gifts in
 ways that are pleasing to You.
 To develop them;
 to share them generously
 with our parish and others;
 to return them with increase to You,
 as You have asked us to do.
 We ask this in the name of
 Jesus our Savior
 and through the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Mass Ministry Schedule - October 30-October 31, 2021

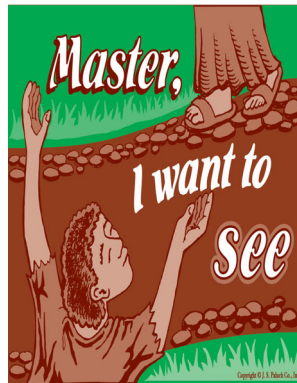
Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Rita Fahey	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Jack Lano	Volunteer	Dan Worm
Reader	Ann Schwichtenberg	Cheryl Coyle	Tom Kasel
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Johnson	Lisa Whitaker	Lori Kasel
Ushers	Tom Lano & Eugene Dvorak	Rich Tellers & Steve Coyle	Bob Symanitz & Leo Willems
Greeters	Grace Cook	Leo Pouliot	Sarah Foley & Brian Vos
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Sue & Rich Tellers Grp B: Steve Helget & Tim George	Doris Mielke Patricia Quinn

Mass Times/Intentions

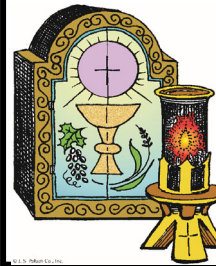
Day	Date	Mass Time	Intention
Monday	Oct. 25	No Mass	
Tuesday	Oct. 26	6:15 pm	Ascension Victor & Francis Schindler ††
Wednesday	Oct. 27	8:00 am	St. Bernard Clarence & Muriel Wickenhauser † †
Thursday	Oct. 28	8:00 am	St. Bernard Helen Hilgers †
Friday	Oct. 29	8:00 am	Ascension Luis Santa Maria †
Saturday	Oct. 30	5:00 pm	Ascension Living & Deceased members of the Clara & Albert Wickenhauser family
Sunday	Oct. 31	8:00 am	Ascension All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Oct. 31	10:00am	St. Bernard Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser †† & All Parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS Oct 25-31, 2021

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17 **Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21 **Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30 **Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16 **Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6 **Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11 **Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34



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.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,781.07
Contributions 10-07 through 10-13-21	1,405.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	44,958.19
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	(621.30)
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	70.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	70.00
Forward in Faith YTD	7,218.26

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 10/10/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	1,932.00
E-Giving:	1,060.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	41,827.05
Actual Collection YTD:	42,578.40
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	751.35
Capital Improvement Offering:	115.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	135.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	3,150.00

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