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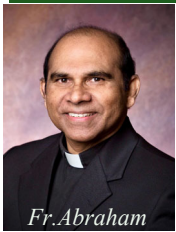


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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 3, 2021



Fr. Abraham

The Permanence of Marriage

Dear Sisters and brothers,

The theme of this Sunday readings is the permanence of marriage. The first Reading tells us that in marriage man and woman become one body. (Genesis 2:24). Jesus says, “Let no one separate what God has joined.” (Mark 10: 9). Jesus clearly states that from the very beginning, God’s plan for marriage was that it should be a life-long unity of one man and one woman. Its purpose is the procreation of children and their education, as well as the mutual love and fulfillment of the husband and wife. Divorce breaks the law of the

Creator who decreed what was best for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the human race.

The inseparability of wife and husband in marriage is the ideal that the Catholic Church has sought to maintain over the centuries. The happy and successful marriages are built on the ideals of fidelity and trust in God. Without fidelity to God there is serious danger of infidelity in marriage. When people are faithful to God, to themselves and to others, the problem of infidelity in marriage greatly diminishes.

Marriage is a sacred vocation, which means that God calls a man and a woman to become holy in and through a loyal living out of every aspect of marriage. In marriage as in all vocations, growing and maturing is the deepest need. Both spouses have to learn the true meaning of love: that it is living for the beloved partner, both physical and psychological. Spouses have to learn how to talk together as equals, to discuss mutual problems and bring their problems before the Lord for the solution. Divorce is not the solution to the problem.

As in most sicknesses, the best cure is surely prevention. Yet how can divorce be prevented? One important way must surely be a much better preparation for marriage. The Gospel says that the couples are no longer two persons but “one body”. To develop that kind of two-becomes-one relationship requires a lot of work. It requires a good deal of guidance and help to make it happen. In fact, marriages don’t happen; they are made. It is an art, a skill to be learned.

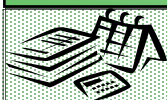
The Catholic Church, in its wisdom, in many parts of the world insists that couples intending to get married must follow a comprehensive pre-marriage course and retreat. Marriages often run into trouble simply because there is no one around to give support and counsel when a marriage runs into a rough passage. While in our society there are expected roles for parents and relatives of young married couples, they often do not provide the kind of affective and wisdom-sharing approach that is really needed today. For Catholics, however, there are in most places Marriage Encounter experiences, Cana Conferences and retreats where couples can re-affirm the marriage commitment in a highly supportive environment.

To have a good marriage, the first thing for the couple to do is to be with God. A good Christian firmly believes that marriage was created by God for the continuation of humanity and for the good of the couple. That is why it is so important to make God the center of that marriage. If conjugal love is not based on love of God, living together can be transformed into a selfish way of life. Christian marriage is a sign of the love and the unity of Jesus Christ with us and with his Church. Christ’s faithfulness, confirmed in his death for us on the Cross, should be the model for spouses who remain united, “until death separates them.”

St. John Paul II in his encyclical ‘ *The Christian Family in the Modern World* encourages families with the following words: “family, become what you are!” This echoes the Second Vatican Council, which calls the family, “the intimate community of life and love in which the partners are nourished spiritually and physically, accept one another as they are, and adjust to each other, deriving strength through prayer, the Word of God, the sacrament plus guidance and counseling..”

May the grace of God be with all of you, especially with the married couples, as you seek to live by His Will.

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

Join a Synod small group at your parish this fall!
 Help Archbishop Hebda determine priorities for our local church



Pray.
Learn.
Discuss.
Respond.

Three Reasons to Join a Synod Small Group

Parishes across the Archdiocese are now offering Synod Small Groups this fall. Still not sure about participating? Here are three reasons to join in at your parish, or a parish near you.

Reason #1: Talk about what matters.

Reason #2: Meet fellow parishioners and build community.

Reason #3: Be a part of the process that will shape the future of our Archdiocese.

We would love to hear from you!! Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am at Ascension on Oct. 3, 10, 17, 31 and Nov. 7th or Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at St. Bernard on Oct. 5, 12, 26 and Nov. 2, 7. Register for the parish of your choice at <https://tinyurl.com/427p2hf6>. Registrations are not required but are requested for planning purposes. Love to see you there!

October is respect life month (Respect Life Sunday is Oct. 3rd. TODAY); 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).

Enduring Faith: The Story of Native American Catholics

Available for all to watch at kofc.org/enduringfaith

Indigenous communities across North America have a rich and vibrant testimony to share – both past and present – including the witness of their faith. This documentary film on the faith, perseverance and inspiring example of Indigenous Peoples across North America dives deep into the rich contribution of Native Americans in the tapestry of the Catholic faith. Produced by the Knights of Columbus as part of its Faith Formation and Native Solidarity initiatives, the 60-minute documentary offers a missing piece to the greater story of Catholicism on the continent and a beautiful example of how Christ reveals himself through the uniqueness of every culture.

“Our Father: at this name, love is aroused in us...and the confidence of obtaining what we are about to ask... What would he not give to his children who ask, since he has already granted them the gift of being his children?.”— *St. Augustine*

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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.

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

— Mark 10:14



Thank you !! We greatly appreciate the help of the Faith Formation youth, their parents and volunteers for all the hard work on the fall clean-up at Ascension on Wed. Sept. 22nd. It was a job well done! A special Thank You to Jesse Flury who trimmed all the bushes and a tree or two around the church grounds. Everything looks great.

Thank You— to everyone who helped make the Funeral Mass and luncheon for Helen Hilgers a true celebration of her life. The Celebrant of the Mass, Fr. Abraham George. The sacristan, those who provided the music and prepared the church for the visitation and the Funeral Mass. Those who set up the Cologne Community Center, the ladies and men who helped serve the food and cleaned up and those who brought food for the luncheon. We appreciate all that you did for us.

The Family of Helen Hilgers.

Dear Fr. Abraham and good people of St. Bernard and Ascension. I want to express my gratitude to you for your gracious hospitality and your financial contributions when I was with you. Your support will make a big difference to our Sisters in Peru and their people who are in such great need. God bless you for your generosity. Sister Carolyn Puccio, CSJ

St. Bernard's Chili feed and Cash Raffle is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 6th. Mass that day will be at 5:00pm followed by the Chili Feed.

Archdiocesan Youth Day 2021 (AYD21)
Saturday, October 16, 6-10 p.m.

at Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville.

Archdiocesan Youth Day connects our youth with our Lord, our bishops and other teens. The evening will include great music, Mass, adoration, inspiring talks, conversation with the bishops and more. Visit archspm.org/ayd21 for registration and more info.

THE BARRIERS THAT SEPARATE US

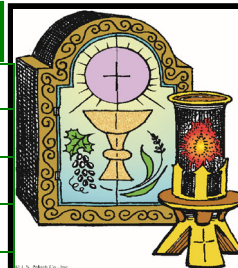
We live in a society that has many technological avenues for stimulation and entertainment, one in which the urban population exceeds the non-urban. It is curious that loneliness is a prevalent malady. It is easy to reach out and touch someone, we are told. But—in truth—it is not all that easy, and statistics from the mental health field will reinforce that opinion. Today's readings are about the ways in which we can authentically reach out: God touches Adam to create a mate and end his solitude; God-in-Jesus takes on human flesh and death in order that we might come to glory; Jesus reaches out to the children whom the disciples had tried to keep away, showing us the manner in which we must approach the loving embrace that awaits us in heaven. Until that day, however, we must remember that ours is a sacramental church, a church of signs of the love of God. And so we are called to reach out continually to ease the loneliness and the barriers that separate us from one another and, therefore, from the love of Christ. done. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

Mass Ministry Schedule - October 9-October 10, 2021

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Cheryl Coyle	Doris Mielke
Servers	Bill Hart	Don Whitaker	Dan Worm
Reader	Jean Schmitz	Cheryl Coyle	Sarah Foley
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Mulville	Steve Lemmer	Pam Kunkel
Ushers	Tom Lano & Steve Schrupp	Eugene Dvorak & Steve Coyle	Bob Symanitz & Leo Willems
Greeters	Cathleen Williams	Amy & Justin Buckentin	Julie & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Steve Lemmer & Curt Wilson Grp B: Paul & Corrine Prosocki	Barb Knorr Connie Medenwaldt

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intentions
Monday	Oct. 4	No Mass	
Tuesday	Oct. 5 6:15 pm	Ascension	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser ††
Wednesday	Oct. 6 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Hilbert † & Euella Knauer †
Thursday	Oct. 7 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	Oct. 8 8:00 am	Ascension	For the Dying
Saturday	Oct. 9 5:00 pm	Ascension	Robert Polingo †
Sunday	Oct. 10 8:00 am	Ascension	Leroy E. Brown †
Sunday	Oct. 10 10:00am	St. Bernard	Robert G. Fritz. † & 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

Communion for Homebound

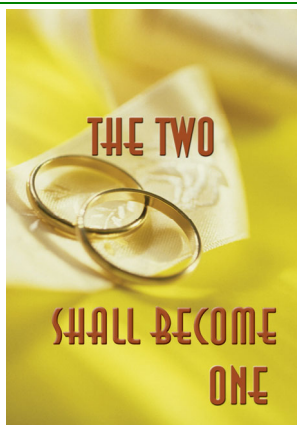
Ascension - Sue Tellers.....612-247-6881
St. Bernard - Barb Knorr.....952-466-2447

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Oct 4-10, 2021

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37 **Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42 **Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13 **Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26 **Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28 **Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,325.50
Contributions 09-15 through 09-21-21	3,516.17
Total Actual Collection YTD	39,060.27
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	2,368.42
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	90.00
Electronic Donations	642.42
Forward in Faith Total	732.42
Forward in Faith YTD	6,310.76

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 9/19/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	1,004.00
E-Giving:	240.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	33,461.64
Actual Collection YTD:	34,495.40
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	1,033.76
Capital Improvement Offering:	70.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	25.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	2,365.00
Special Collection for Haiti:	710.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org

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