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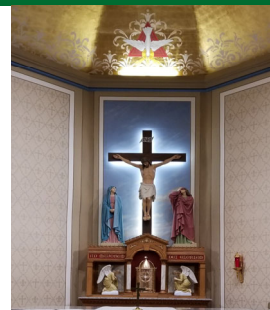
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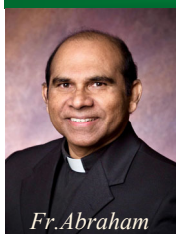


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The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time - January 16, 2022



Fr. Abraham

Invite Jesus and Mary in our Home

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Liturgical Calendar opens to us the Ordinary Season after the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. In most years, the Sunday after January 6 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In countries such as the United States, however, where the celebration of Epiphany is transferred to Sunday if that Sunday is January 7 or 8, Epiphany is celebrated instead. As feasts of our Lord, both the Baptism of the Lord and Epiphany displace a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Thus, the first Sunday in the period of Ordinary Time is the Sunday that falls after the first week of Ordinary Time, which makes it the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Since the term ordinary often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. The Ordinary Time, resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. The second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year begins again.

The Ordinary Time represents the ordered life of the Church, the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. (The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.)

The expression Ordinary Season does not in any way mean that this period is less important but signifies the period in which the synthesis of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Gospels is recounted to us during the year. During this Season, we are invited to walk with our Lord and to sanctify ourselves and our days with his teachings and to practice the virtues which the various mysteries of the life of Christ inspire within us.

It is appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle, the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

In today's Gospel (John 2:1-11), we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana according to St. John. Jesus and Mary were invited. As the wedding feast went on, the wine ran out. Mary went out of her way to intercede with Jesus and Jesus performed his very first miracle. Mary did not play the passive role of being the physical mother of Jesus, instead, she was actively involved with Jesus in the work of our redemption. Jesus' presence saved the wedding family from the shame of insufficient wine for their occasion.

On a deeper reflection, Jesus comes to turn our imperfections to perfections. As we continue to invite Jesus in our home, may Mary our mother, intercessor and perpetual helper take us and our families to Jesus her son, so that our imperfections will be turned to perfections, our insufficiency to abundance, our problems to solutions and our disappointments into joy.

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



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Jan. 18-25 Week of Pray for Christian Unity

The Winners Are: Results of Ascension's JMT election from Jan. 2nd are: Cheryl Coyle and Steve Helget. They will be installed at the February JMT meeting. THANK YOU to all 4 candidates for expressing interest in serving our parishes in this way. Everyone's ideas and contributions help make us a healthy and thriving parish community!

Catholic Women's Conference - "Called by Name"
WINE: Women In the New Evangelization invites women of all ages to the **WINE: Catholic Women's Conference** on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Holy Family Catholic Church in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Join women from across the country for a conference filled with inspiration, faith, fellowship, and fun! Keynote speakers include Kelly Wahlquist, Liz Kelly, Leah Jacobson, Alicia Donovan, Alyssa Bormes, and Allison Gringas. Along with inspirational talks, the day will include motivational entertainment, shopping, personal time to pray with prayer teams, confession, adoration, tons of laughter, a fabulous lunch, shopping, CHOCOLATE, door prizes, and a fun raffle! Additional information and registration available at www.wineconference.org.

A Journey Through the Bible – A Great Pairing with Bible in a Year Podcast! Tuesdays, March 1-April 1, 7-9 p.m. at Holy Family, Saint Louis Park —Register by February 22
 The Catechetical Institute invites you to *A Journey through the Bible*. This 8-week course taught by Jeff Cavins, will help you understand your faith and deepen your relationship with God by teaching you to read the Bible as a story. Weaving in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this unique Bible study will show you how a knowledge salvation history and its relationship to Church teaching can help you live God's plan of sheer goodness! Cost is \$100 for in person attendance, or \$75 via live stream. The course includes lectures, small group discussion, Bible Timeline chart, workbook, bookmark, and supplemental Catechetical Institute materials. For more information, live stream satellite parish locations, and to register, visit Cistudent.com.

Prayer Service for Life
Saturday, January 22, 10:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul
 This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service. This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life. For more information visit archspm.org/prayer-service-life or call 651.291.4488.

"God has "come down" to us in the person of Jesus to feed us with His words and His very self, to be fully human...Jesus continues today feeding us with God's truth, example, and love, offering His very self in Holy Communion to nourish on life's journey." — *Fr. Joseph Kelly*

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.

Celebrate the Epiphany in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity– January 18-25, 2022

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022, which comes from the second chapter of Matthew's Gospel, is the Epiphany. It was selected by the Middle East Council of Churches and originates from the churches in Lebanon. Present times in Lebanon are extremely difficult and economically disastrous. All this combined with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have made the situation quite stressful for the people there. The power of prayer in solidarity with those who suffer is a demonstration of Christian unity and a sign of communion.

RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST | JAN 23 ST. JOE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The KC's are serving breakfast in the school commons on Sunday, January 23 from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm! Proceeds will go to support local Enkratea: House of Hope and other Pro-Life causes! The menu includes Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Fruit & a Beverage. The Respect Life Breakfast is an event co-sponsored by Waconia Knights of Columbus #2506 & Trinity Lutheran Church. Learn More online at stjosephwaconia.org/respect-life-breakfast/!

Equipped for Life: A Fresh Approach to Conversation about Abortion Saturday, Feb. 5, University of St. Thomas - OEC Auditorium, St. Paul

This day of training, provided by National Pro-Life Leader Emily Albrecht through the Equal Rights Institute, will equip attendees with a large, successfully tested set of practical tools to use in future conversations. The morning program runs from 9 a.m. – noon, followed by an afternoon program from 1 – 4 p.m. Participate in both or just a partial day. Cost is \$15 for half-day, \$20 for full-day and \$10 per session for students (high school and college). Find ticket information and registration at <https://www.archspm.org/equipped-for-life/>

D'Ice Cribbage Tournament Benton Lake, Cologne, MN Sat. Feb 12, 2022 at 11:00am to 3:00pm UTC-06:00

It's Official: 2022 D'Ice Cribbage Tournament, Feb 12, 2022. \$15 to play, 7 games, 1st place \$100 cash and custom board, 2nd place \$75 cash, 3rd place \$50 cash. Come join us! Lots of new things happen including a raised floor to keep your feet dry and lots of free door prizes, great food and drink as well.

Feeling disconnected? Every married couple deserves the gift of a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend!** The next virtual weekends in this area will be held Feb 12-14 2021 and Feb 18-28 2021. 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.



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WONDROUS CHILD
 In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, "do whatever he tells you," echoed her reply to Gabriel: "Let it be done to me as you say." In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God's reign. And she is right. Her wondrous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday.
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Mass Ministry Schedule - January 22-23, 2022

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Paul Proski	Florian Schindler	Dan Worm
Reader	Jean Schmitz	Cheryl Coyle	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Curt Wilson	Steve Coyle	Julie Clemensen
Ushers	Steve Schrupp & Rick Ulrich	Don Whitaker & Gary Widmer	Vern Elke & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Cathleen Williams	Matt & Jamie Smith	Andy & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson Sue & Richard Tellers	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Monday	Jan. 17	No Mass	
Tuesday	Jan. 18	6:15 pm	Ascension Pope Francis
Wednesday	Jan. 19	8:00 am	St. Bernard Communion Service
Thursday	Jan. 20	8:00 am	St. Bernard No Mass
Friday	Jan. 21	8:00 am	Ascension No Mass
Saturday	Jan. 22	5:00 pm	Ascension Respect for All Life
Sunday	Jan. 23	8:00 am	Ascension Garry Whitaker †
Sunday	Jan. 23	10:00 am	St. Bernard Stanley Guettler † & Marcy Wickenhauser †

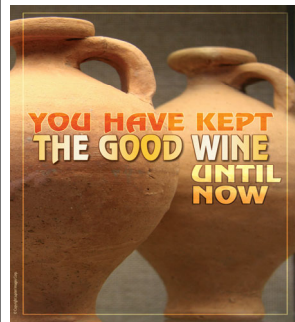


Eucharistic Adoration
Ascension
Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard
Suspended for the
Months of January and February
Watch the bulletin
for the return of Adoration.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Jan 17-23, 2022

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22 **Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28 **Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6 **Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12 **Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19 **Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer **Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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

January Budget for week	2,493.64
Contributions mailed in through 12-31	665.00
Christmas Budget	13,295.00
Additional Christmas mailed in \$2755. total	12,817.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	95,233.29
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	81.59
Contributions 01-01 through 1-04-22	1,453.92
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	(958.13)
Forward in Faith Total 12-22-21 through 12-28-21	
Envelope Income	50.00
Electronic Donations	165.50
Forward in Faith Total	215.50
Forward in Faith YTD	53,820.60

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 1/2/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	579.00
E-Giving:	250.00
Christmas Collection	7,276.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	75,288.69
Actual Collection YTD:	82,305.46
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	7,016.77
Capital Improvement Offering:	55.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	5,870.00

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