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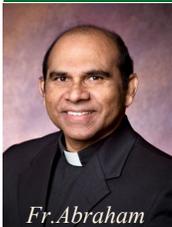


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The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time - January 23, 2022



Fr. Abraham

Proclaim the Good News

Brothers and Sisters,

In today's gospel, Jesus presents his mission (Lk 4: 14-21). This is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." This prophecy was made when the Israelites lived in slavery and misery in exile. So, by using these same words as the basis of his ministry and mission, Christ announced his reign of peace, justice, freedom and love to all those suffering from all kinds of oppressions and injustice.

Christ proclaims the good news of the new era to all of us. It is important to note that this good news is not directed only to the materially poor, but to all: "the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God" (Mt 5:3).

The Good News liberates us from two types of slavery. The first is self-imposed slavery. This results from personal sins and mistakes in life. This makes us, spiritually blind and weak. It cripples our spiritual life, and hardens our hearts against God and all that is good. This is the worst form of slavery, because it affects us both spiritually and physically. Only Christ can liberate us from this slavery. We can achieve this liberation by accepting the Good News, and by seeking reconciliation with Christ and ourselves.

The other type of slavery is that which is imposed on us by others or society. These include political, economic, and social injustices that do not allow us to live a fulfilled life in this world, even when we make all the necessary efforts. Both of these are great sources of suffering and burden to us. However, it is important to remember that Jesus strengthens to overcome all.

Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did, bring good news to the poor, freedom to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed, we serve the Kingdom of God.

We rejoice in the Good News of Salvation which Christ brings to us. This Good News binds us together as the people of God and enables us to work together for God's kingdom.

I am so grateful to the visiting priests who celebrate the Mass in my absence.

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.

Do you play piano or organ? Two of our three music accompanists at Ascension are unavailable for playing the next 3 months. If you would be willing to help out during this time, please contact Marilee Widmer – 952-467-3082. She will train anyone willing to assist!



ONE CHRIST, ONE BODY
 Community is important. Community is essential. Community is crucial. This message is the foundation of today's readings from Nehemiah, Corinthians, and Luke. Ezra's reading of the scroll is done in front of the community, including--a radical act at the time--women, and children old enough to understand, groups usually not counted among those hearing God's promise proclaimed. Community is important. The mystical Body of Christ, like the human body, functions best and most fully when all members are playing the role for which they were meant. Community is essential. God's word is fulfilled when the community has heard it, and witnessed it. In Luke, the baptism and desert trials of Jesus lead to the synagogue scene, which will then lead Jesus to his public ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. He eventually will journey to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Community is crucial. *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

"The best guide you can find to the correct path is the serious study of the Bible. There we can find rules for the conduct of our life and [...] each person can concentrate on the area where they feel themselves to be lacking and find, as in a hospital, a cure for their particular trouble." —*St. Basil the Great*

Greetings from India.
 I reached my Religious Community, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) in Calicut, India on Tuesday morning. Thank you for your prayers. Here the temperature is 78 degrees in morning and 90s in afternoon. As some of you know, I slipped and fell on the ice on January 4th at St. Bernard cemetery after the burial. My ankle got sprained. I had a doctor appointment and X-ray for my leg on Tuesday here in India. There is a fracture in my leg. Doctor suggested three weeks rest for healing. So I can't walk or go out of my room. It is like self quarantine. I will visit my family when I am able to walk. I am still in my religious Community. Please keep me in your prayers. You're in my prayers. Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI

Thanks to everyone who helped store the Christmas decorations for another year. You are very appreciated. It is good to know that we can count on your help when it is most needed. God bless all of you!

The following **Christmas Flower** donations/memorials came in after the insert was completed recently. Marinius Fasching, Steve Ehalt, Eugene & Arlene Eiden.

RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST | JAN 23 (TODAY)
ST. JOE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 The KC's are serving breakfast in the school commons today Sunday, January 23 from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm!

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.

What It Means to Be a Man of God
February 18-20, Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake
 Join this men's retreat for a time of rest, renewal, and re-focus. The retreat includes music, Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Confessions, small group time, and presentations by Kevin Bittner, Greg Hughes, and Brad Nelson. The cost of \$170 (\$40 extra for private room) includes meals. Register by February 3. The retreat is sponsored by Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake. Visit churchofsaintpaul.com/mens-retreat for more details and to register. All men are welcome!



On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the **Sunday of the Word of God**. In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations. Whenever, therefore, the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives.

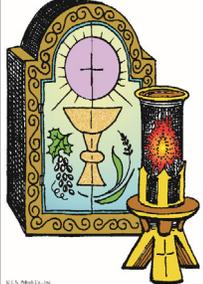
Bulletin copy is due by Thursdays @ NOON for the bulletin two weekends out; St. Bernard copy must be emailed to: bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and pquinn55322@hotmail.com. **Ascension** copy must be emailed to: busadmin@ascensionny.org
All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or a paper copy brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension.

Mass Ministry Schedule - January 29-30, 2022

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Cheryl Coyle	Lori Kasel
Servers	Jack Lano	Florian Schindler	Dan Worm
Reader	Darlene Mondor	Ann Schwichtenberg	Ally Kunkel
EMHC	Jean Schmitz	Kathy Kloempken	Pam Kunkel
Ushers	Gary Widmer & Tom Lano	Paul Lano & Eugene Dvorak	Brian Vos & Leo Willems
Greeters	Sue Schultz	Leo Pouliot	Casey Jones & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Tim George & Steve Helget Grp B: Steve Lemmer & Curt Wilson	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Mass	Intention
Monday	Jan. 24	No Mass	
Tuesday	Jan. 25 6:15 pm	Ascension	Michelle Coyle †
Wednesday	Jan. 26 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Communion Service
Thursday	Jan. 27 8:00 am	St. Bernard	No Mass
Friday	Jan. 28 8:00 am	Ascension	No Mass
Saturday	Jan. 29 5:00 pm	Ascension	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Jan. 30 8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	Jan. 30 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser † † & All Parishioners



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.

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

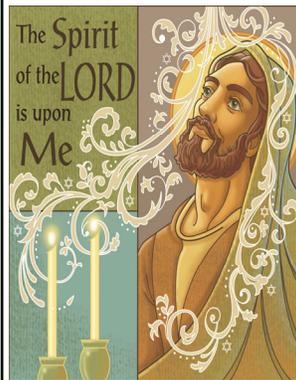
St. Bernard - Barb Knorr.....952-466-2447

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan 24-30, 2022

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk:22-30 **Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 **Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20 **Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25 **Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34 **Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41 **Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

January Budget for week	2,493.64
Contributions 01-05 through 1-11-22	4,486.01
Total Actual Collection YTD	101,173.24
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	1,034.26
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	31.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	131.00
Forward in Faith YTD	53,351.60

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 1/9/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,373.00
Weekly E-Giving:	1,070.00
Collections Budget YTD:	
Actual Collection YTD:	78,077.16
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	86,721.46
Capital Improvement Offering:	8,644.30
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	140.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	135.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	6,595.00

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