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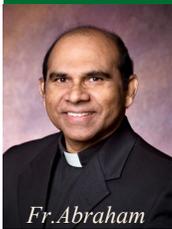


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The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time - February 13, 2022



“Blessed is the One Who Trusts in the Lord.”

Dear Sisters and brothers,

We are presented today with Luke's version of the Beatitudes. In Matthew, there are eight Beatitudes, while in Luke, there are four: The Gospel of Luke is quite different from Matthew. It is addressed primarily to gentile converts to Christianity. Luke's audience was poor. They were persecuted. In presenting the Lord's words to them, Luke places Jesus on a plain. He was on a level with them. He identified himself with poor, suffering and persecuted.

The theme of today's readings is trust in the Lord. In our first reading we hear: “Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings...” And, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.” Jesus illustrates trust in the Lord by giving us a series of beatitudes that he contrasts with “woe.” He says, “Blessed are you who are poor...But woe to you who are rich.” The poor are blessed because they have a greater tendency to trust in God while the rich can start thinking he does not need God.

Those who are poor now, recognize their dependence on God, not on material possessions. I have met many wealthy people whose possessions mean nothing to them. All that matters to them is to have Jesus Christ in their life. They are grateful to God for their wealth and share their possessions with the needy.

Those who are materially poor and hungry make up a scandalously large proportion of the world's population, even as we live in a technically advanced 21st century. All of us are called to be agents of God's love. We cannot call ourselves disciples unless we reach out in love to abolish material poverty, physical hunger and try to relieve the deep unhappiness that afflicts others.

The poor are blessed as long as they trust in the Lord. The rich are also blessed as long as they trust in the Lord and remain willing to share their wealth with the needy. Wealth becomes a curse when it is not shared with those in need. In fact, in the society which Jesus envisions, there are neither rich nor poor, but it is a place where the resources, which belong to all, are divided among all according to need.

In two weeks, we are going to begin a holy season that emphasizes trust in the Lord. The Church encourages us to sacrifice some of things that are most important to us. We sacrifice food by some form of voluntary fasting. We sacrifice time by giving a greater portion of day to prayer. We sacrifice money by almsgiving and support the needs of the poor. All these practices may help us to increase our trust in the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Tues, Feb 15	4:00pm	Finance Council Mtg @ Asc
Thurs, Feb 17	7:00pm	JMT Meeting @ StB
Sat. Feb. 19	After 5pm	Mass "Linger Longer" StB
Sun. Feb. 20	After 10am	Mass "Linger Longer" StB
Thurs, Feb 24	7:00pm	Finance Council Mtg @ StB



K-C Fish Fry @ Ascension on Friday, March 4th, 11am-7pm (or until fish is gone) . **TAKE OUT ONLY.** Cost per meal-\$14.00.

The KC's are looking for volunteers to bake cookies for the upcoming fish fry. Drop off cookies Wednesday afternoon, March 2, or Thursday morning, March 3rd. in the church basement. Please contact Dave Donnay (952-201-1942) so we can have an approximate count of cookies coming in, Thank you for helping make our fish fry a success!

Thank you! Thank you for your generous gifts for our Moms and little ones in need! I am overwhelmed by all the wonderful things that you brought in! From the soft homemade blankets, to the sweet little hats and the practical diapers. I know we will be able to bless many because of your generosity. Thanks again!
The Birthright of Hutchinson

A Journey Through the Bible – A Great Pairing with Bible in a Year Podcast! **Tuesdays, March 1-April 26, 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 of 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 Clstudent.com.

Evening Prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame Fourth Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., virtual event

The North American Vocation Team (NAVT) of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite young adults ages 18 and older to online evening prayer. More information and registration for the Zoom links is available at ssnd.org/events.



Happy Valentines Day!

Today is the day we should reach out and let all those that we love and care about know that they are special to us. A simple HUG says "I Love You" better than anything else. Hugs to you all!

"Contrary to what many people claim today, in a not disinterested way, love is something more than a feeling. Love is the will that a person has to share his/her life with another and, above all, to give oneself to the other."

- **Cardinal Gerhard Muller**

In the past couple of weeks, I have been with my family especially with my mother who is sick and also with my religious community (Carmelites of Mary Immaculate). I just returned to the OLL family, after 21 hours of a long flight from India where the temperature was 85. Some of you may be jealous to hear that the temperature was 85. It is hard to explain to my friends and family in India just how cold it gets in Minnesota.

I am so grateful to the OLL staff that did a wonderful job in my absence. I am also grateful to the visiting priests who celebrated the weekend Masses I have been so appreciative of all the prayers.

"Linger Longer" after Mass on Saturday & Sunday, February 19th & 20th to welcome Fr. Abraham back from vacation.

Your Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of; *Marion Vos Godwin* sister of Andy Schwartz and his wife Joyce. Sister of Joe Schwartz and his wife Cindy. *Roger Neubarth*, brother of Ron Neubarth and his wife Sue. *Doug Conley*, uncle of Brenda Jones and her husband Casey. *Bernice Feist*, mother of Darin Feist.

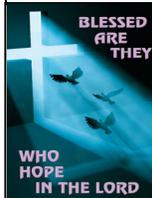
May they rest in peace and may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. Please also pray for their families.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Do you wonder if you could be happier, healthier, more fulfilled and have more passion for your faith? Take time out of your busy life and join us for a Christ Renews weekend retreat. Men's Retreat: March 19-20. Women's Retreat: March 26—27. Sign-up online at <https://stjosephwaconia.org/programs/adult-formation/crhp-retreats/>

Investment Conference Wednesday, February 23, 7:15 -10:15 a.m., University of Saint Thomas and virtual event

Hosted by Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota, this event is for people who want to better understand the world of Catholic investing. Whether you're someone who wishes to live your faith through philanthropy or a parish or school leader responsible for stewarding the gifts entrusted to you, you may find our Investment Conference intriguing. Visit ccf-mn.org/events/investment-conference



Woe is Me?

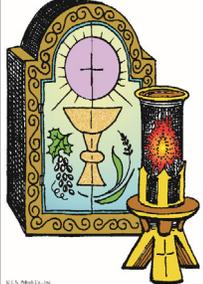
In Luke's version of the Beatitudes, he has only four blessings and he adds four woes. Did you notice that all the things that we work forty or more hours a week to give to our family are considered woes? So is Jesus saying we should not have savings for the future, food for the kids, a happy, safe environment, or a good reputation? I suspect that the disciples and the others listening to Jesus wondered the same thing. The values of this world are not necessarily the values of God's Kingdom. Jesus himself is the extreme example of reversing worldly values: His death was not a tragic ending, but the saving action that brought us forgiveness and new life in the Resurrection. So how do we experience the blessings of the poor, the hungry, the mourning, or the unpopular? Do we have the faith to let go of self-reliance and to trust in Jesus? How much money does it take to meet the needs of our family? Are we really helping our children if we give them anything they want? We buy them nice clothing; do we teach them to see Jesus in others? How can we say this is all too idealistic, and still claim to believe in the Resurrection? I don't expect everyone do go around saying woe is me. Some of the happiest people are those who live simple lives of faith and trust in God. When we learn to trust the Lord and love one another, we not only can see Jesus in the poor or the lonely, **he can also be seen in us.** Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Mass Ministry Schedule - February 19-20, 2022

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Volunteer	Paul Prososki	Dan Worm
Reader	Judy Glander	Ann Schwichtenberg	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Bernie Shambour	Pat Johnson	Helen Nicklaus
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Justin Buckentin & Steve Coyle	Andy Kleindl & Brian Vos
Greeters	Roger Storms	Sue Schultz	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson Grp B: Paul & Corrine Prososki	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	Feb. 14	No Mass	
Tuesday	Feb. 15 6:15 pm	Ascension	For All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Feb. 16 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Robert G. Fritz †
Thursday	Feb. 17 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Edward Klepperich †
Friday	Feb. 18 8:00 am	Ascension	Mass of Reparation
Saturday	Feb. 19 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	A. Therese
Sunday	Feb. 20 8:00 am	Ascension	Michael Coyle †
Sunday	Feb. 20 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Living & Deceased members of the Albert & Clara Wickenhauser Family



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
Feb 14—20, 2022

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
Mk 8:11-13 **Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21 **Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26 **Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33 **Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1 **Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13 **Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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.

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 01-26 through 1-31-22	6,371.51
Total Actual Collection YTD	114,005.42
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	6,385.52
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	860.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	860.00
Forward in Faith YTD	55,889.72

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 1/30/2022	
Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,867.00
Weekly E-Giving:	250.00
Collections Budget YTD:	
Actual Collection YTD:	86,442.57
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	95,415.26
Capital Improvement Offering:	8,972.69
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	50.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	45.00
	7,015.00

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