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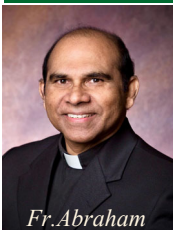


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The Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time - February 27, 2022



Make Positive Difference on Others

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, the eighth Sunday of ordinary time, the readings remind us of the virtues and qualities that should characterize our lives as Christians.

The first reading is a call to be very careful in evaluating people based on their appearances rather than on the wisdom that comes from them. It says: “One’s speech discloses the bent of one’s mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.” Our sincere words and actions as Christians must edify, improve and encourage others. So, today we must ask ourselves: Does my words and actions edify or make any positive difference on others?

In today’s gospel, Jesus teaches us that the quality of our heart determines the quality of our words and actions. He says: “A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” As Christians, if we live according to the good news, definitely, our actions and words would be guided by it. Consequently, it will affect others positively.

Also, Jesus warns us today to be careful in judging others. Rather, we should be humble enough to look inwards before criticizing others.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God has given us victory through Christ. “Therefore, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

Let our hearts are filled with joy for what God has given for us through Christ. Through him we are filled with goodness so that we can praise and thank God with a cheerful and sincere heart.

This Wednesday (March 2) Lent begins. All are invited to participate in Ash Wednesday liturgy. Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Wed. Mar 2 5:00pm Ash Wed. Mass @ StB
 Wed. Mar 2 6:45pm Ash Wed. Mass @ Asc
 Fri. Mar 4 11am-7pm KC Fish Fry @ Asc



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

Cookie donations will be accepted.

Drop-off on Wed afternoon on Mar 2 and Thurs morning on Mar 3. Please contact Dave Donnay (952-201-1942) so we have an approximate count of cookies of cookies coming in. Thank you for helping make our fish fry a success.

TRIBUNAL Annulment Consultations on Ash Wednesday

Date: Wednesday, March 2 **Time:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Location:** [Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul](#) (English consultations) and Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Paul (Spanish consultations). On Ash Wednesday (March 2) staff members of the archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal will be available for confidential consultations with the general public regarding annulments and to offer assistance in filling out the application. To learn more about the Metropolitan Tribunal and the annulment process. Visit: <https://www.archspm.org/tribunal-annulments/>



"God is Waiting for You..." Pope Francis ~ Healing after Abortion

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is April 1-3, 2022. Retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion—women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see rvineyardmn.org

The **Catholic Services Appeal** will be held on the weekend of Feb. 26-27. You should have received a mailing from CSAF at your home or there will be envelopes in the pews at church that you may use. When you give to the CSAF, you partner with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need and help provide a better future for all! From campus ministry to support for the disabled; deaf ministry to room and board for future priests, your five makes a real difference across several different ministries!

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://stjosephwacoia.org/programs/adult-formation/crhp-retreats/>

"I have found it's best to think of the Catholic Church as your extended family. Some of the members will be weird, others will drive you crazy, and still others will be your best friends. Whatever your disagreements are, you will always be brothers and sisters in Christ." - *Aurora Griffin*

Ash Wednesday Services will be on **March 2nd**
5:00 pm at St. Bernard and 6:45pm at Ascension

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

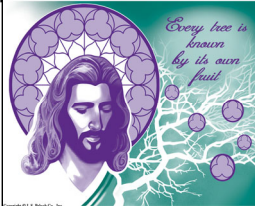


Fasting – Catholics between the age of 18 and 59 inclusive are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days one full meal is allowed if necessary. Food may be taken at two other times, two smaller meals, in order to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed, however.

Abstinence – Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. It is only on other Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, that a Catholic may substitute another form of penance instead of abstinence.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—will resume every Wednesday beginning on Wednesday, March 9th. 2:00 pm. To 7:00pm. Please sign up for an hour or half hour of adoration. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex of the church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a great way to be more prayerful during the season of lent.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Harriet Meuleners** whose funeral was at St. Bernard on Monday, Feb. 21st. May she rest in peace and may her soul and the souls of the faithfully departed, with the mercy of God, rest in peace. Pray for peace and comfort for Harriet's family. Pray also for the repose of the soul of Romona Haasken who passed away Feb. 5th. Her memorial service is pending. Pray for peace and comfort for Romona's family.



TALKING HEARTS

As disciples who follow Jesus, we believe that we are following God's very Word-made-Flesh. The theological term for this is In-carn-ation, the "in-flesh-made" second person of the Trinity. As followers of the Word, our words are truly important. Our hearts and mouths are wired together, as Jesus tells us today: "from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." This is yet another echo of the wisdom of Sirach: "Speech discloses the bent of a person's heart." Eventually, our words--and the other actions of our lives--will convey what is truly in our hearts. Perhaps the ultimate test of our discipleship is not merely our words, or even our actions, but on a deeper level the test is whether or not others will find in us God's word "in-flesh-made." Our mission is to be the Word-made-flesh, in the flesh again in our own place and time. *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

Spiritual Resources!

TV: **Diocese of St. Cloud: Sun., 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45; **Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sun., 11:30 AM. on Fox 9+; **Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sun., Noon on Fox 9+ (Dish/Direct 29, Comcast 10/807; Over Air 9.2); **EWTN: 7:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM.
Radio: **Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sun. at noon, and at 9 a.m. **EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live

Please pray the Rosary daily for our nation, our world, an end to Abortion and an end to the Coronavirus. The following is a list of a few TV and Radio stations that air the Rosary.

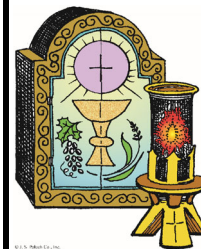
TV: **EWTN: 6:30am, After the TV Mass at Approximately 8:00am.; 2:30pm.; 8:30pm.; **Catholic TV Network: 2:00 am; 9:00am; 5:30pm Nuvera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21;
Radio: **Revelant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. "Family Rosary across America"

Mass Ministry Schedule - Ash Wed, Mar. 2 & Mar. 5-6

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Wed. 5:00pm	Ascension Wed. 6:45pm	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Sherry Witte	Doris Mielke	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Daniel Worm	Jack Lano	Volunteer	Florian Schindler	Daniel Worm
Reader	Jake Kooiman	Ann Schwichtenberg	Joyce Schwartz	Cheryl Coyle	Rob Wickenhauser
EMHC	Bernie Shambour	Cathleen Williams	Mary Meuwissen	Jean Schmitz	Sarah Foley
Ushers	Leo Willems & Volunteer	Steve Schrupp & Eugene Dvorak	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Steve Coyle & Don Whitaker	Bob Symanitz & Brian Vos
Greeters	Eileen Fasching	Sue Schultz	Eileen Fasching	Amy & Justin Buckentin	Casey Jones & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	N/A	N/A	Theresa Hartman & Pat Johnson Tim George & Steve Helget	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	Feb 28	No Mass	
Tuesday	Mar 1 6:15 pm	Ascension	Phero †
Wednesday	Mar 2 5:00pm	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †
Wednesday	Mar 2 6:45pm	Ascension	For Fallen Away Catholics
Thursday	Mar 3 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Bernice Wickenhauser †
Friday	Mar 4 8:00 am	Ascension	Henry Prchal †
Saturday	Mar 5 5:00 pm	St Bernard	Theresa Feist †
Sunday	Mar 6 8:00 am	Ascension	Frederick L. Braunwarth †
Sunday	Mar 6 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Gilbert Rademacher †



Eucharistic Adoration
Ascension
 Every Tuesday
 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm
St. Bernard
 Every Wednesday
 2:00 until 7:00 pm
 Adoration resumes on
 March 9th, 2022

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 Feb 28-Mar 6, 2022

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27 **Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31 **Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25 **Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 **Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32 **Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

January Budget for week	3,059.33
Contributions 02-09 through 2-15-22	1,982.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	119,055.09
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	5,317.23
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	80.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	80.00
Forward in Faith YTD	56,430.22

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 2/13/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,139.50
Weekly E-Giving:	1,070.00

Collections Budget YTD:	92,019.51
Actual Collection YTD:	101,233.76
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	9,214.25
Capital Improvement Offering:	180.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	125.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	7,425.00

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