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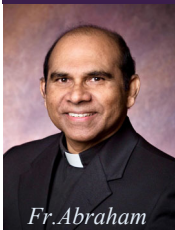
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The Second Sunday In Lent - March 13, 2022

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Fr. Abraham

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, “this is my Body” and “this is my Blood,” Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual real presence of the Second Person of Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone

kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects toward a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration.

Praying an hour with Jesus has been part of Catholic Tradition since the very beginning. Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, mournfully asked His disciples, “Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?” (Matthew 26:40) A Holy Hour gives us the opportunity to honor Our Lord’s request and place ourselves before Him. We join our own prayers, works, joys, and sufferings with His. Spending time with the Lord before his Real Presence is a privileged opportunity for us.

Eucharistic Adoration is the recognition of the wondrous presence of Christ in the sacrament and stimulates us to unite ourselves to him in a spiritual union, which finds its culmination in sacramental communion (**Post-Vatican II document on the Eucharist, 251**).

St. John Vianney, says about prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: “If we really love God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore him, and ask him for the grace of forgiveness; and we should regard those moments as the happiest in our lives. Oh! How sweet and consoling are moments spent with the God of goodness. Are you in sorrow? Come and cast yourself at his feet and you will feel quite consoled. Are you despised by the world? Come here and you will find a good friend whose faithfulness will never fail you... Would you begin to taste the joy of the saints? Come here and you will know the happy beginnings of it.”

The benefit of Eucharistic adoration, to the Church, a parish, families, and individuals, is beyond measuring. Those who participate in adoration testify to an increase in faith, stronger family life, miracles of healing, more faithful vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and marriage, and most importantly, a greater love for God and neighbor. When we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, wonderful things happen.

Pope, **St. John Paul II**, who had a strong personal devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The Pope Says, “I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God.” The Church has once again embraced this venerable form of worship in many parishes throughout the United States and the world offer some form of Eucharistic adoration. Some parishes in our Archdiocese have begun the practice of perpetual adoration which is unceasing adoration which occurs twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. Parishioners in these parishes will sign-up for one-hour time slots throughout the day and night. For many this opportunity for adoration is an important time of solitude, reflection and prayer. Many have noted the personal and spiritual growth that has occurred as a result of this graced time.

Ascension and St. Bernard provide the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration.

Ascension: Every Tuesday 3:00 pm until 6:00pm.

St. Bernard: Every Wednesday 2:00pm until 7:00pm.

Please consider Eucharistic Adoration as the part of your Lenten spiritual journey. The sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. Please sign up for this great spiritual opportunity. Let us honor and ‘love the Lord, our God, with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind.’ (Mt. 22:37)

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Tues Mar 15	4:00pm	Finance Council @ Asc
Wed Mar 17	7:00pm	JMT Meeting @ StB
Fri Mar 18	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross @ StB
Sat Mar 19	After 5:00pm	Mass "Linger Longer" @ StB
Sun Mar 20	After 10:00am	Mass "Linger Longer" @ StB
Thu Mar 24	7:00pm	Finance Council @StB

Bible Study at Ascension

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that begins **Sunday, March 13th at 9:00am at Ascension.** We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. For more information or to register, contact Chris George at 952-467-3138.

March is Food Shelf month at Ascension.

Donations can be left in the basket in the church entry and will be delivered to the West Carver Food Shelf. All items will be appreciated.



"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

Pray for the Synod

Monday, March 14, 7 p.m., St. Hubert, Chanhassen
All are invited to pray for our Archdiocesan Synod in this special way! Each month between now and Pentecost 2022, a different parish in our Archdiocese will host a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for daily Mass and holy hour with lectio divina prayer.

Saint Patrick's Day Mass Thursday, March 17, 9:30-11 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul The Ancient Order of Hibernians would like to invite all to join us in celebrating the Feast of Saint Patrick. The celebrant at the Mass will be Bishop Joseph Williams. A brunch will take place in Hayden Hall immediately following Mass. Visit ahmndivision4.org for more information.

The Passion of Jesus in Music, Word & Light

March 25 & 26 at 8:00pm at Saint Mark's Church
4th Avenue & Atwood Street, Shakopee
Musical prelude at 7:40pm

Back for the first time since 2019! Admission is Free.
ShakopeePassionPlay.org CDC encourages the wearing of masks.

"Hope is nothing other than Christian optimism. It allows man to remain firm in the faith, fully assured by God's promises. In hope, God is the guarantor of my future and of my serene stability." - Robert Cardinal Sarah

Welcome Sawyer Elaine Schmitt !

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of St. Bernard Church who was baptized on February 27th, 2022. Sawyer is the daughter of John and Courtney (Jacques) Buesgens. Many blessings to Sawyer and her family.



Lenten Services

Stations of the Cross

Friday's 6:00 pm
Mar 11, 18 @ StB
Mar 25, Apr 1, 8 @ Asc

Lenten Reconciliation Service
Wed Mar 30 6:30pm - 8:00pm @ Asc

St Bernard's Parish has been given the opportunity to assist with the Fish Fry at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Waconia on Friday April 8th, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4da4a922a57-fish> to help out **The Knights of Columbus** will have a fish fry each Friday during Lent serving 4:30-7pm at St Joseph School, cost is \$14 per adult, 6-12 \$7, under 6 free, \$50 max per family. Please support them by attending and working at the April 8th Fish Fry. Questions contact Monica@kooiman2010.com or 952-466-5769

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/>

GEORGE ORWELL'S 1984 at Open Window Theatre and runs through March 27th. This authorized stage adaptation depicts a dystopian society where Big Brother is always watching and independent thought is criminalized. Orwell's classic story has not lost any relevance over the past 70 years and is well suited for adolescent audiences and older. Tickets are available at openwindowtheatre.org or over the phone at 612-615-1515. Come support your local, Catholic-inspired professional theatre!



A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God. 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;

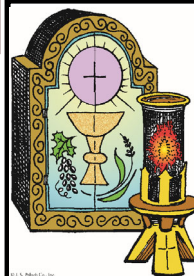
Radio: **Relevant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. "Family Rosary across America"

Mass Ministry Schedule -March 19-20, 2022

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Volunteer	Paul Prososki	Dan Worm
Reader	Judy Glander	Ann Schwichtenberg	Ally Kunkel
EMHC	Margaret Wickenhauser	Steve Helget	Pam Kunkel
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Steve Coyle & Paul Lano	Bob Symanitz & Leo Willems
Greeters	Roger Storms	Colleen & Dave Donnay	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	Mar. 14	No Mass	
Tuesday	Mar. 15 6:15 pm	Ascension	Living & deceased members of the Clara & Albert Wickenhauer family
Wednesday	Mar. 16 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †
Thursday	Mar. 17 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Rebecca Shamla †
Friday	Mar. 18 8:00 am	Ascension	Living & deceased members of the Mathais & Gertrude Fick family
Saturday	Mar. 19 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	All Parishioners
Sunday	Mar. 20 8:00 am	Ascension	Pope Francis
Sunday	Mar. 21 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser ††



Eucharistic Adoration Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00 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 Mar 14-20, 2022

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38 **Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12 **Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28 **Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31 **Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 **Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a **Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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 pqinn53322@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 02-23 through 2-28-2022	2,172.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	127,227.26
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	7,370.03

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income	325.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	325.00
Forward in Faith YTD	57,468.64

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 2/27/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,965.00
Weekly E-Giving:	1,015.00

Collections Budget YTD:	97,596.45
Actual Collection YTD:	106,798.16
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	9,201.71

Capital Improvement Offering:	160.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	100.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	7,760.00

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