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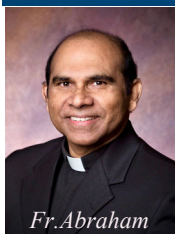


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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 17, 2022



Fr. Abraham

“Jesus is Lord; He is Risen”

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Egyptian pyramids are world-famous as one of the “Seven Wonders” of the world. They are actually gigantic tombs containing the mummified bodies of Egyptian Pharaohs. But there is a Shrine of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, and pilgrims from all over the world visit a tomb there which is empty, with a note at its entrance that says, “He is not here.” It is famous because Jesus Christ, who was once buried there, rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb as he had told his disciples he would. We rejoice at this great and unique event by celebrating Easter.

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. The Resurrection is the greatest of the miracles. It proves that Jesus is God. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. “Jesus is Lord, he is risen.” (Romans 10:9) was the central theme of the preaching of the apostles. In his book, “Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week,” Pope Benedict XVI writes an extended reflection on the Resurrection. He insists that the Resurrection is not a metaphor, not a figment of the apostles’ imagination, but something so new and yet so certain that it transformed the apostles and sent them out into the world to preach the Good News of salvation.

Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sufferings, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. The belief in the real presence of the risen Jesus gives meaning to our life. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against evils, and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way. It inspires us to see the world in a wider perspective. It encourages us to respect all people, irrespective of cast, color, culture, race, or language.

Early that Easter morning, Mary of Magdala did not find what she was looking for: the dead body of Jesus. But she found something better than she could have imagined: the risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we think we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God’s new ways of working in the world. That’s the power of the resurrection.

Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a resurrection people. This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins and evil habits. It gives us the good news that no tomb can hold us down anymore - not the tomb of despair, discouragement, doubt or death. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real presence of the risen Lord in all the events of our lives. On this Easter, we must pray to the Risen Lord to transform us and our world, especially, Ukraine and Russia with peace and hope.

May the Risen Lord bless you, your families and our parish family. **Happy Easter**

We pray Rosary twenty minutes before every weekend Mass with special intentions. You are welcome to join us.

Rosary Intention: ‘For our Parish Family’

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Tues Apr 19	4:00pm	Finance Council @ Asc
Thurs Apr 21	7:00pm	JMT Meeting @ StB
Thurs Apr 28	7:00pm	Finance Council @ StB
Sat Apr 30	10:00am	Confirmation @ Basilica

Mass time change

Change of date for April only Mass at The Harbor and The Haven. The Mass will be Friday, April 22 (instead of 2nd Fri of April 8th). It will be at The Harbor at 10:00 a.m.

Youth Mass Servers Needed

We will be bringing back the youth Mass servers. Both boys and girls, 3rd grade and up are eligible. Parents, please let Kara Wickenhauser (952-250-3620) know if your child/children are interested in participating in this wonderful opportunity to show Jesus how much they love Him. Training will be April 20th during Faith Formation. See sign-up form in the bulletin.

Cemetery Notice for Ascension and St. Bernard: The snow is gone!! In order to aid with spring cleanup, please have all decorations removed from the cemetery by April 23rd. Any decorations remaining will be removed and placed by the big tree behind the Faith Formation building at Ascension and behind the church (next to the AC units) at St. Bernard. Please note: During the grass growing season, except for over Memorial Day, only unbound fresh flowers will be permitted on the cemetery.

Why couldn't I just walk away... and get over it?
Monday, April 25, 6:30 - 8 p.m., virtual event - A Zoom presentation for victim/survivors and those who care for them. This presentation will focus on one survivor's own abilities and lack of abilities to "just get over it." It will also report on the recent data on the neuroscience of trauma on the brain and our memories, while paying special attention and care to the ways that the grooming process in the trauma, coupled with the situational interactive dynamics of the "traumatic event" within families and communities play a significant role in how difficult it may be to "just get over it." For more information contact Paula Kaempffer, kaempfferp@archspm.org, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Find registration at <https://www.archspm.org/why-couldnt-i-just-walk-away/>

Class of St. Michael the Archangel

Put on the Shield of Faith, Embrace the Sword of Spirit, and Join the Class of St. Michael the Archangel!

This fall the **Catechetical Institute** will offer the two-year Pillars Program in-person at Epiphany in **Coon Rapids** and via live stream at various satellite sites around the Archdiocese. Classes will be held on **Mon. evenings from 7PM—9PM**. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two Sat. morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted through August 1, 2022. More Info & Applications go to www.cistudent.com/pillars/

"The Crowning with Thorns was not only a crowning with thorns, but also a crowning. It transformed thorns into diamonds. It was the triumph of true kingship: the kingship not of power, but of love." —Peter Kreeft



Easter Services

Easter Vigil, Apr 16, **8:00pm** @ StB
 Easter Sunday, Apr 17, **8:00am** @ Asc
 Easter Sunday, Apr 17, **10:00am** @ StB



Maintenance /"handy-person" needed.

St. Bernard is looking to hire a part-time maintenance/handy person to perform routine maintenance in all buildings, as well as cleaning in the school building and to be backup to our lawn mowing volunteers. We anticipate approximately 40 hrs. per month with starting wage of \$15.00/hr. Please contact the parish office (952-466-2031) if you are interested in this opportunity.

Catholic United Financial Scholarships

Catholic United Financial scholarship application period is open from March 1st – April 30th of each year. These scholarships are a one-time benefit awarded to any member (any age) who is pursuing a degree, diploma or certification. Applicants must have been a member for at least 2 years by the application deadline. **Awards of \$300 to members attending a non-Catholic institution, or \$500 for those attending a Catholic college, university or institution.** Applications are done online through our Member Portal at www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/scholarships.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat..." Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help protect your good marriage from the weeds of the modern world. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 7-9, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. More info: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at 612-756-8720 or applications@twincitieswwme.org



EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a

day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new.

Easter changes everything!!
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Mass Ministry Schedule –April –18-24, 2022

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Cheryl Coyle	Doris Mielke
Servers	Paul Proski	Don Whitaker	Daniel Worm
Reader	Jean Schmitz	Brian Willems	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Steve Lemmer	Steve Coyle	Helen Nicklaus
Ushers	Dave Donnay & Steve Schrupp	Richard Tellers & Tim George	Vern Elke & Andy Kleindl
Greeters	Julie Gesinger	Leo Pouliot	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	GpA: Sue & Rich Tellers GpB: Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	April 18	No Mass	
Tuesday	April 19 6:15 pm	Ascension	For the Unborn
Wednesday	April 20 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Leonard Hoen Sr. †
Thursday	April 21 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Living & Deceased members of the Albert & Clara Wickenhauser Fam.
Friday	April 22 8:00 am	Ascension	Henry & Patricia Prchal ††
Saturday	April 23 5:00 pm	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	April 24 8:00 am	Ascension	Respect for All Life
Sunday	April 24 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Robert G. Fritz † & All Parishioners



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 Apr 18-24, 2022

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15 **Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18 **Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35 **Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48 **Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14 **Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15 **Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

January Budget for week	2,969.08
Contributions 03-30 through 4-5-2022	2,692.92
Total Actual Collection YTD	142,760.77
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	5,336.13
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	330.00
Electronic Donations	265.50
Forward in Faith Total	595.50
Forward in Faith YTD	59,778.06
Global Solidarity collection	280.00

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 4/3/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	904.00
Weekly E-Giving:	250.00
Collections Budget YTD:	111,538.80
Actual Collection YTD:	118,928.36
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	7,389.36
Capital Improvement Offering:	110.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	8,815.00

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