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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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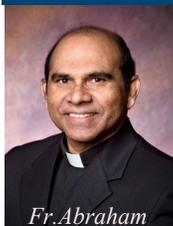


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## Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy - April 24, 2022



Fr. Abraham

### Jesus, I Trust in You

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

St. John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of the Easter as **Divine mercy Sunday** at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. He described Divine Mercy Sunday in a special way. It is the Sunday of thanksgiving for all goodness and mercy that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery. God revealed his mercy, first and foremost, by sending his only-begotten Son, our Savior and Lord, by his suffering, death and resurrection. Divine mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the sacraments.

This Divine Mercy Sunday the Gospel passage illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting Apostle Thomas and emphasizes the importance of faith. Thomas was not with them when Jesus came the first time. “So, the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” “But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later Jesus appeared to them again and he offers Thomas an experience of the senses to see his hands, touch the wounds, hear Jesus’ voice calling him to leave doubt behind and trust. At that moment Thomas pronounces his famous profession of faith, “*My Lord and my God,*” a prayer of acknowledgment and adoration.

Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” To believe without having seen is every later Christian’s experience. We who believe are those of whom Jesus spoke. We are the blessed who do not see, yet believe.

Some times, we have all experienced “doubting-Thomas” moments. What is your *unless*? Unless Jesus removes this difficulty, fixes my finances, heals my loved one, eases my anxiety, or slows my aging, I will not believe. Where do you experience these Thomas moments when you so desperately want to believe but struggle to embrace what you cannot see? Moments when you are unable to rely on the witness of others to secure your heart in the truth.

Jesus says to us, don’t be faithless; come closer and put behind your fear and doubts, trust in his grace and mercy, and believe. We are invited to receive the freedom from doubts and hesitation by surrendering our lives to the risen Lord of mercy. Let us ask God our Father to open our hearts, so that we may receive his mercy through the sacraments especially, through Eucharist and Reconciliation.

Living faith enables us to see the Risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render our loving service to others, especially to the sick, the weak, the oppressed and the poor. St. Teresa of Calcutta presents it this way: “If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action.”

We continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as our Divine Mercy. We are called to recognize that our Lord loves us over and over, forgiving our doubts, strengthening us in faith, drawing us into his Church and revealing himself to us. Let us thank the Lord for his mercy and love.

**The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy:** *Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

**Rosary Intention:** *For all the children celebrating the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation*

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI, Pastor



**CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES**

Thurs Apr 28 7:00pm Finance Council @ StB  
 Sat Apr 30 10:00am Confirmation @ Basilica  
 Sat Apr 30 & Sun May 1 KC Tootsie Roll Drive @ Asc

**Mass time change**

The April Mass at The Harbor and The Haven will be Friday, April 22 It will be at The Harbor at 10:00 a.m.

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

A second collection will be taken on **Apr. 23-24** for this appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



**Divine Mercy Sunday** is April 24th. For more information, visit [thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org) to learn more about the extraordinary graces available and how to receive them. Also learn the history of the Chaplet and how and when to pray it.

The Ascension **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll** drive that will happen on the weekend of April 30 -May 1.

**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.

**Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession SUNDAY – MAY 1 1:15 p.m. Gather at the State Capital - 2:00 p.m. Procession begins.** As a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come with family and friends to the annual **Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession**. Join thousands of faithful Catholics in a procession down John Ireland Blvd. from the State Capital to our Cathedral. Parishes are encouraged to bring banners to represent their communities. First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion attire. Following Pope Francis' Consecration of Russia to the Blessed Mother, the Rosary this year will be prayed especially for peace in Ukraine. *The event will also be livestreamed via the Cathedral of Saint Paul Facebook page.*

**Helping Ukraine** Because the situation in Ukraine is so fluid, one of the fastest and best ways to contribute is directly to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which has teams on the ground. Funds directed to Ukraine will go there. Please go to [archspm.org/helping-ukraine](http://archspm.org/helping-ukraine) to donate and to see the CRS Emergency Factsheet for more information about relief efforts already underway. And please pray for our sisters and brothers in need and for peace.

“The God who is love—the God who was so passionately in love with us and so desired to be united to us— was even willing to lay down his life for us. As Saint Catherine of Siena once said, the nails could not have held Jesus to the cross if love had not held him there first. “— Edward Sri



**Maintenance /“handy-person” needed.** St. Bernard is looking to hire a part-time maintenance/handyperson 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.

**Quilting...**

The weekend of April 30th-May 1st, knotted blankets will be on display at Ascension. These blankets will be blessed Tues, May 3rd after the 6:15 pm Mass. **The Sew Support group** includes members from Church of Ascension and St. Bernard. We meet once a week on Tuesday Mornings at Saint Bernard in the Narthex basement to knot the blankets. Blanket tops are sewn by members of the parishes. Blankets have been donated to: Royal Family Kids Camp, NYA food shelf, local Fire Departments, Carver County Veterans, and Birthright of Hutchinson. **We are looking for additional local donation sites.** Past donations include \$\$ from Catholic United Financial, Knights of Columbus, and Respect for Life along with material, batting and clean flat sheets from private families. We welcome any cash donations to further our cause. Thank you all for supporting our mission. Any questions, please call Irene Yaeck at 612-716-7063.

**Catholic United Financial Scholarships**

Catholic United Financial scholarship application period is open from March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/scholarships).

**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/](http://www.cistudent.com/pillars/)



**DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY**

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: **“My Lord and my God!”**

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## Mass Ministry Schedule –April –25-May 1, 2022

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Kathy Kloempken	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Jack Lano	Florian Schindler	Daniel Worm
Reader	Darlene Mondor	Ann Schwichtenberg	Rob Wickenhauser
EMHC	Pat Johnson	Steve Helget	Pam Kunkel
Ushers	Tom Lano & Gary Widmer	Richard Tellers & Curt Wilson	Bob Symanitz & Leo Willems
Greeters	Dave & Colleen Donnay	Sue Schultz	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Tim George & Steve Helget Grp B Sue & Rich Tellers	N/A

### Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	April 25	No Mass	
Tuesday	April 26 6:15 pm	Ascension	For Elected Officials
Wednesday	April 27 8:00 am	St. Bernard	John Casey †
Thursday	April 28 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †
Friday	April 29 8:00 am	Ascension	Jose Luis Segura & Maximo Villegas ††
Saturday	April 30 5:00 pm	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	May 1 8:00 am	Ascension	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser ††
Sunday	May 1 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Dennis Wickenhauser † & 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 25-May 1, 2022

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20 **Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15 **Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 **Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36 **Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 **Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21 **Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

### 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	2,969.08
<b>Contributions 04-6 through 4-12-2022</b>	<b>1,701.55</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	144,462.32
<b>Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>4,068.60</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	225.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>60,003.06</b>

**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](http://www.st-bernard-cologne.org)

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 4/10/2022

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 2,788.47
<b>Weekly Envelopes/Plate:</b>	2,711.00
<b>Weekly E-Giving:</b>	1,120.00
<b>Collections Budget YTD:</b>	114,327.27
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	122,759.16
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	8,431.80
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	230.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	175.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	9,220.00

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