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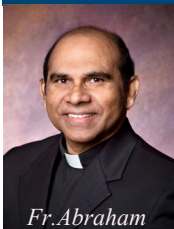
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Third Sunday of Easter- May 1, 2022

“Cast the Net over the Right side of the Boat”



Fr. Abraham

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Simon Peter and his companions have returned to Galilee apparently out of sadness and a sense of defeat after the crucifixion of Jesus. They went back to their old business, that was fishing. They had spent the whole night on the water and they had caught nothing. Remember that they were expert fishermen.

All their works seem futile, a painful experience shared by many people today also. At dawn as they approached shore, Jesus was standing there. And he asked them, “Cast the net over the right side of the boat.” What is remarkable is that they obeyed him. Without listening to the Lord, we may cast the net on the wrong side. They didn’t recognize the Lord until they saw the result of listening to him. Once again, the apostle experienced the power of the words of Jesus and the futility of human effort with out the Lord. “With out me you can do nothing.” (John 15:6). With Jesus, we are heroes but without him we are zeroes. We are no longer in charge of the world or even our life. God is the owner of everything.

Friendship with Jesus and listening to him are the essential things of life, regardless of any other circumstance, sickness or health, poverty or wealth, low or high position in society or church. That is the supreme truth the gospel wants to tell us. Jesus desires our friendship, and offers it to all who welcome him in faith. We can identify with many of the persons Jesus encounters in the gospel - the Samaritan woman, Martha and Mary, Lazarus, Peter, Mary Magdalene, and the beloved disciple. The gospel also warns us not to identify with those who reject friendship, and even betray friendship with Jesus.

A personal, loving relationship with the Risen Lord clearly was a distinguishing characteristic of Christian community. However, individual relationship with Jesus is not sufficient to hold the community together. When the risen Lord appeared to his disciples the first time, Thomas was away from the community. In other words, Thomas got the chance to see the Lord only when he was with the community. Two of the disciples went away from Jerusalem to Emmaus with disappointment, but the Lord brought them back to the community of the disciples by inspiring them with the Scripture and the breaking of the Bread.

The Risen Lord entrusted a specific authority to Peter. The authority that Jesus gives, however, must be exercised out of deep love and friendship with him. “Do you love me?” Jesus asks Peter the crucial question three times, as he commissions him to tend and to feed his sheep. Perhaps this is a good weekend to examine our conscience. Do I listen to the word of Jesus and obey him? Do I have a personal relationship with Jesus and his community? We can get that relationship with Jesus through prayer, reception of Eucharist, works of charity, scripture study, spiritual reading, etc.

Confirmation: This is a special weekend for us. On April 30th Saturday, five young men and women from our Parish Communities were confirmed at St. Mary’s Basilica. We pray for them that they may grow in faith and bear witness to Christ by their way of life. Congratulations.

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

Rosary Intention: *‘For the Youth, celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation’*

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Sat, Apr 30 & Sun May 1 KC Tootsie Roll Drive @ Asc
 Fri, May 13 10:00am Mass @ Harbor
 Tues, May 17 4:00pm Finance Council @ Asc



First Communion Masses will be on
 Saturday, May 14th at 5:00pm at Ascension and
 Sunday, May 15th at 10:00am at St. Bernard

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.*

Archdiocesan Marriage Day

June 11, 10 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul
 Celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and a woman in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Those celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries in the 2022 calendar year will be honored in a special way. To submit your request for a special certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Life at mfl@archspm.org or 651-291-4488. Deadline for requests is May 30.

Fatal Flaws Film Showing

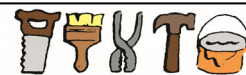
May 3, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Hubert Catholic Comm., Chanhassen
 Don't miss a special presentation and viewing of the documentary, "Fatal Flaws" about the harms of euthanasia and assisted suicide followed by a brief discussion of efforts to support compassionate alternatives to the legalization of assisted suicide in Minnesota. Questions? Contact Cathy Johnson at 952-334-0780 or jcathy724@gmail.com. For more information visit <http://www.sthubert.org/event-listings/fatal-flaws-showing>.

Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute Applications Available for the 2022 Class of St. Michael the Archangel!

This September, the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pillars Program in person at The Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids and at various CI Satellite Sites, where students will participate in the small group dynamic and gather together to watch the lectures via live stream on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, the CI: Pillars Program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and layout the roadmap to heaven. For more information, visit semssp.org/ci or call 651.962.5072.

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 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.

"Most commit the same mistake with God as they do their friends: they do all the talking." - *Fulton Sheen*



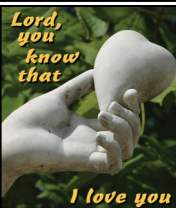
Maintenance / "handy-person" needed. St. Bernard is looking to hire a part-time maintenance/handyperson to perform routine maintenance in all buildings, as well as cleaning in the school building and to be backup to our lawn mowing volunteers. We anticipate approximately 40 hrs. per month with starting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

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.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend renews the promises you made to each other on your wedding day. Experience an enrichment for your marriage that will make your good marriage great! The next available Weekends are May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 7-9, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or <mailto:wmandbethnicks@hotmail.com> or 612-756-8720.

Looking for a perfect getaway? Let God meet you at a beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a men's silent retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House **May 5th - May 8th**. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free will donations are accepted. For more information, call Demontreville at 651-777-1311 or check out our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com. Other retreat days are also available.



REPEATED QUESTIONS

In today's Gospel, John sets the scene for Jesus' encounter with Peter, sitting by a "charcoal fire." There is just one other mention of a charcoal fire in John's Gospel: when Peter warms himself while awaiting Jesus' trial, and Peter goes on to deny knowing Jesus, three times. The evangelist directly links Jesus' three questions of Peter, "do you love me?", to Peter's three denials. Through his repeated questioning, Jesus helps Peter to face his actions fully, and to accept forgiveness fully as well. When God invites us into prayer, we may be invited to enter into deep conversation with God about our lives. God can pose the same questions to us, again and again over time, to face what we might prefer to avoid: Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you be more generous? Can you let go of obstacles to becoming more loving? And even: Do you love me? Jesus' encounter with Peter suggests that we can face such questions with deep trust in God. *Copyright (c) J. S.*

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 –May 7-8, 2022

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Rita Fahey	Lori Kasel
Servers	Volunteer	Paul Prosofski	Daniel Worm
Reader	Joyce Schwartz	Cheryl Coyle	Sarah Foley
EMHC	Margaret Wickenhauser	Steve Lemmer	Tom Kasel
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Jeremy Friendshuh & Paul Lano	Tom Dahl & Vern Elke
Greeters	Roger Storms	Steve Coyle	Julie & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Sue & Rich Tellers Grp B Paul & Corrine Prosofski	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	May 2	No Mass	
Tuesday	May 3 6:15 pm	Ascension	Patricia Prchal †
Wednesday	May 4 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Hilbert & Euella Knauer ††
Thursday	May 5 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Rebecca Shamla †
Friday	May 6 8:00 am	Ascension	Mass of Reparation
Saturday	May 7 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Harriet & Luke Meuleners ††
Sunday	May 8 8:00 am	Ascension	Luis Santa Maria & Segundo Garcia ††
Sunday	May 8 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy 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 May 2-8, 2022

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 **Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14 **Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40 **Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51 **Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 **Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69 **Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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 04-13 through 4-19-2022	4,471.17
Budget for Easter	3,200.00
Easter Contributions	3,554.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	152,487.49
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	5,924.69
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	306.00
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	125.00
Electronic Donations	643.42
Forward in Faith Total	768.42
Forward in Faith YTD	60,771.48

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 4/17/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	3,083.00
Weekly E-Giving:	250.00
Collections Budget YTD:	117,115.74
Actual Collection YTD:	126,092.16
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	8,976.42
Capital Improvement Offering:	210.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	25.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	9,455.00

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