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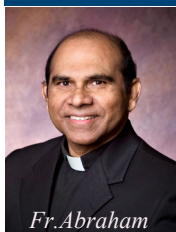


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Fourth Sunday of Easter- May 8, 2022



Fr. Abraham

Mother's Day

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Month of May is very special for us. May is the month of devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as “the Queen of May”. May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The feast is a reminder for us to uphold the dignity of human labor as well as to respect and show gratitude to all the workers who keep our world going.

The fourth Sunday of the Easter is known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**, which is also “Vocation Sunday.” This Sunday has been designated by the Holy Father as “**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**” to priesthood and religious life. We pray in a special way today that the Lord may bless the Church with many new vocations to the priesthood, to the diaconate, and to the consecrated life.

This Sunday has also been celebrated as **Mother's Day**. The tradition of Mother's Day started with the ancient Greeks who celebrated their annual spring festival in honor of Rhea, the mother of many gods and goddesses in the Greek mythology. Ancient Romans too celebrated a spring festival by the name of Hilaria in honor of Cybele, a mother goddess. Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. In England the holiday was expanded to include all mothers in the 1600s. It was then called ‘Mothering Sunday’. The story of Mother's Day in the US began with the efforts of a dynamic writer and poetess, Julia Ward Howe in 1872. A loving daughter from West Virginia, Anna Jarvis is recognized as a ‘Founder of Mother's Day. On May 8, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

This brief history shows how much the world honors and loves mothers. Mother is an epic. Mother cannot be explained but to be experienced. Mothers are everything for us especially when we are small, our lives revolve around her. For everything that we need we call mother. To protect us from all perceivable dangers we want her around us. To take us out we hold her arms. And for a warm hug and love we look for her. She is the focal point of our lives, as she teaches us by her example to love God and others.

We also honor all “*spiritual mothers*”, those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others. They may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in the image and likeness of God.

On the special occasion of Mother's Day, pay tribute to your mother, as well as our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mother's Day is the perfect day to celebrate the joys of having a mother. Mother's Day is also the time when a woman may realize the dignity of her own motherhood.

Happy Mother's Day

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

Rosary Intention: ‘For all mothers’

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



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Fri, May 13 10:00am Mass @ Harbor
 Tues, May 17 4:00pm Finance Council @ Asc
 Thur, May 19 7:00pm Joint Mission Team Mtg @ StB
 Sat, May 21 & Sun May 22 Linger Longer @ St. Bernard



The Combined First Communion Mass will be on Saturday, May 14th at 5:00pm at Ascension

Food for the Poor—Special Collection May 21-22

In addition to feeding the hungry, providing access to lifesaving clean water, delivering essential medicines and medical supplies, and building safe and sturdy homes, Food For the Poor is committed to building self-sustaining communities in the Caribbean and Latin America. Our goal to end poverty begins with developing communities where residents are empowered and flourish on their own through education and skills training. With God and our faithful donors, the cycle of poverty can be broken for families in need, giving them a future filled with hope. Fr. Karis will be visiting our parishes requesting your support and prayers for help in supporting these lifesaving programs.

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.



Pray. Reflect. Follow. — Your Role in Synod 2022

Thank you to all who participated in the Synod Parish Consultation with Small Groups last fall. While the Parish Consultation is complete, the Synod isn't over! There are still important ways you can stay involved now through the Synod Assembly, June 3-5:

- 1. Pray.** Prayer has always been integral to our Archdiocesan Synod process. Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers and pray in particular for Synod representatives from our parish. Find prayer opportunities at archspm.org/synod/pray.
- 2. Reflect.** The same three focus areas we discussed during the Parish Consultation, will be examined in-depth throughout the remainder of the Synod process. Watch the Parish Consultation videos – again, or for the first time – and reflect on these important topics at archspm.org/synod/smallgroups.
- 3. Follow.** Follow The Catholic Spirit to stay up-to-date on the latest news about the Archdiocesan Synod. Visit thecatholicspirit.com. Find links and resources for all of the above at archspm.org/synod.

Transitional Diaconal Ordination May 14, 10-11:30 a.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis All are invited to attend the Diaconal Ordination for our seminarians completing Theology III. Please join us for this joyous celebration!

Presbyteral Ordination May 28, 10-11:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul Archdiocesan seminarians completing Theology IV will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. The general public is welcome to attend this joyous celebration!

“Love and sacrifice are closely linked, like the sun and the light. We cannot love without suffering and we cannot suffer without love.” - St. Gianna

Welcome Blaire Beverly Meuleners !

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of St. Bernard Church who was baptized on April 24, 2022. Blaire is the daughter of Timothy Chelsey (Buesgens) Meuleners. Many blessings to Blaire and her family.



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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Austin Hilgers

whose funeral was on Friday, April 29th at St. Bernard. May he rest in peace and may his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, though the mercy of God, rest in peace. Pray for peace and comfort for Austin’s family.

Pray also for the repose of the soul of Gerald Meuleners, father of Laurie Widmer and her husband Roy.

Pray also for the repose of the soul of Harry Hartung Jr. brother of Diane Heimerl & her husband Darrell.

Fish Fry Update:

We received a check for \$2,809 from the Waconia KC’s from the Fish Fry they sponsored for us. This will go towards our building projects. Thank you so much to all who helped serve and everyone who came and enjoyed the last Fish Fry of the season.



ALL THINGS NEW

The new heaven and new earth described by Revelation is where God will dwell fully among God's beloved creation. God's reign will be a reign of love, where death will be no more. In Revelation, death fuels fear and resentment, which turn to cycles of violence and destruction, and to social systems that sustain injustice.

These cycles of death will one day be broken by love. In God's reign of love, new energies of creativity and human fulfillment can be released.

When God says "behold, I make all things new," God is speaking of both the present and the future. God is working now, in every person and community, in every part of part of creation, to bring about this new reality. We the Church must learn to see God working in our lives, our workplaces, and our neighborhoods, breaking cycles of death. We are summoned to join in what God is doing, releasing new energies of love, anticipating the final fulfillment of God's work. *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.

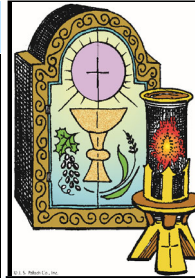
TV: **EWTN: 6:30am, After the TV Mass at Approximately 8:00am.; 2:30pm.; 8:30pm.; **Catholic TV Network: 2:00 am; 9:00am; 5:30pm Nuvera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21; **Radio:** **Relevant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. “Family Rosary across America”

Mass Ministry Schedule –May 14-15, 2022

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Tamara Lemmer	Doris Mielke
Servers	Florian Schindler	Jack Lano	Daniel Worm
Reader	Ann Dettmann	Brian Willems	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Cathleen Williams	Jean Schmitz	Julie Clemensen
Ushers	Jim Mulville & Dave Donnay	Don Whitaker & Tim George	Bob Symanitz & Leo Willems
Greeters	Jeremy & Julie Gesinger	Grace Cook	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson Grp B Steve Helget & Tim George	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	May 9	No Mass	
Tuesday	May 10 6:15 pm	Ascension	Phero Nguyen †
Wednesday	May 11 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Vern Rubey †
Thursday	May 12 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Lorraine & Stanley Kelzer ††
Friday	May 13 8:00 am	Ascension	Mass of Reparation
Saturday	May 14 5:00 pm	Ascension	Pope Francis
Sunday	May 15 8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	May 15 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Dennis & Bernice 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 9-15, 2022

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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 04-20 through 4-26-2022	4,154.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	156,741.49
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	7,209.51
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	500.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	500.00
Forward in Faith YTD	61,271.48
Catholic Home Missions collection	243.00

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 4/24/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	3,020.00
Weekly E-Giving:	945.00
Collections Budget YTD:	119,904.21
Actual Collection YTD:	130,057.16
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	10,152.95
Capital Improvement Offering:	430.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	95.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	9,980.00

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