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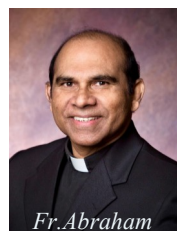


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The Most Holy Trinity - June 12, 2022



Fr. Abraham

The Most Holy Trinity, Who is for us and with us

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of faith in Christianity. St. Augustine wrote: “You see the Trinity if you see love.” According to him the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than with our mind. It teaches us that there are three distinct persons in one God, sharing the same divine nature. We believe this mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian faith.

Jesus did not use the word Trinity; however, Jesus was familiar with the very word that comprises the Trinity, namely, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. When he taught his disciples how to pray, his model prayer begins, “Our Father...” When he was baptized, he heard the voice, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” After his resurrection, he appeared to his disciples, breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Jesus instructed us: “Go into the world and baptize them, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19).

The doctrine of the Trinity is ultimately not about the abstract nature of God, nor about God in isolation from everything. It is rather a teaching about God’s life with us, and our life with each other. When Jesus told us how to pray to our Father, he told us to ask our Father to give us our daily bread, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others, and lead us not into temptations. There is nothing mysterious, nothing out of this world about these requests. When Jesus is identified as God’s own beloved Son, his Sonship does not hold the splendor of heaven, but rather the caring for the needs of his brothers and sisters on earth by giving his own body and blood. Jesus describes one of the primary actions of the Holy Spirit when he came to his frightened disciples that Easter night, breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you forgive are forgiven and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Fifty days later, on Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit who promptly filled the hearts of disciples, so they could continue the work he had begun during his ministry. This is the God, the Trinity, who is for us. The doctrine of the Trinity affirms that it is God’s very nature to be committed to humanity, and that God’s face is turned toward us in love. The joy that this feast gives us today is that the God we worship here is the God who is for us and with us forever. On this solemnity, we must learn from the three divine persons how to live, love and respect one another; and complimenting and appreciating the efforts of one another. If we live in harmony as the Most Holy Trinity, then: ‘The glorious name of the Lord will be made known through all the earth.’ (Ps 8:2).

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

Rosary Intention *‘For an end to violence’*

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Thurs, June 16 7:00pm Joint Mission Team (JMT) Mtg @StB

June is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was started and made popular by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. She was inspired by visions of Jesus to spread this devotion. This was a favorite prayer of St. Padre Pio and he prayed it every day.

Read more at: https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus

Word of Life "In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern. ... Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Live the Gospel of Life" NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.



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.

Thank You ! To Brenda Jones for planting the flowers along side of the Church. A beautiful addition to the perennials in the flower beds !

What would you like to tell Pope Francis?

In spring 2021, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church would engage in a synodal process that includes "listening to all of the baptized" in every diocese around the world. What would you like to share with Pope Francis? Now is your chance to say what you think the Catholic Church needs to focus on today. Take the survey: archspm.org/vaticansurvey

Christ is the revelation of the Father. He sees what the Father sees. He sees the way the Father sees. And to us, he not only shows us what he and the Father see, he also sends the Holy Spirit to give us the same sight: Christ's gift of revelation is to give us the eyes of the Dove. —David Fagerberg

Greeting St. Bernard's Parishioners!

We hope your Memorial Weekend was reflective and relaxing. Memorial Weekend is dubbed the unofficial start of summer. And when one thinks of summer, quickly follows is the thought of construction, especially on Minnesota Roadways!

Well, it is the same here at St. Bernard's. We currently have several campus maintenance and improvement projects planned for this summer and fall seasons. These improvements help to ensure safety for parishioners, efficient day to day energy usage, reduce water consumption and maintain our campus buildings for ongoing use. In addition to regular upkeep of items such as facility doors and furnaces, a few of the larger projects include:

- Replacing twenty-three (23) windows, including soffits and trim.
- Replacing the water softener and bathroom leaks within the School building
- Repairing a ceiling leak within the School cafeteria, together with floor tile repairs. In this current state, the cafeteria is not available for use for funerals, weddings, parish gatherings, etc.
- Demolishing and replacing the outdoor steps leading into the Church chapel. The steps are crumbling, causing a safety concern for those that use them.
- Removal and replacement of the existing fire suppression system within the Church building. The system is failing, causing continuous leaks and regular calls to the Cologne Fire Department. Clearly said, the system does not deliver the guaranteed protection a fire suppression system is installed to provide, and must be replaced.

The cost estimate for these projects is approximately \$200,000 with the fire suppression system (\$135,000) and the convent windows (\$30,000) being the largest of the projects.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the Helen Hilgers & Ronald Hilgers families for its memorial donation to cover the cost of the Convent windows! Your contribution provided the foundation to move quickly to plan and begin sourcing materials for this project!

Much gratitude to parishioners for their continued care of St. Bernard's through volunteerism and monetary support. These efforts have resulted in the ability to save enough to fund 100% of the smaller projects and half of the fire suppression system, while still maintaining a desired cushion in parish funds for regular operations and emergencies.

The Parish is in need of the remaining \$72,500 to meet the cost the fire suppression system. These funds will ensure our beautiful Church building is protected from fire for years to come. If you would like to donate, please designate on your check or envelope the amount you are donating specifying the Fire Suppression System.

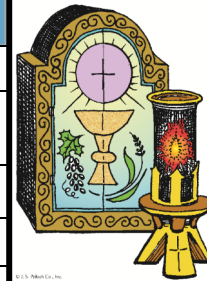
Thank you for your prayerful consideration of how the Lord may be calling you in meeting this need.
St. Bernard Finance Council Members

Mass Ministry Schedule - June 18—19

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Volunteers	Callie Buckentin & Lacey Buckentin	Luca Hoen & Logan Pellegrino
Reader	Roger Storms	Brian Willems	Helen Nicklaus
EMHC	Bernie Shambour	Curt Wilson	Meghan Stusynski
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Steve Coyle & Rich Tellers	Bob Symanitz & Leo Willems
Greeters	Eileen Fasching	Grace Cook	Julie & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Tim & Rita Fahey Grp B Rich & Sue Tellers	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	June 13	No Mass	
Tuesday	June 14 6:15 pm	Ascension	Living & Deceased members of the Mathais & Gertrude Fick family
Wednesday	June 15 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser ††
Thursday	June 16 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Sister Brenda Kelzer †
Friday	June 17 8:00 am	Ascension	For an end to war in the world
Saturday	June 18 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Earl Peters †
Sunday	June 19 8:00 am	Ascension	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser ††
Sunday	June 19 10:00 am	St. Bernard	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

for the week of June 12, 2022

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15 **Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42 **Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48 **Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15 **Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23 **Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34 **Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

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

Budget for week	3,027.27
Contributions 05-25 through 5-31-2022	4,797.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	172,861.83
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	8,193.59
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	50.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	150.00
Forward in Faith YTD	63,355.40

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 5/29/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,668.00
Weekly E-Giving:	270.00
Collections Budget YTD:	133,846.56
Actual Collection YTD:	142,006.16
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	8,159.60
Capital Improvement Offering:	295.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	12,945.00

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