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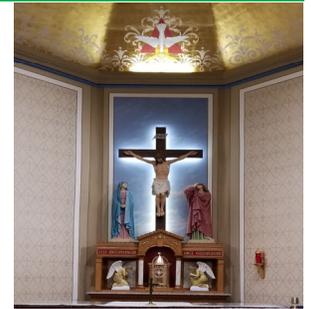
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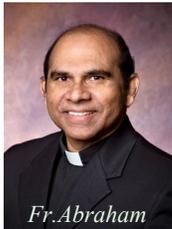


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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 10, 2022



Fr. Abraham

Love God and Neighbor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A scholar of the law asked Jesus a very basic religious question: ‘What should I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus did not give a direct answer but directed his attention to the Sacred Scriptures: ‘love God and your neighbor as yourself’. To explain the neighbor, Jesus says the parable of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37). This is one of the most famous parables told by Jesus.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus brings the story of four characters - a Priest, a Levite, a Samaritan and a person lying severely injured on the road. The priest was probably on his way to Jerusalem to worship in the Temple. He decided not to become unclean by touching a bleeding or dead person. If a priest touched a dead person, he became ritually unclean for seven days (Numb.19:11). It would mean losing his turn of duty in the Temple. So, the priest chose not to get involved.

As that priest, the Levite, too, chose not to get involved. Finally, there was the Samaritan. Samaritans were banned from the Temple. Their religious contributions were refused, and their testimony was not accepted in a court of law. But Jesus makes the Samaritan the hero of his parable. Here Jesus wanted to teach his hearers that love knows no boundaries. Love reaches out to anyone in need. It gets involved, regardless of who the person is. Further, it is not enough to be a pious, religious person, saying daily prayers and going to Temple or church. If our love of God does not extend to love of neighbor, that Samaritan who looks and talks differently than us will make it into heaven before we do. That is what Jesus was saying. What could this mean for us today?

We must remember that the ‘road from Jerusalem to Jericho’ passes right through our home, parish and workplace. It is not far away from us. The ‘Jericho Road’ is any place where people are being robbed of their dignity, their material goods or their value as human beings. It is any place where there is suffering and oppression. As a matter of fact, the ‘Jericho Road’ may be our own home or workplace or the neighborhood.

Jesus invites us to show love to others, in our own home, in the workplace, and in the neighborhood, as the Good Samaritan did. Jesus is inviting us to have hearts of mercy for those who are being hurt or mistreated on any of the ‘Jericho Roads’ of life. The neighbor in the story is not so much the man who was helped. But the one who showed compassion. A true neighbor is one who shows compassion to a person who needs help. This parable invites us to ask ourselves how we respond to people in need. How do we see the poor, or the sick or the disabled, or the destitute or the wounded or even an enemy?

A person who truly loves God wants to share God’s love and compassion with others. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that, just as Christ Jesus is the “visible image of the invisible God,” (Col 1:15) so our neighbors are the visible image of Christ living in our midst. The Good Samaritan sacrifices whatever is necessary to help another in need. Let us be good Samaritans in our actual life. Thus, we might be justified to inherit eternal life.

Rosary Intention: ‘For all Pastors, past and present, who ministered to us at Ascension and St Bernard parishes.’

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Sat.-Sun. July 16 & 17 "Linger Longer" refreshments served in the narthex after Mass at St. Bernard.
 Thurs, July 21 7:00pm Joint Mission Team Mtg @ StB
 NOTE: There will not be a Finance Council meeting at either parish in July.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dennis Stuewe, bother of Wendell Stuewe, who passed away on June 29th. May he rest in peace and may his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed, with the mercy of God, rest in peace. Also pray for peace and comfort for Dennis' family.

Help for Struggling Couples: Twin Cities Retrouvaille August 5, 7 p.m. - August 7, 4 p.m., Best Western Hotel, Eagan Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for troubled marriages. Since 1977, over 40,000 marriages have been saved worldwide. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. For more information visit www.helpourmarriage.org

Helping Priests Who've Helped Us

Did you know there's a home for retired priests of the Archdiocese? There is and you have an opportunity to share your gratitude by supporting the men who've ministered to you and your family for many decades. The **Leo C. Byrne Residence** offers 29 individual apartments for priests who have reached retirement age, most of whom continue to actively serve parishes and organizations around the Archdiocese.

The **GRATITUDE Capital Campaign Renovation Project** (coordinated by the Catholic Community Foundation) will fund work required to bring the entire Byrne Residence to a level of security and efficiency suitable for the safety and well-being of each resident priest.

We ask for your support of this much needed renovation. Make your check payable to: CCF / Byrne Residence
 Mail to: CCF / Byrne Residence Renovation Fund Court West Suite 500 2610 University Ave W St. Paul, MN 55114 (Donation envelopes can be found in the entry at Ascension and the narthex at St. Bernard.) To donate online, visit the CCF website: www.CCF-MN.org/ByrneResidence

The Blessed Solanus Casey Pilgrimage July 30, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., North St. Paul and Stillwater

All are welcome to join a walked pilgrimage for Bl. Solanus Casey's Feast Day to St. Michael's Catholic Church in Stillwater where Bl. Solanus was confirmed. There will be a whole day option starting at the Church of St. Peter in North St. Paul and an afternoon option starting in Stillwater for people to take part. The pilgrimage will close with the Vigil Mass at St. Michael's.

Word of Life

"Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory.
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 "An Adoption Love Story"

We should throw ourselves into God as a little drop of water into the sea, and lose ourselves indeed, in the ocean of the divine goodness. —*St. Jane Frances de Chantal*



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.

Welcome Liam John Schrupp: We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of St Bernard Church who was baptized on June 26, 2022. Liam is the son of Jamie (Walter) and Cody Schrupp. Many blessings to Liam and his family.

Glad Days in Cologne is celebrating its 21th year in 2022-- July 29, & 30. Our parish will be there—so come and check it out! Our booth is up at City Square Park; usually we are right by the water tower. We will have a Farmer's Market and the soft serve ice cream booth. We hope to see you there. There are three ways to be involved. **Donate bake sale items** or other farmer's market items Plastic Containers (3 different sizes) for your baked goods are available in the kitchen of the narthex. **Lend a hand at our booth.** And/or **stop by for an ice cream sundae.** Contact Julie Kleindl if you can help out. You can call/text/email to let me know when you can help. 952-807-3522 or julie.kleindl@gmail.com St Bernard Catholic United Financial is not having the Rummage Sale, so that is why we have again combined the ice cream booth and the Farmer's Market this year. See the flyer in today's bulletin for all the details.



We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing

different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)." It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

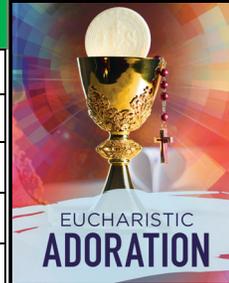
God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules. ©LPi

Mass Ministry Schedule - July 16—17

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Patricia Quinn	Brian Willems	Doris Mielke
Servers	Volunteers	Florian Schindler	Buckley Jones & Lily Starkey
Reader	Judy Glander	Ann Schwichtenberg	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Margaret Wickenhauser	Steve Helget	Sarah Foley
Ushers	Volunteers	Eugene Dvorak & Tim George	Andy Kleindl & Leo Willems
Greeters	Roger Storms	Pat Johnson	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson Grp B Sue & Rich Fahey	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	July 11	No Mass		
Tuesday	July 12	6:15 pm	Ascension	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser ††
Wednesday	July 13	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Robert G. Fritz †
Thursday	July 14	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Sister Brenda Kelzer †
Friday	July 15	8:00 am	Ascension	Phero Nguyen†
Saturday	July 16	5:00 pm	St. Bernard	All Parishioners
Sunday	July 17	8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	July 17	10:00 am	St. Bernard	Robert & LaVonne Amst ††



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.....952-484-9628

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37 **Monday:** Is 1:10-17Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21 & 23/Mt 10:34—11:1 **Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a,3b-4,5-6,7-8//Mt 11:20-24 **Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7,13b-16/Ps 94:5-6,7-8,9-10,14-15/Mt 11:25-27 **Thursday:** Is 26:7-9,12,16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab & 15,16-18,19-21/Mt 11:28-30 **Friday:** Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8/Is 38:10,11,12abcd,15/Mt 12:1-8 **Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2,3-4,7-8,14/Mt 12:14-21 **Next Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3,3-4,5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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	3,207.96
Contributions 06-22 through 6-28-2022	3,255.50
Total Actual Collection YTD	186,431.42
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	8,931.34
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	175.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	275.00
Forward in Faith YTD	67,509.50
Peter's Pence Collection	392.00

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 6/26/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,751.00
Weekly E-Giving:	1,255.00
Collections Budget YTD:	145,000.14
Actual Collection YTD:	154,168.26
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	9,167.82
Capital Improvement Offering:	355.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	145.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	14,600.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionny.org

Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.