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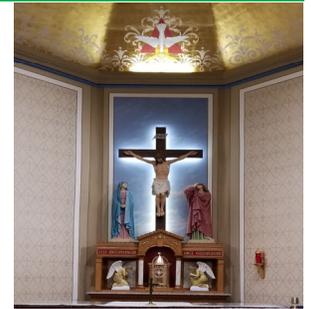
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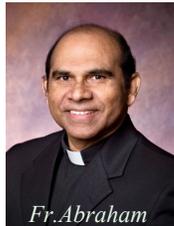


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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 24, 2022



Fr. Abraham

Perseverance in Prayer

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Prayer is the most powerful and the most reliable force in the world by which we communicate with God. The book of Genesis 18:20-32 gives us a model of intercessory prayer provided by Abraham in his dialogue with God. What the writer intended to tell us is something more important. It's the friendship that Abraham had with God, that Abraham would feel free to stand and bargain. But prayer is used not to change God's will but to discover his will, then conform our will to his.

By presenting a parable of the friend in need, Jesus emphasizes the need for persistent prayer, acknowledging our total dependence on God (Luke 11:1-13). This story does not mean that God is a reluctant giver. Rather it stresses the necessity of our persisting in prayer as the expression of our total dependence on God. Persevering in prayer helps us to purify our prayer, to make clear to ourselves our values and hopes, and to lead us to ask for what is really in our very best interests.

The gospel story also reminds us that prayer is not putting coins in a vending machine called God to get whatever we wish. God is our loving "Father" who knows what to give, when to give and how to give. This includes not only our daily bread but also our spiritual needs.

Prayer is a relationship, an intimate, loving and caring, parent-child relationship. The Greek text means: "Ask and you will receive something good," not just whatever we ask for. Hence, we are to be persistent declaring our trusting faith and dependence on God. Both stories are primarily about intercessory and persistent prayer. One friend goes to another friend on behalf of someone else.

A colleague asked C.S. Lewis if he really thought he could change God with his prayer for the cure of his wife's cancer. Lewis replied: "Prayer doesn't change God; it changes me." The value of persistent prayer is not to change God's will but to change our will according to God's will. Keep in mind that Jesus has taught us to address God as Father. A loving Father listens to his child, but does not blindly endorse every request. Instead, the loving Father provides what is needed, including discipline.

Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Nyundo, July 30 & 31

The Mission Office of Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis requested to schedule a Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Nyundo in Rwanda. The diocese was created in 1952. The diocesan vision is to bring the Good News of Christ and salvation to all people through the Church and integral human development. In 2022 the diocese of Nyundo is focusing on rehabilitating an old house in which she would like to use for educational of 600 poor single mothers of Rubavu district by empowering and equipping them so that they may grow and be able to bear fruit in their family and society. Our parishes are hosting the Mission Appeal for the [Diocese of Nyundo](#) in Rwanda during the weekend of July 30 & 31. Father Dusabe Telesphore, who is studying at Divine word College, IA. will be visiting our parishes to speak on behalf of Diocese of Nyundo during that weekend. Please generously support the Diocese of Nyundo and keep the diocese and the people in your prayers.

Rosary Intention: *'For a deeper conversion of the parishioners at Ascension and St Bernard.'*

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI , Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

NOTE: There will not be a JMT meeting or a Finance Council meeting at either parish in July.

Volunteers Needed!! Fr. Telesphore, a missionary priest from the Diocese of Nyundo, Rwanda, will be here July 30-31 representing the Missionary Cooperation Appeal program this year. We are seeking volunteers to assist with transportation to and from the airport on July 29th and August 1st, to get Father to and from Cologne for Sunday's 10:00am Mass. We are also looking for someone to coordinate activities for Father Telesphore on Friday, Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon. Please contact the parish office (952-467-3351 or 952-466-2031) if you would like to help with any of these activities.

Confirmation Classes for Persons with Disabilities August 6 and 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saint Richard Catholic Church, Richfield. Both the August 6 and August 20 classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. Registration forms will be available at 8:30 a.m. prior to the first class on August 6. The Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities will be held in September 2022. To register or if you have any further questions, please contact: Deacon Eric Gundersen or Sonya Flomo at 651.291.4488 or flomos@archspm.org.

Vatican Unveiled: An Exploration of Legacies August 19-21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Duluth, MN. Experience the largest papal artifacts collection outside of Rome. This rare collection is curated by Father Richard Kunst. Learn more about our history of popes, saints and the Swiss Guard. It's the closest most people will ever get to the Vatican. Purchase tickets at VaticanUnveiled.com.

Mayer Community Arts / Summer Theatre Presents
 RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S
Oklahoma!
 July 29-31, 2022
 July 29-30, 7 PM | July 31, 2 PM

Mayer CAST presents Oklahoma! ShowTime's are 7 p.m. July 29-30 and 2 p.m. on July 31, Mayer Lutheran High, Mayer, MN The first collaboration between Rodgers and Hammerstein, "Oklahoma!" remains a standard of musical theatre. Mayer CAST is excited to be back on stage after a two-year absence with a production which honors that tradition. Set in a Western territory in the early 1900s, "Oklahoma!" is the story of the romance between Curly, a charming cowboy, and Laurey, a feisty farm girl, and features such memorable songs as "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," "People Will Say We're in Love," and the rousing title tune, "Oklahoma!". **For tickets, see link at mayercast.org.**

Word of Life —"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Married Love and the Gift of Life"

Jesus understood well that true power must always serve the needs of others in love and humility, and that we are only entrusted with talents, gifts, authority, knowledge, and wealth so that we can become servant leaders who bring others to the fullness of their human potential by our own witness to holiness, love, humility, and service.
 —Bishop Donald Hying



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.

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 on the table in 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.

"The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things."

—Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter Laudato Si'; On the Care of Our Common Home

Come to our "Care of our Common Home" Retreat, to be held at St. Bernard on September 17th 10:00am—6:00 pm., 5:00 pm. Mass included in the retreat.



"Thy will be done"
 Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want

God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

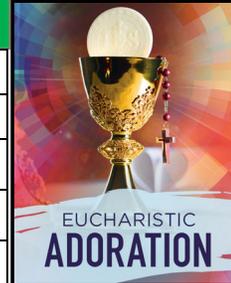
That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need. ©LPi

Mass Ministry Schedule - July 30—31

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Tamara Lemmer	Kathy Kloempken	Doris Mielke
Servers	Florian Schindler	Jack Lano	Luca Hoen & Cohen Starkey
Reader	Ann Schwichtenberg	Darlene Mondor	Ally Kunkel
EMHC	Pat Johnson	Brenda Seifert	Pam Kunkel
Ushers	Steve Schrupp & Eugene Dvorak	Josh Gallus & Gary Widmer	Tom Dahl & Vern Elke
Greeters	Leo Pouliot	Justin & Amy Buckentin	Sarah Foley & Brian Vos
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Tim & Rita Fahey Grp B Curt Wilson & Steve Lemmer	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass Time	Intention
Monday	July 25	No Mass	
Tuesday	July 26	6:15 pm	Ascension Duane Wickenhauser †
Wednesday	July 27	8:00 am	St. Bernard Duane Wickenhauser †
Thursday	July 28	8:00 am	St. Bernard Edward Klepperich †
Friday	July 29	8:00 am	Ascension All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	July 30	5:00 pm	Ascension For Pope Francis
Sunday	July 31	8:00 am	Ascension All Parishioners
Sunday	July 31	10:00 am	St. Bernard Gilbert Rademacher †



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 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13 **Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28 **Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43 **Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46 **Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53 **Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 **Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12 **Next Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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

Budget for week	3,015.75
Contributions 07-06 through 7-12--2022	2,342.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	4,000.92
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(2,030.58)
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	180.00
Electronic Donations	165.50
Forward in Faith Total	345.50
Forward in Faith YTD	681.00

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 7/10/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	3,340.00
Weekly E-Giving:	1,240.00
Collections Budget YTD:	5,884.62
Actual Collection YTD:	5,393.50
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(491.12)
Capital Improvement Offering:	2,260.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	185.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	2,595.00

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