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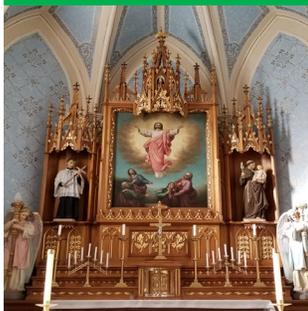
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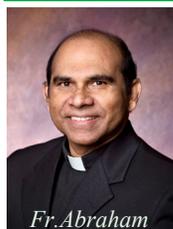


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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 3, 2022



Fr. Abraham

True Freedom

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

All three readings of this weekend encourage us to bring God's reign into our world. In the gospel, Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples and sent them on ahead of him to announce the Kingdom of God. (Lk. 10:1-9) The Second Reading from the Letter to the Galatians teaches us that in order to bring God's reign into our world, we must boast of nothing other than the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Gal 6:14-18). Boasting in the Lord is dependence on the grace and favor of God.

This weekend, we celebrate an historical event of independence. It was on July 4, 1776, in the Second Continental Congress that we adopted the Declaration of Independence to declare to the world that we were separating from Great Britain. It is likely that both Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, and James Madison, the architect of the Constitution, were familiar with the writings of the Jesuit saint, Cardinal Robert Bellarmine, who argued that all power, including political power, came from God and was given to the people who entrusted this power to their elected leaders. That is why God is mentioned four times in the Declaration. In fact, the Founding Fathers of America believed in a Creator and in a natural law. John Adams, our second President once said "You have rights antecedent to all earthly governments: rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the universe." In the Declaration, Jefferson wrote "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." This means that we have a duty to protect these God-given rights by our right decisions and actions.

In 1987, in his Farewell Address at Detroit Airport, St. John Paul II reminded our people and our leaders, "Every human person - no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society - is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival - yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn."

Jesus Christ calls us to join him to experience true freedom. His Spirit gives us the ability to use our freedom properly. We are free to become the unique reflection of God's love. The choices we make in our lives should not be limited by legality. They should be guided by the Spirit. We have the courage to live by his Spirit, and then we will be free.

On this Independence Day, let us remember that we should be faithful both to God and the vision of the Founding Fathers of our nation. This is the day to renew our commitment to democracy, justice, tolerance and to work for the protection of human rights, especially the most basic human and civil right that we have, which is the right to life.

Let us pray for God's blessing and the gift of liberation for all those who are still slaves in our free country- slaves to evil habits and addictions. Freedom from any political system or authority is only a partial freedom. The real freedom is the freedom from the shackles of sin and fear. Only then we are able to experience the peace which Jesus offered. As we celebrate Independence Day, let us pray to the Lord for our nation and for our people to enjoy real freedom and peace, and let us remember all who sacrificed their lives for freedom, and those who continue to serve our nation. God bless our nation.

Happy Independence Day.

Rosary Intention: 'In Thanksgiving for all the Freedoms we enjoy'

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Mon, July 4th No Mass

Here's to wishing you all a safe and joyful July 4th!! We are blessed to live in this country where we can enjoy the freedoms that God grants us and to have the ability to praise and honor him as our Lord and Savior. Halleluiah!!

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.

July is Plastic Free Month

"The fundamental relation between humanity and nature is one of caring for creation" (Renewing the Earth, USCCB, 1991). How we deal with our plastic garbage is a critical action to care for creation. Did you know that only 30% of plastic water bottles actually get recycled? During the month of July, please make a difference by reducing use of disposable plastics that end up in landfills and in our oceans that pollute and harm wildlife. For additional information and activities during July go to www.plasticfreejuly.org.

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"

Word of Life

"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily
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"Wreck me, Lord, and on my ruins, build a monument for your glory." —*St. Laura Montoya Upegui*



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.

King's House retreat Center

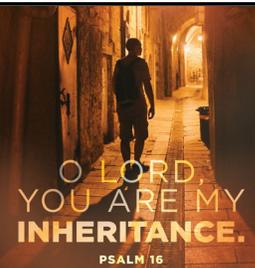
Offers a variety of retreats for your personal faith journey.

July 12 @3:00 pm—July 14 @ 12:45 pm.
Women's Silent Midweek "Amazing Grace" Retreat

July 15 @ 8:00 pm—July 17 @ 1:00 pm.
Healing Retreat Weekend for Men & Women with Fr Mat5t Linn

August 5 @ 8:00 pm—August 7 @ 1:00 pm.
Men & Women Silent Retreat with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

August 19 @ 8:00 pm—August 21 @ 1:00 pm.
The Fifth Gospel-the Land of Jesus-presented by Fr. Charles Lachowitz



And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused

and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

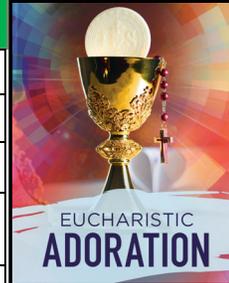
Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives. ©LPi

Mass Ministry Schedule - July 9—10

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Tamara Lemmer	Lori Kasel
Servers	Paul Prosocki	Callie Buckentin & Lacey Buckentin	Kieran Allison & Marshall Panning
Reader	Cathleen Williams	Ann Schwichtenberg	Rob Wickenhauser
EMHC	Jim Mulville	Steve Lemmer	Tom Kasel
Ushers	Steve Schrupp & Tom Lano	Josh Gallus & Justin Buckentin	Vern Elke & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Dave & Colleen Donnay	Sue Schultz	Andy & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Sue & Rich Tellers Grp B Rita & Tim Fahey	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	July 4	No Mass	
Tuesday	July 5 6:15 pm	Ascension	Phero Nguyen †
Wednesday	July 6 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Hilbert & Euella Knauer †
Thursday	July 7 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Living & Deceased Members of the Mathais & Gertrude Fick Family
Friday	July 8 8:00 am	Ascension	John Worm †
Saturday	July 9 5:00 pm	Ascension	Henry Prchal †
Sunday	July 10 8:00 am	Ascension	Michelle Coyle †
Sunday	July 10 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †



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 3, 2022

: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/ Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26 **Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38 **Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7 **Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15 **Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23 **Saturday:** Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33 **Next 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

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	3,207.96
Contributions 06-15 through 6-21-2022	3,371.17
Total Actual Collection YTD	183,175.92
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	8,883.80
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	175.00
Electronic Donations	493.42
Forward in Faith Total	668.42
Forward in Faith YTD	67,234.50

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 6/19/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,445.00
Weekly E-Giving:	270.00
Collections Budget YTD:	142,211.97
Actual Collection YTD:	150,162.16
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	7,950.19

Capital Improvement Offering:	170.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	25.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	14,100.00

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