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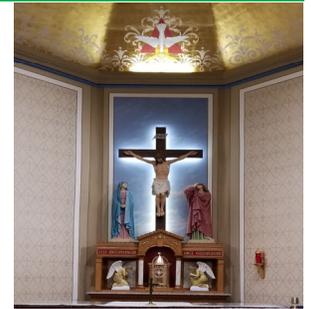
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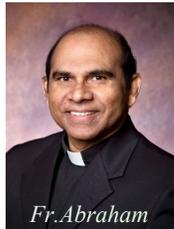


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 7, 2022



Fr. Abraham

‘To be Vigilant and Faithful Servants’

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This Sunday gospel gives us three parables which invite us to be vigilant and faithful servants. (Lk 12: 32-48). In the first parable we hear about a group of servants awaiting their master’s return from wedding feast. In accordance with the Jewish culture, the wedding celebration lasts for several hours. So, the master’s return often delayed. However, the servants must keep their lamps ready at all times to receive him. Their master will reward the vigilant servants.

In the second parable we see the continuation of the idea of preparedness. Here Jesus teaches us the need for constant vigilance by using the parable of the thief and the treasure. We should not lose our treasure of divine grace because of the lack of our vigilance. Since the time of our death is quite uncertain, we, too, must be ever ready to meet our Lord at any moment. He should find us carrying out our task of love, mercy and service, rather than leaving things undone or half-done.

The third parable is about faithful and unfaithful stewards. They are classified based on their response to assigned responsibilities: Those who wisely and faithfully fulfill their tasks and those who foolishly exploit their assigned tasks. The former is rewarded and the latter is punished. The unfaithful steward made two mistakes. First, he said, “I will do what I like while my master is away.” Like him, we should not forget that our Lord is always with us, and that we will be accountable to him on the day of judgement. Misuse of our responsibilities or the abuse of others will bring about severe punishment. Second, he said, “I have plenty of time to put things right before the master comes.” Nothing is as fatal to the accomplishment of a task as procrastination.

How do we prepare to meet Christ when he comes? One of the traditional means for remaining alert is prayer. This can also be cited from the scriptures more especially in the garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus returned to his disciples and found them sleeping, he warned them to “watch and pray” (Mark 14:38). The most important element in prayer is listening to God, an attitude of attention to the “tiny whispering sound” of the Lord (1Kings 19:11-12). Let us also recall the words of the Book of Revelation: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me.” (Rev. 3:20). Such attentiveness demands that we set aside a quiet time every day during which we can tune our ears to the divine sounds of love, compassion and peace.

Another important means to prepare to meet Christ is to do God’s will by rendering humble service to others. We must wait for the Lord in our daily lives by learning to see Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters. In other words, we must be prepared to serve Jesus in whatever form he takes. Jesus said, “For I was hungry and you gave food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.” (Mt 25: 35) “Amen I say to you, whatever you did to one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25: 40).

Our prayerful remembrance of God’s presence among us, our sacramental life and acts of charity will help us to be found prepared when the Lord comes for us. God gives us his grace and strength to remain faithful stewards, and he will reward our faithfulness.

Rosary Intention: *“For Favorable Weather and Much Needed Rain.”*

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI , Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Tues. Aug 16 4pm Finance Council @ Ascension
 Thurs. Aug 18 7pm Joint Mission Team (JMT) @ StB
 Thurs. Aug 25 7pm Finance Council @ St. Bernard

2022 Missionary Cooperation Plan

Thank you to everyone who donated last weekend to Fr. Telephore, a missionary priest from the Diocese of Nyundo, Rwanda, representing the Missionary Cooperation Appeal program. If you were unable to give last week, please prayerfully consider how you can help support our sisters and brothers who live in this diocese. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Missionary Appeal" and place it in the collection basket. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Help Needed: The Faith Formation program is looking for a volunteer or two who would be willing to repair shelving, chairs and tables in the atriums. The use over the last 8 years and the moving back and forth from parish to parish has taken a toll on some of the materials. If you are interested in sharing your talents, please contact the parish office or Kara Wickenhauser. Thanks for your consideration!

"It is one thing to understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality. Let us not fall into the sin of trying to replace the Creator. We are creatures, and not omnipotent. Creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift. At the same time, we are called to protect our humanity, and this means, in the first place, accepting it and respecting it as it was created."

-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.

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.

Immaculée Ilibagiza - Rwandan American author & speaker
September 22, 6:30-8 p.m., Shakopee Area Catholic School, Shakopee Please join us to hear Immaculée Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor, tell her story of faith, hope, and forgiveness. Immaculée has shared her message around the world, and is also a best-selling author. She is coming to Minnesota to encourage and inspire all of us to great faith and hope as well. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Visit ssjacs.org to learn more.

Word of Life "We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

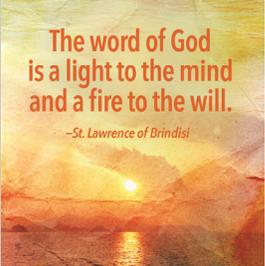
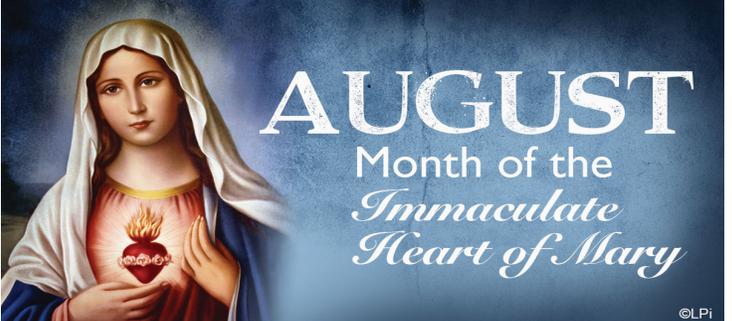
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Please, make a visit every so often. Just go into your church for a moment and say, "Hi, Jesus, I'm here. I don't have much to say." He knows that...He wants our will, our love, our faith, and our trust. Remember now, you have that, you have everything. Every day, whatever church you belong to, he waits in that tabernacle, hoping when that door opens, it's you. —*Mother Angelica*

Your Prayers are Requested: for the repose of the Soul of *Mary Beckrich*, who passed away Tuesday, July 27th. Her funeral was on Thursday, August 4th. Please also pray for peace and comfort for her family. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

 **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.

Volunteer Needed: Do you have a boiler's license or know of anyone who does? If so, we are seeking a volunteer to monitor the school boiler during the months it is in operation. Please contact the parish office (952-466-2031) if you, or someone you know, would be interested in helping with this ministry.



St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the

adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it.

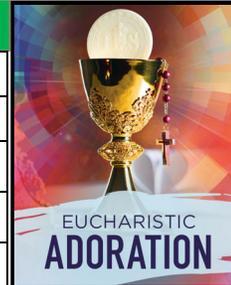
For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation? ©LPI

Mass Ministry Schedule - August 13—14

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Rita Fahey	Lori Kasel
Servers	Payton & Hailey Stender	Florian Schindler	Logan Pellegrino & Cohen Starkey
Reader	Ann Schwichtenberg	Jean Schmitz	Helen Nicklaus
EMHC	Brenda Seifert	Kathy Kloempken	Tom Kasel
Ushers	Dave Donnay & Steve Schrupp	Richard Tellers & Josh Gallus	Tom Dahl & Brian Vos
Greeters	Jim Mulville	Grace Cook	Julie & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson Grp B Richard & Sue Tellers	N/A

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass Time	Intention
Monday	Aug 8	No Mass	
Tuesday	Aug. 9	6:15 pm	Ascension Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser ††
Wednesday	Aug. 10	8:00 am	St. Bernard Marcy Wickenhauser †
Thursday	Aug. 11	8:00 am	St. Bernard Mary Ellen Guettler †
Friday	Aug. 12	8:00 am	Ascension John & Dorothy Lewandowski ††
Saturday	Aug. 13	5:00 pm	Ascension Living & deceased members of the Mathais & Gertrude Fick family
Sunday	Aug. 14	8:00 am	Ascension John Worm †
Sunday	Aug. 14	10:00 am	St. Bernard Roy & Vera 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.

READINGS for the week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 **Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27 **Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 **Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26 **Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1 **Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12 **Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15 **Next Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-5

**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

CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK' BULLETIN

Budget for week	3,015.75
Contributions 07-13 through 7-19--2022	3,811.14
Total Actual Collection YTD	7,812.06
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(1,235.19)
Forward in Faith Envelope Income	2,245.00
Electronic Donations	493.42
Forward in Faith Total	2,738.42
Forward in Faith YTD	3,419.42
THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION Budget for week	3,015.75
Contributions 07-20 through 7-26--2022	4,112.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	11,924.06
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(138.94)
Forward in Faith Envelope Income	150.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
Forward in Faith Total	250.00
Forward in Faith YTD	3,125.42

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 7/24/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,504.00
Weekly E-Giving:	985.00
Collections Budget YTD:	11,769.24
Actual Collection YTD:	9,182.50
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(2,586.74)
Capital Improvement Offering:	220.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	100.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	3,025.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org

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