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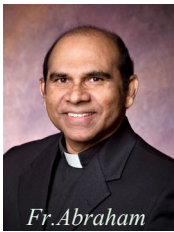
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 2, 2022

Respect Life



Fr. Abraham

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. To respect life means to honor it, to protect it from conception to natural death. By this celebration of “Respect Life Sunday,” we are once again reminded of our responsibility to pray and work to eliminate all kinds of violence against human life and human dignity.

The Bible teaches that life is a gift of God and hence we have to respect it from womb to tomb. Based on the word of God, the Church teaches that an unborn child from the moment of its conception in its mother’s womb, is precious because it carries an immortal soul. All kinds of violence against human person and life are against the violation of the Commandment: “You shall not kill.”

“Respect Life” is a broad concept. Today, we cannot address all the issues related to life. But we have to ponder on human life and dignity in our own family and parish contexts. Parents have the special responsibility to protect and respect the life of their children as a gift of God, by providing food, health care, education, and all other things needed. Yet the gift of life cannot be respected fully by providing material things alone. Children must be fed with faith, the Word of God and moral values. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

The Apostles requested Jesus: “Increase our faith.” And Jesus answered: “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” (Luke 17:5-6). Faith is a gift of God. It comes to us from God through Baptism. We have the obligation to nourish this gift. For faith to be effective, it must be linked with trust, obedience and prayer.

Prayer is an integral part of faith. Prayer is the way of communicating with God and asking for whatever we need in the name of Jesus. God knows everything about us, but there is something about sharing your thoughts, concerns, and desires with God that reveals a spiritual intimacy with Him. However, prayer is more than talking to God but it also involves listening to God. Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons that we have, as believers. Consistency in prayer builds up our faith in God. The more we stay in prayer, the more God reveals Himself to us because we are his beloved children.

October is the month of devotion to Rosary. We pray Rosary twenty-five minutes before every weekend Mass with special intentions. You are welcome to join us.

Rosary Intention: *‘For a renewed consecration to Mary through our daily recitation of the rosary’*


Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES


Sat. Oct. 1 3:00-6:00pm Chili Feed @ StB
 Sun. Oct. 9 8:00-noon KC Pancake Breakfast @ Asc

An 8-part Bible Study of Romans: The Gospel of Salvation will occur on Sundays, October 2nd thru November 20, after the morning Mass, at 9:00am at the Ascension Social Hall. Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, this study provides an authentic Catholic way to understand this challenging epistle and will help you enter into a more meaningful relationship with Christ. All are welcome. Please make checks payable to Ascension. Contact Chris George - 763-898-9854 for more information.

Pancake Breakfast  The **Ascension KC's** will be hosting a **pancake breakfast** on Sunday, October 9th in the newly remodeled Ascension social hall. Serving will be from 8am-noon. Free will donation will be accepted with all proceeds going to the church basement improvement project.

Parish Directory: The Ascension and St. Bernard's Joint Mission Team selected "**Unique Church Solutions**" for the creation of a new church directory. This single, new directory will include sections for each parish along with our unified ministry groups. "Unique Church Solutions" provides a dedicated consultant to work with our coordinators throughout the process. To move forward, we are in need of one coordinator and one assistant coordinator from each parish. This is a wonderful opportunity to build fellowship with our faith families while serving the church. For more information, and if you are interested in helping coordinate and/or help with check-ins on portrait days, please contact the Parish Office.


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 at St. Bernard 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.

MONTH OF THE Rosary  Please join us 25 minutes prior to each Mass at both parishes to **pray the Rosary**. Mary offers many blessing for those individuals and communities who pray the rosary. The Rosary Intention is listed on the front page at the bottom of Father Abraham's column.

WOMAN'S WELCOME RETREAT Oct. 8-9-It is not too late to sign up to participate in the Welcome Retreat. This is retreat is FREE, and food and snacks will be provided! A weekend of renewal and time dedicated just to you. You won't regret this opportunity to grow closer to your family, your parish, and Christ. Register for the Women's Retreat: October 8-9. (Formerly called Christ Renews His Parish Retreats.) Learn more and register online by going to stjosephwaconia.org/crhp-registration/.

The Cross of Christ forces you to make up your mind. You can be indifferent about anything else, but you cannot be indifferent about the Crucifixion. You can stand immobile before a cross as a kind of charm, but you cannot help but feel involved when you look at a Crucifix. —*Venerable Fulton J. Sheen*


Welcome Kendra Jean Willems: We wish to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of St Bernard Church who was baptized on September 18, 2022. Kendra is the daughter Chelsea (Wickenhauser) and Michael Willems. Many blessings to Kendra Jean and her family.

 **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.

Sat Oct 8th, 9am to 11:30 am, St Bernard's will be having a **Fall Clean up day**. Our main goal will be getting the gardens around church cleaned up for fall. If there is any additional help we can do some cleaning projects in church, the school and/or cemetery. Please bring any garden tools or cleaning buckets/clothes etc. Lunch will be provided at noon by the St. Bernard branch of Catholic United Financial. Please contact Monica Kooiman with any questions (952)-466-5769.

Anointing of the Sick: will occur following the 5pm Mass on **October 8th at Ascension and after the 10am Mass on October 9th at St. Bernard**. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

Growing Rural Hope Where Anger Flourishes
 The current political and social ethos of rural America is widely characterized by anger, outrage, and resentment. Sociologists have also noted that these communally-manifested emotions seem to respond more readily to rituals (such as political rallies) than to policy change, argument, or data presentation. Join us as we engage these currents of rural American life and explore the liturgical and sacramental cultivation of one antidote to a toxic political and social climate conditioned by anger: the Christian virtue of hope.
Oct. 7, presentation from 9am -1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Synchronous Event. Free event. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

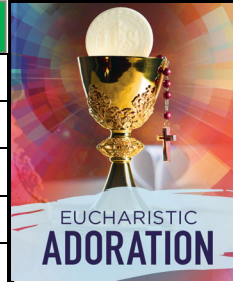
FIND FREEDOM IN OBEDIENCE  As adults, unless we are dealing with children, "obedience" is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I "have" to do, not "want" to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity. We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God's vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom. ©LPi

Mass Ministry Schedule - October 8—9

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Tamara Lemmer	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Jack Lano, Jacob & Lucas Johnson	Steve Lemmer, Gabriel & Jayden Michels	Dan Worm, Marshall Panning & Lily Starkey
Reader	Darlene Mondor	Ann Schwichtenberg	Ally Kunkel
EMHC	Pat Johnson	Steve Helget	Helen Nicklaus
Ushers	Jim Mulville & Tom Lano	Josh Gallus & Eugene Dvorak	Bob Symanitz & Brian Vos
Greeters	Dave & Colleen Donnay	Sue Schultz	Julie & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Stacy Sullivan & TBD Grp B Rich & Sue Tellers	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Intention	Ministry
Monday	Oct. 3	No Mass		
Tuesday	Oct. 4	6:15 pm	Ascension	Mr. Phero Nguyen †
Wednesday	Oct. 5	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Leonard Sr. & Lorraine Hoen †
Thursday	Oct. 6	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †
Friday	Oct. 7	8:00 am	Ascension	Mass of Reparation
Saturday	Oct. 8	5:00 pm	Ascension	Patricia Prchal †
Sunday	Oct. 9	8:00 am	Ascension	Mr. Phero Nguyen †
Sunday	Oct. 9	10:00am	St. Bernard	Dennis & Bernice 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.

READINGS

for the week of October 2, 2022

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37 **Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42 **Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13 **Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26 **Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

**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	3,85033
Contributions 09-14 through 09-20-2022	4,984.17
Total Actual Collection YTD	36,869.24
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(3,055.42)
Forward in Faith Envelope Income	265.00
Electronic Donations	593.42
Forward in Faith Total	858.42
Forward in Faith YTD	7,428.27

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 9/18/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,162.15
Weekly E-Giving:	270.00
Collections Budget YTD:	35,307.72
Actual Collection YTD:	29,428.95
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(5,878.77)
Capital Improvement Offering:	230.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	25.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	6,050.00

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