

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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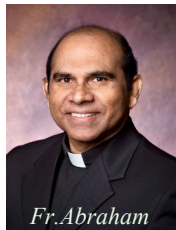


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## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 16, 2022



Fr. Abraham

### Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The weekend we begin the stewardship process here at our Parishes. It is an important event in the life of a parish. Stewardship is a way of living. It is the acknowledging of God as the Creator and the Owner of all. Stewardship is a way of thanking God for all our blessings by returning to God a portion of the gifts- our time, talent, and treasure- that we have been given. It enhances our relationships with God and one another. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered and involves a conversion of the heart.

**Time** is a very precious gift given to us by God, but yet it can not be stored up like grain in a barn. Most of us feel we don't have enough time for all the things we want to do. Everyone is given the same amount of time; 24 hours each day, 168 hours each week. Once a moment passes, it is gone forever. So, the question is: **how do we choose to use our time?** For us, stewardship of time should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for the active participation at Mass. Assisting individuals, organizations, and the Church is another way to share our personal time for the glory of God.

This Sunday scriptural readings teach us the need of perseverance in prayer. The first step to live the life of stewardship is staying in prayer. We are called to do our duties as stewards by nurturing the gift of faith through our prayer. As faithful stewards, we have to give enough time to pray. Family is the first place where we learn to pray and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the faith in Christ. Family prayer leads to the perfect prayer of the Church which is the holy Mass. In the task of prayer there can be no rest or vacation, for Christ commands us "Pray always" (Lk 18:1). God will reward us at the right time.

Sharing our **talent** that God has given us strengthens the Church and its mission. All of us have been blessed with special talents and gifts from God. These talents and gifts are not given to us just for our own use, but are given to us for the enrichment of the lives of others in order for us to serve God better. Jesus asks of us to do his works by using our talents and blessings in our community and his Church: visit the sick and elderly, feed the hungry, teach those who want to learn, console the lonely and sorrowful, give a helping hand and a kind word.

Sharing our **treasure** is an important part of stewardship. Throughout Scripture, we are taught to give God our "first fruits" or the "choicest portion". "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce. Then will your barns be filled with plenty, with new wine your vats will overflow." (Proverbs 3:9-10). God alone is the owner. Everything we have is the gift of God. "The earth is the Lord's and all it holds, the world and those who dwell in it" (Psalm 24:1). Everything that God has given to us is intended to serve the divine plan. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God' varied grace." (1Peter 4:10). Therefore, our life is to be lived in gratitude toward God.

In the coming weekends, you will hear from our fellow parishioners about the stewardship of our parish and their personal stewardship journey. Stewardship Ministry Catalog and Commitment Forms will be mailed to you soon. At the end of the four-week stewardship process, you will be asked to make a specific commitment of your time, talent and treasure to our parish. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to share God's blessings with our parish community.

**Rosary Intention:** *'For all parishioners to prayerfully reflecting and discerning on Christian stewardship'*

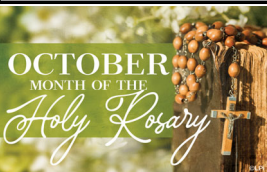
Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI Pastor



**CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES**

Sat. Oct. 15 & Sun. 16	“Linger Longer after Mass @ StB
Tues Oct 18 4:30pm	Finance Council @ Asc
Thurs Oct 20 7:00pm	Joint Mission Team Meeting @ StB
Thurs Oct 27 7:00pm	Finance Council @ StB

**Preparing for Elections:** Check out the Minnesota Catholic Conference’s election resources ([www.MNCatholic.org/electionresources](http://www.MNCatholic.org/electionresources)) to help you form your conscience and inform your vote ahead of heading to the polls. Download free copies of a candidate questionnaire ([www.MNCatholic.org/candidate\\_questionnaire](http://www.MNCatholic.org/candidate_questionnaire)) to send to your candidates to learn where they stand on a variety of issues that impact life, dignity, and the common good. There is also a do-it-yourself tool kit for hosting a candidate town hall at your parish. Learn more by visiting [www.MNCatholic.org/townhall](http://www.MNCatholic.org/townhall).



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.

**Special Disaster Emergency Collection – October 15/16**

As you are fully aware, the news of the devastation from Hurricane Ian, after Hurricane Fiona, has been horrific with loss of life and property, from the Caribbean to Puerto Rico through Florida. Archbishop Hebda has asked all archdiocesan parishes to join with U.S. Catholics to take up an emergency collection on or near the weekend of October 8/9 for those suffering from these hurricanes. All funds from this appeal will go to the Bishop’s Emergency Disaster Fund to support efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church who are already on the ground working to provide humanitarian aid. It will also support the pastoral and social needs of the Church as it reaches out to the displaced and most affected by this disaster. Please open your heart and give what you can.

**World Mission Sunday - Oct. 22/23** - “You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8) Pope Francis invites us to celebrate World Mission Sunday with the entire Church on the weekend of Oct. 22/23. This year is very special as the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is observing 200 years of supporting struggling dioceses worldwide. And the foundress, Blessed Pauline Jaricot was beatified this year. World Mission Sunday is the celebration of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Mission Sunday message, affirms that, “Each baptized person is called to mission...” This World Mission Sunday celebration highlights individuals from our Archdiocese who have chosen to be witnesses and travel to encounter Christ in mission. Please join our sisters and brothers in prayer and give what you are able to support mission dioceses throughout the world.

**Urgent needs for the West Carver County Food Shelf:** Juice, Peanut Butter, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soups, Canned fruit, Crackers. Bring donations to the box in the entrance at Ascension and the box in the narthex at St. Bernard. Thank you !

**71st Annual Red Mass Wednesday, October 19, noon, Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis**  
*“Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan’s plea, defend the widow.”* (Isaiah 1:17) All lawyers, canon lawyers, judges, and others involved in the administration of justice — along with their families — are invited to the annual Red Mass, with reception to follow. Archbishop Hebda will be the celebrant. This special event is sponsored and presented by the Lawyers Guild of St. Thomas More.

A Sacrament is not primarily what we do for God. It’s what God does for us. The Sacraments do not make holiness easy. They simply make it possible. —**Dr. Scott Hahn**

**THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL CHILI FEED FARMERS MARKET & BAKE SALE**—to all who assisted, planned and lead the Chili Feed, Farmers Market, Bake Sale Cash Raffle and Quilt Raffle. Thank you to Vern Elke and his brother and brother-in-law for providing the music for the Mass. Also Thank you to all who attended the Chili Feed. To all, your help and attendance was greatly appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS:**  
**Quilt**—Carol Wickenhauser  
**Cash Raffle Winners: \$500.00** - Dave Tellers  
**\$100.00** - Russ Schlegelmilch, Melanie Kleindl, Judy Jenkins.  
**\$50.00:** Jake Kooiman, Dave Tellers, Jim Wickenhauser, Sandy Breeggemann, Belinda Storms, Sandy Breeggemann, Amanda Nicklaus, Tracy Elke, Jack Worm, Wendy Wildung , Ralph Laumann, James Storms, Rodney Boelke, Becky Kerber, Rose Hoen, Gary Gestach, Marcia Tellers, Melissa Pozzi, , Ann Boelke, Matt Hoen, Robert Wickenhauser, Becky Kerber, Becky Kerber, Jim Hoen, Keith Kooiman, Sandy Bengston, Alan Tellers, Sarah Hammers, Tracy Spoute, Becky Kerber, Linda Rannow, Julie Clemensen, Carol Hoen, Troy Winkler, Max Meuleners, Tom Wickenhauser, Greg Wickenhauser, Marcia Tellers. **The following; please pick up your prizes at the Parish office:** Wendy Wildung, Becky Kerber, and Melissa Pozzi.

 **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.

**Cor Jesu in partnership with the National Eucharistic Revival** Friday, November 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul \* Join Catholics from around the Twin Cities and Christ Himself for an evening of adoration, worship, music and confession. Venerate first-class relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis, best known for documenting global Eucharistic miracles online before his death from leukemia, and St. Manuel González García, known as “The Bishop of the Tabernacle” due to his Eucharistic devotion. Take part in one of the first events of the National Eucharistic Revival led by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Come together with young Catholics in the Twin Cities and leaders from the local Church.



Does God finally answer our persistent prayers to stop us from bothering Him? The thought that persistent prayer can be disturbing or upsetting to God does not ring true with the images of God as compassionate, understanding, merciful, and loving that our tradition conveys. Yet, Jesus tells his disciples to “pray always without becoming weary.” Maybe the type of prayer necessary to endure the trials of discipleship and the challenges and criticisms of Christian teaching goes beyond words. We need to tend to the realities of human life. The persistent prayer of which Jesus speaks is the prayer of the heart. This contemplative, silent, loving prayer gives us the vision to see God in all things, especially in each human soul. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life flows. This alone can provide the strength of endurance to confront anything contrary to the truth of faith. ©LPi

## Mass Ministry Schedule - October 22—23

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sherry Witte	Tamara Lemmer	Doris Mielke
<b>Servers</b>	Jack Lano, Jacob & Lucas Johnson	Florian Schindler, Callie & Lacey Buckentin	Dan Worm, Buckley Jones & Gabby Remer
<b>Reader</b>	Cathleen Williams	Brian Willems	Julie Kleindl
<b>EMHC</b>	Jean Schmitz	Steve Lemmer	Sarah Foley
<b>Ushers</b>	Rich Ulrich & Steve Schrupp	Curt Wilson & Paul Lano	Tom Dahl & Kleindl
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Mulville	Justin & Amy Buckentin	Casey Jones
<b>Homebound Ministers</b>	N/A	Grp A Cheryl Coyle & Stacy Sullivan Grp B Tim & Rita Fahey	N/A

Mass Times Intentions			
<b>Monday</b>	Oct. 17	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Oct. 18 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension	Robert Reinitz †
<b>Wednesday</b>	Oct. 19 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †
<b>Thursday</b>	Oct. 20 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Hilbert & Euella Knauer ††
<b>Friday</b>	Oct. 21 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	Fr. Bill Paron †
<b>Saturday</b>	Oct. 22 <b>5:00 pm</b>	Ascension	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser ††
<b>Sunday</b>	Oct. 23 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	Oct. 23 <b>10:00am</b>	St. Bernard	All Parishioners

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Ascension**  
Every Tuesday  
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

**St. Bernard**  
Every Wednesday  
2:00 until 7:00 pm

**READINGS**  
for the week of October 16, 2022

**Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8 **Monday:** Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21 **Tuesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9 **Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48 **Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53 **Friday:** Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59 **Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9 **Next Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

**Monthly Prayer intention:** In this month dedicated to respect for human life, pray for all the Holy Souls doing penance for sins against human life.

**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.

**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.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure	
Budget for week	3,850.33
<b>Contributions 09-28 through 10-04-2022</b>	<b>2,045.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	38,914.24
<b>Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>(4,860.76)</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b> Envelope Income	130.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>130.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>7,558.27</b>
<p><b>Did you know</b> 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 <a href="http://www.st-bernard-cologne.org">www.st-bernard-cologne.org</a></p>	

Ascension Weekly Collection Report	
Totals as of 10/02/2022	
<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 2,942.31
<b>Weekly Envelopes/Plate:</b>	1,610.00
<b>Weekly E-Giving:</b>	270.00
<b>Collections Budget YTD:</b>	41,192.34
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	36,043.20
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	<b>(5,149.14)</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	245.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	45.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	6,760.00
<p>Sign up for electronic giving at <a href="http://ascensionnya.org">ascensionnya.org</a> Under Links -&gt; E-giving. Or call the parish office for more Information: 952-467-3351.</p>	