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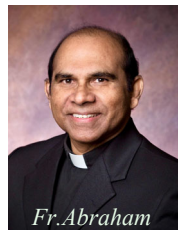


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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 23, 2022



Fr. Abraham

Stewardship is Living with Humility

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the past weekend, we reflected on the stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Life of stewardship begins with an increased focus on prayer. As faithful stewards, we are obliged to be with our Lord in prayer. Prayer is the foundation of stewardship.

This weekend, we are contemplating on another aspect of stewardship: Stewardship requires humility. Stewardship means living a committed life in Christ. When we make the decision to live a life of stewardship, we grow in humility. We begin to realize that all we have and all we are given comes from a loving and generous God. That is a humbling realization. To be humble is to recognize that we are not the authors of creation but stewards of that creation. The Genesis story of creation tells us that God made the heavens and the earth and put us here as stewards, which means to care for that creation. Genesis also teaches that we were created with dignity, which means in God's image and likeness. We are all important in God's sight, but we should not exercise that self-importance to the damage of others or of God's creation. That is the opposite of humility.

Jesus gives us a parable of the prayer of a Pharisee and a tax collector in order to teach us the importance of humility. (Lk 18: 9-14). The prayers of the tax collector and the Pharisee were very different. The Pharisee's prayer was in vain because he was prideful, despising all others including the tax collector and labeling them sinners. While the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even lift his eyes to God. He did not make any comparison. He confessed his sins and humbly asked for God's mercy: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This is the prayer of the humble steward. His only virtue was his humility. It is no wonder why Jesus says that "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18: 14).

Pride affects our relationships with God and others. Pride does not acknowledge the authorship of the Lord. Our first reading from Sirach (35:12-14; 16-21) is a perfect companion piece to the gospel parable. In one striking image from Sirach, the writer talks about humble prayer: "The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." Such prayers are heard because they come from the hearts of people who are humble.

Humility uses money for the glory of God and the wellbeing of others. Pride makes us selfish and causes us to overspend. Our pride can trap us in a devastating financial mistake. Pride can wreck our budget in many ways. When we live as humble stewards, we see money as a tool God has entrusted to us for his Kingdom. Stewardship is not ordering our finances in a way so we can spend whatever we want. But it is ordering our life in a way so God can spend us however he wants.

Pride prevents us from achieving God's purpose for us. Humility prepares us to fulfill God's purpose. Humility is a central attitude of Jesus Christ. "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:5-8). A humble recognition of the need of the Lord in our daily life offers many opportunities to grow in stewardship.

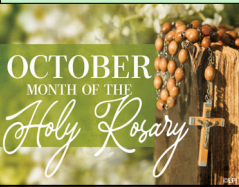
Rosary Intention: *'For a bountiful harvest and the safety of all harvesters'*

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Thurs Oct 27	7:00pm	Finance Council @ StB
Tues Nov 1	8:00am	All Saints Day Mass (HDO) @ St B
Tues Nov 1	6:15pm	All Saints Day Mass (HDO) @ Asc
Wed Nov 2	6:15pm	All Souls Memorial Mass @ Asc



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.

Preparing for Elections

Check out the Minnesota Catholic Conference's election resources (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) 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.



World Mission Sunday - Oct. 22/23 - This

weekend, in every parish around the world, a collection is being taken up for Catholic missions in over 1,150 dioceses in 120 countries. Your contribution today will go towards helping teachers and catechists to teach the faith in urban centers and remote villages. You will help to build churches and chapels in mission stations for people to worship, hear God's word and receive sacraments. You will help in the effort to raise up and train new leaders who will minister to people in their own language. You will provide material support to the poor and suffering lifting up individual dignity through the love of Christ.

Your financial give will go to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which is the official worldwide Catholic network of mission cooperation enabling the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach to the ends of the earth. Thank you for joining in this central work of the Church!

St. John's Harvest Party

Please join us for the annual Harvest Party at St. John's Lutheran School on October 29 from 4 - 6 pm. As you may know, our school has been hosting the Harvest Party for our community for 22 years. The fun includes: hay rides, food, prizes and carnival games. Our event is free and open to the public. We are encouraging families to bring a non-perishable food or cash donation for the local food shelf for those in need. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at harvest-partynya@gmail.com.

Pro-Life Presentation –All are welcome!

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation on Thurs., Oct. 27th, 7-8 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church (601 E. 2nd St., Waconia). You will learn about the recent court rulings on abortion, the latest abortion trends, the stakes in the upcoming election (where candidates stand on the issues-no candidates will be endorsed), and how we can protect unborn children and support their mothers in a post-Roe v. Wade Minnesota. For more information visit: mccl.org/falltour.

October 28th Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude.

St. Jude is known as the patron saint of desperate causes. Sts. Simon and Jude were two of the 12 apostles.

Christian faith is not a system. It cannot be portrayed as a complete, finished intellectual construction. It is a path, and it is characteristic of a path that it only becomes recognizable if you enter on it and start following it. —Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)



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.

Holy Family Catholic High School On-Campus Visits

Families interested in learning more about Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria are invited to attend an on-campus Fire Family Visit this fall. These small group sessions introduce families to our school in real-time and include a tour led by our students. To learn more or save a spot in an upcoming session, please visit our website: <http://hfchs.org/visit-holy-family/>.

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;” Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next virtual weekend which you can attend online at home is: Nov 12-13, 2022 in WEBSTER, MN and Feb 10-12, 2023 in Buffalo, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact us at applications@twincitieswwme.org or wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com or 612-234-7440.



Serving those who Serve—National Collection for AMS

The triennial national collection for the USA Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) will be held the weekend of November 5-6.

The ministries (Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal, Vocations and the pastoral care of Veterans) offered by the AMS benefit those who serve in all six branches (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Space Force) of the US Armed Forces, are enrolled in US Military Academies, undergoing treatment in any of the 153 Veterans Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond US borders—and their families. Please prayerfully consider a donation to help with the ministry to the 1.8 million faithful throughout the US and around the globe who serve to protect. For more information about AMS, visit milarch.org.



There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime

examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God's attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game's name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It's only between you and God. It is nobody else's business. ©LPi

Mass Ministry Schedule - October 29—30

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Tamara Lemmer	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Florian Schindler, Payton & Hailey Stender	Don Whitaker, Alex & Bryce Urness	Dan Worm, Buckley Jones & Cohen Starkey
Reader	Stacy Sullivan	Cheryl Coyle	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Cathleen Williams	Steve Coyle	Pam Kunkel
Ushers	Steve Schrupp & Tom Lano	Eugene Dvorak & Josh Gallus	Andy Kleindl & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Dave & Colleen Donnay	Leo Pouliot	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Curt Wilson & Steve Lemmer Grp B Paul & Corrine Prosocki	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Mass	Intention
Monday	Oct. 24		No Mass	
Tuesday	Oct. 25	6:15 pm	Ascension	For an end to war in the world
Wednesday	Oct. 26	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Stanley Guettler †
Thursday	Oct. 27	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Robert Nicklaus †
Friday	Oct. 28	8:00 am	Ascension	For Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	Oct. 29	5:00 pm	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	Oct. 30	8:00 am	Ascension	Living & Deceased members of the Clara & Albert Wickenhauser family
Sunday	Oct. 30	10:00am	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

READINGS
for the week of October 23, 2022

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
Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, Scdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-1

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@ascensionnva.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	2,981.07
Contributions 9-28 through 10-04-2022	2,342.92
Total Actual Collection YTD	41,257.16
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(5,498.91)
Forward in Faith Envelope Income	404.00
Electronic Donations	265.50
Forward in Faith Total	669.50
Forward in Faith YTD	8,227.77
Contributions 10-05 through 10-11-2022	1,286.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	42,543.16
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(7,193.98)
Forward in Faith Envelope Income	100.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	100.00
Forward in Faith YTD	8,327.77
Last week's bulletin showed a duplicate of the previous week.	

Ascension Weekly Collection Report	
Totals as of 10/09/2022	
Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	3,010.27
Weekly E-Giving:	1,010.00
Collections Budget YTD:	44,134.65
Actual Collection YTD:	40,063.47
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(4,071.18)
Capital Improvement Offering:	140.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	155.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	7,055.00
Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnva.org Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more Information: 952-467-3351.	