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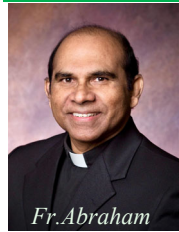


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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 9, 2022



Fr. Abraham

Grateful to God

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What more can we say but ‘Thank you Lord’. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of life and good health, thank you Lord for the gift of family, friends, work, food and everything. This weekend scriptural readings remind us that we should be grateful to God for the many blessings we receive from him.

Naaman, the pagan Army commander, returned to Prophet Elisha and gave thanks to God for the cure of leprosy. (2 King 5: 14- 17). Naaman’s sincere gratitude to Yahweh brought him faith in Yahweh and he was determined to serve him faithfully. He said, “Now I know that there is no God, in all the earth, except in Israel.” He took soil with him from Yahweh’s land of Israel, for building an altar for Yahweh in his home town so as to pray to Yahweh on Israelite soil. He promised that he would accept God of Israel as his only God and offer sacrifice to him in thanksgiving for the healing.

The gospel presents ten lepers whom Jesus cured. (Lk 17:11-19). But only a Samaritan, a gentile, came back to thank him. The other nine who were Jews went their own way even without saying a word of gratitude to Jesus. The Samaritan is presented as the model of faith and gratitude. The gratitude of the Samaritan was a natural response to the mercy of God. Jesus was pleased to see the Samaritan leper on his return to praise God for saving him. The nine Jewish lepers went their way under the false impression that healing was their right as God’s chosen people. Jesus asked the gentile leper, “Where are the other nine?” The other nine must have gone home happily with their certificates of fitness issued by the priest. The Samaritan leper however, went home not just healed but saved too. He was really whole, in body and in soul, for that time as well as for eternity because he was saved indeed.

The scriptural readings challenge us to ask ourselves, how grateful we are to God. Although we receive so much from God, we often take it for granted without appreciating his gifts. Like the nine lepers in the gospel, we come to Christ many times with desperate longing, once we are blessed however, we go away rejoicing and never return to say thanks. We may learn to acknowledge the love of God and his providential care for us. We may remember that all we have is a gift of God and so realize how needful it is to return thanks to him. Sincere gratitude does not add anything to God’s greatness; rather it profits us for salvation, we may do well to remember that always.

Thanksgiving is the attitude we should take in worship. When we celebrate the Holy Mass together, we are thanking God for the great gift of His Son whose sacrifice formed us into the People of God. The Greek word “*Eucharist*” means ‘thanksgiving.’ Let us show our gratitude to our loving God by celebrating the Mass, by daily prayers and sharing our time, talents and treasure with our parish community and those who are less fortunate than us. Psalm 103:2 exhorts us: “Bless the Lord, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts”.

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 Blessings on all firefighters, police and emergency personnel’

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Sun. Oct. 9 8:00-noon KC Pancake Breakfast @ Asc
 Tues Oct 18 4:30pm Finance Council @ Asc
 Thurs Oct 20 7:00pm Joint Mission Team Meeting @ StB

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.



Please join us 25 minutes prior to each Mass at both parishes to **pray the Rosary**. Mary offers many blessings 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.

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.

Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers

Saturday, October 15, 5:15 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul * Healthcare workers, along with their spouses and families, are invited to this special Mass in honor of our patron Saint Luke. Reception immediately following in Hayden Hall (lower level of Cathedral). Sponsored by the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and Curatio: An Apostolate of Catholic Healthcare Professionals in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life. Questions? Please contact Sonya Flomo at 651.291.4488 or flomos@archspm.org.

"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 weekends are: 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 <<mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com>> or 612-234-7440.

You cannot argue, or study, or reason, or hypnotize, or whip yourself, into faith. Faith is a gift of God. When anyone instructs you in Christian doctrine, he does not give you faith. He is only a spiritual agriculturist, tilling the soil of your soul, uprooting a few weeds and breaking up the clods of egotism. It is God who drops the seed.

—Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



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.

Word of Life—"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

Upcoming October Feast Days

- October 11th — St. John XXIII, Pope
- October 14th — St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- October 15th — St. Theresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- October 17th — St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- October 18th — St. Luke, Evangelist
- October 19th — Sts. John De Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- October 20th — St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- October 22nd — St. John Paul II, Pope
- October 24th — St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- October 28th — Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.



Expressing gratitude is a sign of a loving heart. When we have received a gracious gesture, the appreciation experienced forms a bond between the giver and receiver. This can only happen when abundance and kind ges-

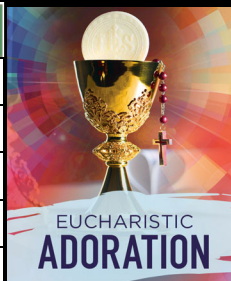
tures are seen as gifts and not something to which we are entitled. The power of gratitude is more profound when we realize all that we are and all we are given do not have a human source but are of God. Walking around believing that our glass is only half full leaves us always wanting more. We are never satisfied. We become nothing more than entitled pursuers of whatever we can get. Instead, the one who is eager to count their blessings and appreciate the wonder and beauty of the gift of life itself is at peace. Before they take another step or venture off on another journey, they bow in gratitude to the presence of God himself. They are most keenly aware that all would cease to be without God. ©LPi

Mass Ministry Schedule - October 15—16

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Tamara Lemmer	Lori Kasel
Servers	Lexy Allison & Luke Allison	Don Whitaker, Caleb Michels & Gabriel Michels	Dan Worm, Luca Hoen & Cohen Starkey
Reader	Roger Storms	Darlene Mondor	Patricia Quinn
EMHC	Bernie Shambour	Brenda Seifert	Victoria Arnst
Ushers	Kieran Allison & Volunteer	Jeremy Friendshuh & Curt Wilson	Brian Vos & Leo Willems
Greeters	Eileen Fasching	Grace Cook	Casey Jones & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A Tim George & Steve Helget Grp B Stacy Sullivan & Sue Tellers	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Oct. 10	No Mass	
Tuesday	Oct. 11 6:15 pm	Ascension	Communion Service
Wednesday	Oct. 12 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Communion Service
Thursday	Oct. 13 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Communion Service
Friday	Oct. 14 8:00 am	Ascension	No Mass
Saturday	Oct. 15 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Adrian Wickenhauser †
Sunday	Oct. 16 8:00 am	Ascension	John & Dorothy Lewandowski ††
Sunday	Oct. 16 10:00am	St. Bernard	Vocations



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 9, 2022

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19 **Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32 **Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41 **Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46 **Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54 **Friday:** Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7 **Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12 **Next 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

**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	3,850.33
Contributions 09-21 through 09-27-2022	2,045.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	38,914.24
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(4,860.76)
Forward in Faith Envelope Income	130.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	130.00
Forward in Faith YTD	7,558.27

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 9/25/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	3,749.25
Weekly E-Giving:	985.00
Collections Budget YTD:	38,250.03
Actual Collection YTD:	34,163.20
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(4,086.83)
Capital Improvement Offering:	320.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	100.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	6,470.00

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