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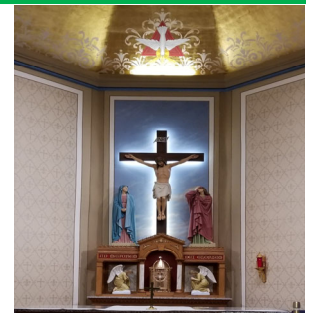
# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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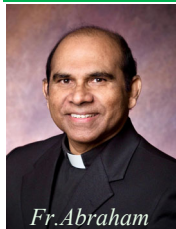


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## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 13, 2022



Fr. Abraham

### Being Spiritually Ready

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we reach the end of the Liturgical Year, the Word of God today speaks to us about the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus predicted the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the end of time. Then some of the disciples asked the big question, that so many people want to know: When will it happen? Jesus tells us that his faithful followers should not be concerned about when the end is, they should only be concerned that they are ready for the end.

Christ's Second Coming is something to celebrate because he is going to present all creation to his heavenly Father. That is why we proclaim it at every Mass: Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. Since the early Christian communities had experienced much persecution, today's gospel gives them the message: don't give up; God is always with us. The early Christians did not look at the Second Coming and End of Time with terror. Instead they saw it as a time when the Lord would return to his people and correct the injustices of the world.

The Prophet Malachi in the first reading (Malachi 3:19-20) foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and retribution for the "proud and all evil doers." The Gospel encourages them to rely on Jesus' promise of the protective power of God, and to persevere in faith and its practice. Although St. Paul expected to be alive at the return of Jesus, he warns the Thessalonians in the second reading (2 Thes 3:7-12) against the laziness with which some of them were anticipating the end. He suggests that the best preparation for the future is to devote the attention to present duties, to maintain a holy and wholesome balance between prayer and service, and to develop enduring family ties and values.

The readings remind us that we be prepared for the second coming of Jesus no matter when it comes, no matter how it comes. The ideal way to accept Jesus' message is always to be ready to meet Jesus at the end of our lives or at the end of the world, whichever comes first.

How do we prepare for the coming of the Lord? First of all, as Jesus says, "Do not be terrified..." (Lk 21:9). We know that God loves us and that God wants only the best for us. Have faith in him. Then St. Paul adds a more practical note. He tells us that the best way to prepare is by doing what we are supposed to do. And do it to the best of our ability. We have to prepare every day for the coming of the Lord. We must take time to pray every day in order to keep our hearts open to God's presence with us and within us. Daily examination of our conscience, asking God's pardon and forgiveness for the sins of the day, will also prepare us to give an account of our lives at any time. We must live the lives of selfless love, service, compassion and unconditional forgiveness.

In his apostolic Letter, '*Misericordia et Misera*' (Nov 20, 2016), Pope Francis designated the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time "**World Day of the Poor.**" He wrote: "It will be a day that will help communities and each baptized person to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel, and on the fact that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes there can be no justice or social peace." As we await the Day of the Lord, let us fulfill our Christian obligations, especially to the poor and to the vulnerable.

**Rosary Intention:** '*For the relief of the Holy Souls in Purgatory*'

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI, Pastor



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

|              |        |                                      |
|--------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Wed. Nov. 16 | Noon   | Early Deadline for bulletin of 11/27 |
| Thur. Nov 17 | 7:00pm | Joint Mission Team Mtg @ St B        |
| Sat. Nov. 19 | 5:00pm | Linger Longer after Mass @ St. B     |
| Sun. Nov. 20 | 10 am  | Linger Longer after Mass @ St. B     |
| Tues Nov 22  | 7:00pm | Finance Council Mtg @ Asc            |
| Thurs Nov 24 | 9:00am | Thanksgiving Day Mass @ StB          |

The Ascension Finance Council is looking for **volunteers to help with snow removal** during the winter months. Must be 18 years or older to operate motorized snow removal equipment but younger muscles can help with shoveling. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact Jack Lano - 952-237-3265.



**The Annual Stewardship Renewal**

information was mailed to you this past week. Please prayerfully consider your gifts of time and talent and how they can help the needs of our parishes. We would like to say **Thank You** to all of you already supporting our parishes. The committee is asking that you fill out and return the Stewardship Commitment Card and the Treasure Commitment Form by Sunday, November 20th. Forms can be returned by mail, at Mass or at the parish office. *"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace," 1 Peter 4:10*

The collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** will occur on **Nov. 19-20**. For more than 50 years, the CCHD has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. CCHD-funded groups tackle a wide range of economic and social justice challenges that affect local communities in rural and urban areas. To learn more about the collection and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teaching of the Church, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Archbishop Hebda is about to do something big.**

Our local Synod process involved three years of listening, preparation and engagement with laity, consecrated women and men, and clergy across the archdiocese. Soon, on the Feast of Christ the King (November 19-20), Archbishop Hebda will release his pastoral letter outlining his vision and Synod Priorities. The pastoral letter will be available to read online, listen to via podcast, and may be sent to you directly via email. Our parish will also have resources available the weekend of November 19-20. Sign up to receive the pastoral letter and other Synod updates via email at [archspm.org/synodupdates](http://archspm.org/synodupdates).

**November Food Drive for the West Carver County Food Shelf:**

For the entire month of November, Food and monetary donations may be dropped off anytime between 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. On Tuesdays at the Food Shelf. **Or** Bring donations to the box in the entrance at Ascension and the box in the narthex at St. Bernard. **Items needed:** Cereal, Crackers, Peanut butter, Canned Vegetables, Juice, Canned Soups, Canned fruit, Tuna, Canned meats, Meals in one, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissues, Toothpaste, Laundry Soap etc. Thank you !

When it comes upon me how late I am trying to serve the Church, the obvious answer is, even saints, such as St. Augustine, St. Ignatius, did not begin in earnest till a late age. —**St. John Henry Newman**



**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. **Starting wage is negotiable.** Please contact the parish office (952-466-2031) if you are interested.

**STBAFF Sponsorship Program for 2022-23**

We kicked off our faith formation sponsorship program last weekend. Our theme this year is--We are THANKFUL. Our GOAL is to raise \$5000. Your support helps create a strong environment to share our Catholic faith with the children of Ascension & St Bernard parishes. Please take time to check out the insert in the bulletin to learn more about our faith formation program. Any questions, contact Julie Kleindl or Julie Clemensen.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**

9am @ St. Bernard

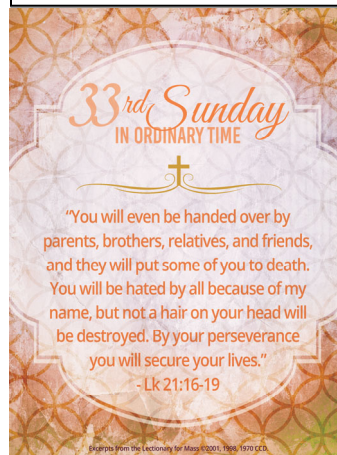
We will be collecting donations of nonperishable food items at this Mass. All items brought and the Offertory collection will be given to the Southwest Carver Food Shelf for those in need over the Holiday season. May your generosity be bountiful.

**St. Gertrude's Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory**

Eternal Father I offer you the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

**Stewardship Prayer**

Our Father, You have given us all that we are and all that we have. Thank You. Give us the wisdom and the strength to care for these gifts in ways that are pleasing to You. To develop them; to share them generously with our parish and others; to return them with increase to You, as You have asked us to do. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior and through the Holy Spirit. Amen



**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Jesus assures us that the world, as we know it, will one day come to an end. When will this be? In one sense, having an answer to that question really does not matter. Faith is faith and either we have it or we do not. Secure in that faith, we know that when one thing ends, another begins. In the meantime, we are asked to persevere and remain strong through all of life's inevitable challenges and obstacles. What we see and experience as we journey to the day when all is one in Christ, may

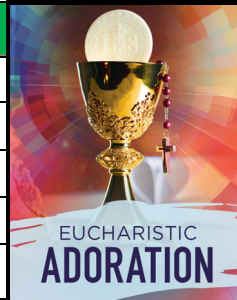
cause our faith to be shaken and tested. Trust and endurance are what are needed as world events unfold. Even though life can be uncertain and terrifying at times, faithful people will be protected. It does not matter what day or hour the end will come. We must remain ready and vigilant anyway. ©LPI

# Mass Ministry Schedule—November 19-20

| Mass Ministry              | St. Bernard<br>Sat. 5:00pm | Ascension<br>Sun. 8:00am                                       | St. Bernard<br>Sun. 10:00am            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Sacristan</b>           | Doris Mielke               | Kathy Kloempken  | Lori Kasel                             |
| <b>Servers</b>             | Volunteers                 | Don Whitaker, Caleb & Jayden Michels                           | Dan Worm, Logan Pellegrino & Volunteer |
| <b>Reader</b>              | Judy Glander               | Darlene Mondor   | Rob Wickenhauser                       |
| <b>EMHC</b>                | Bernie Shambour            | Irene Yaeck  | Julie Clemensen                        |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | Kieran Allison & Volunteer | Josh Gallus & Jeremy Friendshuh                                | Brian Vos & Leo Willems                |
| <b>Greeters</b>            | Eileen Fasching            | Sue Schultz  | Casey Jones & Andy Kleindl             |
| <b>Homebound Ministers</b> | N/A                        | Grp A Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson<br>Grp B Tim & Rita Fahey | N/A                                    |

## Mass Times Intentions

| Day              | Nov. 14                | Nov. 15     | Nov. 16                           | Nov. 17 | Nov. 18 | Nov. 19 | Nov. 20 |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Nov. 14                | No Mass     |                                   |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Nov. 15 <b>6:15 pm</b> | Ascension   | Fr. Gene Pouliot †                |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Nov. 16 <b>8:00 am</b> | St. Bernard | Warren Kahnke †                   |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Nov. 17 <b>8:00 am</b> | St. Bernard | Marcy Wickenhauser †              |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Nov. 18 <b>8:00 am</b> | Ascension   | Clariss Bachman †                 |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Nov. 19 <b>5:00 pm</b> | St. Bernard | Clarence & Muriel Wickenhauser †† |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Nov. 20 <b>8:00 am</b> | Ascension   | All Parishioners                  |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Nov. 20 <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

### 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 November 13, 2022

**Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 **Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43 **Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10 **Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28 **Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44 **Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48 **Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40 **Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-4

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### 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 pqinn55322@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

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| Budget for week                                    | 2,981.07          |
| <b>Contributions 10-26 through 10-31-2022</b>      | <b>2,313.00</b>   |
| Total Actual Collection YTD                        | 55,011.33         |
| <b>Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget</b> | <b>(3,669.02)</b> |
| <b>Forward in Faith</b> Envelope Income            | 25.00             |
| Electronic Donations                               | 100.00            |
| <b>Forward in Faith Total</b>                      | <b>125.00</b>     |
| <b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>                        | <b>10,021.19</b>  |

**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](http://www.st-bernard-cologne.org)

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 10/30/2022

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| <b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>          | \$ 2,942.31       |
| <b>Weekly Envelopes/Plate:</b>           | 2,668.15          |
| <b>Weekly E-Giving:</b>                  | 270.00            |
| <b>Collections Budget YTD:</b>           | 52,961.58         |
| <b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>            | 48,843.62         |
| <b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b> | <b>(4,117.96)</b> |
| <b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>     | 100.00            |
| <b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>     | 45.00             |
| <b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>          | 7,465.00          |

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