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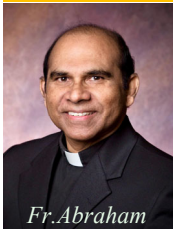


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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 19-20, 2022



Fr. Abraham

The King Who Laid down His Life for Us

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Feast of Christ, the King marks the end of the Liturgical Year. When we look upon the Crucifix, it is not really a very kingly image. Jesus who is King of the Universe doesn't reign from a beautiful golden throne. He doesn't wear a crown adorned with beautiful stones. He doesn't wear precious clothes. He hangs from a wooden Cross, wears a crown of thorns and his body shows the marks of his torture and of the passion. This is the King we follow and this King invites us with open arms to embrace him and in embracing him, to embrace all creation with our minds and our hearts. In that embrace he calls us to be merciful and forgiving.

The kings of this earth demand of their subjects that they should be ready to lay down their lives to defend their kings and kingdoms. Millions have given their lives to defend their country and rulers. We have a king who laid down his life for us and set us an example unlike that of any earthly king.

This feast celebrates Christ's Kingship in an altogether non-worldly way. Jesus was anointed by the Father with the oil of gladness as the Eternal Priest and Universal King. As Priest he offered his life on the altar of the Cross and redeemed the human race by this one perfect sacrifice. As King he claims dominion over all creation that he may present to the almighty Father a Kingdom of truth, justice, peace, love and holiness.

The Gospel tells one of the criminals crucified beside Jesus who recognized Jesus as a King and asked Jesus to remember him when Jesus entered his kingdom. Jesus promised the "good thief" that he would be with him that day in Paradise. In just a moment, as he recognizes the power of the King and his mercy, he becomes, maybe once again, a thief. But this time as he just asks to be remembered, he steals eternal life from Life itself. St. Augustine tells us that "Others failed to recognize the Lord even as he performed miracles, but this man recognized him as he hung upon the cross... with his heart he believed, and with his lips he made a confession..."

Jesus is the king of our life, our homes, and our world. We have to dedicate ourselves to the eternal King of the universe. When we live with Christ as the king of our household we find it easy to find the source of our strength. We begin to allow Christ to take over our lives and homes. In honoring Christ today as our King, let us especially thank him for all the humiliations and sufferings he endured for us. If our Christian way of living makes some demands on us, let us not forget how small they are when compared with what Christ's earthly life cost him. He made these severe sacrifices for us. Let us promise to be grateful and loyal subjects of his for the rest of our days. He has made us members of his kingdom on earth, the Church, and is preparing a place for us in his everlasting kingdom. As we celebrate Jesus Christ as King of the Universe, may we come to understand the Mercy of God in our lives and extend that mercy to all. Today we ask the Lord to remember us as we remember Him until he comes again!

Rosary Intention: 'In Thanksgiving for all our gifts and blessings'

Happy Thanksgiving

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

Church of Ascension Norwood Young America, MN

CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Sat. Nov. 19	5:00pm	Linger Longer after Mass @ St. B
Hosted by the St. B Catholic United Financial		
Sun. Nov. 20	10 am	Linger Longer after Mass @ St. B
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Tues Nov 22	7:00pm	Finance Council Mtg @ StB
Wed Nov 23	NO ADORATION AT St. Bernard	
Thur Nov 24	9:00am	Thanksgiving Day Mass @ StB
Fri Nov 25	NO MASS at Ascension	
Thur Dec 8	8:00am	HDO-Immaculate Conception @StB
Thur Dec 8	6:45pm	HDO-Immaculate Conception @Asc

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

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 today, 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

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.

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 !

STBAFF Sponsorship Program for 2022-23

The sponsorship program is in full swing. 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. Any questions, contact Julie Kleindl or Julie Clemensen.

The Father created the world through the Son, and the Son would be the world's source of light and life. The sun and moon would not ultimately be our sources of illumination. Rather, the Son himself would be our true light, revealing the Father to us and revealing our true identities as beloved children of the Father. — *Mike Pacer* From his book *The Three Comings of Christ*

Church of St. Bernard Cologne, MN

Financial Report from the Chili Feed/Raffle Etc. 2022

Raffle	\$8,415.00
Quilt	626.00
Free Will offering	548.00
Total	\$ 9,589.00
Expenses	3,273.00
Net Profit	\$ 6,316.00

The profit has been designated to the general fund. **Thank you to All** who supported this fundraiser in any way.

The Southwest Carver County Food Shelf gratefully acknowledges the gift of 14 Lbs of food donated by St. Bernard during the month of October. Thank you to all who donated toward this most worthy cause.



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.

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.

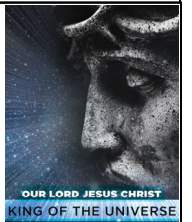


Happy Thanksgiving

Here's to wishing a thankful and joy-filled Thanksgiving Day to all parishioners of our parishes. Praying that you are able to spend the day enjoying family, good food and all the blessings God meant for you!!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?



Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together. ©LPi

Mass Ministry Schedule—November 24 - 27

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Thurs. 9:00 am	Ascension Sat 5:00 am	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Ann Dettmann	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Dan Worm, Kieran Allison & Marshall Panning	Jack Lano, Payton & Hailey Stender	Florian Schindler, Nathan & Brianna Duenow	Dan Worm, Buckley Jones & Marshall Panning
Reader	Sarah Foley	Jean Schmitz	Brian Willems	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Mary Meuwissen	Jim Mulville	Kathy Kloempken	Andy Kleindl
Ushers	Tom Dahl & Bob Symanitz	Dave Donnay & Rick Ulrich	Gary Widmer & Eugene Dvorak	Vern Elke & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Roger Storms	Grace Cook	Leo Pouliot	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	N/A	Grp A-Tim & Rita Fahey Grp B-Cheryl Coyle & Stacy Sullivan	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Nov. 21	No Mass	
Tuesday	Nov. 22 6:15 pm	Ascension	John Worm †
Wednesday	Nov. 23 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Gerald & Delora Meuleners ††
Thursday	Nov. 24 9:00 am	St. Bernard	In Thanksgiving for all our answered prayers
Friday	Nov. 25 8:00 am	Ascension	NO MASS
Saturday	Nov. 26 5:00 pm	Ascension	Robert Reinitz †
Sunday	Nov. 27 8:00 am	Ascension	Patricia Prchal †
Sunday	Nov. 27 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

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 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43 **Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4 **Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19 **Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33 **Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36 **Next Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**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.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,235.58
Contributions 11-01 through 11-08-2022	2,512.92
Total Actual Collection YTD	57,524.25
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(4,391.68)
Forward in Faith Envelope Income	435.00
Electronic Donations	135.50
Forward in Faith Total	570.50
Forward in Faith YTD	10,591.69
Archdiocese for the Military Service Collection	289.00
Mission collection	150.00

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 11/06/2022

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	4,428.00
Weekly E-Giving:	270.00
Collections Budget YTD:	55,903.89
Actual Collection YTD:	53,541.62
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(2,362.27)
Capital Improvement Offering:	140.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	25.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	7,630.00

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