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# ST. BERNARD CHURCH

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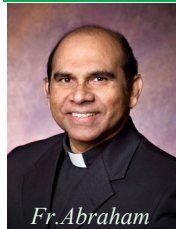


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## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 6, 2022



Fr. Abraham

### Belief in Life After Death

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Belief in Life after death is the most powerful and motivating force all through the ages and even now in our lives. The last week, we celebrated ‘All Saint Day’ and ‘All Souls Day’ respectively. Both our first reading (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14) and Gospel (Luke 20: 27-38) for this Sunday present the Biblical view of what happens to us after we die. The readings invite us to learn the meaning of the resurrection in our lives.

Jesus explained the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead which was supported by the Pharisees but denied by the Sadducees. A group of Sadducees attempted to trap Jesus with an imaginary and an absurd question: if a person had more than one spouse on earth, who would be the one true spouse in heaven? Jesus said to them, in heaven there will neither marry nor be given in marriage because the purpose and need for marriage will no longer exist. God created marriage to help him with creation. God told Adam and Eve, ‘Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth.’ (Genesis 1:28). Jesus not only reaffirms his teaching on the resurrection of the dead, but he deepens our understanding of the marriage vocation as well. Marriage is an earthly vocation to discover and live the love of God through the love of the spouse. In heaven where God is all in all, man and woman will find complete fulfillment in divine Love.

By answering the question of the Sadducees, Jesus reaffirms his teaching on the resurrection of the dead. Jesus uses the opportunity to teach that the life of resurrection is an entirely new life. Belief in the resurrection is the most fundamental of all Christian beliefs; in fact, without it, Christianity makes no sort of sense at all. Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the dead to save us from our sins and to open for us the way to eternal life. St. Paul wrote in his First letter to Corinthians, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.” (1 Cor. 15:17, 19).

In his brief answer to the Sadducees, Jesus gives us the essential facts concerning our future status. He affirms that all those who have proved themselves worthy while in this life will rise to an eternal life. In that life, we will become like angels. We will no longer be subject to decline and decay as we now are. In heaven, we have eternal life. The scriptures today encourage us to live fully in the present, while anticipating the fullness of life in the resurrection.

The hope of our resurrection and eternal life with God gives us lasting peace and joy in the midst of the boredom and tension of our day-to-day lives. The valuable thought of our own resurrection and eternal glory should inspire us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits. They also encourage us to respect those with whom we come in contact, rendering them loving and humble service. Let us live our life in the hope of resurrection. That will make changes in every word, thought and action of our daily life.

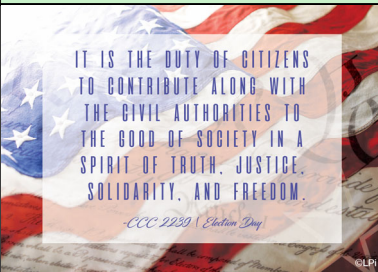
**Rosary Intention:** ‘For the election of strong, ethical people into Office.’

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI  
Pastor



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

Tues Nov 8 Election Day Please vote!  
 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



**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).

**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*

**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 !

**Catholic Charities Giving Tree at Mall of America**  
 December 17-18, Mall of America, Bloomington  
 For 30 years, the Giving Tree has brought people together during Advent to ensure their neighbors have access to essential items as they receive supportive services from Catholic Charities. Visitors can shop for someone in need, participate in a quick volunteer activity, and learn a little bit about Catholic Charities.

While there is no suggestion here that all such situations of poverty can be resolved by the parish, there is no doubt that an evangelizing Catholic community can be tested by its attitude to the poor and by the measures it takes to meet them and show them Christian love. —Francis Cardinal Arinze

**Prayers are requested**—for the repose of the soul of Elaine Mohrbacher who passed away on October 25th. Elaine's funeral will be on Saturday, November 12th at St. Bernard Visitation will begin at 10:00am. At the Church. May she rest in peace. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Peace and comfort for their families.



**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.

**National Vocations Awareness Week—November 6-12.**  
 An annual event to pray for, especially religious vocations in the Church. Please recite the following pray during the week of November 6-12. "Dear God, We pause to thank You for Your many gifts, especially the gift of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Send more faithful workers to serve Your community. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen."

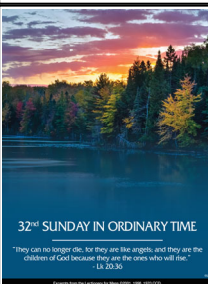


**Veterans Day** is Nov. 11th  
 Please pray for all those who have served to defend and protect our country. Especially remember those who gave their lives and their families for their sacrifice. May God bless you all.



**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.



**The God of the Living**  
 "Sic transit gloria mundi," is what they used to say at papal coronations. "So passes earthly glory." Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity. Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to

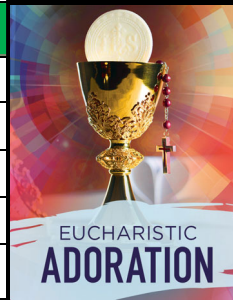
showcase His glory.  
 Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they've been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today's Gospel, you might even get the impression that their marriage was nothing more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal. This week's readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn? The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn't die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever.  
 Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability — these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living — and these are the things that last an eternity.  
 — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Mass Ministry Schedule—November 12-13

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sherry Witte	Tamara Lemmer	Patricia Quinn
<b>Servers</b>	Florian Schindler, Alex & Bryce Urness	Jack Lano, Caleb & Jayden Michels	Dan Worm, Luca Hoen & Lily Starkey
<b>Reader</b>	Cathleen Williams	Brian Willems	Greg Wickenhauser
<b>EMHC</b>	Brenda Seifert	Jean Schmitz	Meghan Stusynski
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Schrupp & Tom Lano	Tim George & Steve Coyle	Tom Dahl & Andy Kleindl
<b>Greeters</b>	Jeremy & Julie Gesinger	Pat Johnson	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
<b>Homebound Ministers</b>	N/A	Grp A Rich & Sue Tellers Grp B Curt Wilson & Steve Lemmer	N/A

### Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	Nov. 7	No Mass	
Tuesday	Nov. 8 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension	Robert Reinitz †
Wednesday	Nov. 9 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †
Thursday	Nov. 10 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Elvira Winkler †
Friday	Nov. 11 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	John & Dorothy Lewandowski ††
Saturday	Nov. 12 <b>5:00 pm</b>	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	Nov. 13 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	Bernice & Dennis Wickenhauser ††
Sunday	Nov. 13 <b>10:00am</b>	St. Bernard	Bernice & Dennis 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 6, 2022

**Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/ Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38 **Monday:** Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6 **Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10 **Wednesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 **Thursday:** Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25 **Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37 **Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8 **Next Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-

### 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

Budget for week	2,981.07
<b>Contributions 10-19 through 10-25-2022</b>	<b>5,475.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	52,698.33
<b>Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>(3,000.59)</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b> Envelope Income	700.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>700.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>9,896.19</b>
<b>World Mission Collection</b>	<b>489.00</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 10/22/2022

<b>Weekly Operating Budget:</b>	\$ 2,942.31
<b>Weekly Envelopes/Plate:</b>	2,301.00
<b>Weekly E-Giving:</b>	985.00
<b>Collections Budget YTD:</b>	50,019.27
<b>Actual Collection YTD:</b>	45,885.47
<b>Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:</b>	<b>(4,133.80)</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Offering:</b>	40.00
<b>Capital Improvement-E-Giving:</b>	100.00
<b>Capital Improvement YTD:</b>	7,320.00

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.