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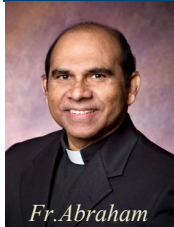


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Second Sunday In Ordinary Time - January 14 & 15, 2023



Fr. Abraham

Jesus, the Lamb of God

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the second Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar. In the gospel of today (Jn 1:29-34), John the Baptist identifies and vividly presents the Saviour to the world. He says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." By this act John has completed his mission. He has come to do the will of God. It is for this reason he was called to be a prophet, to be the forerunner of he who was to be the Saviour of the world and this, he has perfectly and obediently completed according to the mind of God.

John the Baptist pointed out the Lamb of God to the world. John is a perfect example to us of how we ought to approach the call and will of God for us. We are also called to point out the Lamb of God to the world and helping people find Christ. There is nothing greater that any of us can do in our lives than point Christ out to others. All we need to do is to accept to the mission and then, like in the days of John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit of God will confirm our efforts. Bearing witness to Jesus Christ is only possible through the aid of the Holy Spirit. The scripture tells us, "No one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the power of the Holy Spirit" (I Cor 12: 3). It is the Spirit of God that helps us in doing the will of God day by day because, he takes the things about Christ and the Kingdom of his Father and makes it known to us the adopted children of the Father.

When we say, "Lamb of God" in every Mass, we are remembering what Jesus did for us and what he has empowered us to do for others. We are remembering his sacrifice to make God's love real on earth. We are reminding ourselves that joining Jesus in sacrificial love is the only way we can be his followers. The Lamb of God challenges us to make sacrifices similar to his for love of our family, neighbors, brothers and sisters. You are in my parleys and thoughts.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

Rosary Intention: "For all our parishioners be open to the Lord's call to serve"

CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Wed Jan 18-Wed Jan 25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 Sat Jan 21 6:00pm "Linger Longer" after Mass @ St. B
 Sun Jan 22 11:00am "Linger Longer" after Mass @ St. B

The **Daily Mass Schedule** for the next month is as follows:
 There **will be** a Tues. 6:15pm Mass at Ascension on Jan 10th, 24th and 31st with confession starting at 5:45pm.
No Mass or Confession on Tues, Jan 17th or Tues, Feb 7th.
 There **will be** a Communion Service at St. Bernard at 8:00am on Wed. Jan 11th, 18th, 25th and Feb 8th. No Confessions.
 There **will not be** a daily Mass on Thursdays or Fridays between Jan 12th and Feb 10th.
 Regular daily Masses will resume on Tues., Feb 14th.

Knight of Columbus Free Throw Championship: all boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Free throw Contest TODAY Sunday, January 15th at 6pm at St. Joes' School in Waconia.

Pews: We have 2 of the pews left from when the new ones were installed a while back at Ascension. If anyone would like one or both, please contact Jack Lano.

Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners
 Ascension KC's would like to thank all the children who entered a poster. Each child will be receiving a coupon for a FREE BINGO card to be used at one of the upcoming KC's Bingo's events. The winners received \$25 and their posters are sent to compete at the district level. CONGRATS to : Age 5-7 Allison Duenow Age 8-10 Naravi Butcher-Rannow Age 11-14 Lillie Beneke

Respect Life Mass - Sunday, January 22, noon, Cathedral of Saint Paul . This Mass commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. It is also an opportunity to recognize those who exemplify pro-life work in our local communities with the Saint John Paul II Champion for Life Award

WINE: Women In the New Evangelization invites women of all ages to the **WINE: Catholic Women's Conference** on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church in Wayzata, Minnesota. The theme of this year's conference, inspired by John 4:10 and John 7:37-39 is **A Spiritual Spa**, and the invitation is to be renewed and refreshed in the Living Waters. Join women from across the country for a conference filled with inspiration, faith, fellowship, and fun! Flyer is posted in back of church. For more information or to register, visit www.cathoicvinyard.com. Registration deadline is Feb 11.

Word of Life— "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others, so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

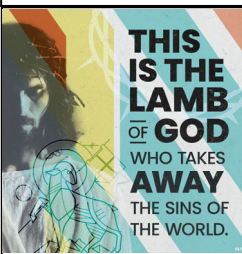
Riches, both material and spiritual, can choke you if you do not use them fairly. For not even God can put anything in a heart that is already full. —*Mother Teresa*

Your Prayers are requested: for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who passed away on December 31st, 2022. May he rest in peace and may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Also Prayers are requested: for the repose of the soul of James Quinn Jr., brother-in-law of Patricia Quinn, who passed away Tuesday, January 3rd. His funeral was on Monday, January 9th. May he rest in peace and may his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Also pray for peace and comfort for his family.

The Church of the Ascension, NYA, MN and St. Bernard Church, Cologne, MN has an opening for a full time shared **Parish Business Administrator**. The Administrator works closely with the Pastor to manage the business of the parishes including the areas of finance, human resources, facility management, staff management, strategic planning and communication. The administrator reports to the Pastor and is an active participant in parish leadership councils as well as community and Diocesan Forums. A BA degree or equivalent work experience including budgeting, asset management, Human Resources and supervisory experience. Candidate must be task oriented with strong interpersonal skills who can cultivate collaborative, team-based relationships among staff, parish leaders and parishioners.
 Please send resume and cover letter including salary requirements to Sherry at: busadmin@ascensionnya.org

Respect Life Breakfast January 22nd— The KC's are serving breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waconia on Sunday, January 22nd from 8:00 am to 12:30pm. Proceeds will go to support local Enkrateia: House of Hope and other Pro-Life causes. The Respect Life Breakfast is an event co-sponsored by the Waconia Knights of Columbus #2506 & Trinity Lutheran Church. Learn more online at stjosephwaconia.org/respect-life-breakfast/



When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

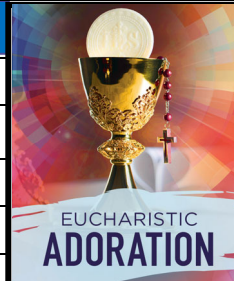
It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Mass Ministry Schedule—January 21 - 22

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Cheryl Coyle	Lori Kasel
Servers	Lexy Allison & Luke Allison	Gabriel Michels & Jayden Michels	Dan Worm, Luca Hoen & Lily Starkey
Reader	Joyce Schwartz	Cheryl Coyle	Helen Nicklaus
EMHC	Bernie Shambour	Steve Coyle	Meghan Stusynski
Ushers	Kieran Allison & Volunteer	Josh Gallus & Jeremy Friendshuh	Tom Dahl & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Monica Kooiman	Sue Schultz	Casey Jones & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A- Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson Grp B- Steve Lemmer & Curt Wilson	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	Jan 16	No Mass	
Tuesday	Jan 17 6:15 pm	Ascension	NO MASS
Wednesday	Jan 18 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Communion Service Only
Thursday	Jan 19 8:00 am	St. Bernard	NO MASS
Friday	Jan 20 8:00 am	Ascension	NO MASS
Saturday	Jan 21 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Alex & Clara Storms ††
Sunday	Jan 22 8:00 am	Ascension	Leo G. Braunwarth †
Sunday	Jan 22 10:00am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †



Eucharistic Adoration Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard
Every Wednesday until
Further notice
3:00 until 6:00 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 Jan. 15 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 **Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22 **Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28 **Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6 **Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12 **Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19 **Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Feast Days this week

Jan 17- St. Anthony

Jan 20- St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

Jan 21- St. Agnes

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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@ascensionny.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	2,440.67
Contributions 12-28 through 12-31-2022	820.00
Christmas Contributions 12-31-2022	1,350.00
Contributions 01-01-2023	2,102.25
Total Actual Collection YTD	95,290.01
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(8,891.65)
Forward in Faith Total 12-21 through 01-03-2023	
Envelope Income	150.00
Electronic Donations	168.00
Forward in Faith Total	318.00
Forward in Faith YTD	14,312.03

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,

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 1/01/2023

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	4,774.55
Weekly E-Giving:	270.00
Collections Budget YTD:	79,442.37
Actual Collection YTD:	93,584.67
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	14,142.30
Capital Improvement Offering:	150.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	12,095.00

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