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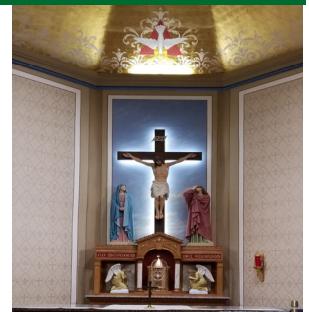
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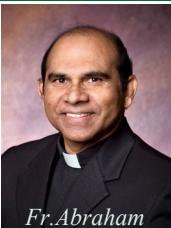
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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 17 & 18, 2023



Fr. Abraham

Synod-The Call to Evangelization

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today's Gospel shows Jesus' compassion for his people. "At the sight of the crowds, the heart of Jesus was moved with pity." He said to his disciples, "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Mt 9:36- 38). Jesus sent out his apostles with authority to liberate people from all burdens, to heal every disease and sickness and to proclaim the good news.

Today's Gospel concludes with a significant remark: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." All that we have are God's gift to us. God's gifts to us are literally price-less. They are meant to use freely and for the benefit of all.

Jesus is calling us to do his work now on earth. We have the responsibility to continue his work. And we accepted this call, this responsibility, at our baptism. We all have different talents, abilities to accomplish the work our Lord has entrusted us.

The Gospel reading is a reminder of the importance of evangelization in the life of a Catholic. However, many of us feel uncomfortable with the idea of evangelizing, perhaps due to a perception that it involves knocking on a stranger's door and telling them about Jesus. Yet, evangelization is not always so formal, and we have many opportunities to share the good news in our daily lives. Evangelization is about sharing the hope and joy that we have found in Christ and inviting others to join us on this journey of faith.

We can evangelize by offering a helping hand to someone in need and then sharing how we have been helped through the power of God. When someone asks us to pray for them, we can say a prayer with them and share a moment of connection and faith. We can also invite someone to come to Mass or Eucharistic adoration or attend a church event with us, sharing the joy of our faith and the community of believers.

As you know, the Synod Evangelization process is progressing well in our Archdiocese. As the part of the implementation of the Synod in parish level, our Synod Evangelization Team (SET) had a 6-hour meeting, called 'Small Group Visioning Day' at Ascension on Saturday, June 3rd. The Synod Evangelization Team will be commissioned on the weekend of June 24th at Ascension and 25th at St. Bernard.

The Commissioning serves to honor the SET members for their commitment. It helps to put the Synod and its initial fruit before the parish community. It is a recognition of the SET members having been called and formed in the School of Discipleship and now being given the mandate and grace for the next steps in mission. After this event, you will be invited to participate in this process. Synod Evangelization Team of 12 members dedicated to keeping evangelization.

As Catholics, we are all called to be missionary disciples, sharing the love of Christ to all those we encounter. This can be done in small ways, through acts of kindness and invitations to prayer or worship. By embracing our role as evangelizers, we can share the good news of the Gospel and help others to encounter the power of Christ's love. However, in order to spread the light of Christ to others, we must first be able to see it shining in our own lives. We must strive to live our lives in a way that reflects the love, compassion, and mercy of Christ, so that others may be drawn to him through us.

This weekend, we celebrate **Father's Day**. We thank our fathers today- fathers living and deceased. We thank them for giving us life and for being men of faith. We love them and pray for them.

Happy Father's Day

Rosary Intention: "For all Fathers, living and deceased."

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI , Pastor

Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Bernard and Ascension, united through Baptism, redeemed by Christ's death and resurrection, and strengthened by his Word and Eucharist, are called to follow him by nurturing a rich sacramental and spiritual life, supporting strong Catholic faith formation and fostering fellowship and community.

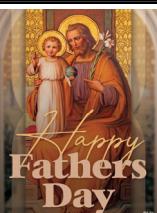
Church of Ascension Norwood Young America, MN

CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Thurs, June 15th 7:00pm JMT-Joint Mission Team Meeting
Saturday June 17 after 5pm Mass "Linger Longer" @ St.B
Sunday June 18 after 10am Mass "Linger Longer" @ St.B
Sun, June 25th KC Donut Sunday after 8:00am Mass
Tues, June 27th 4:00pm Ascension Finance Council Meeting
Thurs, June 29th 7:00pm St. Bernard Finance Council Meeting

Join us June 25th after the 8am Mass at Ascension for a special donut Sunday to celebrate the retirement of Sherry Witte and to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Virginia Hanson. The KCs will be serving cake, donuts, fruit, coffee, milk and juice in the social hall.

Congratulations Sherry and Welcome Virginia!!



Happy Father's Day

We wish a special blessing for all to all the fathers, grandfathers and all the men in our parishes who have chosen to support life and nurture their children, step-children, grandchildren, adopted children and children in any other way in the hope of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for your love of Jesus and your spouse and children and for leading strong faith filled families.



ARCHDIOCESAN Rural Life Sunday 2023

PLEASE JOIN US!

Sunday, June 25, 2023 1:30 p.m. Mass
Celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Hebda

Hosted by Tim & Amy Leonard Family Farm

Address: 13315 106th St. • Norwood Young America, MN 55397

Host parish: St. Joseph Catholic Community • Waconia, MN

Activities and Entertainment:

- Lunch following Mass (free will offering gratefully accepted).
- Children's activities and games, see the animals.
- Please bring your own lawn chairs.
- Outdoor restrooms and handicap parking available.
- Hand washing station available.
- In case of rain, the celebration will be held inside a shed at the farm.

Peter's Pence Collection-Weekend of July 1-2

Peter's Pence is a parish collection for the Universal Church and the Holy Father. Contributions to the collection help the Holy Father in two ways: firstly, financing the many activities carried out by the Holy See, like formation of the clergy, communication, promotion of integral human development, education, and justice. Secondly, it funds the numerous works of material assistance for the most needy like, victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In these difficult times, let us express the sense of belonging to the Universal Church and our solidarity with the Holy Father.

We can always expect God to give us the strength to deal with the circumstances of our lives even if he does not change them.

-Fr.Eamon Tobin
13 Powerful Ways to Pray

Church of St. Bernard

Cologne, MN

Eucharistic Adoration St. Bernard-Wednesday 2-7pm

Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart. To commit to a regular Adoration hour, contact Doris @ 612-910-2365. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Charles (Chuck) Joos** who passed away on June 5th. His funeral was on June 10th. 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. Pray also for peace and comfort for Chuck's family.

Word of Life- "Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux
["Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"](#)

Prayer for a Synodal Church

This October, Bishops from around the world will meet in Rome to explore this theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." The Bishops of our own country ask us all to pray in preparation for this event. Archbishop Hebda encourages each parish to participate in this prayer as it determines best.

Prayer: Father, we want to walk together and with You, Father, we want to walk together and with You, is the "way" of being the Church of Jesus Christ, opening up horizons of hope and fulfilling the mission that He entrusts to us. We want to renew in the Church her evangelizing mission, today, to keep on offering women and men a way of being and living, in which everybody may feel included and protagonist. We specially ask You for the ecclesial groups and movements, may they rediscover their role in this Synod committing themselves to live in a listening attitude as a mission and proclamation. Amen.



June 18, 2023
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place! Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree. Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees. — Father John Muir ©LPI

Mass Ministry Schedule—June 24-25

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Brian Willems	Doris Mielke
Servers	Alex Urmess & Bryce Urmess	Jayden Michels & Gabriel Michels	Buckley Jones & Logan Pellegrino
Reader	Darlene Mondor	Jean Schmitz	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Steve Helget	Steve Lemmer	Julie Clemensen
Ushers	Steve Schrupp & Gary Widmer	Eugene Dvorak & Jeremy Friendshuh	Kieran Allison & Tom Dahl
Greeters	Cathleen Williams	Sue Schultz	Monica Kooiman
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A – Tim & Rita Fahey Grp B – Steve Lemmer & Curt Wilson	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	June 19		No Mass
Tuesday	June 20	Ascension	No Mass
Wednesday	June 21	St. Bernard	No Mass
Thursday	June 22	St. Bernard	No Mass
Friday	June 23 8:00 am	Ascension	Pope Francis
Saturday	June 24 5:00 pm	Ascension	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Vanderlinde ††
Sunday	June 25 8:00 am	Ascension	Living and deceased members of the Braunwarth-Dupont Family
Sunday	June 25 10:00am	St. Bernard	Amalia (Bovy) Flipp †

Readings for the week of June 18, 2023
Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8 **Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42 **Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48 **Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15 **Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23 **Saturday: Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 **Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 **Next Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Feast Days
 June 19—St. Romuald
 June 21—St. Aloysius
 June 16—St. Paulinus of Nola, Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More
 June —The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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.



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.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	.3,016.63
Contributions 05-31— through 6-06-2023	5,205.30
Total Actual Collection YTD	174,041.75
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	3,091.63

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income	415.00
Electronic Donations	168.00
Forward in Faith Total	583.00
Forward in Faith YTD	46,066.23

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 6/4/2023

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,942.31
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,444.00
Weekly E-Giving:	280.00
Collections Budget YTD:	144,173.19
Actual Collection YTD:	155,122.29
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	10,949.10

Capital Improvement Offering:	75.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	55.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	18,510.00

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