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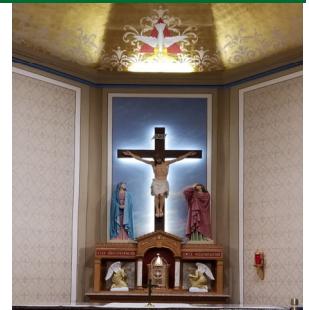
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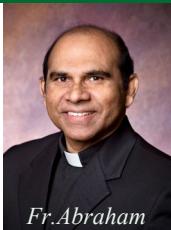
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 28 & 29, 2023



Fr. Abraham

Committed Love for God and for Our Neighbor

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Jesus summarized the whole Law in to two: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22: 37-39) Thus, Jesus proclaims that true religion loves God both directly and as living in our neighbor.

Love of God means putting Him first, respecting His name, and keeping His day. Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, means that we should place God’s will ahead of ours, seek the Lord’s will in all things and make it supreme in our lives. There are several means by which we can express our love for God. We must keep God’s commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Bible, and accept His invitation to join Him in the holy Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

Love of neighbor means respect for others, their relationships, their reputations, and their property. Loving our neighbor as ourselves means looking at and treating others with the respect God gives them. This love begins at home with one’s parents. It then extends to others. Love of neighbor extends beyond our family and friends. Love of neighbor knows no national borders or class distinctions or barriers of any kind, because God knows no such obstacles. The first reading from Exodus explains the second part of greatest commandment, namely, loving one’s neighbors, especially the underprivileged like aliens, widows, orphans and the poor. (Exodus 22: 20-26). The chosen people of Israel should remember that once they were aliens in the land of Egypt. Just as God protected them and treated them kindly, so they are to protect others and treat them with kindness. Thus, they should become a humane society rooted in the basic religious concept of loving God living in their neighbor.

God’s will is that we should love everyone, seeing Him in our neighbor. Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are actually giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbor as Jesus loves him or her. This means we have to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone without discrimination based on color, race, gender, age, wealth or social status.

In our parish we have many people who are extraordinarily generous in offering their gifts, their time and talents through the various ministries in which they are involved. Their sacrificial actions build up our community. Their lives enable the community to become more faithful. These parishioners have been instrumental in helping the parish grow and become the vibrant community of faith that we are today.

Please take time to reflect on the blessings you have received from God and how you might use your time, talents and treasure generously to serve our parish and others. Please return your completed Stewardship Commitment Cards by mail or at Mass by November 19, 2023. I am grateful to all of you for your tremendous faith and commitment to our parish family. I also express my gratitude to the members of our Stewardship Committee for their committed service.

We pray today that we might love God with our whole heart, and our brothers and sisters as ourselves by sharing our time, talents and treasure.

Rosary Intention: “For all who give of their time, talent and treasure to our parishes.”

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.



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Monday	Oct. 30	ASC. ST. B.	No Mass: No Mass:
Tuesday	Oct. 31	ST. B. ASC. ASC.	Quilting Group: 9am-12pm Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confessions: 5:45pm-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday Holy Day of Obligation	Nov. 1 All Saints	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. ASC ASC	Confession: 7:30am-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00pm-7:00pm Mass: 6:30pm Faith Formation:
Thursday	Nov. 2 All Souls	ST. B. ASC.	Mass for All Souls: 6:15pm Prayers for Our Children: 5:30pm-6:30pm
Friday	Nov. 3	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
Saturday	Nov. 4	ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 4:30pm-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday	Nov. 5	ASC. ASC. ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Donut Sunday Bible Study 9:00am Mass: 10:00am

What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community:

Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults: Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on the **Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. CT**. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/10-24-23/

James: Pearls for Wise Living. This Catechetical Institute six-week course on the letter of James, taught by Jeff Cavins, is for anyone who feels torn between the competing demands of this world and the faith. Through encouraging lectures and the small group experience, this Bible study combines practical wisdom for challenging times with faith-sharing based on the Word of God. Learn wisdom for tough times and how to meet trials with joy and perseverance! Mary Mother of the Church, Burnsville. **Tuesdays: November 7th-December 12th.** Register at <https://saintpaulseminary.org/ci/jeff-cavins-book-james-wise-living/>

Come see the **“Eucharistic Miracles of the World” exhibit** started by Blessed Carlos Acutis. This exhibit includes 126 historically documented Eucharistic miracles that have occurred in various countries since the Last Supper. These are visible proof of Jesus Christ’s Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome including members of other faiths. **Friday, November 3rd-Sunday November 5th at Holy Family Catholic Church, Saint Louis Park**

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 10/15/2023

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	6,502.00
Weekly E-Giving:	280.00
Collections Budget YTD:	47,788.64
Actual Collection YTD:	45,637.65
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(2,150.99)

Capital Improvement Offering:	40.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	35.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	6,188.00
Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionny.org	
Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.	

The Ascensions Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for joining us in celebrating our 25th anniversary. With your support, we helped raise \$800 to be used for the Fan/Sidewalk projects at Ascension Church. Thank you!

Ascension Cemetery Plots are going up this Wednesday by \$100.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,903.68
Contributions 10-11-2023 through 10-17-2023	3,478.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	55,864.98
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	6,500.19
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	195.00
Electronic Donations	795.92
Forward in Faith Total	990.92
Forward in Faith YTD	7,395.68
World Mission Sunday	200.00

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,

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS—Thursday, November 2nd at 6:15pm at St. Bernard. All are invited to attend this special Mass for all who have passed away from both parishes this past year. Refreshments will be served after the Mass in the Narthex of the Church.

Word of Life—“Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because ‘remaining’ by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities; “The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

A TIME OF REFLECTION with MATT BIRK—Saturday, November 11, 2023, 8:30a.m.—1:00 p.m. Come and get revived as the Respect Life Team Of Guardian Angels, 8260 4th street North, Oakdale, Mn., welcomes Matt Birk for his “talk on Life & Being a Disciple of Christ”. Please register online at guardian-angels.org. Mass, Continental breakfast followed by Matt Birk speaking at 10:00am. .

Mass Ministry Schedule—November 4 & 5

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Tamara Lemmer	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Luca Hoen & Logan Pellegrino	Lacey Buckentin & Callie Buckentin	Dan Worm & Kieran Allison
Reader	Roger Storms	Colleen Donnay	Sarah Foley
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Hoen	Irene Yaeck	Andy Kleindl
Ushers	Ralph Laumann & Leo Willems	Justin Buckentin & Paul Lano	Tom Dahl & Vern Elke
Greeters	Monica Kooiman	Leo Pouliot	Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Rich & Sue Tellers	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Oct. 30		No Mass
Tuesday	Oct. 31 6:15 pm	Ascension	Respect for All Life
Wednesday	Nov. 1 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Nick & Rebecca Shamla †
Thursday	Nov. 2 6:15 pm	St. Bernard	Nancy Sinnen †
Friday	Nov. 3 8:00 am	Ascension	Mass of Reparation
Saturday	Nov. 4 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	All Parishioners
Sunday	Nov. 5 8:00 am	Ascension	Respect for All Life
Sunday	Nov. 5 10:00am	St. Bernard	Adrian Wickenhauser †

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 **Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20 -21/Lk 13:10-17 **Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/ Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21 **Wednesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3 -4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a **Thursday:** Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30 **Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6 **Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11 **Next Sunday:** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12V

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 pqquinn55322@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.

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.....952-466-2447

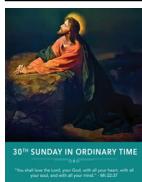
Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

Feast Days: Nov. 1 — All Saints

Nov. 2—All Souls Day; Nov. 3— St. Martin de Pours; Nov. 4 St. Charles Borromeo

St. Gertrude Prayer of 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.



October 29, 2023 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms. — Father John Muir
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