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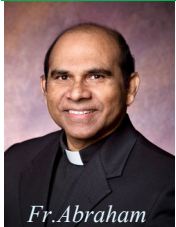


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Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time – June 29 & 30, 2024



Fr. Abraham

Let us go to Jesus for His Healing Touch

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this 13th Sunday of Ordinary time the Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Lord of healing and of life (Mark 5:21-43). It consists of two related stories, with one inside the other, a typical feature of Mark's gospel known as 'inclusion'. Jesus is approached by one of the synagogue officials, called Jairus. He wants Jesus to come and lay his hands on her daughter who is seriously ill and save her life. So, Jesus sets out for Jairus' house and is followed by a huge crowd.

It is at this point that the second story begins. A woman who has suffered a hemorrhage for 12 years is in the crowd. She believed that if she could just touch his cloak it would be enough for her to be healed. In fact, the moment she touched Jesus' clothes she was healed. Jesus, the resurrection and the life, has restored her to fullness of life. Not only she is physically cured but she is fully restored to a normal social life. But it was her deep faith in Jesus was a major factor in her healing. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you."

Just as Jesus finishes with the woman, Jairus is told that his daughter has died and that there is no need to bother Jesus any longer. Jesus, however, insists on going. He says wonderful words of consolation which we all need to hear him saying often in our own lives, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Jesus goes into the house and takes the girl by the hands and tells her: "Little girl, I tell you to get up." And the girl immediately got up and walked around quite normally.

Jesus did these miracles as rewards for the trusting faith of a Synagogue official and of a woman with hemorrhage. Both of these stories reveal Jesus as the source of life and healing. As the First Reading (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24) says, "God does not rejoice in the destruction of the living." The Book of Wisdom tells us, "God made us imperishable he made us in the image of his own nature." All of us, in some way or another, are constantly in need of God's healing touch. We pray for healing which will give us health in every aspect of our lives, and not just in our bodies.

Jesus wants to help us. He is ready to heal us. He is saying, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." My love is right here with you. Both people in today's gospel trusted Jesus. But both of them realized that they must do more than just trust Jesus. They must go a step farther. The women came to Jesus and touched the clothes of Jesus and be healed. Since Jairus' daughter is seriously sick, he came to Jesus and requested Jesus to come and touch her. Let us bring to Jesus our bodily illness and spiritual wounds and ask Jesus for his healing touch.

Let us ask Jesus the Lord of life to help us reach that level of health, wholeness and holiness to which he is calling us. Let us also thank God for the great gift of health and use it for helping those who are sick and less fortunate than us. We are called to have compassion for the hurting. We do our share of Christ's healing mission by visiting the sick, by praying for their healing, and by boosting their confidence with our loving words of encouragement.

Rosary Intention: *For the preservation of religious freedom in our country*

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. BRARDS' PARISHES

<i>Monday</i>	July. 1		No Mass:
<i>Tuesday</i>	July. 2	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	July. 3	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
<i>Thursday</i> <i>4th of July</i>	July. 4	ST. B. ASC.	Mass: 8:00am Prayers for Our Children: 5:00:-6:00pm
<i>Friday</i>	July. 5	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Saturday</i>	July. 6	ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	July. 7	ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Mass: 10:00am

What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.



The Office will be closed on July 4th. We wish everyone a blessed and safe 4th of July. Mass will be held that day at the normal time of 8:00am at St. Bernard.

The Cologne Lions Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the St. Bernard School Cafeteria to benefit the **Bountiful Basket Food Shelf** and to celebrate their one-year anniversary in Cologne! Come out on Saturday July 13th, from 8:00am-12:00pm! Your donation of 5 non-perishable food items and/or cash donation supports filling the shelves with food for community.

Dear Ascension Parishioners,

This is an appeal to ask for your prayerful consideration in helping open Adoration on Tuesdays at Ascension, with the goal of committing to 1 Tuesday per month. This would involve coming ahead of time to the 3 PM start-up, and exposing the Monstrance and possibly preparing the chalice and ciborium for the 6:15 Mass. Training will be provided. Please respond to the Parish office: busadmin@ascensionnva.org. For questions please call Rita Fahey, current adoration coordinator, at: 612-282-7030 or rfahey5210@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to help this long-standing devotion at Ascension Parish remain.

We also ask for your prayerful consideration to proclaim God's Word as a Mass reader at the Ascension weekday Masses at 6:15 PM on Tuesday, and 8:00 AM on Fridays. New voices are needed! Please send your response to the Ascension office at busadmin@ascensionnva.org. A schedule will be provided on the Ministry Scheduler Pro app. Thank you for your consideration

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 6/16/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,753.00
Weekly E-Giving:	470.00
Collections Budget YTD:	155,313.08
Actual Collection YTD:	160,884.15
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	5,571.07
Capital Improvement Offering:	50.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	35.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	17,278.00

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

Available now by Pre-Order only: **Military Service Story of Leo Braunwarth. 1943-1943.** Army Soldier-WW II – MIA- POW. Hometown Son and Parishioner 1923-2019. Norwood Young America. \$25 Prepaid. To order: Call or Text RoseMary Brown 612-770-0627.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,913.47
Contributions 06-12 through 06-18-2024	2,241.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	203,194.23
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	28,021.17
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	255.00
Electronic Donations	581.00
Forward in Faith Total	836.00
Forward in Faith YTD	23,373.52

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,

GLAD DAYS UPDATE-July 26, 27, & 28

We plan to have our ice cream booth during the festivities again this year. We will have our usual ice cream with toppings, garden produce, and baked/canned goods at the booth. On Friday night--during the hot dog meal--we will have a craft project for the kids. If you are a baker--consider donating, or contact Julie Kleindl if you can help in the booth. We have two hours shifts available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This event is sponsored by the St Bernard Catholic United Financial group. Contact Julie @ julie.kleindl@gamil.com or 952-807-3522

Holy Hour of Thanksgiving for Bishop Williams

Date: Sunday, July 14
Start Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul

All the faithful are invited for a holy hour and celebration of Bishop Joseph Williams and his ministry in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis as he prepares for his new role as coadjutor bishop of Camden, New Jersey.

Mass Ministry Schedule—July 06–07

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Kathy Kloempken	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Logan Pellegrino & Volunteer	Lacey Buckentin & Callie Buckentin	Daniel Worm & Buckley Jones
Reader	Roger Storms	Brian Willems	Greg Wickenhauser
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Hoen	Steve Helget	Meghan Stusynski
Ushers	Tom Dahl & Ralph Laumann	Justin Buckentin & Tim George	Dick Arnst & Leonard Hoen Jr.
Greeters	Andy Kleindl & Monica Kooiman	Pat Johnson	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Dave & Colleen Donnay	

Mass Times Intentions			
Monday	July 1		No Mass
Tuesday	July 2 6:15 pm	Ascension	Tom & Marion Hoppe ††
Wednesday	July 3 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Edward J. Tellers Family
Thursday	July 4 8:00 am	St. Bernard	For Our Country & Religious Freedom
Friday	July 5 8:00 am	Ascension	Myrtle Buesgens †
Saturday	July 6 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Richard Paul † and All Parishioners
Sunday	July 7 8:00 am	Ascension	Living & Deceased Members of The Schindler Family
Sunday	July 7 10:00 am	St. Bernard	The Deceased members of the Bernard Mohrbacher Family

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 June 30, 2024
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43 **Monday:** Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22 **Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27 **Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29 **Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8 **Friday:** Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13 **Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17 Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

**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@ascensionny.org.

All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension. **These are due Thursday of the weekend needed.**



Eucharistic Adoration
Ascension
Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard
Every Wednesday
2:00 until 6:00 pm



June 30, 2024 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how *easy* it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is *always* ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping. — *Father John Muir*