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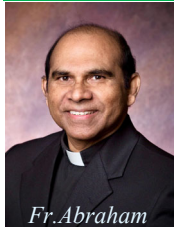


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Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time – July 13 & 14, 2024



Fr. Abraham

Sent forth to Preach the Good News

Dear Sisters and Sisters,

Jesus sent forth his apostles to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it most. (Mark 6:7-13). They must preach repentance of the sins of the people and to heal them of their ills and wants. Repentance is a sorrow for sins, recognition that my sins have hurt me, others and God. Repentance opens up God's grace. When people listened and repented, the Apostles then could drive out demons and cure illnesses.

When we repent and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, wonderful things can happen in our personal lives, in our families, our parish and our world. The human soul in a state of grace is the most beautiful of all creatures and radiates with the beauty of divine love. The pandemic makes our regular confession a little harder. Now everything is getting normal. All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The schedule for confession is given in the bulletin.

Each Christian is called not only to be a disciple but also to be a missionary. Every person who has been baptized has this mission to share their faith with others. The most important thing for a disciple and a missionary is to share with others his or her experience of knowing Jesus. We are sharing not just words, or ideas but an experience, our experience of God and of Jesus. We work with Jesus to help people find or recover their freedom. We help people to cure their sicknesses, not only bodily sicknesses but psychological and emotional illnesses.

On sending his disciples to preach the good news, Jesus instructs them to carry minimum material things with them. What he meant was that, if we preach about the coming of the kingdom of God, then our material life has to be simple. If we live the values of the kingdom such as loving God, depending on him, loving our neighbors and serving them, then we cannot so clutter ourselves with material things that they make us forget our dependence on God. Jesus teaches that our material life has to be simple. Jesus wants his disciples to be walking examples of God's love and providence in action.

Jesus himself is a marvelous model. He only had the clothes on his back and had "nowhere to lay his head". But Jesus was rich in all the things which really matter and was able to enrich those who came in contact with him. We meet Christ in the Eucharist so that we may be sent out healed of the effects of sin, strengthened and made new by God's Word and the Body and Blood of Christ. In this way we are equipped to live and to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom to the world.

Rosary Intention: "In Thanksgiving for all our answered prayers"

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. 15		No Mass:
<i>Tuesday</i>	July. 16	ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm
		ASC.	Confession: 5:45-6:05pm
		ASC.	Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	July. 17	ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am
		ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
		ST. B.	Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm
<i>Thursday</i>	July. 18	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Friday</i>	July. 19	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Saturday</i>	July. 20	ASC.	Prayers for Our Children: 10:00-1100am
		ST. B.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm
		ST. B.	Mass: 5:00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	July. 21	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
		ST. B.	Mass: 10:00am

What is going on in our Parishes
and in the Community

**Crusillo Men's Weekend 389- Thursday, August 1-
Sunday, August 4, Our Lady of Grace, Edina**

**Cursillo Women's Weekend 390-Thursday, August
8-Sunday, August 11, Our Lady of Grace, Edina**

A Cursillo weekend is an opportunity to step away from the daily grind and set aside time to nourish your spirit. This encounter with Christ offers an opportunity to expand your prayer life, grow in your faith journey, and learn about a method to keep your faith journey vibrant within a supportive Christian community. Men and women participate in different weekends. Learn more at tc-cursillo.org/Weekend-Dates-Locations and contact pre-cursillo@tc-cursillo.org if you are interested in participating.

Catholic Camporee 2024

**Friday, September 6-Sunday, September 9, Rum
River Scout Camp, Anoka**

Archdiocesan Committee on Catholic Scouting

Members of the Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Scouts BSA, and Girl Scouts of the USA are invited to attend. The weekend will feature faith and fellowship with events like gaga ball, Eucharistic Adoration, obstacle courses, and time to work on religious emblems. Whole units are welcome to register or individuals can come, too. Go to scoutingevent.com/250-accscamporee2024 for more information

Bountiful Basket is in need of brown paper bags, they can be placed in food donation box in church or in green bin located on the south side of the school building. Thank you!

Prayer Intention: Let us pray for the victims of war, violence, and all other reasons for unprovided deaths.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 6/30/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,986.79
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,353.00
Weekly E-Giving:	470.00
Collections Budget YTD:	161,286.66
Actual Collection YTD:	166,557.15
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	5,270.49
Capital Improvement Offering:	90.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	20.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	17,728.00

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

Thank you to all who stepped forward to assist with weekly Adoration! We were able to fill all the necessary weeks to continue this beautiful ministry.

We are still in need of Weekday readers. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a lector for Tuesday or Friday Masses.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,913.47
Contributions 06-26 through 06-30-2024	1,185.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	207,472.48
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	26,472.48
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	50.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	50.00
Forward in Faith YTD	23,673.52
Peter's Pence Collection	466.25

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@gmail.com or 952-807-3522

Please join us on **Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 06:30 p.m.** at **Bountiful Basket in Cologne** for a planning meeting to make homemade cards for community members that use Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in Cologne. We are looking for members to help design, cut, make and package the greeting cards. All ages and abilities are welcome. The first meeting will be a planning meeting but there will be cards to put together as an example. Not able to attend, please email Paula at stephenspmt@gmail.com or call 952-797-4116. Donations will be accepted in the future such as card stock, adhesive, envelopes, baggies, cash to purchase items or stamps.

Mass Ministry Schedule—July 20–21

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Brian Willems	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Luca Hoen & Marshall Panning	Nathan Duenow & Brianna Duenow	Luke Allison & Lexy Allison
Reader	Julie Kleindl	Cheryl Coyle	Rob Wickenhauser
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Shambour (H); Julie Clemensen (C) Helen Nicklaus (C)	Steve Helget	Volunteer (H); Sarah Foley (C) Pam Kunkel (C)
Ushers	Andy Kleindl & Ralph Laumann	Tom Lano & Steve Schrupp	Kieran Allison & Brian Vos
Greeters	Volunteer	Sue Schultz	Victoria Arnst
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Tim George & Steve Helget	

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Location	Intention
Monday	July 15		No Mass
Tuesday	July 16 6:15 pm	Ascension	Moe Mahan †
Wednesday	July 17 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Dale Schmitz †
Thursday	July 18 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Herbert & Euella Knauer ††
Friday	July 19 8:00 am	Ascension	For all Parishioners
Saturday	July 20 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Daniel Hoen † and All Parishioners
Sunday	July 21 8:00 am	Ascension	Harold & Teresa ††
Sunday	July 21 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †

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.

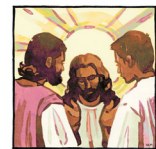
Readings for the week of July 14, 2024
Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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@ascensionya.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



July 14, 2024 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, “He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself.” It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, “**two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts.**” **Two-by-two:** they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. **Power over demons:** they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. **Without money belts:** they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let’s pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus’ communal, poor, and powerful apostles. — *Father John Muir*