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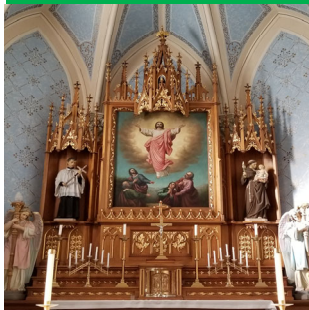
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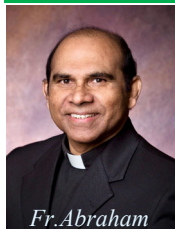
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## Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time – October 26 & 27, 2024



Fr. Abraham

### Understanding the Holy Mass – 6

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**III. The Liturgy of the Eucharist:** In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, bread and wine are offered as gifts by the faithful and then consecrated and changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. There are three parts in this section: 1) the Preparation of the Gifts; 2) the Eucharistic Prayer; 3) the Communion Rite.

**i) The Preparation of the Gifts, Offertory:** After the Liturgy of the Word, we begin the sacrificial part of the Mass. The sacrifice starts with an offering, so this section is called the offertory. In this part of the Mass the people bring bread and wine to the altar. In the bread and wine, we offer back to God the gifts of creation and the result of labor. So, the prayer is said in this part: “fruit of the earth and work of human hands...” This rite symbolizes our giving of our entire lives to God in the offering of bread and wine. Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have used this time to take up the collection. It expresses the offering of our lives and the result of our own hard work and sacrifices. These small offerings help us to grow in sacrificial love. In the presentation of gifts, we bring our entire lives and all our sacrifices to the hands of Jesus. By this offering we acknowledge that we are faithful stewards of God’s gifts. The priest then brings the gifts to the altar, which is the place where Jesus’ sacrifice is made present, in order to express our union with Christ’ offering to the Father.

**ii) Mingling of wine and water:** The meaning is expressed in the prayer that accompanies this rite: “*By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*” The wine symbolizes Christ’s divinity and water symbolizes our humanity. The mingling of the water and wine points to the Incarnation. It also points to our call to share in Christ’s divine life. Many saints have seen the mingling of the wine and water as a vivid image of the blood and water that poured out from the pierced side of Christ on the cross.

**iii) Offering of the gifts:** The priest elevates the gifts, offers them to the Lord and gives thanks to the Lord. With the priest, we also ask God to transform the gifts as bread of life and as our spiritual drink, and so transform us and so transform the world. As the priest offers the gifts, so we offer ourselves and all that we have – our family life, our friends, our work, our leisure, our time, talents, and treasure, and even our hardships. In short, with the offering of the bread and wine, we express our union with Christ’s offering to the Father.

**iiii) Washing of hands:** The priest’s washing of hands recalls rites for the priests of the Old Testament. The priests had to undergo ritual washings before they could perform their duties in the sanctuary. (Exo 29:4; Nm 8:7). “Who may go up the mountain of the Lord? Who can stand in his holy place? The clean of hand and pure of heart.” (Ps 24: 3-4). In this Psalm, the ritual hand washing symbolizes the internal cleansing of the heart. In preparation for the most sacred moment, the moment in which the bread and wine will soon be changed in to Christ’s body and blood, the priest washes his hands like the priests of OT as he approaches a new ‘the holy of holies.’ And the priest echoes David’s humble prayer of contrition to prepare his heart for this holy task: ‘Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.’

**iv) Priest’s request for prayers:** Priest turns to the people and asks them for prayers as he is about to begin the Eucharistic prayer. He says, “...my” sacrifice and “yours...” The “my” sacrifice points to Christ’s sacrifice which will be made present through the ordained priest who acts “*in perona Christi*” (in the person of Christ). The “your” sacrifice refers to the ‘entire Church offering’ in union with Christ in the Mass. The congregation responds: “May the Lord accept...at your hands...” This prayer recognizes how both sacrifices- Christ’s and laity’s - will be united and offered to the Father through the hands of the priest.

**Rosary Intension:** ‘For the safety and support of all those who serve to protect us.’

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

<i>Monday</i>	Oct. 28	ST. B.	Merlyn Eiden Funeral Mass: 11:00 am
<i>Tuesday</i>	Oct. 29	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	Oct. 30	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. ASC.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm Faith Formation:
<i>Thursday</i>	Oct. 31	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Friday All Saints</i>	Nov. 1	ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Saturday All Souls</i>	Nov. 2	ASC. ASC. ST. B. ST. B.	Mass: 9:00am Prayers for Our Children: 11:00:-1200pm Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	Nov. 3	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

Next Saturday we will be having an All Souls Memorial Remembrance Mass at Ascension at 9:00am. We will be honoring all the souls that we have lost this past year from both Ascension and St. Bernard. Refreshments will be served after the Mass in the Social Hall of the church.

The Annual Parish Reports are now available. A summary is available to be picked up at each Parish and a full report can be requested and received by contacting the Parish Office at 952-467-3351. We thank you for your support and donations during the 2023-24 Fiscal Year!

**Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend Kevin Thomas Kenney-Monday, October 28, 1 p.m., Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul and live streamed on the Archdiocese's Facebook page**

The morning of July 25, Pope Francis named Father Kevin Thomas Kenney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. All are invited to his episcopal ordination, which will take place at the Cathedral of St. Paul and live streamed.

### Faith Formation Update:

All 3rd-12th graders interested in becoming Alter Servers are invited to attend training on Wednesday, November 6th, during the second session of Faith Formation. This training is for both Ascension and St. Bernard parishioners. We are always in need of Servers, so please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

## Church of Ascension

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 10/06/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,101.92
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	2,091.00
Weekly E-Giving:	270.00
Collections Budget YTD:	46,528.80
Actual Collection YTD:	<b>42,566.00</b>
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	<b>(3,962.80)</b>
Capital Improvement Offering:	200.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	120.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	<b>\$3,855.00</b>



Interested in signing up for E-Giving or want to make a one time donation? Scan here to donate to the Church of the Ascension. Thank you for your generosity!

The theme for year 2 of the Synod is the Mass. A small group will be meeting and will be viewing "The Mass" videos by Bishop Robert Barron along with discussion and prayer. The group will be meeting every Monday from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Ascension Church Faith Formation Room #8, now through November 25th. All are welcome to join at any time. See last weeks insert on our Website under Bulletins for more information.

**Ascension is at 83% of their Catholic Services Appeal goal. We need an additional \$1,684 to reach our goal. Our Parish receives funds back once we have reach our goal, so please prayerfully consider donating.**

## Church of St. Bernard

### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,476.00
Contributions 10-09 through 10-15-2024	<b>660.00</b>
Total Actual Collection YTD	43,185.25
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	<b>(5,004.27)</b>
<b>Forward in Faith</b>	
Envelope Income	50.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>6,260.00</b>



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Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of *Merlyn Eiden*, who passed away on Saturday, October 12th. Merlyn's funeral is on Monday, October 28th at 11:00 am. May he rest in peace and may his soul and the soul of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Pray for peace and comfort for Merlyn's family.

**St. Bernard is at 83% of their Catholic Services Appeal Goal. We need an additional \$1,825 to reach our goal. Our Parish receives funds back once we have reach our goal, so please prayerfully consider donating.**

## Mass Ministry Schedule—November 1 to 3

Mass Ministry	Ascension Fri. 8:00am	St. Bernard Fri. 6:15pm	Ascension Sat. 9:00am	St. Bernard Sat Eve. 5:00pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Volunteer	Doris Mielke	Sherry Witte	Doris Mielke	Kathy Kloempken	Patricia Quinn
<b>Servers</b>	Florian Schindler	Daniel Worm	Florian Schindler	Luca Hoen & Logan Pellegrino	Lacey Buckentin & Callie Buckentin	Daniel Worm & Buckley Jones
<b>Reader</b>	Colleen Donnay	Judy Glander	Cheryl Coyle	Roger Storms	Brian Willems	Helen Nicklaus
<b>EMHC</b>	Curt Wilson	Mary Meuwissen	Steve Coyle	Carol Hoen	Irene Yaeck	Meghan Stusynski
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim George & Richard Tellers	Tom Dahl & Bob Symanitz	Eugene Dvorak & Tom Lano	Ralph Laumann & Leo Willems	Justin Buckentin & Paul Lano	Dick Arnst & Leonard Hoen Jr.
<b>Greeters</b>	Grace Cook	Barbara Knorr	Jeremy & Julie Gesinger	Leon & Kay Trout	Pat Johnson	Andy Kleindl
<b>Homebound Ministers</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson	N/A

### Mass Times Intentions

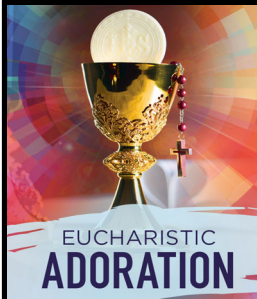
Day	Time	Location	Intention
<b>Monday</b>	Oct. 28 <b>11:00am</b>	St. Bernard	Funeral Mass—Merlyn Eiden
<b>Tuesday</b>	Oct. 29 <b>6:15 pm</b>	Ascension	Fr. Abraham's Mass Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	Oct. 30 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Adrian Wickenhauser †
<b>Thursday</b>	Oct. 31 <b>8:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Matilda & Edward Greins ††
<b>Friday</b>	Nov. 1 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	Mass of Reparation
<b>Friday</b>	Nov. 1 <b>6:15pm</b>	St. Bernard	All Parishioners
<b>Saturday</b>	Nov. 2 <b>9:00 am</b>	Ascension	For all Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday</b>	Nov. 2 <b>5:00 pm</b>	St. Bernard	Daniel Hoen † & All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	Nov. 3 <b>8:00 am</b>	Ascension	Cal and Pauline Klobe
<b>Sunday</b>	Nov. 3 <b>10:00 am</b>	St. Bernard	Paul Bovy †

**Readings for the week of Oct. 27, 2024**  
**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52 **Monday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16 **Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21 **Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30 **Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35 **Friday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a **Saturday:** Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30 **Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-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 pquinn5322@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.**

### 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.



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Ascension**  
 Every Tuesday  
 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm  
  
**St. Bernard**  
 Every Wednesday  
 2:00 until 6:00 pm

### October 27, 2024 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Near my house there is a school for the blind. Often, I see blind people learning how to navigate the world with only a walking stick, even on a busy street with roaring traffic. I'm amazed to see how adept and carefully they get around without sight. Nevertheless, often a sadness arises in me that he or she cannot see all the beautiful colors, images, and persons filling the world around them. Those days, I find myself deeply grateful for the basic privilege of sight.

That's part of why the mystery of Jesus as the sight-giver is so moving to me. This week, it's wonderful how Bartimaeus the blind man is no longer content with his limitation and bellows out his desire for Jesus' mercy. In beautiful simplicity, he cries out to the Lord, "**Master, let me receive my sight.**" Jesus quietly heals his sight. And off he goes, fully taking in the world around him. Imagine the delightful new way in which he is able to respond to the world.

Like blind Bartimaeus and the courageous people in my neighborhood, we may be able to get around reasonably well in our daily lives. But we are blind to the gestures of heroic love of people close to us. We can't see the desperate need of the hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, exploited, endangered, and so on, in our midst. We can't see Jesus drawing near to us in so many ways, but he is. This Sunday let's cry out to him: Lord have mercy on me! I want to see! And little by little — or perhaps in a flash — we'll see once again, or perhaps for the first time. — *Father John Muir*