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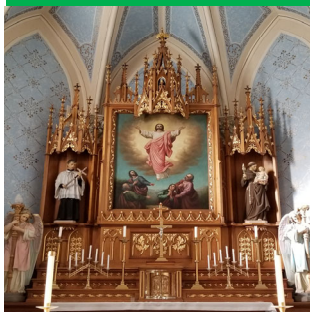
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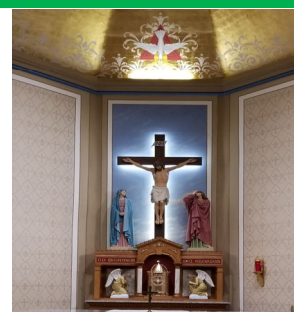
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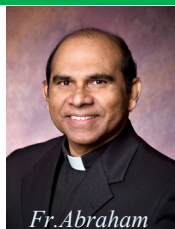
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time – October 05 & 06, 2024



Fr. Abraham

Understanding the Holy Mass - 3

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

4. The Gloria: The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* describes the *Gloria* as “a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb” (no. 53). The tone of the liturgy now shifts from the repentance to **joyful praise**. The prayer *Gloria* has *three parts*. The *first part* is derived from the Angels heralding the glad tidings of Christ’s birth: “*Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.*” (Luke 2:14)

The *second part* praises God by recalling all of his attributes. Recognizing how good our God is, we express our love for God, saying, “*We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.*” The prayer follows Trinitarian pattern, beginning with the praise of the Father, who is addressed as “God, heavenly King, and Almighty Father. (Genesis 17:1; Exodus 6:3; Rev 4:8). Similarly, *Gloria* praises God as the heavenly King, which also points to God’s omnipotence.

The *third part*, prays to Jesus, ask him to save us from our sins and call to mind the Incarnation. This part of the *Gloria* reminds us the *three saving acts* of Jesus Christ: his coming, his redeeming death, his resurrection and ascension into heaven. In the *first act*, Jesus is addressed as “*Son of the Father*” and “*Only Begotten Son.*” The title “*Only Begotten Son*” (“*Fili Unigenite.*”) tells us that Jesus is uniquely God’s Son. This is a venerable title of Jesus Christ, which speaks of the fact that the Son of God comes forth from the Father, yet is no less an eternal Person of the Holy Trinity.

In the *second act*, *Gloria* refers to Jesus as “*Lamb of God*” who takes away the sins of the world. It recalls the theme of the Lamb’s, triumph over sin and the devil in the book of Revelation (Rev 5:6-14; 12:11). In this line, also we repeat the prophetic words of John the Baptist when he first saw Jesus. (John 1: 29). Finally, in the *third act*, the *Gloria* leads us to praise Jesus in the unique position of authority he now possesses in heaven: “*You are seated at the right hand of the Father.*” This line recalls St. Mark’s account of Jesus ascending into heaven where he “sat down at God’s right hand.” (Mark 16:19). *Gloria*, then praises Jesus with three Biblical titles: “*the Holy One, the Lord, and the Most High.*” The *Gloria* concludes with the indication of the Holy Spirit.

Gloria is omitted during Advent and Lent: Since *Gloria* is a hymn of joyful praise at God’s mercy, it is not recited during the Advent or Lent. **Advent** is more of a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. So, we focus on preparing our hearts and homes to receive the gift of Jesus. The omission of the *Gloria* puts us into that time before the Lord’s First Coming when, without him, humanity was stuck in his sinfulness. Ultimately, it prepares us to joyfully sing the *Gloria* on Christmas when we celebrate the Lord’s coming. During **Lent**, we focus on our sinfulness and need for repentance. We are called to meditate on what our lives would be like if Christ did not come to save us. It allows us to repent in our sins, but only more fully experience what God has done for us in sending his Son suffered and died for our sins. In short, the *Gloria* is not sung during Advent and Lent because of the season’s austerity and **penitential nature**.

5. The Collect: After the *Gloria*, the priest invites the people to pray a prayer known as the *Collect*. This prayer gathers together the intentions of the people participating in the Mass. At the end of the collect, the congregation replies with an “**Amen**”. It is our way of saying that we agree with the prayer made by the priest, and that in fact, it is our prayer, too. And this prayer concludes the Introductory Rites.

Rosary Intension: ‘For a renewed devotion to Mary thru our daily recitation of the rosary’

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. 8		No Mass:
Tuesday	Oct. 9	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday	Oct. 10	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. ASC.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm Faith Formation:
Thursday	Oct. 11	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
Friday	Oct. 12	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
Saturday	Oct. 13	ASC. ASC. ASC. ASC.	Prayers for Our Children: 11:00:-1200pm Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm Anointing of the Sick after the 5:00pm Mass
Sunday	Oct. 14	ASC. ASC. ST. B. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Mass: 10:00am Anointing of the Sick After the 10:00am Mass

What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

Check out our new Website!

We are excited to share that we have a new joint website-www.ascensionstbernardparishes.org. The old websites are no longer active, so please use this new website to access Bulletins, parish updates and upcoming events, as well as Faith Formation information!

A Path to Holiness: Recognizing God's Call Women's Day Retreat! Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Patrick, Edina

God has called you to love and serve Him through your current vocation. Join women from around the Archdiocese for a women's day retreat as we learn from five Catholic speakers how women can live out their current vocation infused with the fruits of the Holy Spirit! The day will include breakfast and lunch, talks by Catholic speakers, Mass, adoration and rosary, shopping with various vendors and door prizes. All proceeds go to SouthWest Options for Women and needed items will be collected as well. Learn more and register at stpatrick-edina.org/womensretreat.

Faith Formation Update:



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have stepped forward to help with our 2024-25 Faith Formation Program! We are blessed to have so many who come back year to year to make this such a successful program. May God Bless you abundantly!

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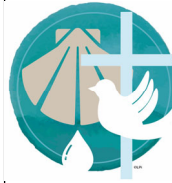
Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 09/08/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,101.92
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,319.00
Weekly E-Giving:	410.00
Collections Budget YTD:	37,223.04
Actual Collection YTD:	34,831.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(2,392.04)
Capital Improvement Offering:	270.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	30.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$3,180.00



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!



Congratulations to Robert and Jessica Curfman on the Baptism of their daughter Carly Curfman. May God Bless you today and always. Welcome to the Catholic Church Carly!

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,100.00
Contributions 09-18 through 09-24-2024	2,494.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	35,471.00
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(2,666.52)

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income	180.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	180.00
Forward in Faith YTD	5,424.00



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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered on Saturday, October 12th at Ascension after the 5:00 pm. Mass. And on Sunday, October 13th at St. Bernard after the 10:00 am. Mass.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Leon Wellman**, brother-in-law of Patricia Quinn, who passed away on Wednesday, September 25th. His funeral was on Friday, October 4th. 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. Please also pray for his family.

October is Respect Life Month!

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit respectlife.org/celebrate.

October the Month of the Rosary

Pray the rosary 25 minutes before weekend Masses

Mass Ministry Schedule—October 12 & 13

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Rita Fahey	Cheryl Coyle	Doris Mielke
Servers	Alex Umess & Bryce Umess	Lacey Buckentin & Callie Buckentin	Lexy Allison & Luke Allison
Reader	Brian Willems	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn
Eucharistic Ministers	Curt Wilson (H); Jim Mulville (C); Pat Johnson (C)	Steve Helget (H); Irene Yaeck (C); Kathy Kloempken (C)	Sarah Foley
Ushers	Tom Lano & Steve Schrupp	Justin Buckentin & Steve Coyle	Vern Elke & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Colleen Donnay	Sue Schultz	Brian Vos
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Tim George & Steve Helget	

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Oct. 7		No Mass
Tuesday	Oct. 8 6:15 pm	Ascension	Ben Vanderlinde †
Wednesday	Oct. 9 8:00 am	St. Bernard	James Sr. & Nellie Quinn ††
Thursday	Oct. 10 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Margaret Eiden † and Living & deceased members of the Eiden Fam
Friday	Oct. 11 8:00 am	Ascension	Paul Simons †
Saturday	Oct. 12 5:00 pm	Ascension	For All Parishioners
Sunday	Oct. 13 8:00 am	Ascension	LeRoy E. Brown †
Sunday	Oct. 13 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Adrian Wickenhauser † & All Parishioners

Readings for the week of Oct. 6, 2024
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37 **Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13 **Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26 **Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28 **Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**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@ascensionnva.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

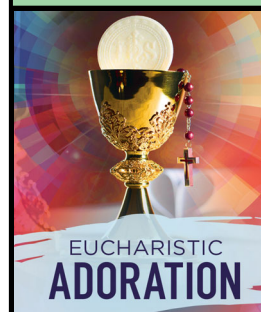
Communion for Homebound

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



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Annulments

Question: I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the Church issue annulments?

Answer: Sacramental marriage is indeed indissoluble. You can find this in several places in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Indissolubility is foundational to the union of marriage (CCC 1646) and required by spousal love (CCC 1644). This quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his Bride, the Church (CCC 1647). Spouses give themselves forever to each other. Through the vows and their consummation, the spouses form a covenantal bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends on this sacramental bond between the spouses.

Sometimes, however, there are impediments to marriage that are overlooked, poorly understood, or unknown. It is possible that at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid. The ceremony itself does not bring about the sacrament. The priest is the official witness of the Church, but he is not the minister of the sacrament. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other. Without the full, free, and able consent of the man and the woman, no sacrament takes place. An annulment does not destroy the marriage bond. It is an acknowledgement that the sacramental bond did not form in the first place.