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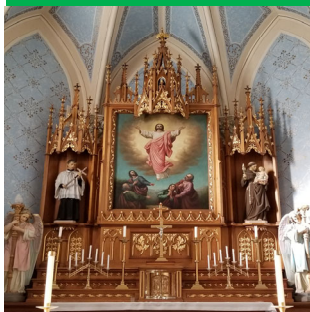
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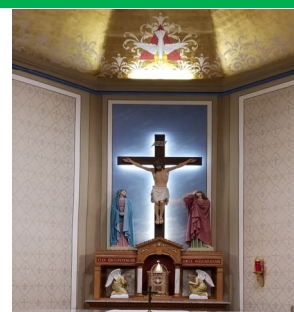
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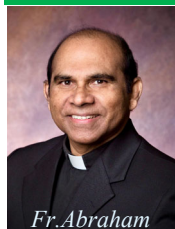
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Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time – October 19 & 20, 2024



Fr. Abraham

Understanding the Holy Mass – 5

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

6. The Creed: The English word creed comes from the Latin word: *credo*, which means “I believe”. We recite the Creed as a summary of our faith. The Creed summarizes the Scripture. It carries us through the entire salvation history. The keyword in the Creed is ‘believe’. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, there are two aspects of belief. On the one hand, belief is something intellectual. It is “*a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed.*” On the other hand, even more fundamental to faith is its being “*a personal adherence to God*” (CCC 150).

The “I believe...” in the Creed invites us to surrender more and more of our lives to God. It challenges us to ask, “Who is really at the center of my life? In whom do I really place my trust? Do I truly seek God’s will for my life? When we say, “I believe..”, the singular “I” makes the Creed more personal and challenges each individual to interiorize the faith. As the Catechism explains, “I believe” expresses “the faith of the Church professed personally by each believer.” (CCC167)

The Creed we recite at Mass is known as the **Nicene Creed**. Its basic articles were adopted at the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 and more fully developed at the Council of Constantinople in A.D. 381. At these Councils, the Church made a definitive response to heresies that threatened and confused believers. At the Council of Nicaea, the Church opposed those who denied the divinity of Jesus Christ. At the Council of Constantinople, the Church condemned a heresy that denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit. Defending the faith against heresies, the Church developed some special terms in the Creed.

Christ’s title, the “**Only Begotten Son**” of God, born of the Father before all ages” is a profound theological truth, for the Son is not “born” in the human sense of beginning one’s life, but eternally proceeds from the Father while being always fully God. Therefore, we profess that Jesus Christ is “begotten, not made.” The term “**Consubstantial** with the Father” is more closely reflects the theological language of the Council of Nicaea, which asserted that the Son is “of the same substance” as the Father, meaning He equally shares the Father’s divinity as a Person of the Holy Trinity.

Against those who rejected Jesus humanity, the Creed proclaims that, “by the Holy Spirit was **incarnate** of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” It teaches more of the theological point expressed in the Creed. The Son of God was not just born of the Virgin Mary. The Son of God who is of the same substance as the Father actually took on human flesh. We **bow** at the words, “*by the Holy Spirit, was incarnate..... and became man*”, to honor the supreme mystery of God, becoming one of us. On the solemnity of the Annunciation and on Christmas, we would **genueflect** in commemorating the act of God becoming man in order to save us.

The Church gives us the Creed so that we can prepare ourselves to celebrate the Eucharist. In the Creed, we declare our unity with Christ and the Church. In the Eucharist, that unity is completed. What we accept verbally in the Creed, we accomplished bodily in Holy Communion.

7. Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful): The intercessory prayer is fully based on the Scripture. Jesus prayed for his disciples and for the whole world. (Jn 17). St. Paul gave instructions to Timothy to intercede for all people. (1Tm 2:1-4). St. Paul himself prayed constantly for the needs of his communities (1Thess 1: 2- 3), and requested to pray for his ministry. (2. Cor 1:11). The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes that in the Prayers of the Faithful, we exercise, our priestly role in interceding for all humanity. We are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood.” (1Peter 2:9). One way our priestly role is exercised in the Mass is in the Prayers of the Faithful, where we participate in the Christ’s priestly prayer for the entire human family. As Catholics, we should never forget that it is our duty to intercede on the behalf of all people. So, this prayer is called Universal Prayer. The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the Prayer of the Faithful.

Rosary Intension: ‘That all parishioners be open to their call to serve.’

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. 21		No Mass:
Tuesday	Oct. 22	ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday	Oct. 23	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. ASC.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm Faith Formation:
Thursday	Oct. 24	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
Friday	Oct. 25	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
Saturday	Oct. 26	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Prayers for Our Children: 11:00:-1200pm Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday	Oct. 27	ASC. ASC. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Mass: 10:00am

What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

This weekend we will be having a second collection for **Word Mission Sunday**. This year's theme is, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (Mt. 22:9). Fund's collected will go towards supporting the pastoral, catechetical, charitable and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,100 mission diocese in over 100 countries. Please be generous with your donation.

Vatican International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit
Thursday, October 24-Sunday, October 27, St. John the Baptist, Savage-Fr. Wittman Auditorium
4:00pm-8:00pm Thursday and Friday
9:00am-8:00pm Saturday and Sunday

Witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested Himself throughout the centuries around the world, and how this proves He is totally present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist! Grow closer to Christ by viewing 150+ documented Eucharistic Miracles and venerate a 1st class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Free admission.

All Souls Memorial Remembrance Mass—Saturday, November 2nd at 9:00am at Ascension. 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 Social Hall in the basement of the Church.

Faith Formation Update:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Elephant Joe Coffee Fundraiser! We sold \$1,585 worth of coffee and gift cards and raised \$524 for our Faith Formation program!

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 10/06/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,101.92
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,064.00
Weekly E-Giving:	230.00
Collections Budget YTD:	43,426.88
Actual Collection YTD:	40,205.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(3,221.88)
Capital Improvement Offering:	120.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	20.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$3,533.00



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!

We still have openings for Mass Intentions for 2024 at Ascension! This is such a beautiful way to honor someone. If you would like a Mass said, please contact the office at 952-467-3351 and we can assist with scheduling it!

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,476.00
Contributions 10-01 through 10-08-2024	5,392.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	42,525.25
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(2,188.27)

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income	366.00
Electronic Donations	120.00
Forward in Faith Total	486.00
Forward in Faith YTD	6,110.00



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THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL "SOUP SOCIAL" RAFFLE, FARMERS MARKET & BAKE SALE—to all who assisted, planned and lead the Soup Social, Farmers Market, Bake Sale, Meat Raffle, Silent Auction, Cash Raffle and Quilt Raffle. Thank you to Vern Elke and his brother and brother-in-law for providing the music for the Mass. **Also Thank you to all** who attended the Soup Social. To all, your help and attendance was greatly appreciated. With a few outstanding bills yet to be paid. The "Soup Social" brought in almost \$10,000.00. **WHOW!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS:

Quilt—Lorna Paul

Cash Raffle Winners: \$500.00 - Mark Steinbauer

\$100.00 - Gwen Treadue, Jeff Clemenson, Matt Paul.

\$50.00: Donna Tellers, Judy Storms, Corey Poppler, Rob Wickenhauser, Brenda B. Jones, Diane Beckrich, Mary Lou Wildung, Samantha Nicklaus, Jean Worm, Patsy Quinn, Kenneth Testen, Jim Hoen, Judy Jenkins, Diane Beckrich, Doreen Wolter, Andy Kleindl, Meghan Swanson, Sarah Hammers, Judy Storms, Sarah Dammann, Roger & Jan Storms, Sarah Hammers, Jim Wickenhauser, Roger Hoen, Tracy Elke, Roger Schmitz, Diane Beckrich, Leo Willems, Mitch Wickenhauser, Rob Wickenhauser, Russ Worm, Carol Hoen, Connie Zurn, Luke Kleindl, Vern Elke, Joe Starkey, Alex Swanson, Rose Buesgens, Carol Kelzer, Jim Meuwissen.

Mass Ministry Schedule—October 26 & 27

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Brian Willems	Doris Mielke
Servers	Jack Lano	Jayden Michels & Caleb Michels	Marshall Panning & Logan Pellegrino
Reader	Colleen Donnay	Jean Schmitz	Rob Wickenhauser
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathleen Williams	Lisa Whitaker	Andy Kleindl
Ushers	Jim Mulville & Rick Ulrich	Steve Schrupp & Don Whitaker	Vern Elke & Leo Willems
Greeters	Sue Schultz	Janet Fahey	Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Steve Lemmer & Curt Wilson	

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Oct. 21		No Mass
Tuesday	Oct. 22 6:15 pm	Ascension	Valentine and Katherine Klobe
Wednesday	Oct. 23 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Margaret Eiden † & Living & Deceased members of the Eiden Fam.
Thursday	Oct. 24 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Robert Nicklaus †
Friday	Oct. 25 8:00 am	Ascension	For the Dying
Saturday	Oct. 26 5:00 pm	Ascension	For an Increase in Religious Life
Sunday	Oct. 27 8:00 am	Ascension	For Respect for All Life
Sunday	Oct. 27 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser † And All Parishioners

Readings for the week of Oct. 20, 2024
Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 **Monday:** Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21 **Tuesday:** Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38 **Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48 **Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53 **Friday:** Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59 **Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9 **Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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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@ascensionnya.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

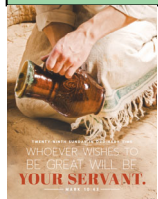
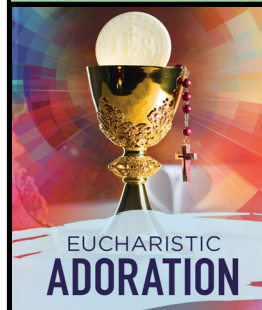
Call the parish office at any time.

Eucharistic Adoration Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00 until 6:00 pm



October 20, 2024 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From a young age, I loved winning at sports. I confess that winning was a bit of an addiction. It was probably coming from a deep desire for attention and affirmation from others. Nevertheless, it was a driving motivation for me. Baseball, soccer, track, table tennis, and whatever else I could find was a chance to win. Competition was my obsession.

Another John, and his brother James, demonstrate a kind of wildly competitive obsession when they dare to say to Jesus: **“Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory”** (Mark 10:37). Their audacity arouses an indigent reaction from the other apostles, who are clearly raw that these two are out to win the highest spots.

How does Jesus respond to us in our desires for greatness? The same way he does to James and John. He does not criticize them for their desire for glory. But he does highlight their ignorance (**“you do not know what you are asking.”**). Then he invites them to be champions of true greatness: by drinking not the cup of worldly victory, but his cup of self-giving suffering love, to be the **“slave of all.”** The true winners are slaves of love. This week, dare to tell Jesus what your ambitions truly are. Hear him call you to an even greater victory. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi