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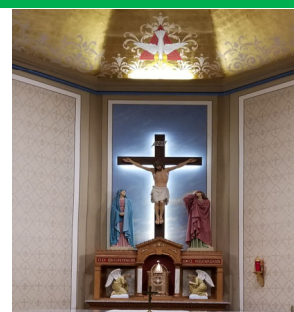
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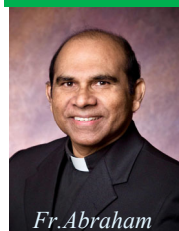
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Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time – November 9 & 10, 2024



Fr. Abraham

Understanding the Holy Mass – 8

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

2) The Eucharistic Prayer (*continues*): The Eucharistic Prayer consists of the following key elements: i) The Preface, ii) The Acclamation iii) The Epiclesis, iv) The Institution narrative and Consecration, v) The Mystery of Faith, vi) The Anamnesis, vii) The Oblation, viii) Intercession ix) The Final Doxology.

i) The Preface: The preface is like the prelude or introduction of the Eucharistic Prayer. There are a great variety of prefaces: Prefaces for Solemnity, for the feasts of Blessed Virgin Mary, for Saints, (Apostles, Martyrs, Pastors, Religious), for the various liturgical seasons, for the Matrimony, for the Dead, Common Preface etc.

The Preface consists of four Parts: a) The initial dialogue: The Preface begins with a dialogue between the Priest and the Congregation, and has thanksgiving as its central focus. *“The Lord be with you- “And with your spirit”* was used in the Introductory Rite. **“Lift up your hearts”-** The priest is inviting the believers to give their fullest attention to what is about to unfold. This is a “wake-up call” to set aside all other concerns, and focus of our minds, wills, hearts and emotions on the gloriousness and heavenly moments of the Eucharistic prayer. This invitation reminds us of St. Paul’ words to the Colossians. ‘Seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on things that are on earth.’ (Col 3:1-2). Here the priest exhorts the people in this hour to lay aside all the cares of this life and their worldly worries, and direct their hearts to God in heaven who has so loved us. With our response **“We lift them up to the Lord”**, we say yes, and allow His thoughts remain in our hearts.

In the last part of the dialogue, the priest says, **“Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.”** The priest is directing the congregation to give thanks to the Lord. It echoes the similar exhortation found in the Psalms: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good...” (Psalms 136:1-3, 107: 8, 15). St. Paul similarly teaches that the Christian life should be marked by prayers of thanksgiving. We should be “abounding in thanksgiving (Col 2:7), giving thanks to God the Father in everything we do... (Col 3:17) and all circumstances” (1Thes 5:18; Phil 4:6). We also should be thankful for the miracle about to take place in our midst as the bread and wine on the altar will be changed into the body and blood of Christ. Our Lord will soon be with us in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. What an awesome privilege it is for us. And our hearts are filled with gratitude, we say, **“It is right and just”** to give thanks the Lord.

b) Addressing the Father: After inviting the faithful to give thanks to the Lord, the priest now talks to God in a prayer of thanksgiving. The opening line is addressed to the Father **“It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son Jesus Christ.** (Pref. Eucharistic Prayer II). The preface and with all of Eucharistic Prayers, the Prayer of the Church are precisely directed to the Father.

c). The central part, the most variable in content, depending on the different days and feasts, joyfully proclaims the fundamental reasons for the act of thanksgiving, which always revolves around creation and salvation.

d) The Acclamation: The Preface ends with the *Sanctus*. The acclamation, by which the whole congregation, joining with the heavenly powers, sings “Holy, Holy, Holy.” As we sing this hymn, we should remember that we are as close to heaven as Isaiah and St. John were in those visions we read about in Isa 6:3; Rev 4:8. The preface concludes by reminding us that we are praying now with all the saints and angels in proclaiming the glory of God.

At the end of the “Holy, Holy,..” the congregation **will kneel**. This change of posture further emphasises what the Preface has already brought out, that we are *to set our focus on God*. The Preface prepares us for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Rosary Intension: ‘In Thanksgiving to all veterans for the sacrifices they made to serve 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. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Monday	Nov. 11		No Mass:
Tuesday	Nov. 12	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday	Nov. 13	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. ASC.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm Faith Formation:
Thursday	Nov. 14	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
Friday	Nov. 15	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
Saturday	Nov. 16	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm Linger Longer
Sunday	Nov. 17	ASC. ASC. ST. B. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Mass: 10:00am Linger Longer

What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

Please return your response to the Stewardship mailing by November 17th. These can be dropped off to the Parish Office or mailed back.

The Annual Parish Reports are now available and can be picked up at each Parish. We thank you for your support and donations during the 2023-24 Fiscal Year!

A Prayer for Veterans
Heavenly Father, King and Lord,
You instill in all of Your creation
an order and value.



VETERANS DAY
WE HONOR YOUR SACRIFICE

You call Your children "very good."
We surrender to You
the conflicts that tear your family apart.
We pray for an end to blindness
that places pride, greed, power, and
selfishness above human dignity and brotherly love.
We pray in gratitude
for all of those who have defended
peace, virtue, and justice with honor.
We pray especially for those
who have suffered in mind and body
from the ravages of war.
Let Your Kingdom come!
May Your peace that surpasses all understanding
reign in our hearts and in our world.
Amen.

Catechetical Institute: Three Ages of the Interior Life
Tuesdays, November 19-December 17, 7-9 p.m.,
St. Henry, Monticello

Taught by Deacon Dan Gannon, "Three Ages of the Interior Life" is open to all! Recognizing that all are called to contemplative prayer to attain union with God, "The Three Ages of the Interior Life" examines the powerful prayer methods of St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila, focusing on the spiritual life and prayer as well as the nature of contemplation and its effect on your whole life. Visit cistudent.com/course-information-carmelite for more information and registration.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 10/27/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,101.92
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	4,417.00
Weekly E-Giving:	1,115.00
Collections Budget YTD:	52,732.64
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 50,794.40
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(1,938.24)
Capital Improvement Offering:	170.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	30.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$ 4,085.00



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!

Thank you to everyone who helped organize the combined All Souls Memorial Mass! May God Bless the Souls of all the departed this past year.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,476.00
Contributions 10-23 through 10-29-2024	3,758.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	51,423.25
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(3,718.27)

Forward in Faith

Envelope Income	100.00
Electronic Donations	71.50
Forward in Faith Total	171.50
Forward in Faith YTD	6,671.00



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Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available Weekend is Feb. 14-16, 2025 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com or 612-234-7440.

Faith Formation Update:

Please keep the 9th Graders in your prayers as they attend their Confirmation Retreat this Saturday.

Grade 9th and 10th Student Masses are November 24th at the 8:00am Mass at Ascension and 10:00am Mass at St. Bernard. Sign up for your Mass role with Julie Kleindl!

Mass Ministry Schedule—November 16 & 17

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	Logan Pellegrino & Volunteer	Nathan Duenow & Brianna Duenow	Luca Hoen & Marshall Panning
Reader	Joyce Schwartz	Colleen Donnay	Julie Kleindl
EMHC	Monica Kooiman	Kathy Kloempken	Julie Clemensen
Ushers	Ralph Laumann & Leo Willems	Eugene Dvorak & Curt Wilson	Andy Kleindl & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Barbara Knorr	Sue Schultz	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Theresa Hartmann & Pat Johnson	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Monday	Nov. 11			No Mass
Tuesday	Nov. 12	6:15 pm	Ascension	For Pope Francis
Wednesday	Nov. 13	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Margaret Eiden † & Living & Deceased members of the Eiden fam.
Thursday	Nov. 14	8:00 am	St. Bernard	Sister Christa Rein SSND †
Friday	Nov. 15	8:00 am	Ascension	Paul Simons †
Saturday	Nov. 16	5:00 pm	St. Bernard	LaVonne Amst † & All Parishioners
Sunday	Nov. 17	8:00 am	Ascension	Gene Miller Jr. †
Sunday	Nov. 17	10:00 am	St. Bernard	Marcy Wickenhauser †

Readings for the week of Nov. 10, 2024
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 **Monday:** Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6 **Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10 **Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19 **Thursday:** Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25 **Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37 **Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8 **Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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.**

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

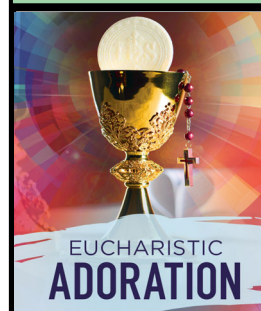
Every Tuesday

3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday

2:00 until 6:00 pm



November 10, 2024 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once at an evening Mass as a poor college student, the collection basket was fast approaching, and I only had a ten-dollar bill. I was planning on using that to buy my favorite Chipotle burrito that night for dinner. Should I keep the money? Who would know if I did? If I gave it away, what would I eat? Would I be okay? I kissed my future burrito goodbye, dropped the money in the basket, and winced. But strangely, the rest of the Mass I felt more engaged than usual. I had skin in the game. I left the Mass excited to see how God would take care of me. And he did, in amazing ways.

When the poor widow places two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus doesn't pity her. He praises her. He blesses her. He brags about her. He celebrates her as the temple's largest benefactor. Her giving is an act of radical, concrete trust in God. It is as if she is entering a new level of giving that excites Jesus, because she contributes not out of her abundance, but she gives **"everything she had."**

What a challenge this is to each one of us! How easy it is to ignore this! But imagine the eruption of the energy of faith, hope, and love that would be unlocked if our financial sacrifices to the Church actually tapped into daily bread and not only our disposable income. I challenge us to try this in some way this coming week and see what happens in our hearts. Even if it costs us a burrito. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi