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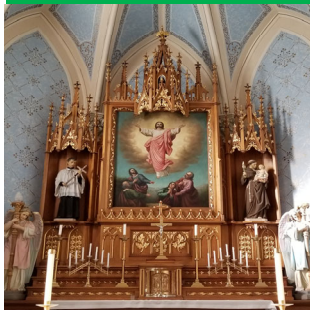
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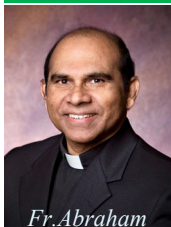
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Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time – November 16 & 17, 2024



Fr. Abraham

Understanding the Holy Mass – 9

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

2) The Eucharistic Prayer *(continues)*

iii) **The Epiclesis:** 'Epiclesis' is a Greek word which means to "invoke up on". During the Prayer of Epiclesis, the priest asks God the Father to send His Holy Spirit up on the gifts of bread and wine, so that they may be changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Epiclesis is a very important prayer. The bread and wine cannot be transformed by any human means, but only by the power of God. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, the Mass would not be the Mass.

In all of the Eucharistic Prayers, the action of the priest during this epiclesis is the same. He places his hands, palms down, over the bread and wine as he says the prayer, then makes a sign of the cross over them. St. John Damascus explained the Mass by comparing it with the conception of Jesus in the womb of the Virgin Mary. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us.

The Holy Spirit is the principle of the unity in the Church. So, the Eucharistic Prayers also include a second part of the epiclesis, after the Words of Institution. It invokes the Spirit again. The priest prays in the Eucharistic Prayer II that, "partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into *one* by the Holy Spirit." In the Eucharistic Prayer III, he prays, "that who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become *one* body, one spirit in Christ." The Spirit transforms us, into Christ. We receive his Body and Blood, and we become his Body, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

iv) **The Institution Narrative and Consecration :** The Institutional narrative is the retelling of what Jesus did "on the night before he died." But it is more than just a telling- it is a making present. As the priest recites the words of institution of the Eucharist, he recounts what Jesus did at the Last Supper drawing from all the Scriptural accounts of it. The consecration is the moment when the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ. This happens when the priest recites the words of Jesus over them.

The priest takes the bread into his hands, repeats what Jesus did, and says what he said: "*This is my body, which will be given up for you.*" When the priest consecrates the bread, it is no longer bread. It is the Body of Christ. He then elevates it as a perfect offering to the Father and genuflects in adoration of the Lord now present in the sacred bread.

The priest then takes the cup and says the words of institution, "*This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant; which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.*" When he consecrates the wine, it is no longer wine. It is the Blood of Christ. He then elevates the chalice as a perfect offering to the Father and again genuflects in adoration of the Lord. This part of the Mass is known as the "major elevation."

The bells that are rung during each elevation strike our ears as a salutation for this heavenly King, who comes to us so humbly. The sound of the bell serves as a reminder for the congregation to actively participate in the prayer and focus on the significance of the consecration.

v) **The Mystery of Faith:** After the consecration, the priest solemnly says, "*the Mystery of Faith.*" (1 Timothy 3:9). These words express the priest's profound wonder and awe over the mystery that is taking place. Joining the priest's wonder over this mystery, the people proclaim the story of salvation summed up in Jesus' death and resurrection. They also proclaim their faith that he will come again.

Rosary Intension: 'For all who give of their time, talent and treasure to our parishes.'

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>	Nov. 18		No Mass:
<i>Tuesday</i>	Nov. 19	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	Nov. 20	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>	Nov. 21	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Friday</i>	Nov. 22	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Saturday</i>	Nov. 23	ASC. ASC.	Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	Nov. 24	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

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 9am at St. Bernard. There will be no Mass at Ascension on Friday November 29th.

Our Combined Advent Reconciliation Service will be on December 11th, at 6:30pm, at St. Bernard.

Christmas Countdown Catholic Sale - Small Business Saturday Saturday, November 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Leaflet Missal Company, St. Paul

Visit Leaflet Missal on Small Business Saturday for a Catholic Goods Clearance Sale! Over 1,000 items at huge discounts - statues, advent, apparel, books, and more! Also...meet author Dale Ahlquist (founder of Chesterton Academy) for a book signing from 10-1 and try some monk-made coffee at this festive holiday weekend shopping fair. Join us for the first in-person event hosted by Leaflet Missal since 2020!

Faith Formation Update:

On November 6th, 10 new Alter Servers for both St. Bernard and Ascension attended a training session during Faith Formation!

We are once again asking for your generous support and participation in our STBAFF Sponsorship program. Your support helps us to continue many of our extra activities that give back to both the community and our Faith Formation students. The Forms can be found in the back of both churches and can be returned to either Kara or Julie, or the Ascension Parish Office. Thank you for your continued generous support of STBAFF.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 11/03/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,101.92
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	3,459.00
Weekly E-Giving:	845.00
Collections Budget YTD:	55,834.56
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 55,098.40
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(736.16)
Capital Improvement Offering:	10.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$ 4,140.00



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!

If you have not signed up for the New E-Giving Platform yet, we ask that you make the shift in the next few weeks. If you are not able to log into your Vanco account to cancel your existing withdrawal, please contact the Parish Office and we can assist you. We will be discount inuing VANCO at the end of the Month. Thank you for your continued support!

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,485.58
Contributions 11-01 through 11-05-2024	3,215.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	54,638.25
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	(3,979.27)
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	86.00
Electronic Donations	148.50
Forward in Faith Total	234.50
Forward in Faith YTD	7,077.00



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Word of Life—

“We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“An Adoption Love Story” (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)

Mass Ministry Schedule—November 23 to 28

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am	St. Bernard Thurs. 9:00 am
Sacristan	Sherry Witte	Cheryl Coyle	Patricia Quinn	Doris Mielke
Servers	Payton Stender & Volunteer	Nathan Duenow & Brianna Duenow	Lily Starkey & Cohen Starkey	Buckley Jones & Logan Pellegrino
Reader	Jean Schmitz	Brian Willems	Rob Wickenhauser	Brenda Jones
EMHC	Pat Johnson	Lisa Whitaker	Meghan Stusynski	Andy Kleindl
Ushers	Tom Lano & Rick Ulrich	Steve Schrupp & Don Whitaker	Dick Arnst & Leonard Hoen Jr.	Tom Dahl & Leo Willems
Greeters	Julie & Jeremy Gesinger	Grace Cook	Victoria Arnst	Monica Kooiman
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Rich & Sue Tellers	N/A	N/A

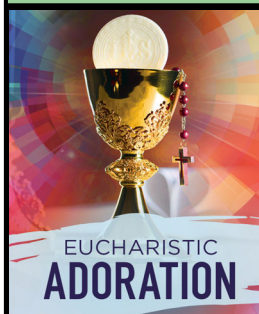
Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Church	Intention
Monday	Nov. 18		No Mass
Tuesday	Nov. 19 6:15 pm	Ascension	Fr. Abraham's Intention
Wednesday	Nov. 20 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Alex
Thursday	Nov. 21 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Rev. George Thoomkuzhy †
Friday	Nov. 22 8:00 am	Ascension	For Respect of All Life
Saturday	Nov. 23 5:00 pm	Ascension	Allan Schmitt †
Sunday	Nov. 24 8:00 am	Ascension	The Hartmann Family
Sunday	Nov. 24 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Robert G. Fritz † And All Parishioners

Readings for the week of Nov. 17, 2024
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32 **Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43 **Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10 **Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28 **Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44 **Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48 **Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40 **Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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 17, 2024 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every “world” we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It’s awful. But, second, Christ comes “**in the clouds.**” Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to “**gather his elect from the four winds.**” He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. “**Summer is near;**” he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn’t make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi