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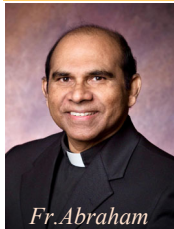
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 23 & 24, 2024



Fr. Abraham

Understanding the Holy Mass - 10

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

2) The Eucharistic Prayer (continues)

vi) The Anamnesis (Memorial): Jesus concludes the institution of the Eucharist by saying, “*Do this in memory of me.*” The ‘*this*’ that Jesus commands his apostles to do is to celebrate the New Passover sacrifice of his body and blood. The Biblical word for memorial is ‘*anamnesis*’ which means much more than merely remembering the past event. A liturgical memorial brings the past and present together, making the past event mystically present for the current generation. Therefore, as the memorial of the Lord’s Supper, the Eucharist makes the event of the Upper Room and Calvary sacramentally present to us today. It is in this sense that Mass is understood as a sacrifice, not just a meal. Now, the priest tells the Father in heaven that the Church has been faithful in fulfilling *this* command of Jesus: “*Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension...*” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

vii) The Offering, oblation: In this part of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest joins the offering of this Mass to the perfect sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross. The priest offers this sacrifice back to God the Father in thanksgiving for God’s abundant gifts, particularly the gift of salvation in Christ. “*We offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.*” (Eucharistic Prayer III). We are invited to unite ourselves with the unblemished sacrifice of Christ. The Church’s intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves as an oblation.

viii) The Intercessions: As the Eucharistic Prayers near the conclusion, the priest prays various intercessions. He prays for all who will soon be “nourished by the body and blood of Jesus”. Here the priest prays that the Holy Spirit may come upon the faithful and by receiving the body and blood of Christ they may become one body and one spirit in Christ. (Eucharistic Prayer III). It echoes of St. Paul’s words in 1Cor. 10:17. Then the priest asked for the intercessions of Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Apostles, Martyrs and all the Saints. The priest also prays for the universal Church, the pope, bishops, clergy, and the entire people of God, both living and dead. Similarly, he prays for the peace and salvation of all the world. (Eucharistic Prayer III). Thus, the Mass is the universal prayer.

ix) The Concluding Doxology and the Great Amen: *Doxology* is a Greek word that means “a word of praise.” The Gloria is called the “Great Doxology” or a “Major Doxology.” It is the great because we learned it from the voices of the angels. Doxology is an expression of the glorification of God. The doxology usually serves as an end to a prayer. In the Eucharistic Prayer, the doxology is a grand finale. It is Trinitarian in nature. We praise the almighty Father by offering our lives *through, with, and in the Son*, who surrendered himself on Calvary in the unity of the Holy Spirit. The Eucharistic Prayer culminates with the Doxology and the Great Amen. What is so great about our *Amen*? St. Augustine said that “Amen is the people’s signature.” It signifies people’s consent to all the prayers or words that preceded it. The word Amen completes a prayer. The believers have remained kneeling for the Eucharistic Prayer and now they **stand** with saying *Amen* to give their assent to the prayer that the priest has prayed in their name.

This weekend, we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**. We conclude the liturgical year by asking the Lord to help us serve the Kings of Kings as He presents Himself in those reaching out to us. We offer our prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we continue to receive through His Son Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Rosary Intension: ‘In Thanksgiving to God for all our Blessings, Gifts and Graces.’

Happy Thanksgiving

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**

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| Monday | Nov. 25 | | No Mass: |
| Tuesday | Nov. 26 | ASC. ASC. ASC. | Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm |
| Wednesday | Nov. 27 | ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. | Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm |
| Thursday <i>Thanks-giving</i> | Nov. 28 | ST. B. | Mass: 9:00am Parish Office Closed |
| Friday | Nov. 29 | | No Mass: Parish Office Closed |
| Saturday | Nov. 30 | ASC. ASC. | Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm |
| Sunday | Dec. 1 | 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. The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday the 28th and Friday the 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:

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.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at St. Bernard (3rd weekend; Ascension (4th weekend) of the month, except January) Adoration begins a half an hour before the Mass. All are invited to come and join fellow parishioners in this important devotion.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 11/10/2024

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| Weekly Operating Budget: | \$ 3,101.92 |
| Weekly Envelopes/Plate: | 1,801.00 |
| Weekly E-Giving: | 40.00 |
| Collections Budget YTD: | 58,936.48 |
| Actual Collection YTD: | \$ 56,936.40 |
| Total Collected Over (Under) YTD: | (1,997.08) |
| Capital Improvement Offering: | 250.00 |
| Capital Improvement-E-Giving: | 100.00 |
| Capital Improvement YTD: | \$ 4,490.00 |



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 discontinuing VANCO at the end of the Month. Thank you for your continued support!

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

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| Budget for week | 3,485.58 |
| Contributions 11-06 through 11-12-2024 | 1,088.00 |
| Total Actual Collection YTD | 55,726.25 |
| Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget | (6,367.27) |

Forward in Faith

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| Envelope Income | 150.00 |
| Electronic Donations | 151.00 |
| Forward in Faith Total | 301.00 |
| Forward in Faith YTD | 7,378.00 |



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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. Please contact the Parish Office and we can assist you with canceling your existing ACH and getting you enrolled in the new system. Thank you for your continued support!

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Lori Storms**, sister-in-law of Roger Storms, Dick Storms, Irene Yaeck, Charlie Storms and Mark Storms, who passed away on Tuesday, November 12th. Her funeral will be on December 7th at 11:00 am. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Waconia, Mn. May she rest in peace and may her soul and all the souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Please pray for peace and comfort for her family.

During the month of November we especially pray for the souls of our departed loved ones. Please include in your prayers the departed of our parish listed in our annual Memorial brochure.

Mass Ministry Schedule—November 30 to December 1

| Mass Ministry | Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm | Ascension Sun. 8:00 am | St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am |
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| Sacristan | Rita Fahey | Brian Willems | Doris Mielke |
| Servers | Florian Schindler | Jayden Michels & Caleb Michels | Dan Worm & Isaac Schrupp |
| Reader | Cathleen Williams | Colleen Donnay | Helen Nicklaus |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Jean Schmitz | Kathy Kloempken | Julie Clemenson |
| Ushers | Eugene Dvorak & Tim George | Josh Gallus & Paul Lano | Dick Arnst & Bob Symanitz |
| Greeters | Janet Fahey | Sue Schultz | Julie Kleindl |
| Homebound Ministers | N/A | Dave & Collen Donnay | |

Mass Times Intentions

| Day | Time | Location | Intention |
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| Monday | Nov. 25 | | No Mass |
| Tuesday | Nov. 26 6:15 pm | Ascension | Fr. Abraham's Intention |
| Wednesday | Nov. 27 8:00 am | St. Bernard | R M Family |
| Thursday | Nov. 28 9:00 am | St. Bernard | Merlyn & Margaret Eiden †† & Living & Deceased members of the Eiden Family |
| Friday | Nov. 29 | Ascension | No Mass |
| Saturday | Nov. 30 5:00 pm | Ascension | Allan Schmitt † |
| Sunday | Dec. 1 8:00 am | Ascension | For All Parishioners |
| Sunday | Dec. 1 10:00 am | St. Bernard | The Deceased members of the Bernard Mohrbacher Family |

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.

Readings for the week of Nov. 24, 2024

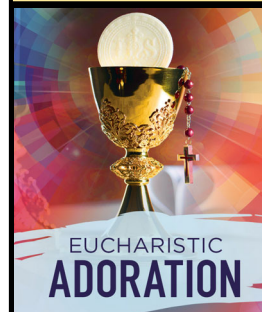
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37 **Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4 **Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11 **Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19 **Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28 **Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33 **Saturday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22 **Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00 until 6:00 pm

TESTIFY
TO THE
TRUTH.



November 24, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? *That's Phil.*" I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of *everything* in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweat suit. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. **He is in charge.** The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. **"Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice,"** Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI