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To make arrangements, please contact the parish office.

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www.stbernadettesparish.com/wp

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www.madisondiocese.org

Vatican www.vatican.va

Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (R)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. (B), 10:30 a.m. (R)

Weekday

Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (R) (Mass & Adoration);
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. (B); Thursday 8:00 a.m. (R);
Friday 8:00 a.m. (B)

Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins

If you have a loved one or know of someone who is homebound that would like to be receiving communion, please let Fr. Petrica know at steve.petrica@gmail.com so that he can make certain that they are able to receive this sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick

Call to request this sacrament anytime.

Sacrament of Penance

First Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (R)
Third Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (B)
Confession by appointment anytime.
Saturday confessions followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m.

FROM THE RECTORY

Fr. Steve Petrica



Joyful Service

Jesus' visit to the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany teaches us a great deal about joyful service and the power of our thoughts, whether positive or negative, to shape our day. In this Gospel account, we learn that we can give glory to God in the little things we do for one another. In this encounter, Jesus invites Martha to renew her mind (Eph. 4:23-24), taxed with negative thinking, and illuminate her thoughts with the thought of him by rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks to God for the opportunity to serve her Lord.

Martha felt alone, unheard, and unappreciated. She was distracted with much serving and was worried and troubled about many things while her sister Mary sat at Christ's feet and heard his word. Martha cried out to the Lord for help. The Gospel tells us that Martha approached Jesus and asked him if he didn't care that her sister had left her alone to serve. She begged Jesus to tell Mary to get up from his feet and help her. Jesus answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Lk. 10:41-42) What is this better part Mary chose? Was it wrong for Martha to be focused on completing her household responsibilities while Jesus was visiting? What do these two sisters and their encounter with Christ teach us?

Jesus said that he came to serve and not to be served. (Mt. 20:28) Therefore, the wrong Martha committed could not have been with serving as such. Rather, as Martha was setting the table, pouring the water, serving the food, sweeping the floor, and welcoming guests — all beautiful and necessary things by the way — her mind was worried and her heart was troubled. **Mary chose the better part because she was present to Christ, but Martha could have chosen the *best* part by being present to Christ while seeing her tasks as her divine calling and sacred service.**

Instead of complaining, Martha could have completed the duties of each moment in the presence of Christ by rejoicing, praying without ceasing, and giving thanks (I Thess. 5:16-18). Our little tasks, then, can be elevated to spiritual work when we do it in the presence of Christ. Thus, nothing is mundane when we invite Christ and serve him through what we are doing.

"The Lord is my helper" (Heb. 13:6) and "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). May we die with Christ that we may indeed rise with him and receive his gift of peace: "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." (Jn. 14:27) And so, Christ says to us, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Lk. 10:41, Phil. 4:6)

—Adapted from www.pravmir.com/joyful-service/

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the principal annual fundraising campaign for the Diocese of Madison each year; it was conducted this year at the very beginning of March. St. Bernadette Parish was asked to raise \$8,583, and our generous parishioners met and exceeded that goal, pledging \$10,115 (118% of our goal)! As of July 15, you have redeemed \$8,520 of your pledges — **99% of our goal!**

Remember, with this year's ACA the Diocese implements a new policy for funds that exceed a parish's goal: Once the goal is met, all additional funds are rebated directly to the parish. So please keep your payments up! Your ACA pledge supports diocesan ministries, and any day now it will start helping the parish, too,

On the Cover

Lazarus — whom Jesus raised from the dead — was the brother of Mary and Martha, who feature in today's gospel reading. The three of them lived in Bethany, a village about two miles east of Jerusalem. They were disciples of Jesus, but more than that, they were his friends. As disciples, they sent to Jesus when Lazarus appeared to be close to death; and as a friend, Martha — who seems to have



The Church of St. Lazarus, in Bethany. The mosaic of Lazarus on the façade is flanked by mosaics of Mary and Martha.



been a woman who spoke her mind — rebuked Jesus when he didn't arrive quickly enough to save her brother's life. He went with her to the tomb of Lazarus, where John 11:35 tells us (in the shortest verse of the Bible) that "Jesus wept."

Entrance to the tomb of Lazarus, where "Jesus wept."

Key Events on the Bible Timeline #30
Israel Crosses the Jordan: Joshua 1-4

With today's "key event" we enter a new stage in the Bible timeline; we pass from the end of Deuteronomy to the beginning of the book of Joshua. Moses has delivered the people from their servitude in Egypt, led them through the wilderness for 40 years, and brought them to the verge of entering Canaan, the promised land. The mantle of leadership now passes to his chosen successor, Joshua. God calls Joshua, reiterates the terms and promises of the covenant, and three times encourages him to "be strong and of good courage." Joshua takes charge, rallies the people, and organizes their military leadership. Like Moses, he too sends out spies to reconnoiter the land and its peoples.

The conquest of Canaan as it's narrated in the books of Joshua and Judges is completed in three campaigns that (as the late Professor John Bright put it) were "sudden, bloody, and complete." He goes on to point out that the archeological evidence is much more ambiguous, and he suggests that the conquest "was a long process...and but partially completed." The book of Joshua might thus be understood as presenting a *theological* interpretation of *historical* events: The theological point is that the covenant is vindicated, and God's people inherit the promised land. Our spiritual lives follow a similar arc: From baptism, through a life of grace, to the blessedness of heaven. But our spiritual lives as actually lived are more complex. We live in grace, with periods of falling back. But, "strong and of good courage" like Joshua, we persevere through life, grow in holiness (which most of us will complete only in purgatory), and attain — finally — to our "promised land."

St. Bernadette's Offerings
 Weekend of July 14, 2019

Envelopes	\$1,171.00
Loose offerings	381.00
Total	\$1,552.00
Same weekend last year	\$1,492.95
Difference	59.05

May the gift you have promised not be an exaction, but a willing gift. (cf. II Cor. 9:5)

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, July 28 at 8:30 a.m. **Barneveld**
 Greeters..... Volunteer
 Servers..... Heather and Joseph Lancaster, volunteer
 Lector Mike Ashmore
 Ushers Sean Sutter and Kelly Fahey

Sunday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m. **Ridgeway**
 Lector Chuck Walczak
 Server..... Kevin Shean

K of C Fellowship Gathering Tuesday

The Ridgeway/Barneveld Knights of Columbus will hold a fellowship gathering for all members on Tuesday evening, July 23, at the home of Dave and Cheryl Budworth, 6819 County Road HHH, Ridgeway. We'll have a short meeting at 5:30 and eat at 6:15. Members should bring a dish to pass. Spouses and guests are welcome. Information: 608-574-7284.

Today: Patriotic Rosary
At the Wiesbrook Farm, Mineral Point



This afternoon, July 21, you are cordially invited to a Patriotic Rosary at Mary's Rosary Garden, at the Wiesbrook Farm, 775 Hwy. DDD, Mineral Point.

Prayers begin at 1:00 p.m., with refreshments to follow. Please bring chairs. Call for directions, 608-987-2027 or 608-574-1344.

Come and pray for our country!

Next Weekend: Monthly Dollar Match Offering

July 27-28 being the last weekend of the month will include the July "Dollar Match" offering. This month, the Altar Society of St. Bridget Church has offered to match what the congregation offers.



Mass Intentions

"Remember me at the altar of the Lord."
 —St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

- Tuesday, July 23: St. Bridget of Sweden**
 4:00 p.m. (R)
- Wednesday, July 24: St. Sharbel Makhlūf**
 8:00 a.m. (B)
- Thursday, July 25: St. James, Apostle**
 8:00 a.m. (R)
- Friday, July 26: St. Joachim and St. Anne**
 8:00 a.m. Karla Jo Schultz (B)
- Saturday, July 27: Of the Sunday**
 5:00 p.m. Dorothy Berg Meudt (R)
- Sunday, July 28: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:30 a.m. People of the parish (B)
 10:30 a.m. Kay Fargo (R)

When requesting Mass intentions, be sure to specify the date and time you'd like.

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