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SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC PARISH

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To make arrangements, please contact the parish office.

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St. Bernadette's Parish
www.stbernadettesparish.com/wp

Diocese of Madison
www.madisondiocese.org

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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



Week of Two Doctors

No, this isn't a week with a couple of medical appointments! It's a week in which we celebrate the feast days of two **Doctors of the Church**. Fr. Larry Rice, on the USCCB website, notes that "of all the various kinds of saints in the church—virgins, martyrs, religious, whatever—the least appreciated by most people may be the Doctors of the Church."

"Doctor" in Latin means "teacher," and "through their research, study, and writing, the Doctors of the Church have advanced the Church's knowledge of our faith." The Catholic Church has designated 36 of her saints and theologians—including a number of women—as among these master teachers of the faith. "All these Doctors of the Church," writes Fr. Rice, "advanced the knowledge of God through their writing on theology, spirituality, mysticism, or through their defense of the faith in the face of heresy and schism."

Tuesday we celebrate the feast of St. **Peter Chrysologus**, or Peter the "golden-worded" (c. 380 – c. 450), Bishop of Ravenna from about 433 until his death. He is known as the "Doctor of Homilies" for the concise but theologically rich reflections he delivered during his time as the bishop. He is revered as a saint by both the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church; and he was declared a by Pope Benedict XIII in 1729.



Then on Thursday we celebrate the feast of St. **Alphonsus Liguori** (1696–1787), an Italian Catholic bishop, spiritual writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, lawyer, scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (known as the Redemptorists) in 1732, and in 1762 he was appointed Bishop of Sant'Agata dei Goti. A prolific writer, his best known works are *The Glories of Mary* and a version of the Way of the Cross still widely used in Catholic parishes. He was canonized in 1839 and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1871.



Planned Giving to Your Parish

The annual budget for St. Bernadette Parish is approximately \$100,000, so my informal benchmark for how much we need in offerings every week is approximately \$2,000. We usually don't meet that benchmark — some weeks we're not even close — which is why we need extra fund-raising events through the year.

A glance at "St. Bernadette's Offerings" in this week's bulletin could give the impression that we were well over the \$2,000 benchmark last week. But \$1,500 of last week's total was from a single check. The parishioner who gave it isn't particularly wealthy, but had designated our parish as the beneficiary for an "IRA charitable rollover." This is one variety of **planned giving**, which can benefit both you and your parish.

Planned giving enables generous individuals to make larger gifts to our parish than they could make from ordinary income. So, by definition, a "planned gift" is any major gift, made during one's life or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning. With the assistance of the diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development, we can help you (and your financial advisor, if you like) identify which planned giving options would work best for you. Visit their website at madisondiocesegiving.org for more information, and talk to me if you're ready to explore the possibilities more deeply.

On the Cover

Lot Fleeing From Sodom (oil on panel, 1810) by Benjamin West (1738 –1820), at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Only Lot and his family could be found to be righteous when God decided to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Two angels appeared to Lot, telling him to flee to the mountains with his family. They were warned not to look back, but Lot's wife, who looked behind at the destruction of the cities as God rained 'brimstone and fire' on them, was turned into a pillar of salt. It is that moment which Benjamin West chose for his painting: Lot's wife stands alone, her arms raised at the truly awesome sight of the destruction of the cities, and is just about to be turned into a pillar of salt. Lot and his daughters are being ushered away hastily by two winged angels.

—Adapted from eclecticlight.co

And, interestingly, from a report in *Forbes* last December: "New research finds that a powerful airburst from a meteor colliding with the atmosphere may have wiped out a Bronze Age civilization along the north side of the Dead Sea some 3,700 years ago. While the findings come from the excavation of the Tall el-Hammam archaeological site in Jordan, many believe that the same place was once known as Sodom."

Key Events on the Bible Timeline #31
The Fall of Jericho: Joshua 5:13-6:27

Jericho is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. It's about 15 miles northeast of Jerusalem, about five miles inland from the Jordan River, at about the level where the Israelites crossed into Canaan—the promised land—from the modern-day kingdom of Jordan. (The place where Israel crossed the river is also about where we believe Jesus was baptized.) It was the first major settlement the Israelites encountered in the conquest of Canaan under Joshua's leadership. You may recall the old folk song: "Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho...and the walls came a-tumbling down!"

Joshua took on the mantle of leadership after the death of Moses, and in this passage are a number of parallels between the commissioning of the two leaders. Moses is addressed by God out of the burning bush, while Joshua is addressed by an angel "commander of the heavenly host," and both are directed to take off their sandals because they are standing on holy ground.

The assault on the walled city took the form of a procession by Israel's men of war around the city every day for seven days, with seven priests accompanying the ark of the covenant and blowing seven ram's horns. On the seventh day, though, they circle the city seven times (note the fourfold use of the mystical number seven), "and the wall fell where it stood." In a kind of anti-creation, the city was destroyed on the seventh day. The Israelites consecrated the precious metals salvaged from Jericho for use in the tabernacle.

St. Bernadette's Offerings
 Weekend of July 21, 2019

Envelopes	\$994.00
Loose offerings	1,700.00
Total	\$2,694.00
Same weekend last year	\$1,327.38
Difference	1,366.62
Difference - \$1,500 IRA rollover	-133.38

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

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, August 4 at 8:30 a.m. **Barneveld**
 Greeters..... Volunteer
 Servers Addison Walker, Braylee Eslinger & volunteer
 Lector..... Mary Ann Myers
 Ushers..... Tim Meyer and Kevin Fassbender

Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m. **Ridgeway**
 Lector..... Volunteer
 Server..... Volunteer

Annual Outdoor Mass at St. James, Vermont

The annual outdoor Mass at St. James, Vermont (located on Hwy F, 2 miles beyond Brigham Park, Blue Mounds), will be held Sunday, August 4 at noon, followed by a pot luck dinner at the shelter at the Blue Mounds ball park. (In case of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, Barneveld — but this has never happened!)



The outdoor altar in the cemetery of St. James Church, Vermont

St. James Church was destroyed by lightning on June 11, 1969. An outdoor altar was built on the site, and each year a Mass is celebrated on the first Sunday of August. All are welcome!

This Weekend: Monthly Dollar Match Offering

This being the last weekend of the month, we will have the July "Dollar Match" offering at every Mass. 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 30: St. Peter Chrysologus**
 4:00 p.m. (R)
- Wednesday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola**
 8:00 a.m. (B)
- Thursday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori**
 8:00 a.m. (R)
- Friday, August 2—FIRST FRIDAY**
 8:00 a.m.: St. Eusebius of Vercelli (B)
- Saturday, August 3—FIRST SATURDAY**
 9:00 a.m.: Monthly Requiem (R)
 5:00 p.m.: Of the Sunday Frank & Edna Berg (R)
- Sunday, August 4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:30 a.m. People of the parish (B)
 10:30 a.m. (R)

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

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