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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.

Key: (B) Barneveld • (R) Ridgeway

FROM THE RECTORY

Fr. Steve Petrica



Upcoming Events: The Bishop, Stations of the Cross, and Finally, A Pilgrimage to Holy Hill

Even though it's shocking to say it, the summer is coming to a close — but we will enter the fall season at full speed! The first several weeks of the school year will see three special events.

Bishop Hying's Pastoral Visitation

We will celebrate the usual schedule of Masses over Labor Day weekend (August 31-September 1). But on **Sunday, September 8, we will welcome the Most Rev. Donald J. Hying, the V Bishop of Madison, to St. Bernadette Parish!** The Saturday evening Mass at St. Bridget's will be at 5:00 p.m. as usual. Then, so we can do full justice to the event, we will celebrate one Mass only on September 8, at Immaculate Conception at 9:00 a.m. I hope we will pack the church with the greatest number of parishioners possible, from both Ridgeway and Barneveld, to receive our chief pastor, to hear him proclaim the Gospel, and to offer us the Sacraments of life. After Mass, everyone is invited to greet the bishop at a brunch reception in the basement of Immaculate Conception. More details will follow as the date approaches.



Blessing Our Outdoor Stations of the Cross

The bishop's visit is just the beginning of a significant week for us. On Saturday, September 14 — the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross — our attention returns to St. Bridget's Church as we gather to celebrate Mass of the feast and then **ble**ss our newly-installed outdoor Stations of the Cross. Pray for nice weather as we walk the Via Dolorosa — the Sorrowful Way — with Our Lord. The original Via Dolorosa wends through Jerusalem, from the site where Pilate condemned Jesus to Mount Calvary and to the tomb where Jesus was buried — and also, therefore, where the Resurrection occurred. The Franciscans, who for centuries have been entrusted with care of the holy sites in Jerusalem, popularized the Stations of the Cross devo-



tion as a way for believers who might never make it to the Holy Land to participate vicariously in the pilgrimage. Therefore, it was customary for many years for blessing Stations to be reserved to a Franciscan priest. That practice is no longer obligatory, but to honor the historical connection, I hope we will be joined that morning by a friar who will preach at the Mass and then bless the Stations. Again, more details to follow.

Pilgrimage to Holy Hill



Then our attention shifts again, from Barneveld to Ridgeway, and finally, on Friday, October 4 (which as it happens is the feast of St. Francis), to Hubertus, Wisconsin, and the Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, better known as Holy Hill. The St. Bernadette's Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Hill will depart from Immaculate Conception at 8:00 a.m. Cost and transportation information will follow.

The month from early September to early October promises to bear bountiful spiritual fruit! Mark the dates now, plan to join in these outstanding celebrations, and prepare your souls to receive great blessings!

The Eucharist: Symbol or Center of Existence?

An August 5 article on the Pew Research Center website is headlined, "Just one-third of U.S. Catholics agree with their church that Eucharist is body, blood of Christ."

Nearly seven-in-ten Catholics (69%) say they personally believe that during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine used in Communion "are *symbols* of the body and blood of Jesus Christ." Just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31%) say they believe that "during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus."

(Read the whole story at www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/08/05/transubstantiation-eucharist-u-s-catholics/)

The news is *somewhat* better when the question is asked of weekly Mass attenders rather than all self-identified Catholics. But even among observant Catholics (which is likely to include most people reading this bulletin) 37% are content with the Eucharist-is-just-a-symbol theory.

Catholics! Don't surrender your birthright! We take Jesus at his word when he says, "This is my body ... this is my blood"! (I Cor. 11:24-25) It took centuries for believers to articulate an adequate understanding of what happens in the Holy Eucharist. St. Thomas Aquinas, in the 13th century, realized that the philosophical categories of Aris-

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Key Events on the Bible Timeline #34 Northern Campaign: Joshua 11

Last week's Key Event was Joshua's *southern* campaign of conquest against the indigenous peoples of Canaan; this week we read of the analogous *northern* campaign. The details in Joshua, chapter 11, are of interest to students of diplomatic history and military history. But for our purposes, the important points are summarized in the very last verse:

Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And **the land had rest from war**. (Jos. 11:23)

In other words, God's purpose is fulfilled, and the result is "rest from war" — we enter into the peace of God. We believers alive on earth are traditionally called "the Church Militant" (as distinct from the two other "states of the Church:" the Church Expectant in purgatory and the Church Triumphant in heaven). We are *militant*, as was St. Paul, because we "fight the good fight." (II Tim. 4:7) Unlike Joshua and the Israelites, our battle is not "against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Eph. 6:12) The "rest from war" that Joshua and the Israelites won prefigures the life of the Church Triumphant!

Symbol or Center of Existence, continued...

totle were the key to explaining that while the physical attributes of bread and wine remain, their "substance" — their bread- and wine-ness — are transformed into the Body- and Blood-ness of Christ. In the Blessed Sacrament, we receive the very Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Jesus himself. **Accept nothing less!**

The late Georgia writer Flannery O'Connor relates a conversation she had with some New York literary figures, one of whom said she thought of the Host as a symbol.

I then said, in a very shaky voice, "Well, if it's a symbol, to hell with it." That was all the defense I was capable of but I realize now that this is all I will ever be able to say about it, except that it is the center of existence for me; all the rest of life is expendable.

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, August 25 at 8:30 a.m. **Barneveld**
Greeters..... Volunteer
Servers..... Dayne and Laney Evans, Nicole Fahey
Lector Lynn Evans
Ushers Tim Meyer and Kevin Fassbender

Mission Doctors Association Annual Retreat/Seminar

Mission Doctors Association will offer the 2019 Midwest Retreat/Seminar, September 13-15, for Catholic physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants, and their spouses, considering short-term mission service in Africa or Latin America. This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School, Chicago.

Information and accreditation statement (for the 11 AMA PRA Category 1 credits) are available on the website: www.MissionDoctors.org or by calling the office for more information at 213-368-1872.

Our Stations of the Cross await installation around the Religious Education Building at St. Bridget's Church.



St. Bernadette's Offerings

Weekend of August 11, 2019

Envelopes	\$1,113.00
Loose offerings	131.00
Total	\$1,244.00
Same weekend last year	\$1,092.00
Difference	152.00

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

Mass Intentions

"Remember me at the altar of the Lord."

—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

Tuesday, August 20: St. Bernard of Clairvaux

4:00 p.m. Morgan Backstrom, LC (R)

Wednesday, August 21: St. Pius X, Pope

8:00 a.m. (B)

Thursday, August 22: Queenship of the BVM

8:00 a.m. (R)

Friday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima

8:00 a.m. (B)

Saturday, August 24: Of the Sunday

5:00 p.m. People of the parish (R)

Sunday, August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. (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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