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## God Bless America!

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### Mass Schedule

**Weekend**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (R)  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (B)

### Weekday

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

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## FROM THE RECTORY

Fr. Steve Petrica

### Indebted to Our Country

Patriotism is a Christian virtue. But how so? We are grateful for American freedom and prosperity, but St. Thomas Aquinas, the Church's greatest theologian (or at least the peer of St. Augustine as the Church's greatest theologian), understands patriotism in a distinctly *theological* sense: Love of country, he says, is an aspect of the virtue of *piety*. He discusses it in the same section as honoring our parents. You begin to see the connection when you consider the relation between the Latin words *patria* or country and *pater* — father or parent.



St. Thomas Aquinas

Man becomes a debtor to other men in various ways, according to their various excellence and the various benefits received from them. On both counts God holds first place, for he is supremely excellent, and is for us the first principle of being and government. In the second place, the principles of our being and government are our parents and our country, that have given us birth and nourishment. Consequently **man is debtor chiefly to his parents and his country, after God**. Wherefore just as it belongs to religion to give worship to God, so does it belong to piety, in the second place, to give worship to one's parents and one's country. (*Summa Theologiæ*, 2a, 2æ, q. 101, emphasis added)

The Latin word translated as “worship” above is *cultus*, which might be less misleadingly translated as honor, reverence, or veneration. In that sense, then, it is right and just to thank God for the country that has given us birth and nourishment, and to pray and work for its well-being. But the honor, reverence, or veneration we render to our country does not blind us to its mistakes and shortcomings, any more than honor for our parents blinds us to their flaws. One of our developmental tasks as we mature from childhood through adolescence into adulthood is coming to terms with the fallibility and finiteness of our parents, even as we continue to honor them. Just so, healthy patriotism requires taking account of our country's faults and shortcomings, even as we continue to thank God for it and to pray for it.

The United States is currently in a spasm of introspection and self-doubt, precipitated by an undoubted injustice.

And just as a believer's daily examination of conscience is a salutary spiritual exercise, so also a national “examination of conscience” may well be in order at this time. As we do so, these words from the Venerable Fulton J. Sheen are appropriate:

A reminder of the necessity of loving our country is very much to the point. Consciously or unconsciously our citizens are grouping themselves around the only two possible ultimate answers to the questions vexing our country.

One of those answers is *revolution*, which (Bishop Sheen reminds us) requires rewriting American history to make it a story of civil war or class struggle. Far preferable is a renewed commitment to and defense of the sacredness of the human person and of the unalienable rights that we possess independent of the State.

### Rice Bowls

To date we have received \$250.45 in “Rice Bowl” offerings to help with the work of Catholic Relief Services. If you meant to make a Rice Bowl donation, there is still time—but please get it to us as soon as possible. Thanks to all our donors!

### Barneveld Parking Lot

If you've been by Immaculate Conception lately you will have noticed that the parking lots have been resealed and restriped. This has needed to be done for awhile, but it was still an extra burden on the parish budget. Fortunately, a number of parishioners came through with offerings above and beyond their normal giving, so we were able to go ahead with the work. Thank you to Mike & Liz Ashmore, Leo & Norene Clerkin, Mike & Michelle Lancaster, Paul & Kathleen Murphy, Mary Ann Myers, and Jerry Zander for making this work possible. We could still use more!

### On the Cover

*God Bless America* was written by Irving Berlin during World War I in 1918 and revised by him in the run up to World War II in 1938. The song takes the form of a prayer (intro lyrics: “as we raise our voices, in a solemn prayer”) for God's blessing and peace for the nation (“...stand beside her and guide her through the night...”).

Irving Berlin was an American composer and lyricist, widely considered one of the greatest songwriters in American history. Born Israel Beilin in Imperial Russia in 1888, Berlin arrived in the United States at the age of five. During his 60-year career he wrote an estimated 1,500 songs and won nearly every arts award America has to offer, capped off by the Presidential Medal of Freedom (the nation's highest civilian award) in 1977. He died in 1989 at the age of 101. Composer Jerome Kern concluded that “Irving Berlin has no *place* in American music—he *is* American music.”

—Adapted from wikipedia.org

**Key Events on the Bible Timeline #66b**  
**Peter's Vision: Acts 10**

At the time of his Ascension, Jesus said to his disciples, "you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Today's "key event" takes place in the region of Judea and Samaria, and as the apostles begin to spread the faith beyond Jerusalem they come to an important turning point: Gentiles start to be received into the Church. Acts chapter 10, where the story is narrated, falls into three artfully crafted sections:

**1. The vision of Cornelius** (verses 1-8) Cornelius was a Roman centurion who had come to believe in the God of Israel, but who did not take the step of formally converting. Such gentiles were called "God-fearers." He is at prayer in the mid-afternoon, the hour of the evening daily offerings at the temple, when God directs him in a vision to invite Simon Peter to come to his home.

**2. The vision of Peter** (verses 9-23a) The next day, Peter is in prayer at noon when he, too, has a vision. In his, he sees a large sheet coming down from heaven, having within it *all* kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air; that is to say, creatures both clean and unclean, kosher and non-kosher. A voice invites him to "kill and eat," but Peter objects that he has never eaten anything unclean. The voice admonishes him, "What God has made clean, you must not call common." Just then, the men Cornelius sent arrive. Peter is still puzzling over the vision when the voice tells him to go with them without hesitation, *even though Peter knows they are gentiles.*

**3. Peter's witness to the household of Cornelius** (verses 23b-48) Peter makes the crucial connection between his vision and invitation from Cornelius: even though it is unlawful for a pious Jew to associate with gentiles, "God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean." He proclaims to the faith, and they embrace it and are baptized. The rock upon which the Church is built, the prince of the apostles himself, welcomes gentile believers into the Church. The die is cast for the future.

**St. Bernadette's Offerings**  
 Weekend of June 28, 2020

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Envelopes .....              | \$875.00   |
| Loose offerings .....        | 423.00     |
| Online offerings .....       | Pending    |
| Total .....                  | \$1,298.00 |
| Same weekend last year ..... | \$1,382.85 |
| Difference .....             | -84.85     |

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



**Holy Father's July Prayer Intention:  
 Our Families**

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July is our families. Join Pope Francis this month to pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.



**Come, Offer Prayers For Our Country!**

Sunday July 12 at 1:00 p.m. a Patriotic Rosary will be prayed at Mary's Rosary Garden, at the Wiesbrook Farm in Mineral Point. All are welcome! For directions, call 608-574-1344.

Remember St. Bernadette Parish in your will!

**Mass Intentions**

"Remember me at the altar of the Lord."

—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

**Tuesday, July 7: Weekday**

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

**Wednesday, July 8: Monthly Requiem**

8:00 a.m. .... (B)

**Thursday, July 9: St. Augustine Zhao Rong**

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

**Friday, July 10: Weekday**

8:00 a.m. .... Maggie and Jon Leonhardt (B)

**Saturday, July 11: Of the Sunday**

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

**Sunday, July 12: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. .... Laura Zander (B)

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



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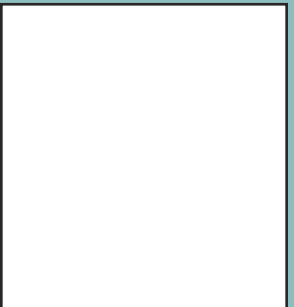
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