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Mineral Point, Wisconsin



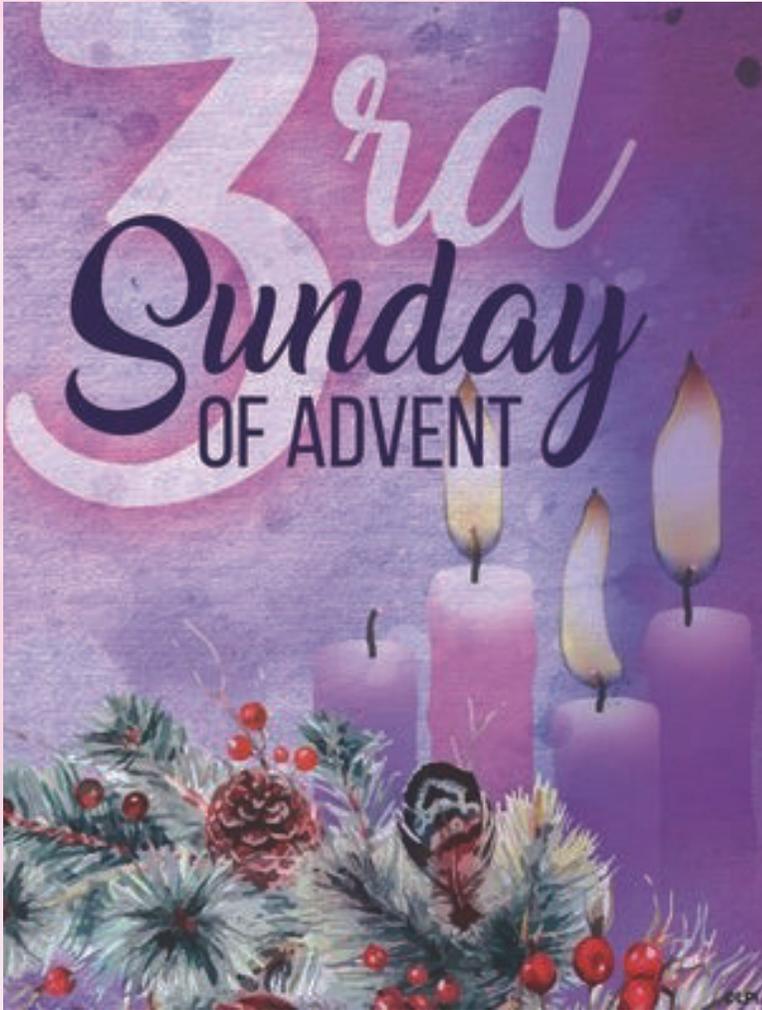
St. Philomena Parish

Belmont, Wisconsin

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Holy Sacraments



Baptism

Saturdays after the 5:00 pm Mass in Mineral Point and Sundays after the 10:30 am Mass in Belmont.

Marriages

Contact Rectory at least one year prior to wedding.

Reconciliation

4:00-4:30 pm every Saturday; 4:30-4:50 pm every Tuesday; 7:00-7:25 am Thursday and Friday in Mineral Point.

Wednesdays after the 8:30 am Mass and Sundays after the 10:30 am Mass in Belmont.

WILL THERE BE CHRISTMAS?

Of course! More silent and with more depth.
More like unto the first one,
when Jesus was born in solitude.
Without many lights on earth
but with the star of Bethlehem
shining on paths of life
in its immensity.
Without colossal royal processions
but with the humility of feeling
as if we are shepherds, young and old,
seeking the Truth.
Without big tables and with bitter absences but with the presence
of a God who will fill everything.



WILL THERE BE CHRISTMAS?

Of course!
Without streets overflowing with people with our hearts burning
for the One who is about to arrive. Without noise or festivals,
complaints or stampedes ...
but living the Mystery without fear of the "COVID-Herod"
that tries to rob us even of the dream of waiting.

There will be Christmas because GOD is on our side
and He shares, as Christ did in a manger,
our poverty, trials, tears, anguish and orphan hood.
There will be Christmas because we need a divine light
in the midst of such darkness. COVID-19 will never be able to reach
the heart or soul of those who put their hope and their high ideal in
heaven.

**THERE WILL BE CHRISTMAS!
WE WILL SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS!
GOD WILL BE BORN AND WILL BRING US FREEDOM!**

This was written by a priest in Spain. Pope Francis liked it so much, he called the priest personally to thank him for writing it.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Isaiah shares his understanding of his prophetic call and his experience of the Lord as a God of justice and compassion. As we continue in the season of Advent, what new spiritual insights are you discovering?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be thankful to God and be active in their newly found faith in Christ by following his moral imperatives. How are you putting your faith into practice during this Advent?

Gospel:

John tells us that the religious leaders in Jerusalem questioned the identity of John the Baptist, wondering if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet who Moses prophesied would come. John the Baptist responds in humility, with a clear sense of his own call. Do you humbly accept God's call in your life?

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, December 12

5:00 pm † Tom Palzkill

Third Sunday of Advent, December 13

8:00 am For Parishioners

10:30 am † Lorna Mae McDonald (at **St. Philomena, Belmont**)

Monday, December 14

No Mass today

Tuesday, December 15

4:00 pm Adoration/Holy Hour for Vocations

5:15 pm † Frank & Darlene Dunbar

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 am For Parishioners of St. Philomena (at **St. Philomena, Belmont**)

Thursday, December 17

7:30 am † Msgr. Mike Burke

Friday, December 18

7:30 am † Gloria Yager

Saturday, December 19

5:00 pm † Bill Ludlum

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20

8:00 am † Jerry & Jeannine Walsh

10:30 am † Jane Wedige (at **St. Philomena, Belmont**)

Mother Teresa Prayer Group

If you have a request for prayers either for yourself or for someone else, please call Bea Palzkill at 987-3108 or Mary Graber at 987-3533.

Sunday's Readings



First Reading:

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10a)

Psalms:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" (Jn 1:23)

St. Philomena's News!



Liturgical Roles for Next weekend, December 20

Lector: Jamie Dreger

Condolences for the Fink Family

Our hearts go out to the Fink Family as they mourn the loss of Max Fink, who passed away on Friday, November 27th.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Christmas Mass schedule will be announced in next week's bulletin, keep an eye out!

The Giving Tree Continues

The Knights of Columbus is hosting the giving tree at St. Philomena's again this year to help families in need. The tree is located in the back of the church so please stop and take a tag if you can. If you choose to participate, please have your gifts returned to the church by Monday, **December 14**. If you have any questions please contact Tom Morrissey at 762-5470. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

The True Meaning of Christmas: Poster Contest for Students in Grades 1-4

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Christmas poster contest again this year for students in grades 1 through 4. Posters are **due by December 15**. Students who were in class November 18 brought their posters and forms home. Posters can be found in the church basement for any students who were unable to attend in person. Additional copies are available on the table downstairs as well. We're looking forward to seeing your creativity this year!

Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office (608-762-5446). Mass Intentions will be scheduled on a first come – first served basis. Thank you!

Bless Our Priests Collection Envelopes

Make sure to remember the retired priests of our diocese by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. This collection is used to directly support all retired priests' welfare including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care and medical costs. Please return your gift in the envelopes available at all Masses this weekend. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese!

Deepen Your Faith With The Catholic Herald Issue of December 17

Every week the Catholic Herald keeps readers up to date with briefs and in-depth articles from Catholic News Service on events around the nation and the world. This week the Catholic Herald also includes a special Senior section that addresses issues pertinent to senior citizens.

Learn more about your Catholic faith by reading the Catholic Herald. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the Catholic Herald print and/or e-Edition in your home, contact your parish office.

Seeking Solace: Approaching a Pandemic Through Prayer

Times of great, collective struggle, such as the loss of life and disruption to our activities brought on by COVID-19, can also strain our spiritual lives. To help support our spiritual well-being, the Ss. Mary and Paul Parish community is initiating a weekday prayer hour program called "Seeking Solace: Approaching a Pandemic through Prayer." Participants are encouraged to sign up for a time to pray in church Monday through Friday. An hour is encouraged and time of day can be flexible. Those who can not leave home due to illness or other barrier are still encouraged to sign up and complete an hour of prayer at home. A sign-up sheet will be in the entry of church. Or, you can sign up by calling Bob Janetka, at 608-341-8745. The goal is to continue these dedicated prayer hours until the Pandemic has ended. More than one person can sign up per day, but our goal is to have at least one person praying one hour each weekday. Please social distance from others and wear a mask when praying in church, just as we do during Mass.

In Search of Young Adults!

SPIRITUS is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit www.spiritusministries.org/ beamissionary, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.



Save THE Date!

Virtual Lessons and Carols Concert

Since our Adult Choir cannot get together to sing, we will be compiling a virtual concert for you to enjoy during the week of December 14. It will be posted to our website, Facebook, and YouTube pages. It will include solo Christmas works by our cantors and some pre-recorded choral pieces by the Adult Choir from year's past.

Candlelight Rosary for Hope

Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Church (MP). Come spend some time in Church as we pray the Rosary together by the light of the Christmas Trees. We will have the special intention of hope for this year's Rosary.

Christmas Flower Donations

Because of the unique circumstances for Christmas this year, we will be ordering fewer Christmas flowers. If you would like to donate towards these flowers in memory or in honor of someone, there are a few envelopes available in the back of church. Please return these envelopes to the parish office or the offertory basket by December 21. Any excess money that is collected beyond the bill for the poinsettias will go to our regular decorating costs.

December Pasty Sale

For those that ordered, pasty pick up is next Saturday, December 19 at the Catholic Center gym entrance from **8:30-9:30 a.m.** You will drive up and pop your trunk. A parish volunteer will place the pasties there and another volunteer will collect your payment from your driver side window. Please wear a mask while paying. Pasties will continue to be \$5.00 each.

JUST A REMINDER

The Parish financial books close on December 31, 2020. All contributions for 2020 must be received prior to that date. We cannot accept post-dated checks. If you have not yet contributed to the support of your parish, please consider making a donation this Christmas!

Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 23 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....	\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....	\$51.00
Last week's envelopes.....	\$6,241.00
Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....	\$10,568.44

Diocesan Tax \$14,938.22

Received to Date.....	\$2,618.00
Still needed.....	\$12,320.22



Advent & Christmas 2020

All events and Masses for Advent and Christmas will be live-streamed. They are also subject to change based upon the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay up to date by liking our Facebook page, Congregation of St. Mary's/St. Paul's or St. Philomena Altar Society.

Advent Reconciliation

To keep our priests and parishioners healthy, we will forgo the communal penance liturgies at both parishes this Advent. You can take advantage of private reconciliation times at your convenience. The reconciliation room has been set up in a safe way and is waiting for you to make room in your heart for the Christ Child before Christmas.

Tuesdays: 4:30-4:55 p.m. (MP)

Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. (B)

Thursdays: 7:00-7:25 a.m. (MP)

Fridays: 7:00-7:25 a.m. (MP)

Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 p.m. (MP)

Sundays: 11:30 a.m. (B)

Anytime by calling the rectory: 987-2026

These times are subject to change by Father Michael's availability.

Christmas Pageants

Due to the pandemic, the children of our parishes will not be performing the annual Christmas pageants.

Join us for Christmas Mass!

We invite you and your family to participate in our Christmas Masses virtually or in-person. We will offer the following Mass times:

Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

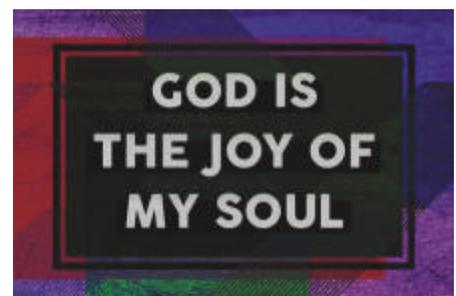
Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m.

Reservations will be required for these Masses. Please see your email for a virtual sign-up, or call the parish office. We will have a taped Mass ready for everyone who cannot come in-person.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31: 4:00 p.m. (B)

January 1: 9:00 a.m. (MP)





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