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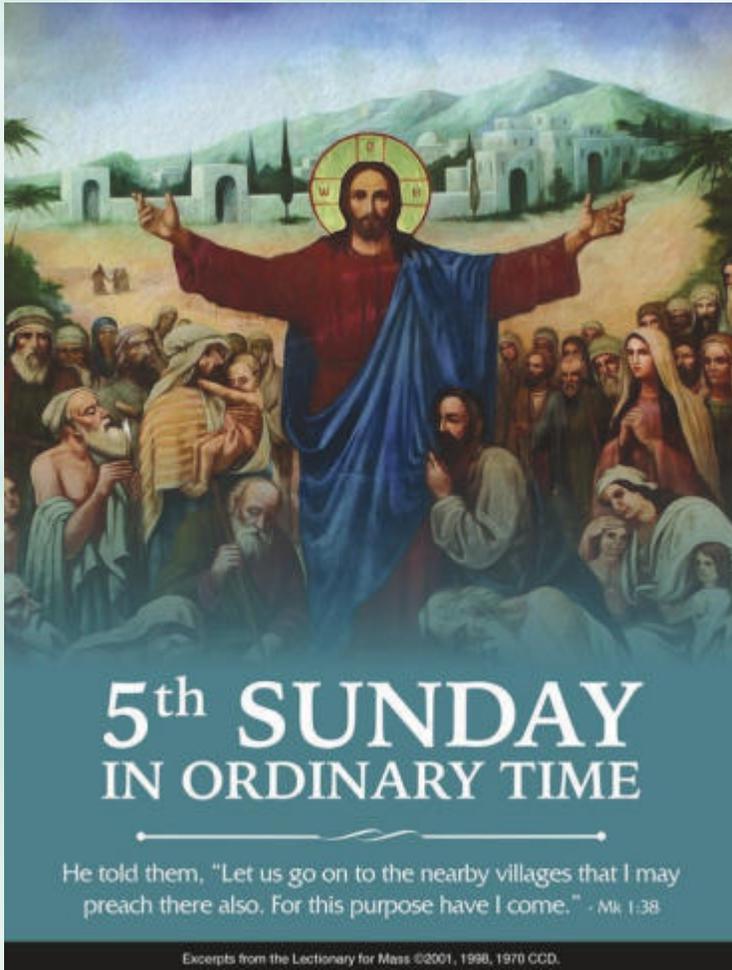
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Belmont, Wisconsin

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear how Job struggled to find meaning and hope in his life. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the "gospel" (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

Gospel:

We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm † Eleanor Graber

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 7

8:00 am † Elizabeth, Albert & Andy Lavery

10:30 am † William Dundas (at St. Philomena, Belmont)

Monday, February 8

No Mass today

Tuesday, February 9

4:00 pm Adoration/Holy Hour for Vocations

5:15 pm † Alexandra Faerber

Wednesday, February 10 - St. Scholastica

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

Thursday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 am † Msgr. Mike Burke

Friday, February 12 - St.

7:30 am † Bob Regan (rescheduled from 4/4/20)

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm † Tony & Alice Mihelcic

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 14

8:00 am † Greg Carey

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 am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted. (Ps 147)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. (Mk 1:34)

St. Philomena's News!



Liturgical Roles for Next weekend, February 14

Lector: Steve Houtakker

Altar Society Election Results Are In!

We want to thank all of you for participating in this year's Altar Society election. We are happy to announce that our new officers are Dana Harcus, Co-President; and Kristin Galle, Secretary. We look forward to working with these two, and are hopeful that we will be able to host more of our yearly events this year. We will be mailing out the new Altar Society packets with the group lists soon, please watch for these. We would also like to thank both Dawn Lee and Jen Mailloux for their time served as officers. We greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication to the Altar Society.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to myself, Brooke Wiese, President, at 608-778-4866; or Lauren Runde, Treasurer, at 608-574-4041.

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 17th

St. Philomena's will be holding Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM on February 17th.

Church Custodian

St. Philomena's is currently seeking a custodian to clean the church every week. It typically takes about an hour a week to do and is a paid position. Please contact the parish rectory if interested: 608-762-5446.

Pick-Up Only Fish Fry at St. Joseph's School

St. Joseph's School in Sinsinawa, WI is holding a pick-up only fish fry from 4:00 – 7:30 PM on Friday, February 19. Meals are \$15 each, and must be pre-ordered. All orders must be turned in by Wednesday, February 3rd. To access the pre-order form, visit [https://stjosephcs.webs.com/Church-Bulletin/Pre-Order%20Form%20\(1\)-Fish.pdf](https://stjosephcs.webs.com/Church-Bulletin/Pre-Order%20Form%20(1)-Fish.pdf) or call St. Joseph's School at 608-748-4442. All proceeds will go to St. Joseph's School.

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!

Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal 2021 *"The Kingdom of God is at Hand"*

On February 13-14, Father Michael will lead the in-pew process for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Those who have not made a pledge by mail will be asked to do so at this time. You will also be sent a special edition of the Catholic Herald on February 11 where you will have the opportunity to make a gift, as well. Please read the annual appeal tabloid that is in your bulletin today. It provides a detailed explanation of the use of the funds that you are asked to give. This appeal funds many ministries throughout the diocese and helps many in need. Each household is asked to make a generous gift. In doing so, please consider making a pledge, payable over six months. On February 13-14, one member from each household will be asked to fill out a commitment envelope during mass. Thank you in advance for your support of our parish, the diocese and the work of the church throughout the world.

Belmont/Mineral Point Area Happenings

St. Ambrose Academy Face- book Live Virtual Open House

Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m., Angela Hinline – Director of Enrollment and Learning Services Specialist – will host a Facebook Live Open House for St. Ambrose Academy.

Featuring live faculty members who will showcase the academic advantages of Catholic classical education for 6th-12th grade and answer your questions! Contact Angela with any specific questions at angela.hinline@ambroseacademy.org.

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Worldwide Marriage Encoun- ter Has Gone Virtual

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Bring your marriage to its fullest on the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience during Lent, February 18 - March 31 once per week of roughly two hours each. Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

February Pasty Sale

We again are partnering with the Walker House to offer a safe sale. We will hold pick up on Saturday, February 20 at the Catholic Center gym entrance from **8:30-9:30 a.m.**

Orders may be placed by calling the Catholic Center Office at 987-3361 or emailing stmarypaul@msn.com. Orders will stop once we hit 500.

Cemetery Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center. Damian Lenshek, Diocesan Cemetery Director, will be here to give a presentation on cemetery administration, protocol and regulations.

Parish Council & Building & Grounds Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Catholic Center meeting room. If you prefer to attend virtually, please contact the parish office. The Building and Grounds Committee (Brad Berget, Brian Busch, Fr. Michael, Caleb Mitchell) will meet on Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church to discuss a few upcoming projects. Please make every effort to attend.

Looking for Bids

Our Cemetery Committee is accepting bids for the maintenance of our cemeteries.

Maintenance required: mow and trim cemeteries and clean up trash, old flowers, etc. The awarded bidder will need to provide their own mower, fuel and trimmer. Bids can be on both cemeteries or each one separately. Awarded bidder would be paid monthly.

Bids are due by February 15 and should be sent to: Congregation of St. Mary's/Paul's, 224 Davis Street, Mineral Point, WI 53565.

Curious about our parish statistics? Here is a breakdown of information for St. Mary/Paul from January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020:

Baptisms: 9
First Holy Communions: 7
Confirmations: 0
Marriages: 3
Deaths: 22
Registered families: 318
Breakdown of giving:
\$0 - \$50: 20.4%
\$50 - \$100: 11.7%
\$100 - \$200: 28%
\$200 - \$500: 20.9%
\$500 - \$1,000: 8.6%
\$1,000 - \$7,000: 10.4%

Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 31 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....\$83.00
Last week's envelopes.....\$1,194.00
Online Giving for January..\$3,689.89
Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....\$31,939.89

Diocesan Tax \$14,938.22

Received to Date.....\$3,204.00
Still needed.....\$11,734.22

Lent 2021

Lent is right around the corner! We will include a bulletin insert next weekend with all of these dates and times, but here are some upcoming Lenten prayer opportunities:

Ash Wednesday Masses

7:00 a.m.- Mass with Distribution of Ashes (MP)

8:30 a.m.- Mass with Distribution of Ashes (Belmont)

12:15 p.m.- Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes* (MP)

5:15 p.m.- Mass with Distribution of Ashes (MP)

7:00 p.m.- Mass with Distribution of Ashes (Belmont)

Instead of making a cross on foreheads this year, ashes will be sprinkled on the crown of our heads so there is no contact between the priest & ash ministers and the congregation. This is how Ash Wednesday was celebrated in the ancient church, so Pope Francis has instructed all parishes to use this ancient form of ash distribution for safety this year.

**The 12:15 p.m. Liturgy of the Word and Ashes will be a short prayer service for those who work or would like to come to church with fewer people present. A lay minister will lead this prayer service with ashes. Consider coming if you do not want to be in church around others for very long.*

Stations of the Cross at Mineral Point

Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. (after Ash Wednesday Mass)

Wednesday, February 24 at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3 at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10 at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday March 24 at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 28 at 5:15 p.m. (Palm Sunday evening)

Wednesday, March 31 at 5:15 p.m.

Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. (Good Friday evening)

Communal Penance Liturgy at both Mineral Point & Belmont

Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. - There will be area priests available at both parishes this evening for reconciliation. Our regular daily reconciliation times will remain throughout Lent.

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

Lenten Prayer Materials are in the back of church. Please take anything that we have available that will help you delve deeper into your personal Lenten journey. Easter Flower Envelopes are also available. These are due back to the offertory or Parish Office by Monday, March 29. We will plan to keep fresh Easter plants and flowers in church throughout the Easter season, so any donations will be greatly appreciated.



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