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Mineral Point, Wisconsin



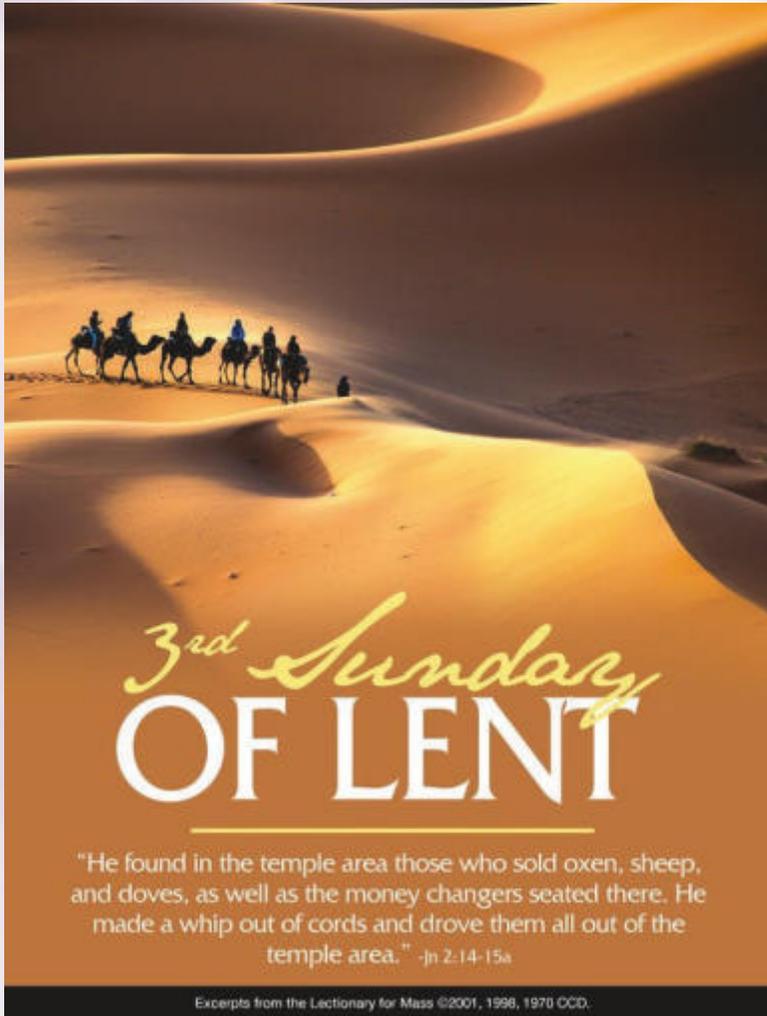
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Belmont, Wisconsin

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Third Sunday of Lent



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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.

Third Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

Gospel:

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, March 6

5:00 pm † Mary Lou Doney

Third Sunday of Lent, March 7

8:00 am For Parishioners

10:30 am † Alice VanBogaert (at St. Philomena, Belmont)

Monday, March 8

No Mass today

Tuesday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

4:00 pm Adoration/Holy Hour for Vocations

5:15 pm † Alexandra Faerber

Wednesday, March 10

8:30 am † Florence & Alvin Tashner (at St. Philomena, Belmont)

5:15 pm Stations of the Cross (MP)

Thursday, March 11

7:30 am For Peace

Friday, March 12

7:30 am † Dan Horvat

Saturday, March 13

5:00 pm † Eleanor & Scott Graber

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14

8:00 am † Gilbert & Anna Mae Steffes

10:30 am † Lloyd Houtakker (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:

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)

Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

Gospel:

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

St. Philomena's News!

Liturgical Roles for Next weekend, March 14

Lector: Steve Houtakker



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!

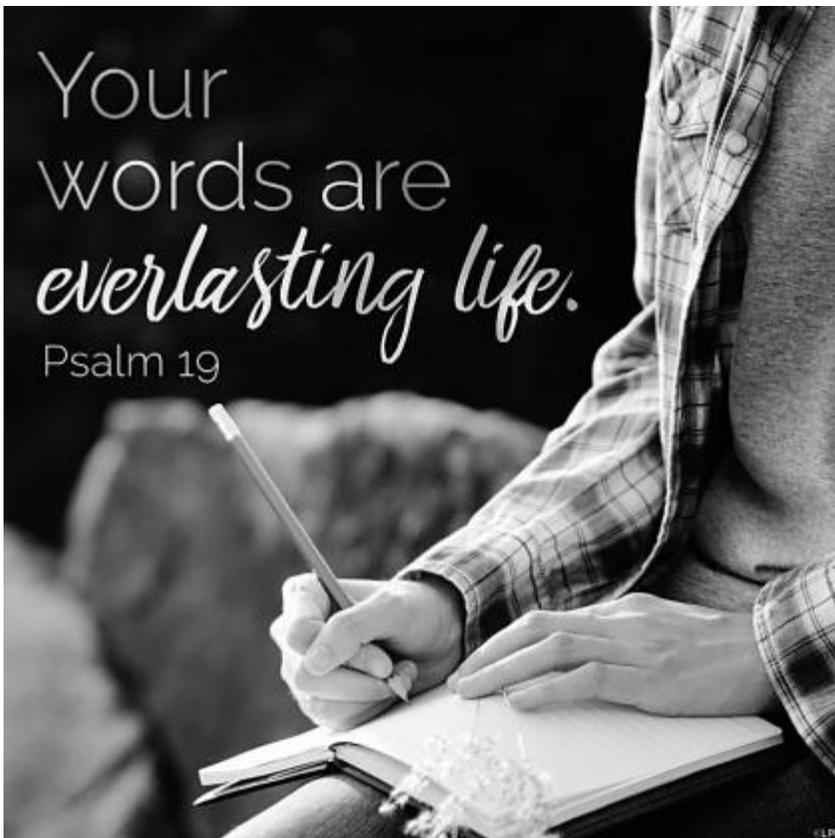
Deepen Your Faith With the Catholic Herald Issue of March 11

This week's Catholic Herald includes a special section on building and renovation. The paper will also continue to feature Lenten fish fries throughout the diocese.

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

Can Collection Moving to New Location

Beginning April 1 we will no longer be collecting cans at the Catholic Center. Cans may now be dropped off at the Wrestling Club collection area between Badger Welding and Point Foods. Thanks for your past several years of support!



Belmont/Mineral Point Area Happenings

St. Pat's Drive-Thru Dinner

Sunday, March 14 at Ss. Anthony & Philip Parish, 726 Main St., Highland. Serving 10:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Meal #1: Corned beef & cabbage, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, deviled eggs, salad, roll, homemade desert.

Meal #2: Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, salad, deviled eggs, roll, homemade desert

Drive-thru only, \$12.00. Come Celebrate our Irish Heritage!

Rural Resiliency: Caring for You and Yours

4 Week Webinar Series: March 9, 16, 23 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. (Tuesday nights)

This webinar series is a discussion starter and healthy mindset promoter for dealing with rural behavioral and brain health, communication skills, and relationship enrichment for self, marriage and families. Farm families and those who work with them as consultants or neighbors are encouraged to attend. Local churches or ag businesses are encouraged to host a community site, following COVID restrictions, to allow farmers and interested rural associates to come together for group discussion and support. Rev. Dr. Larry Tranel, Pastoral Psychologist and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Specialist is the featured speaker for:

March 9: Personality Keys When "Married" to Farm Stress

March 16: Dealing with the Stresses of Men, Women, and Children

March 23: Brain and Behavioral Health "Hacks" to Mitigate Distress

Questions can be directed to: tranel@iastate.edu. Registration is available at: <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/stress>. "This material is based upon work supported by USDA/NIFA under Award Number 2018-70027-28586."

**Parish Council Meeting
03/02/2021**

Members Present: Troy Pittz (President), Elaine Busch (Vice-President), Bob Janetka, Lynne Paradis, Ted Moellers, Marcia Wagner, Erin Guler

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr. Michael, Kris Potterton, Ray Norman, Caleb Mitchell

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Father Michael lead us in the "Go Make Disciples" prayer.

Council minutes from the December meeting were approved with Bob Janetka motioning and Elaine Busch seconding the motion.

Father Michael's Report included an update on the Evangelization team. Our team has been meeting once per month with a Catholic author from Dubuque and with a diocesan representative. They will start meeting twice per month in March. Our parish was also a recipient of a grant from the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities to install a hearing loop in the church. This new system was installed at the end of February and makes it easier for those with hearing disabilities to hear at Mass.

Old Business:

- The big tree in front of church will be trimmed and have the dead parts removed this spring by Brad Connors from Argyle.
- Nate Chambers and crew will finish the tuck-pointing of the church foundation in early summer.
- John Christenson will replace and repair the rectory railing this spring.
- The church attic needs to be inspected this spring for electrical safety. The electrician that completes that will also be asked to check out the old wiring on the main lights in church, as they are aging.
- Mark Wallace will take the old exhaust fan out of the rectory attic and replace the roof on the Catholic Center basement entrance this spring.

New Business:

- Erin Guler, Ted Moellers, and Lynne Paradis' terms are expiring in June. We are looking for three parishioners to fill their spots on the council. If anyone is interested in being on the council, please let the parish office know. We need to fill these spots before June.
- Pasty Sales in partnership with the Walker House were successful this year. March will be our last sale this spring. We hope to be back to our regular sale format in the fall.
- Father Michael suggested we find a way to reach out to the lonely, poor, homeless, and those who need help in our community. It was agreed to approach the UCC church about helping with their monthly free meals.
- The Cemetery Committee gave an update on a recent meeting they had with a Diocesan representative. They will be accomplishing some legal work with the help of the Diocese in the coming months. They also accepted a bid to mow both cemeteries this summer.
- The council voted to stop collecting cans. The price of cans has dropped and we are no longer able to support the Humane Society through these cans. We are letting the wrestling club take the cans. Starting on April 1, we will no longer collect cans.
- The Church interior is the next big item on the list for upcoming projects. The council agreed to go with a bid from Coplien painting in Monroe. This will take place after Christmas next year. The total cost of the project will be \$63,516. It has been 30 years since the church was last repainted and is in need of some freshening up. We will initiate a fund drive to help us raise some of the money to get this project done. With this project, we are exploring the possibility of changing the church lighting to LED. This would be done at the same time as the painting.
- The Finance Committee held a meeting on March 1. They reported that the parish is in good financial shape following the COVID-19 stay at home order and the restrictions on the number of people we can have at Mass. The Committee was informed that the church stair loan will be completely paid off this month. Thanks to everyone who donated to make this possible!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Caleb Mitchell

Lenten Calendar

Keep this calendar handy so you can participate in all of our parish Lenten activities.

Stations of the Cross at Mineral Point

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.

"Witness to Love" Mentor Couple

We are in need of a mentor couple for the Diocese's new marriage program. This couple will walk our engaged couples through the Witness to Marriage program, which includes them meeting with Fr. Michael, our FOCCUS couple Steve & Denise Gorgen, and answering questions they may have about faithful married life. In essence, this mentor couple would be like a support group to the engaged couples, helping them to live out a Christ-centered marriage. If you would be interested or would like more information, contact Father Michael after Mass or contact him by phone, 987-2026.

Offerings for the Poor

During Lent, we are called to give alms and pray for those who are poor or marginalized. To help this effort, we have placed a drop box for any donations you wish to give to the poor or those in need in the front entry of the church. This can include loose coins or bills or gift cards. No checks, please. We are called to help all people, just as Christ did.

Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 35 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....\$2,510.00

Last week's offertory.....\$132.00

Last week's envelopes.....\$2,610.00

Online Giving for Feb.....\$2,941.38

Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....\$34,001.54

Diocesan Tax \$14,938.22

Received to Date.....\$3,899.00

Still needed.....\$11,039.22



Our Church is now equipped with a Hearing Loop. If you have a hearing aid and the T-Coil is activated, just turn it on. If you are unsure and need help, please call the Parish Office.

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