

Ss. Mary and Paul Parish

Mineral Point, Wisconsin



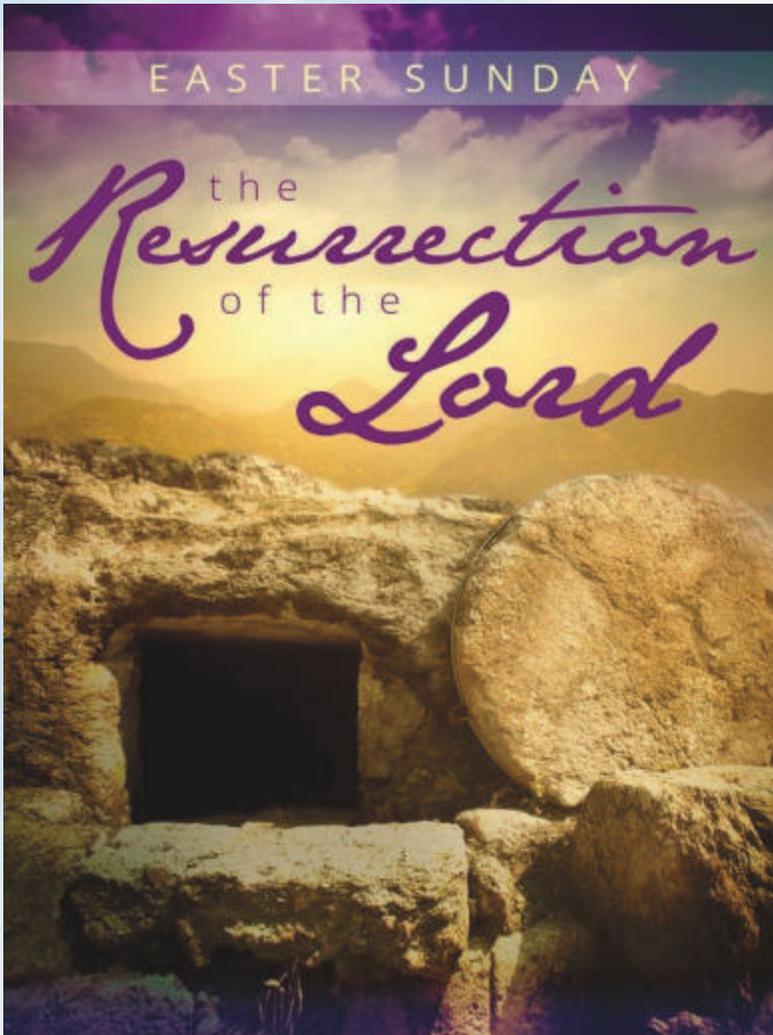
St. Philomena Parish

Belmont, Wisconsin

Father Michael Tarigopula, Pastor

APRIL 4, 2021

Easter Sunday



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.

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

Gospel:

Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?

Liturgies of the Week

Holy Saturday, April 3

7:30 pm For Parishioners

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30 am † Sandy Moore Cody

9:00 am † John & Irene Hickok Family

11:00 am † Janet Vondra (at St. Philomena, Belmont)

Monday, April 5

No Mass today

Tuesday, April 6

4:00 pm Adoration/Holy Hour for Vocations

5:15 pm † Jim & Ag Knudson

Wednesday, April 7

8:30 am For Parishioners of St.

Philomena (at St. Philomena, Belmont)

Thursday, April 8

7:30 am † Alexandra Faerber

Friday, April 9

7:30 am † Don & Theresa Hawkins

Saturday, April 10

5:00 pm † Francis & Helen Basting

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 11

8:00 am For Parishioners

10:30 am † Ann Wedige Pizarro (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.



Next weekend, April 10/11

Servers

5:00 pm Regan & Faye Schuette

8:00 am Emily, Lily & Rachel Heisner

10:30 am Volunteers (B)

Commentator/Reader

5:00 pm Betty Oellerich & Mike Marr

8:00 am Mary Graber & Brad Berget

10:30 am Steve Houtakker (B)

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm Trudy Clark

8:00 am Mary Graber

10:30 am Steve Houtakker (B)

St. Philomena's News!

Liturgical Roles for Next weekend, April 11

Lector: Steve Houtakker



Census at St. Philomena's

St. Philomena's files are in need of an update - so we are asking all parishioners to fill out our census forms. There are envelopes at the back of the church stuffed and labeled for everyone in our system, please come in and pick up your envelope! Along with providing us your contact and sacramental information, we ask that you also fill out one time and talent form for each member of your household. If you can't find an envelope with your name on it, please take some blank forms and fill them out. Once you've completed these forms, you can drop them off in the collection at Mass, in the church lobby, or you can mail them in. Please return all census forms by May 2nd. Thank you in advance for helping us with this project! If there are any questions please contact the parish office at 608-762-5446 or st.philomena5446@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is looking for men seeking a career opportunity, representing their insurance program as a Field Agent. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. One must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Tim Nowak, General Agent, at (920) 462-4100, or by email at timothy.nowak@kofc.org or check us out at www.kofcwi.org

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!

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Belmont/Mineral Point Area Happenings

Reopening of the Dickeyville Grotto Store

First Communion time in parishes is quickly approaching. The Dickeyville Grotto Gift Store will be open daily from 10:00 am-3:00 p.m. beginning April 1. There is a nice selection of First Communion gifts as well as Baptism, Confirmation and other special occasions. The store will be closed on Easter Sunday. If any religion teachers or priests are interested in purchasing, no tax will be charged as long as you have your parish tax exempt number. If you have questions, please call 608-568-3119 or 608-778-5558.

Women's Day of Reflection on Gratitude

Sponsored by St. Joseph's Parish in Dodgeville

Date: Saturday May 8, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. - noon

Location: St. Joseph's Church, Dodgeville

Cost: \$10.00/person

Speaker Presentation: Led by Sisters of Mary Morning Star from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Monona, WI

Please call 608-574-4010 or email clawinger@mhtc.net to pre-register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on April 9-11 in Brookfield, WI or June 25-27 in Geneva, IL. There is a virtual experience on April 23-25. Visit our website at alife-timeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Deepen Your Faith With the Catholic Herald Issue of April 8

This week's issue features a special section with ideas and activities for living healthy. Bishop Donald J. Hying also offers his reflections in his weekly column "From the Bishop's Desk."

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.

Card Ministry Thanks!

A big thank you to some members of our card ministry, Anita & Brad Berget, Joni Martin, Calan Meylor, Marcia Wagner, and Lucille May for their hard work in getting an Easter card to all of our registered households and our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are shut-ins. We appreciate their effort to keep our parish connected and welcomed as we continue in the pandemic. If you would like to become involved with our card ministry, contact Anita Berget after Mass or at the parish office.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who served as liturgical ministers, sang in our small choirs, decorated the church and gave money for Easter flowers and plants, and offered your time and talents over the past few days of Holy Week. It is greatly appreciated!

Church Interior Painting Fund

If you are a registered parishioner, you should have received a mailing in the last two weeks with information on our upcoming church interior project. If you wish to give to this fund, please return the slip to the parish office, or place your offering in the offertory, marked "Church Painting". Thank you in advance for your support in helping to beautify our worship space!



Congratulations to
Easton Michael Prust
who received his
First Communion
this past weekend!

Knights of Columbus

Please return your Raffle Tickets to the offertory basket or to Tony by April 25.

Tootsie Rolls!

The K.C.'s will be selling Tootsie Rolls after Masses the next few weeks. Remember to bring extra cash! The proceeds will go to the Hodan Center.

Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 39 of the Fiscal Year

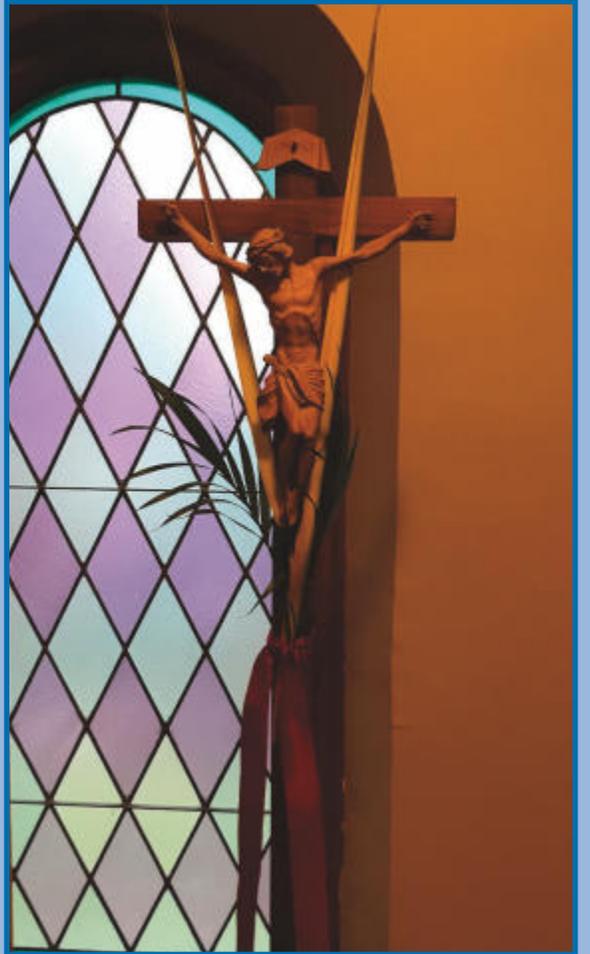
Needed each week.....	\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....	\$61.00
Last week's envelopes.....	\$1,934.00
Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....	\$33,581.54

Diocesan Tax \$14,938.22

Received to Date.....	\$4,992.00
Still Needed.....	\$9,946.22

Church Painting Donations

Received to date.....	\$6,600.00
Still Needed.....	\$56,400.00



Thank you to Jon Mitchell for designing and creating a new processional cross for the servers to carry in the entrance and recessional of the Mass. Our old one was falling apart and was too heavy for some younger servers to carry.

**We cannot give up
in the face of evil.
God is Love and he has
defeated evil through
Christ's death and
resurrection.**

— Pope Francis —



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