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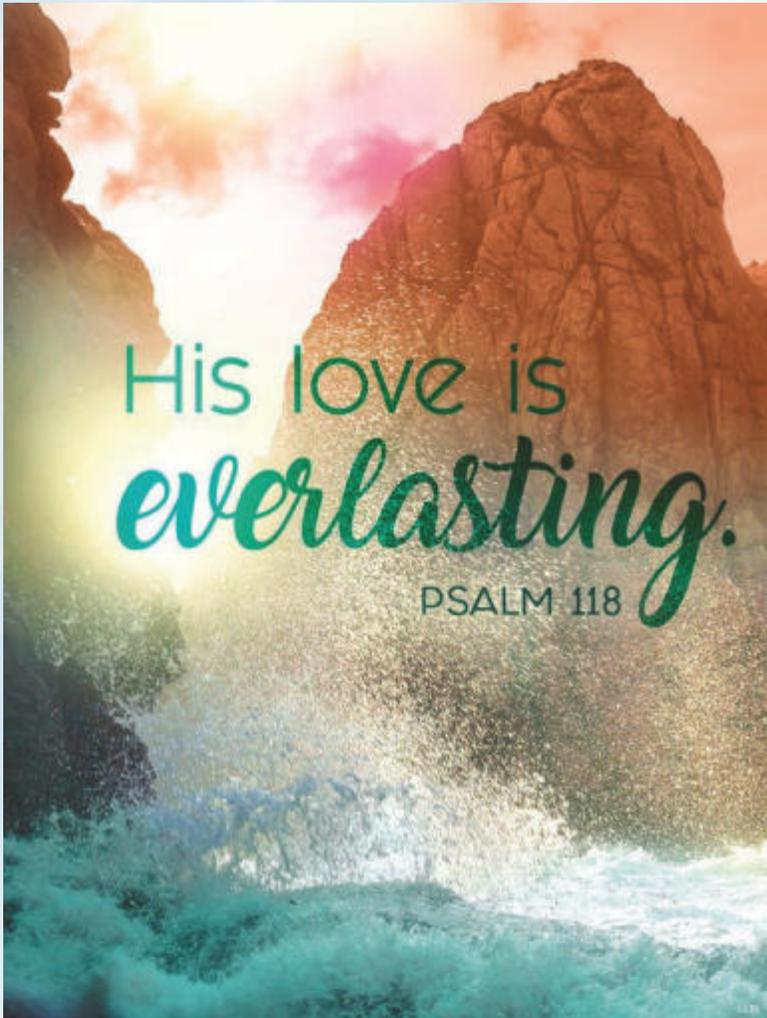
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Belmont, Wisconsin

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Second Sunday of Easter



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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.



Second Sunday of Easter

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us.

When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

Second Reading:

John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

Gospel:

The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

Liturgies of the Week

Holy 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)

Monday, April 12

No Mass today

Tuesday, April 13 - St. Martin I

4:00 pm Adoration/Holy Hour for Vocations

5:15 pm † For All Souls

Wednesday, April 14

8:30 am For Priests and Religious of the Archdiocese and Dioceses in Wisconsin (at St. Philomena, Belmont)

Thursday, April 15

7:30 am † Tom Doyle

Friday, April 16

7:30 am In Thanksgiving for Father Michael

Saturday, April 17

5:00 pm † Mary Jo Ceniti

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 18

8:00 am † Nancy Greenwood

10:30 am † Francis Deutsch (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 17/18

Servers

5:00 pm Annabelle & Eleanor Busch

8:00 am Volunteers

10:30 am Volunteers (B)

Commentator/Reader

5:00 pm Bob Janetka & Steph Mohlmann

8:00 am Jackie Mihelcic & Mike Marr

10:30 am Jamie Dreger (B)

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm Bob Janetka

8:00 am Mike Marr

10:30 am Jamie Dreger (B)

St. Philomena's News!



Liturgical Roles for Next weekend, April 18

Lector: Jamie Dreger

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!

Angelus or Regina Coeli is a very ancient prayer centered on the Incarnation and the Resurrection of our Lord. This is the very ancient Catholic custom that has us stop what we are doing to greet our Blessed Mother for a moment (6:00 a.m., noon, 6:00 p.m. daily), as any good child remembers his mother during the day, and to meditate on the Incarnation and Resurrection of our Lord, which gives such meaning to our entire existence. The Regina Coeli is said during the Easter season. The Angelus is said during the rest of the year. The Easter prayer Regina Coeli ("Queen of Heaven" in Latin) is a wonderful tribute to our Lord's resurrection and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although its origins are unknown, it dates back to the 13th century. The Regina Coeli is one of four antiphons (short liturgical texts are sung or chanted, often as seen below, in a responsorial pattern) dedicated to Our Lady. Traditionally, it is prayed standing, often at noon, in place of another well-known prayer, the Angelus, during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday until Pentecost.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Belmont/Mineral Point

Area Happenings

Neighbors Supporting Neighbors

From April 19-25, Culver's of Dodgeville will donate \$1 of every Concrete Mixer sold to the Iowa County Cancer Coalition to assist Iowa County residents with their financial needs while fighting cancer. Treat yourself and help a great cause!

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.

St. Lawrence Seminary High School

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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!

CCW Scholarship

St. Mary's & St. Paul's graduating Seniors are invited to apply for a scholarship from our Council of Catholic Women. Applications can be picked up from the blue bin outside the office door and are due back by May 2.

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.



Congratulations to Donald and Lauren Turpin on the baptism of their son, Easton Mathew. May God bless them on this holy and happy day.



Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 40 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....\$221.00
Last week's envelopes.....\$3,949.00
Online Giving for March.....\$3,296.00
Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....\$38,316.54

Diocesan Tax \$14,938.22

Received to Date.....\$5,274.00
Still Needed.....\$9,664.22

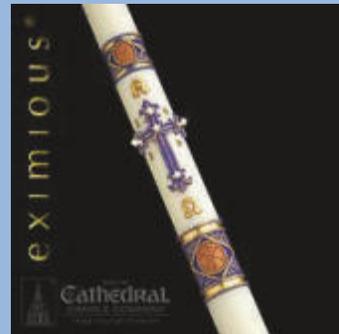
Church Painting Donations \$63,000

Received to date.....\$8,100.00
Still Needed.....\$54,900.00

Music and Liturgy Corner

Living our Liturgy: What is that big fancy candle all about?

Have you noticed the beautiful candle that appears next to the ambo each Easter? This special candle is called the Paschal Candle (or the Easter Candle). A new candle is blessed each Easter Vigil from the new fire that is prepared outside the church. This candle represents the light of the Risen Christ that banishes the darkness of sin and death. The Priest celebrant processes through the dark church on the Easter Vigil with this Easter candle as everyone follows with small candles that are lit from the Easter candle. Once the Easter candle is put in its holder the deacon (or if there is no deacon, like our parish, a cantor) will proclaim the Exultet, the poetic text praising God for the gift of this candle and its symbolism. This year's candle features a medallion of the Lamb of God, a symbol of Christ being a sacrificial lamb on the Cross. The blue bands on the top and bottom of the candle have bees imprinted on it. This symbolizes the work of the bees that allows us to have this beautiful beeswax candle. God's creation is always providing for us. The Easter candle is lit during each Mass during the Easter season, during funerals, and at baptisms. Stop up and take a closer look at the Easter Candle!



Singing During Mass

We will slowly reintroduce congregational singing during Masses in Mineral Point over the next few weekends. There have been many studies on the transmission of COVID-19 during singing, which have concluded that with the use of masks and distancing, singing is safe and does not spread particles any further than talking does. Many schools and choirs have successfully tested this in their rehearsals. Beginning this weekend, please join in singing the refrain of the Glory to God, the refrain Responsorial Psalm, the Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations (Holy, Holy, Save Us Savior, Amen, Lamb of God). These will be printed in the weekend Mass aids with the readings. Please contact Caleb Mitchell with questions or concerns. If COVID cases climb in our area again, the cantors will go back to proclaiming these parts of the Mass.

Easter Water

We have holy water bottles near the baptismal font for you to take the new Easter Water home since we cannot offer Holy Water in the fonts at church during the pandemic.



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