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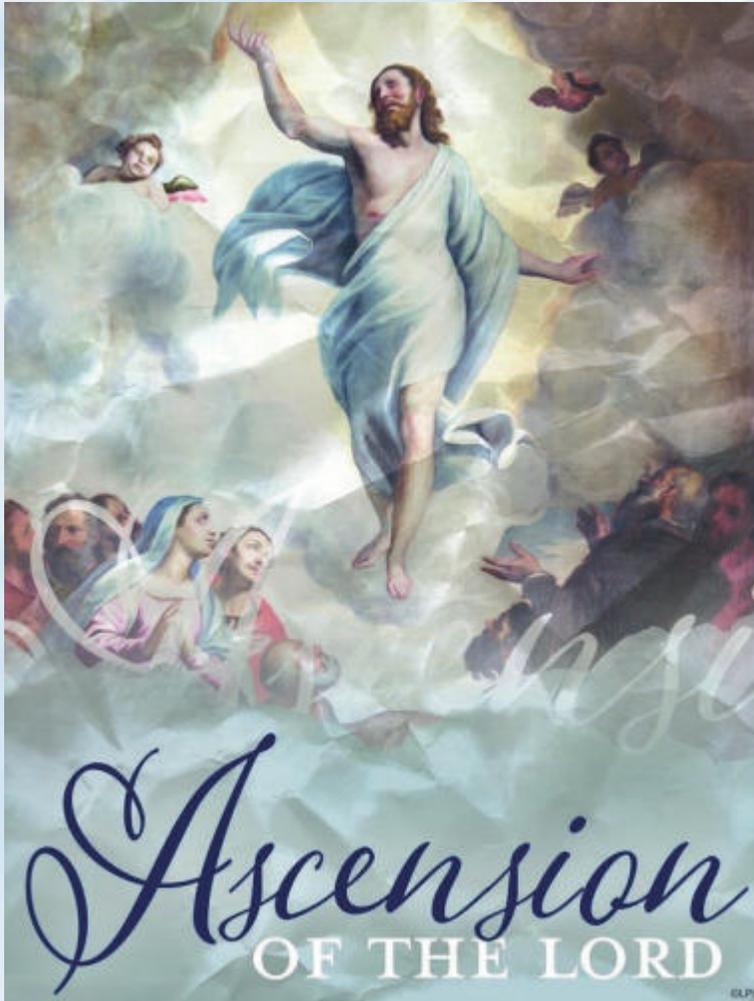


St. Philomena Parish

Belmont, Wisconsin

Father Michael Tarigopula, Pastor

MAY 16, 2021



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Heavenly Father, as you sent fiery tongues of the Holy Spirit on the Church gathered at Pentecost, so now send forth the same Spirit on the Diocese of Madison. In flame us with wisdom and courage, evangelizing zeal, and greater charity, that we may be renewed in the Heart of Your Son and come to live ever more deeply Your Trinitarian life of sacrificial love. Through the Sacraments and Scriptures, in personal prayer and service of neighbor, may each of us be renewed for the sake of the saving mission of the Church: to proclaim the Gospel to every creature and make disciples in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Ascension of the Lord

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Luke opens his story of the early Church (the Acts of the Apostles) with Jesus' ascension into heaven and Jesus' final command to be witnesses to the faith. In what ways do you pass your faith onto others?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Ephesians to use the gifts that God has given them to "build up the body of Christ" and to attain the "unity of faith." What are the gifts you use to foster unity in your faith community?

Gospel:

Mark's account of the ascension of Jesus includes a final commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel, baptize believers, drive our demons, and heal the sick. How well do you think the Church fulfills this commission today?

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, May 15

5:00 pm † Francis, Annabelle & Jerry Schaaf

The Ascension of the Lord, May 16

8:00 am † Ralph & Janice Pittz

10:30 am † Bill & Barb VanNatta (at St. Philomena, Belmont)

Monday, May 17

No Mass today

Tuesday, May 18 - St. John I

4:00 pm Adoration/Holy Hour for Vocations

5:15 pm † Rita Bork

Wednesday, May 19

8:30 am † Walter & Eleanor Sczesny (at St. Philomena, Belmont)

Thursday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena

7:30 am † Vincent, Jewelly & Rita McDermott

Friday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes

7:30 am † Mary Bossert

Saturday, May 22

5:00 pm † Nancy Graber

Pentecost Sunday, May 23

8:00 am For Parishioners

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



Next weekend, May 22/23

Servers

5:00 pm Annabelle & Eleanor Busch

8:00 am Joe Gevelinger, Emily Heisner, Gage Federman

10:30 am Briggs Leightzinger (B)

Commentator/Reader

5:00 pm Karen Anderson & Betty Oellerich

8:00 am Steph Mohlmann & Mike Marr

10:30 am Kim Heinrichs (B)

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm Betty Oellerich

8:00 am Paula Schuette

Offertory Gifts

5:00 pm Jon & Kristin Mitchell Family

8:00 am Evangelization Team

Greeters

5:00 pm Karen Anderson & Joe Gevelinger

8:00 am Troy & Teresa Pittz & Eric

Ushers

5:00 pm Mike Schmitz, Brian Busch Jackson Busch, Todd Schmitz

8:00 am Craig Schuette, Ted Pittz Tony Pittz, Troy Pittz

St. Philomena's News!



Mark Your Calendars for May 23 for a Visit From Our Bishop!

Most Reverend Bishop Donald Hying is visiting St. Philomena's for the first time on Sunday, May 23. He will be celebrating Mass and praying for us at 10:30, please mark your calendars to come to Mass that day! This is very exciting and we cannot wait to welcome the Bishop to our parish.

Condolences for the Riechers Family

Our hearts go out to the Riechers Family as they mourn the loss of Marian Riechers, who passed away on Wednesday, April 28.

Condolences for the Wedig Family

Our hearts go out to the Wedig Family as they mourn the loss of Gerard Wedig, who passed away on Monday, May 10.

Madyn Ann Morrissey Baptized

Saint Philomena Parish congratulates Chad and Melanie Bonin on the Baptism of their daughter Madyn this past Sunday. By water and the Holy Spirit, she becomes a child of God and a temple of the Holy Spirit. Freed of original sin, she is heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. God bless you, Madyn, and your family on this happy and holy occasion.

Thank you to the Heinrichs Family!

We would like to thank Jamie and Kelly Heinrichs and Family for their donation of the Easter Lilies this year. They bring so much beauty and color to the Altar during Easter time. We are so grateful to have members who donate their time and money to make sure our church is always looking its best.

Updates on the Church Renovation Project

Our Church has begun a renovation project on May 3, 2021. This will happen in two phases: the first phase will encompass the sanctuary. New tiles will be installed. We will also include some decorative elements to accent the Tabernacle area behind the altar. The first phase is almost done!

The second phase will include carpeting the nave of the Church, the vestibule, the cry room, and replacing the pews. Our current pews will be removed and replaced with new oak pews. Parishioners may donate money for a new pew as an individual, as a family, or in memory of their loved ones. The total cost per pew comes to \$1,785.00. Parishioners may also donate towards tiles and for the new carpeting. Throughout the history of Saint Philomena parish, parishioners have generously contributed to these special projects in various ways. We kindly request your support now as well.

Below is a breakdown of the costs:

Pews - \$46,930.97

Tiles - \$20,023.00

Carpet - \$17,625.00

Total cost is: \$84,578.97

Thank you in advance for your continuing support and generous response to the needs of our parish community.

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!

Belmont/Mineral Point Area Happenings

Outdoor Rosary

There will be an Outdoor Rosary today, Sunday, May 16, 1:00 p.m. at Mary's Rosary Garden on the Wiesbrook Farm, 775 Hwy. DDD, Mineral Point. Please bring your own chairs. Call for directions - 608-574-1344.

Women of Our Parish – You are Invited!!

The Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Madison Diocese to the MDCCW Annual Convention to be held the morning of June 12. This virtual gathering will be filled with music, prayerful time, messages from His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bishop Donald Hying, Bishop of Madison, and others. Virtually gather with women from our Diocese to celebrate 100 years of the NCCW experience.

All women who register by May 28 will be given a link to the virtual convention. The first 100 women to register will receive a convention packet filled with information about the Council's many activities within the Madison Diocese.

For further information on the Convention, go to our MDCCW website: mdccw.com. To register, click on the red item: Information and Registration Form (<https://forms.gle/wdQ2mQa3k7e6ZYrk8>)

Join us Saturday, June 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You will be happy that you did!

This weekend the **National Combined Collection** is being conducted across the diocese. Enclosed in this bulletin is a brochure explaining all of the individual collections. Please consider how you can make a difference in the lives of so many across this country.

Bishop Hying's Visit

Bishop Hying will be celebrating Mass with both of our parishes next Sunday, May 23 for Pentecost! Please join us at either the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Mineral Point or the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Belmont to welcome the Bishop to our area. We are hoping to have the church safely filled that morning. Please wear red that day as we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming!

Church Interior Painting Fund

Donations can be returned 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!

May: The Month of Mary

Pope Francis has announced that during May, the month of Mary, he has inaugurated a Rosary marathon. All Catholics are asked to pray a Rosary a day for the month for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to pray the Rosary before all Masses during the month of May. Join us!



For many years our 1st grade CCD class has chosen a theme and helped their teacher to create a quilt. Once again, Cathy Wiesbrook did the teaching and the sewing. Kinsley Mitchell was the lucky winner of the quilt. The 1st graders sold \$1 raffle tickets and voted to give the money they raised to the hospital. Accepting their \$226 on behalf of the Upland Hills Health Foundation is Bob Janetka. Pictured are Hudson Schaaf, Liam Wilson, Lincoln Terrill, Kinsley Mitchell, Ava Steffes, Jayne Palzkill, Gracyn Walter, Wynn Campbell and Mari Dolphin.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Center.

To get more information on the K.C.'s, check out this link: www.kofc.org/joinus

Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 45 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....	\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....	\$166.00
Last week's envelopes.....	\$1,412.00
Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....	\$37,669.24

Diocesan Tax \$14,938.22

Received to Date.....	\$6,207.00
Still Needed.....	\$8,731.22

Church Painting Donations \$63,000

Received to date.....	\$14,490.00
Still Needed.....	\$48,510.00

Music and Liturgy Corner

Living our Liturgy: *The Symbols of the Bishop*

In preparation for Bishop Hying's visit next weekend, you may see that he comes with some special pieces of clothing. Below is an adapted explanation of the Bishop's vesture from Detroit Catholic:

When a priest of the Roman Catholic Church becomes a bishop, he is entitled to wear certain vestments and utilize specific liturgical adornments.

Mitre: A pointed headwear worn only by the pope, cardinals, bishops and occasionally abbots, the mitre is of Roman origin. It derived from a non-liturgical papal head covering called the "camelaucum," a helmet-shaped cap. Use of the mitre began as early as the eighth century and has evolved through many shapes and designs. By about 1100 to 1150 A.D., the custom of wearing the mitre was common among bishops.

Crosier: A symbol of episcopal office since the early days of the Church, the crosier is given to bishops during the consecration liturgy. Durandus, an early Church writer, explained the significance of the crosier: "The end is sharp to goad the slothful, the middle is straight to signify righteous rule, while the head is bent to draw in and attract souls to the way of God." It is a modern-day shepherd's staff.

Ring: Worn on the fourth finger of the right hand, the ring is a sign of a bishop's betrothal to his Church. A decree from Pope Boniface IV in 610 A.D. and documents from the Fourth Council of Toledo in 633 A.D. are the first recorded mentions of a ring as an ornament of the office of bishop. Also in the 600s, St. Isidore of Seville declared that the ring of a bishop is "an emblem of pontifical dignity.

Pectoral Cross: The latest episcopal ornament to be adopted, the "Crux Pectoralis" is worn by the pope, cardinals, bishops, abbots and other prelates entitled to use the pontifical insignia. The first mention made of the pectoral cross as part of pontifical ornament is by Innocent III, and its use as such only became customary toward the close of the Middle Ages. It is worn on the chest attached to a chain or silken cord. While the pectoral crosses in use today are relatively modest, they are made of some precious metal. In the past, these crosses tended to be more ornamented, with diamonds, pearls or similar embellishment, and contained either the relics of a saint or a particle of the Holy Cross.

Let us welcome our Bishop with joy next Sunday morning to both Masses!

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