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Pentecost Sunday



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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.





Pentecost Sunday

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

Liturgies of the Week

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)

Monday, May 24

No Mass today

Tuesday, May 25 - *St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magalene de' Pazzi*

4:00 pm Adoration/Holy Hour for Vocations

5:15 pm † John & Bill Schroeder

Wednesday, May 26 - *St. Philip Neri*

8:30 am † Rita Cordts (at St. Philomena, Belmont)

Thursday, May 27 - *St. Augustine of Canterbury*

7:30 am For the Health of Steve Palzkill

Friday, May 28

7:30 am † Mary Rink

Saturday, May 29

5:00 pm † John Carey

The Most Holy Trinity, Sunday, May 30

8:00 am † Curly Schmitz

10:30 am † Max Fink (at St. Philomena, Belmont)



Next weekend, May 29/30

Commentator/Reader

5:00 pm Mike Marr & Bob Janetka

8:00 am Cassie Schmitz & Mary Graber

10:30 am Volunteer Needed (B)

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm Bob Janetka

8:00 am Mary Graber

Servers

5:00 pm Malea Aschliman

8:00 am Emily, Lily & Rachel Heisner

10:30 am Wyatt & Charlotte Temperly (B)

Ushers

5:00 pm Steve Gorgen, Brian Graber
Joe Weier, Kevin Weier

8:00 am Confirmation Students

Greeters

5:00 pm Bob Janetka & Paula Schuette

8:00 am Caleb Mitchell & Jackie Mihelcic

Offertory Gifts

5:00 pm Joe & Lisa Weier Family

8:00 am Confirmation Students

St. Philomena's News!



Estate Planning Webinar

The Wisconsin Knights of Columbus are hosting a free webinar on June 3, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The topic that night will be Estate Planning. Attorney Dan Purtell & General Field Agent Tim Nowak will discuss different aspects of estate planning and what steps might help your family become protected by the pitfalls. Plus, how to most tax efficiently transfer wealth to future generations! This webinar is open to all parishioners, please sign up at: <https://www.kofcwi.org/live-events>

Hope to see you there!

Updates on the Church Renovation Project

Our Church has begun a renovation project. This will happen in two phases: the first phase encompassed the sanctuary. New tiles were installed. We also included some decorative elements to accent the Tabernacle area behind the altar.

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: \$84,578.97

Received to Date: \$ 1,785.00

Still Needed: \$82,793.97

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!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The descent of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, which marked the beginning of the Church, was a transformative experience for the followers of Jesus. What have been some transformative experiences for you in your faith journey?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks to the Galatians about our universal struggle between the Spirit and the flesh. Paul even lists examples of the "works of the flesh" and the "fruits of the Spirit." How would you measure your own success in this spiritual battle?

Gospel:

Jesus assured his disciples that his Father would send the "Spirit of truth" to believers offering guidance and divine gifts. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?

Belmont/Mineral Point Area Happenings

Community Meal

Wednesday, May 26, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. offered at the Congregational United Church of Christ, Mineral Point. Curbside pickup at the 300 Maiden Street entrance. By RESERVATION ONLY. Please call 987-2478 by Monday, May 24. All are welcome!

Drive Thru Memorial Day Dinner

Monday, May 31 at Perry Lutheran Church, 1057 State Rd. 78, Daleyville. Menu includes Ham, Meatballs, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Bars/ Cookies. Drive thru only from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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!

Support COVID-19 Relief in India

If you are interested in helping COVID-19 relief in India, Catholic Relief Services is running a fund drive. To donate, visit www.crs.org

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!



Garden Flowers Needed

As we start into Summer Ordinary Time, we will take donations of garden flowers from your garden to use in the church environment. You can drop these off on Saturday mornings. The main church doors open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. We can arrange them in vases if needed.



Our parish would like to thank Marcia Wagner and Bill Fischer for their many hours of scraping and painting of the fence at St. Paul's Cemetery. Their patience and time will not go unnoticed!

Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 46 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....\$485.00
Last week's envelopes.....\$2,101.00
Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....\$37,260.24

Diocesan Tax \$14,938.22

Received to Date.....\$6,467.00
Still Needed.....\$8,471.22

April Cemetery Collection.....\$236.00

Church Painting Donations \$63,000

Received to date.....\$15,605.00
Still Needed.....\$47,395.00

Music and Liturgy Corner

Living our Liturgy: *Veni Creator Spiritus*

As we celebrate the Holy Spirit today, let us reflect on an ancient hymn of the Church, which you will hear at Mass this weekend. This was written in the 9th Century and has been used in the Pentecost Liturgy ever since.

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.

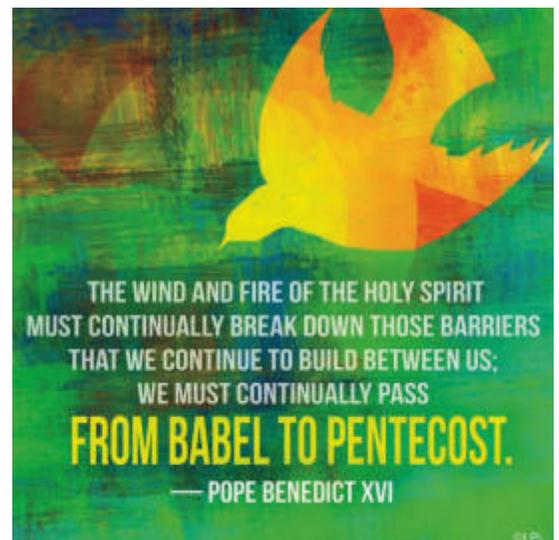
Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;
Thou, promise of the Father,
Thou Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
and grant us Thy peace instead;
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow
the Father and the Son to know;
and Thee, through endless times confessed,
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given,
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,
henceforth by all in earth and heaven. Amen.





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