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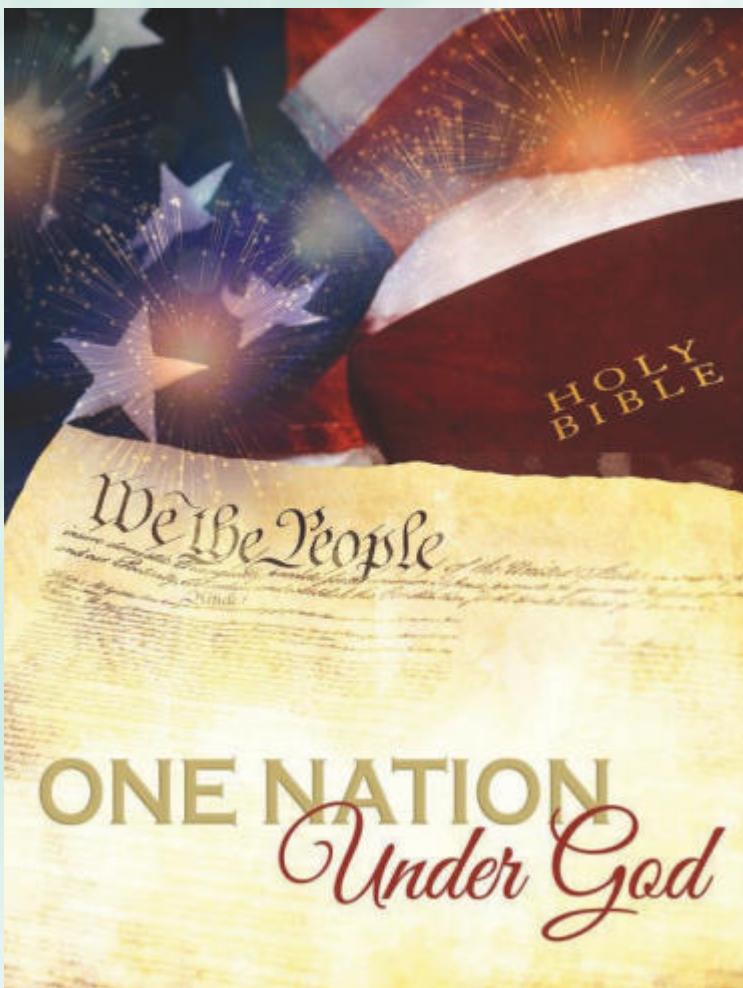
St. Philomena Parish

Belmont, Wisconsin

Father Michael Tarigopula, Pastor

JULY 4, 2021

*Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



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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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

Today's reading is an excerpt from the prophetic call Ezekiel received while in exile in Babylon (Ez 1:1-3:27). The Lord commissioned Ezekiel to go and confront the "rebellious house" of Israel. How do you imagine the Israelites received Ezekiel's message?

Second Reading:

Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?

Gospel:

Jesus was "amazed" at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus expected a different response. Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus?

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, July 3

5:00 pm † Bill & John Schroeder

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 4

8:00 am † Hobart & Mary Tredinnick

10:30 am † Jane Wedige (**at St. Philomena, Belmont**)

Monday, July 5

No Mass today

Tuesday, July 6

No Mass today

Wednesday, July 7

8:30 am † Jim & Mary Conney (**at St. Philomena, Belmont**)

Thursday, July 8

No Mass today

Friday, July 9

11:30 am † Ron Murphy

Saturday, July 10

5:00 pm † Helen & Francis Basting

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 11

8:00 am For Parishioners

10:30 am † Francis Deutsch (**at St. Philomena, Belmont**)

Please note that Father Michael will be gone on a vacation until Thursday so no daily Masses in Mineral Point until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 9.



Next weekend, July 10/11

Commentator/Reader

5:00 pm Joe Gevelinger & Mike Marr

8:00 am Cassie Schmitz & Brad Berget

10:30 am Steve Houtakker (B)

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm Barb Brown

8:00 am Paula Schuette

Servers

5:00 pm Malea Aschlman & Annabelle Busch

8:00 am Faye Schuette & Mya Wagner & Cowan & Giana Bishell

10:30 am Volunteers (B)

Ushers

5:00 pm Brian Busch, Jackson Busch
Brian Gruber, Scott Schmitz

8:00 am Confirmation Students

Greeters

5:00 pm Evangelization Team

8:00 am Confirmation Students

Offertory Gifts

5:00 pm Brian & Laura Busch Family

8:00 am Confirmation Students

St. Philomena's News!



Knights of Columbus Meeting

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting Tuesday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church basement.

Confirmation Retreat Thank You

Thank you Robert Brania and Jamie Dreger for organizing our Confirmation Retreat on June 30. And a special thanks to our virtual speakers Lizzie Haag and David Bosek! Below is a photo of our group.



Summer Religion Registration Due July 18

Summer Religion takes place from August 16-18 this summer. Families, please check your email for registration information and/or complete a paper registration form found on the table in the back of church. Registration permission forms can be mailed to the rectory or placed in the bin at the back of church and must be received by July 18 for students to receive a t-shirt. Contact Jamie Dreger or call the rectory if you have any questions.

Outdoor Movie Nights

All are welcome to join us at St. Philomena's for free family-friendly events featuring an outdoor movie complete with snacks and drinks. Bring your comfy lawn chair, family and friends. If weather doesn't cooperate the scheduled night, we will move the outdoor movie setup into the church basement. Join us the last Friday each month through September!

Movies start at 8:30 p.m.

Friday Night, July 30 - Prince of Egypt (PG)

Friday Night, August 27 - Facing the Giants (PG)

Friday Night, September 24 - Overcomer (PG)

Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office (608-762-5446).

Weekly Stewardship (St. Philomena)

Weekend of June 27

Envelopes.....\$790.00

Offertory.....\$61.00

Church Renovation (\$84,578.97)

Received to date.....\$36,010.00

Still Needed.....\$48,568.97

Belmont/Mineral Point

Area Happenings

Kieler Church Dinner & Picnic

Today, Sunday, July 4, featuring Deep Fried Chicken and Ham Dinner. Serving is from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$10 and carryout only. There will be limited seating in the gym with additional outside seating. Bingo and other games, refreshments and music. Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church.

Patriotic Rosary

Sunday, July 11, 1:00 p.m. at Mary's Rosary Garden on the Wiesbrook Farm. Come offer prayers for our country! All are welcome! For directions call 574-1344.

Biking For Babies Welcome

On July 12 the Biking for Babies Missionaries will be completing the first leg (159 miles) of their national ride. Come welcome these missionaries into Madison at the Women's Care Center at 3711 Orin Rd. They should be arriving shortly after 5:00 p.m. All are invited for a Mass at the Women's Care Center Chapel at 6:00, followed by a Potluck dinner. Meat, beverages and buns are provided. If you can attend, please sign up to bring a dish to pass at: <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/COFU4527>. For more information or questions, call Greg at 608-576-0991.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

"...and many who heard him were astonished." Jesus commands us to love one another. Learn to love your spouse more fully on the next in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on August 20-22 in Madison, WI; September 17-19 in Geneva, IL or October 15-17 in Madison, WI. There are virtual experiences on September 13 thru October 4 and November 13-14.

Visit our website at - alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Parish Council Updates to the Last Meeting's Minutes

In response to our last Council Meeting, where we discussed the sale of the current rectory, we have decided not to sell and move at this time. The thought of moving from the rectory has been floated around at the last few Council Meetings because of the cost of upkeep for the large rectory and that we will only ever have one priest, not two or more, any longer. We will keep up the rectory as long as our funds can sustain it. Thank you to all who voiced your opinions and concerns. Our priority now is making sure the church building is taken care of and the needed updates and improvements are taken care of. This means the rewiring of the church and interior painting, as well as smaller projects (sacristy updates, confessional improvements, attic safety, dealing with the organ). The funding for these projects will come from the interior painting fund, which many have generously given to. As stated in the minutes, we will also begin addressing parts of the Catholic Center that need help, especially the ground floor bathrooms and boiler maintenance. All money spent on the Catholic Center will come from the Endowment Fund that was created several years ago to renovate the school building. So, as the Parish Council, we humbly ask you to help your parish out in getting the church projects accomplished, so we can ensure the church building remains for future generations of Mineral Point Catholics. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Fr. Michael, a Council Member or Parish Staff Member.

Delicious Chicken!

After Mass, the K.C.'s will be pre-selling tickets for Chicken Only Dinners available the morning of Sunday, July 25. All proceeds from the sale will go to the church painting project. 1/2 chicken - \$10, 1/4 chicken - \$5.

Collection Counting Team

This Sunday, July 4: No counting today.

Next Sunday, July 11: No counting today.

If you aren't available, please find a sub.

Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 52 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....\$179.00

Last week's envelopes.....\$1,477.00

Online Giving for June.....\$3,066.77

Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....\$41,439.14

Diocesan Tax \$14,938.22

Received to Date.....\$7,263.00
Still Needed.....\$7,675.22

Church Painting Donations \$63,000

Received to date.....\$19,623.94
Still Needed.....\$43,376.06

Music and Liturgy Corner

Ministry Spotlight: *Eucharistic Ministers*

This month we highlight the ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. We are blessed to have many active EMHCs in our parish, but are always in need of more to serve in this way at Mass and to the homebound. The most visible role that the Eucharistic Minister plays during the Liturgy is helping the priest celebrant distribute the Eucharist to those at Mass. They also distribute the Blood of Christ (outside of a pandemic, of course!). The role of EMHC goes back to the Gospel when Jesus asks the disciples to help him distribute the loaves and fishes among the hundreds of people gathered that needed food, and then to gather the fragments left over after the meal and put them into a wicker basket (like how we repose the Eucharist in the tabernacle after communion). Jesus commissions and calls many to help him to share his Body and Blood with the parish community. Another behind the scenes role that EMHCs do is to take the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. We have a group of EMHCs that go to the Mineral Point Care Center on Sundays to ensure that Catholics there can receive Jesus. We also have some that take communion to relatives. Father Michael goes and visits each of these people on the First Friday of the month, but cannot visit with them each week, so that is why the EMHC is so important- to keep the People of God fed! If you would consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister either at Mass or to the homebound and sick, please contact Caleb in the Parish Office. Also, if you know of someone who would like communion visits, please inform the Parish Office or Father Michael. We do not know that people would like communion visits unless they ask!

New Pipe Organ

Would you or someone you know be interested in being a donor for a new pipe organ? If so, please contact the parish office. If you have any questions on our organ predicament, please see last weekend's bulletin or talk to Caleb Mitchell.





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