

Ss. Mary and Paul Parish

Mineral Point, Wisconsin



St. Philomena Parish

Belmont, Wisconsin

Father Michael Tarigopula, Pastor

AUGUST 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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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.





The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?

Gospel:

How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, August 14

5:00 pm † Scott Graber

Assumption of Mary, August 15

8:00 am For Parishioners

10:30 am † Gerard Wedig (at **St. Philomena, Belmont**)

Monday, August 16

8:30 am † Gerard Wedig (at **St. Philomena, Belmont**)

Tuesday, August 17

8:30 am † Jane Wedige & Ann Wedige-Pizarro (at **St. Philomena, Belmont**)

4:00 pm Adoration/Holy Hour for Vocations

5:15 pm † Bill Schroeder

Wednesday, August 18

8:30 am Wedding Anniversary of Don & Shirley Deery (at **St. Philomena, Belmont**)

Thursday, August 19 - St. John Eudes

7:30 am † Don & Theresa Hawkins

Friday, August 20 - St. Bernard

7:30 am † Bob & Mary Martin

Saturday, August 21

5:00 pm † Jerry & Jeannine Walsh

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22

8:00 am † Cletus Hying

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

Liturgical Ministers

Next weekend, August 21/22

Commentator/Reader

5:00 pm Joe Gevelinger & Karen Anderson

8:00 am Jesse Bauman & Brad Berget

10:30 am Kim Heinrichs (B)

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm Karen Anderson

8:00 am Paula Schuette

10:30 am Kathleen Riechers (B)

Servers

5:00 pm Annabelle & Eleanor Busch

8:00 am Emily, Lily & Rachel Heisner

10:30 am Tyler Drager (B)

Ushers

5:00 pm Brian Busch, Jackson Busch
Roger Palzkill, Todd Schmitz

8:00 am Michael Walsh, Ted Pittz
Tony Pittz, Troy Pittz

10:30 am Dan VanNatta & Mark Haag

Greeters

5:00 pm Confirmation Students

8:00 am Troy & Teresa Pittz & Eric

Offertory Gifts

5:00 pm Confirmation Students

8:00 am Schuette Family

10:30 am Volunteers (B)

St. Philomena's News!



Liturgical Volunteers

We will begin to create a monthly schedule of servers, lectors, and EMHC's to get more parishioners involved. If you would like to step forward as a liturgical minister at Mass, please contact Caleb Mitchell at either the Belmont or Mineral Point Parish Offices.

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 includes 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 \$2,000. 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. Total cost: \$84,578.97.

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

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, August 27 - Facing the Giants (PG)

Friday Night, September 24 - Overcomer (PG)

Financial Corner (St. Philomena)

Week 6 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....\$1,120.00

Last week's offertory.....\$54.00

Last week's envelopes.....\$392.00

Online Giving for July.....\$209.70

Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....(\$1,333.33)

Renovation Donations \$84,578.97

Received to date.....\$46,010.00

Still Needed.....\$38,568.97

Diocese of Madison - Catholic Schools

On the weekend of August 14-15, the Diocese of Madison will be asking that all parishes throughout the Diocese assist in the promotion of the importance of Catholic Schools. It is important to note that there will not be a collection taking place in parishes that weekend; rather, we will use this opportunity to educate parishioners throughout the diocese on the importance of Catholic Schools, why they exist, and how they are making a difference.

Belmont/Mineral Point Area Happenings

Outdoor Rosary

Mary's Rosary Garden at the Wiesbrook Farm, 775 Hwy. DDD, Mineral Point today, Sunday, August 15 at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your own chairs. Call 608-574-1344 for directions.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?

Answer:

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God.

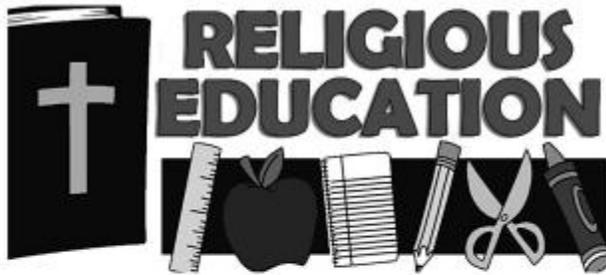
This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God.



*“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.”*

— Lk 1:46-48

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CCD Classes

resume in September!

All kindergarten students and new families please contact our parish Catholic Center at 987-3361 or stmarypaulccd@gmail.com to get enrolled.

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.

Collection Counting Team

This Sunday, August 15: Marcia Wagner & Volunteer
Next Sunday, August 22: Elaine Busch & Joe Gevelinger

Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 6 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....	\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....	\$124.00
Last week's envelopes.....	\$1,953.00
Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....	\$1,452.99

Diocesan Tax \$15,956.88

Received to Date.....	\$603.00
Still Needed.....	\$15,353.88

Church Painting Donations \$63,000

Received to date.....	\$26,323.94
Still Needed.....	\$36,676.06

Organ Fund

Received to date.....	\$18,200.00
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Music and Liturgy Corner: *Redecoration Update #3*

We have been doing a lot of research on different painting schemes throughout the 120 years that our current church building has stood. I'm sure many of us remember the various styles and schemes that were employed throughout the decades since Vatican II. Our current decoration fully supports the documents of Vatican II- the altar is a stand alone table that allows for Mass to be celebrated with all gathered around the altar in the pews and at the altar with the priest celebrant and the altar servers and seeing the consecration of the bread and wine becoming Jesus' Body and Blood. The sanctuary is handicap accessible, allowing all to serve in the ministries of the Mass. When the baptismal font is relocated, it will be in its proper place, at the entrance of the church. If you are curious about the Church documents regarding the rules for how a Catholic Church building is to be laid out and function, do a Google search for Built of Living Stones. This document is a "go to" for church architects, designers, and liturgists. The General instruction of the Roman Missal also helps us out.

Back to the research that has been done on the church building. Courtesy of the Mineral Point Archives, we have a few pictures to share. These show the old high altar, before it was removed after Vatican II. We will be sharing a few more of these pictures each week. These pictures will help us with the new design of the interior of the church that will be happening this winter.

Probably Eastertime, shortly after the church was built. Notice the decorative fabric hung along the church, as well as the plain walls.



Looking down the aisle around the same time as the above picture. Notice the original wood floors.





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