

Ss. Mary & Paul Parish

Mineral Point, Wisconsin



JULY 2, 2023

*Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

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Sacraments

Baptism

Saturdays after the 5:00 pm Mass

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





13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a boy my favorite board game was "Chutes and Ladders." The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That's life, isn't it? At every moment, we're either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life's chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God's love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we "surely will not lose our reward." The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that's the difference between chutes and ladders.

— *Father John Muir*

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The Shunammite woman is rewarded with the promise of a newborn son for her generous hospitality to the prophet Elisha. To whom could you show a good measure of charity this week?

Second Reading:

In Paul's view, since Jesus defeated death in his resurrection, he challenged the believers in Rome to think of themselves as "being dead to sin and living for God." How often do you think of ways to put your faith into action?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches his disciples about the challenges and rewards of following him. What do you personally find most challenging or rewarding in following Jesus?

Liturgies of the Week

Saturday, July 1

5:00 pm † Bob Brown

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 2

8:00 am † Ralph & Janice Pittz

Monday, July 3

No Mass today

Tuesday, July 4

No Mass today

Wednesday, July 5

No Mass today

Thursday, July 6

8:15 am † Charles & Bernice Goldthorpe

Friday, July 7

No Mass today

Saturday, July 8

5:00 pm † Ron Murphy

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 9

8:00 am † Eunice & Tony Gentz



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.

Liturgical Ministers

Next weekend, July 8/9

Readers

5:00 pm Mike Marr (both roles)

8:00 am Malea Aschliman & Brad Berget

Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm Mike Marr

8:00 am Tony Pittz

Servers

5:00 pm Gracyn Walter & Volunteer

8:00 am Gage & Emma Federman

Ushers

5:00 pm Volunteers

8:00 am Volunteers

Greeters

5:00 pm Noreen Doney

8:00 am Brad Berget

Offertory

5:00 pm Volunteers

8:00 am Volunteers

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

A Prophet's Reward

"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

*"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
— Matthew 10:39*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer:

One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).

Our To Do List

There are always a couple of random tasks to be completed around the church or parish grounds, and if you would be interested in choosing a chore or small project to help with please let us know!

Currently we could use someone to be on rotation to do a small load of laundry and ironing (altar linens, etc.) once a month. Contact the parish office if you can help us out with this.

A huge Thank You to our volunteer handyman, Steve Dolphin, who recently painted and retreaded the basement steps (along with Terri!) and built a shelf for the AED unit in the back of church. Mike and Lisa Wagner generously donated the Automated External Defibrillator this past January. It is located next to the bathroom and can be used to help someone that is experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest.

Readers Needed

Have you ever thought about reading at Mass? Or have you really not even had that idea in your mind? Why not try it?! We are always looking for new people to volunteer. Please call the office if you may be that person!

Outdoor Rosary

You are cordially invited to an Outdoor Rosary at Mary's Rosary Garden at the Wiesbrook Farm, 775 Hwy. DDD, Mineral Point, Sunday, July 9, at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Call for directions 608-574-1344.



Collection Counting Team

This Sunday, July 2: Brad Berget & Joe Gevelinger
Next Sunday, July 9: No counting today.

Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

Week 52 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....	\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....	\$173.00
Last week's envelopes.....	\$1,967.00
Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....	\$54,146.39

Diocesan Tax \$13,278.76

Received to Date.....	\$6,096.00
Still Needed.....	\$7,182.76

**Parochial Administrator -
Fr. Tafadzwa Kushamba**



As I begin my journey back to Iowa County, I am grateful to God for the gift to be able to work with you all. This is a new beginning for us all but we take comfort that Christ the head of the Church will guide us and lead us.

I have had the privilege of working in Dodgeville for three years. Originally from Zimbabwe, I was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Madison in 2015.

I invite you all to join me in prayer for the graces we need so that as Catholics we can see the beauty of belonging to the Church of God. Working together towards the goal of all becoming saints. I look forward to praying and working with you and I am grateful to God for sending me to the wonderful families of Dodgeville, Highland, Mineral Point and Montfort.

In Christ,
Fr. Tafadzwa

**Parochial Vicar -
Rev. Fr. Alex Carmel**



Dear Parishioners,

I, Fr. Alex Carmel arrived to United States from India in the year 2015. It was my first venture outside my home country. I was born in a small village and grew up in a middle class agricultural family. One of 4 boys raised Catholic, my first schooling took place under a tree. At the age of 15, the Bishop came to my village and I was very curious to see him. At one point the Bishop pointed at me and said: "Why don't you come and join the seminary"? – That was the call I received and joined the seminary at the age of 16.

Entering the formation, I received special coaching in Scripture and in English. My seminary formation lasted for 14 years. On April 27th, 2009, I was ordained to Priesthood for the Missionary Diocese of Nellore. My ordination motto was: "To lead the people to the love of God".

With this new model "Into the Deep" it will be a challenge for everyone. But I hope and pray that God's providence will lead us all. It's a great pleasure that I am assigned to serve you all in the pastorate and looking forward to greet and meet you all. Come let us pray and work together for the greater glory of God and for our Parish. God bless you all.

Yours Lovingly in Christ,
Rev. Fr. Alex Carmel



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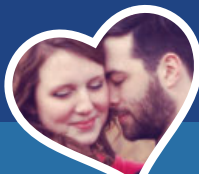
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