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St. Kevin Church

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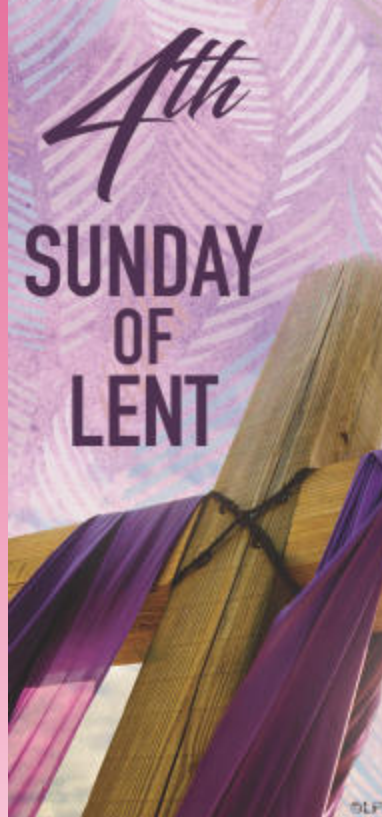
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CHURCH MASSES CANCELED

Father Emmanuel will offer Mass privately.

- Sat., March 21 † Bernard LeBeau
† Henrietta Marini
- Sun., Mar. 22 † Tim Harkner
- Tues., Mar. 24 † Deceased Members of
the Parish
† Ursula Heath
- Weds., Mar. 25 † Bunny Griffin and
Marlene Wold
- Thurs., Mar. 26 † Margie Hargis
- Fri., March 27 † Roselyn Zeller
- Sat., March 28 † Dick and Ann Piette
- Sun., Mar. 29 † Joanne Wenz
† Marilyn Stubler and
LaVerne Volden



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Mass Times

All Masses in the Diocese of La Crosse have been canceled as of 20 March 2020 until further notice.

Online Mass can be found at diolc.org.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” (1 Sm 16:7b)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” (Eph 5:14b)

Gospel:

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” (Jn 9:35)



Wednesday March 25

THE
Annunciation
OF THE LORD



From the Desk of Your Pastor

Father Emmanuel Stella Famiyeh
Pastor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

Masses Canceled Beginning March 20 (*and now March 17*)

With the presence of the new coronavirus, Bishop Callahan has temporarily suspended the Sunday Mass Obligation. Please watch the Holy Mass on television, or do the Weekend Readings, or say the Rosary or conduct any other prayer session, as this is required to be done by those who for a dire reason cannot attend Mass.

Bishop Callahan stated:

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In light of the continued concern surrounding the coronavirus, and the advice of medical experts, across the country, and especially in our State, all Masses in the Diocese of La Crosse will be canceled beginning 20 March 2020 until further notice. All fish fries, parish gatherings, etc. are also canceled. This development follows Governor Evers decision to prohibit gatherings of more than fifty (50) people at all public meetings. It is also intended to provide clarity and consistency throughout the nineteen counties that comprise our Diocese in western and north central Wisconsin.



Funerals and weddings should continue to be celebrated for the faithful...

Please note, however, churches will remain open for private prayer. I am urging the faithful to remember in their prayers all of our brothers and sisters whose personal lives and the lives of their families have been affected by this disease.

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The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 7 April 2020 and will be open only to the Deans. ... The Chrism Mass (as well as all other Masses and services of the Triduum) will be live-streamed electronically for viewing on the diocesan website, diolc.org.

At this point,... we are looking at a time frame from 20 March to 1 May. ... This, of course, is unprecedented in our lives and we rely on the providence of Almighty God and His Holy Mother. Please stay well and take every precaution to do so. Be aware of my prayers and my confidence in our protection under the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Father Emmanuel will say a private Mass daily for our intentions.

Governor Evers has banned any gathering 10 people or over as of 5pm March 17, 2020. This includes anything in our parish churches.

Business Office Hours

St. Joseph — 10am-4pm — Tues, Wed, Thurs

St. Kevin — 2pm-5pm — Friday

Website: GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

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St. Joseph Church

507 Main Street

Black River Falls, WI 54615

715-284-5613

St. Kevin Church

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Religious Education in-person classes have been canceled until further notice.

A Time for Fervent Family Prayer

Individual and family prayer is what is especially needed during challenging times such as these. Parishioners are invited to download a simple Prayer Card from the following link: diolc.org/prayer. Let us remember and be encouraged by these words from Scripture: "Cast all your anxiety on Jesus because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7)



Helen Mary Brauner, 88, passed away March 13. Father Emmanuel officiated at a memorial service on March 17 at Torgerson Funeral Home. May her family know God's comfort and strength. Eternal rest grant unto Helen, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Thank You for the Corned Beef Donation

Thank you Francis and Charlotte Rosenbaum and Elaine Musser for the donation of the corned beef for the dinner at St. Kevin. Elaine's donation was in memory of her husband Terry Musser.

SAVE THE DATES

ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL SAT/SUN AUGUST 15/16
ST. KEVIN FESTIVAL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Festival committees are meeting and plans are being made for our Festivals in 2020. We hope that our parish families will join us in making this a successful year. We ask for your prayers and cooperation in any way possible.



LENT



Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God's sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone's heart. Don't draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give. ©LPi

Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service

As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes are called to be "*islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.*" The 25th anniversary of *The Gospel of Life* gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand and communicate the resources to pregnant moms and families in need.

Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service officially commences March 25, 2020. Ask your local pregnancy resource center how you can help. Lives that we may not currently be able to protect by the law, we can rescue through love.

A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Calendar of Events – Updates

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MARCH

- 21/22 **Fourth Sunday of Lent** Online
- 22 No In-person Religious Education Classes
- 28/29 **Fifth Sunday of Lent** Online
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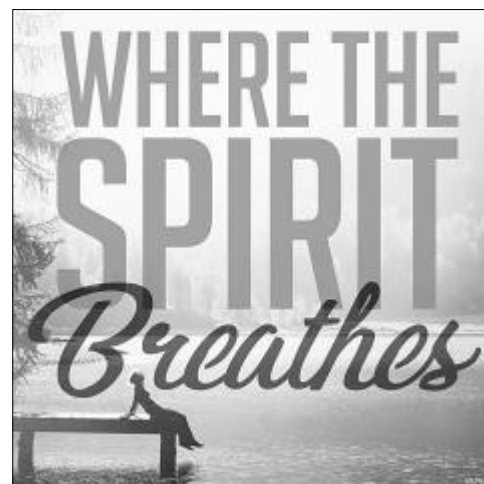
APRIL

- 4/5 **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** Online
- 5 No Religious Education Classes
- 7 Chrism Mass, 10:30am, Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, Online
- 9 **Holy Thursday** Online
- 10 **Good Friday** Online
- 11 **Holy Saturday** Online
- 12 **Easter Sunday** Online

Deadline for March 28/29 Bulletin is Monday March 23 at noon.

BulletinEditor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

Early deadline for April 4/5 Bulletin is Sunday March 29 at noon.



MARCH

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Married couples ought to say the Rosary together each night, for their common prayer is more than the separate prayers of each.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

2020

Mar. 14/15

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,930.00
Offertory Plate	\$ 113.00
Youth Envelopes	\$ 3.00
Roof Fund	\$ 10.00
Works of Charity	\$ 15.00

St. Columbkille Raffle Tickets

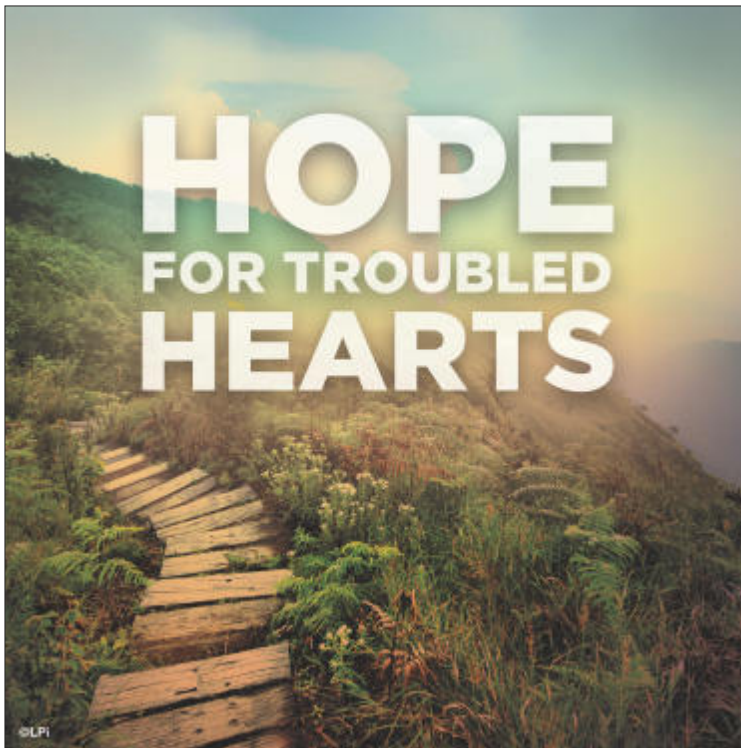
Tickets are available in the back of church for the St. Columbkille Raffle. Each family in the parish will get 10 tickets to sell/buy. If you want more tickets, contact the parish office.

The prizes for the raffle are:

- 1st – Apple I-Pad
- 2nd – Doll House, handcrafted and donated by Emmy Schmidt
- 3rd – \$100 Visa Card

The drawing will be held Sunday April 19 at 11:00am at St. Joseph Church in Black River Falls. Please sell your tickets. St. Columbkille needs funds to maintain the cemetery!





Be Gracious

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

Postponed - **Chili Supper at St. Kevin** - Postponed
Postponed until further notice.



Because of the growing concerns about the Coronavirus, the March 22 Membership Drive has been canceled. Any Catholic man still interested in becoming a Knight can sign-up on line at KofC.org/JoinUs. For more information about the Knights contact Orv Semke, oslseemke@gmail.com. The Knights of Columbus are here to serve.

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Your financial obligation to assist the parish is not diminished when you cannot attend Mass. You may utilize the Online giving portal on the Parish Website GuardianAngelsCathParish.org to send in your support, or you may mail in your checks to the parish office (507 Main Street, Black River Falls 54615) otherwise, you may stop over at the parish office with your weekly offering.

We ask that those of you who are able to contribute as usual please do so. We understand that many are going to be without work and unable to give as usual and that we understand. Please remember in prayer all of these parishioners. For those of you able to contribute please consider adding a little additional to your contribution to cover the loss of our Offertory Plate collection at each Mass.



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