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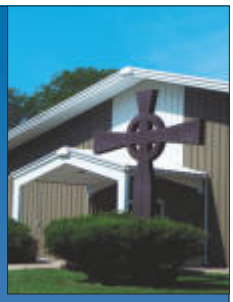

April 17/18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Sat., Apr. 17	4:00pm – Mass **Family of Dr. Carol Ann Martin**
Sun., Apr. 18	10:00am – Mass **† Christine Burton**
Tues., Apr. 20	8:00am – Mass **Michael Halverson**
Weds., Apr. 21	8:00am – Mass **Health of Howard Anderson**
Thurs., Apr. 22	**Lorraine Halverson**
Fri., Apr. 23	**Of the Parish**
Sat., Apr. 24	4:00pm – Mass **† Joseph R. Kubesh**
Sun., Apr. 25	10:00am – Mass **† Brad Trinwith**

Masses without a listed time will be offered privately by Father Emmanuel.

Mass Intentions

Sun., Apr. 18	8:00am – Mass **† Laura Folkedahl**
Weds., Apr. 21	9:30am - Mass **Anniversary of Matt and Amy Brunette**
Sun., Apr. 25	8:00am – Mass **† Clair Murray**

Sunday Mass Times

Now through September, Mass times will be:

St. Joseph - Saturday 4pm
Sunday 10am

St. Kevin - Sunday 8am

Weekend Masses

Make your reservation using one of the following:

GuardianAngelsCathParish.org
Pastor at 715-284-5613 Ext 2
Rita (Bookkeeper) at 608-488-4951
Kim (Secretary) at 715-299-0653
ParishOffice@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

Please sign up as it is important that we have an accurate number of attendees.

Links to online Masses can be found at:

GuardianAngelsCathParish.org/
and at ***diolc.org***

3rd Sunday of Easter /April 18, 2021

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: the suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

First Reading:

The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)

Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

From the Desk of Your Pastor

Father Emmanuel Stella Famiyeh

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Jesus Opened Their Minds to Understand the Scriptures

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

Business Office Hours

St. Joseph — 10am-4pm — Tues, Wed, Thurs
St. Kevin — 2pm-5pm — Friday

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Guardian Angels Religious Education

2020-21 School Year

Second Semester Checkpoints

Grades 1-8 ONLY

The points below are to provide parents the guidance to assist their child(ren) to complete their lessons by logging into their My Catholic Faith Delivered Account (MCFD).

Sun., May 2, **Chapters 1-26** should be completed
Sun., June 6, **All Chapters** should be completed

IN-PERSON CLASSES
(COMBINED 9th & 10th GRADES)

St. Joseph Church

6-Weeks, 8:45am to 11:00am

SUNDAY--April 11, 18, 25

SUNDAY--May 2, 9, 16

St. Kevin Church

6-Weeks after the 8:00am Mass until 10:15am

SUNDAY--April 11, 18, 25

SUNDAY--May 2, 9, 16

CONFIRMATION RETREAT GRADES 9 & 10

FOR ST. JOSEPH & ST. KEVIN STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, May 19, 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church

CONFIRMATION CONFERRAL

SUNDAY, May 23, 12:30pm at St. Joseph Church

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

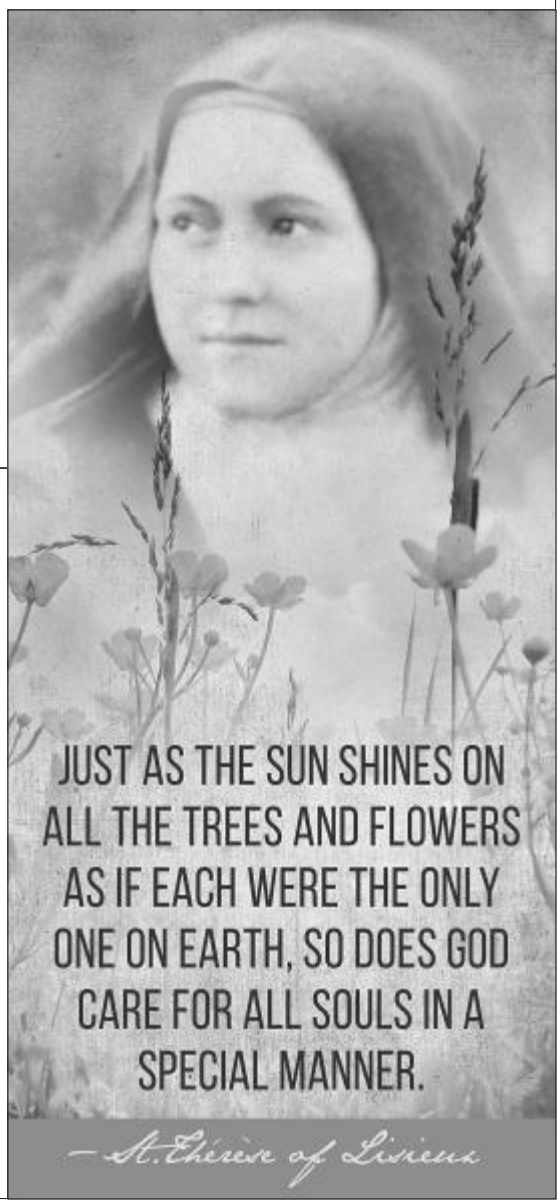
Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

He who believes in Christ becomes a child of God!

Bishop William Patrick Callahan



Calendar of Events – Updates

APRIL

- 17/18 **Third Sunday of Easter**
- 24/25 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

MAY

- 1/2 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
- 8/9 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, Mother's Day
- 15/16 **Ascension of the Lord, Seventh Sunday of Easter**
- 19 Confirmation Retreat**,** at St. Joseph Church 6:00pm
- 22/23 **Pentecost Sunday**
- 23 **Confirmation**, at St. Joseph 12:30pm
- 29/30 **The Most Holy Trinity**

Bulletin deadline is Monday noon.

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April

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

2021	Week of Mar. 27-28
Adult Envelopes	$ 1,135.00
Youth Envelopes	$ 1.00
Offertory Plate	$ 236.00
Roof Fund	$ 20.00
Works of Charity	$ 100.00

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Raffles Planned for 2021

Guardian Angels Parish will again have our annual Calendar Raffle. The Raffle will be held during the months of October and November as before. St. Malachy's Cemetery and St. Columbkille Cemetery will also have their annual raffles. Please watch future bulletins for more information. Guardian Angels Calendar Raffle had a profit of $9,754.45. The cemetery raffles were not held in 2020 because of Covid-19.

Festivals 2021

In the very near future a decision will be made on the plan for our two Festivals for 2021. The decision will be made taking into consideration Covid-19 concerns, what we will be having and how it will all be handled. Watch your bulletin each week for more information.

St. Joseph Roof Renovation Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Roof Fund to date. Please if you have not contributed, please do so at this time so that we can move forward with replacing the roofs. Next week's bulletin will contain an updated figure of funds deposited with the Diocese for this project.

Women of Tomah Deanery to Gather May 1 for Spring Assembly

Ladies, You are Invited

With a theme of "Time to Get Re-acquainted and Re-activated," Women of the Tomah Deanery will gather of May 1 for their Spring Assembly. The tri-parish Catholic Community of Sacred Heart, Cashton, St. Augustine, Norwalk, and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, St. Mary's Ridge will host the Saturday morning gathering that will be held at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, St. Mary's Ridge, 26400 County Hwy U, Cashton, WI. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., with the program to begin at 9:30 and conclude at 11:30 a.m.

Deanery President Mary Woods of Guardian Angels Parish, St. Kevin Church, Melrose, states that she is happy to resume the deanery meetings and encourages all Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) in the Tomah Deanery to attend.

Following the business meeting, Father Michael Klos, pastor for the tri-parishes, will share the iconology found throughout the church, built in 1897. Music will also be played on the 1917 13-rank organ. A light sack lunch will be given to all participants at the conclusion of the gathering.

For more information contact Deanery President Woods at 608-488-5981, *cjmiw@msn.com* or Ann Klinkner at Cashton, 608-654-7971, *klinknerfamilyfarm@hotmail.com.*

Oppose "Equality Act" It Limits Religious Freedom

The Equality Act would explicitly remove existing legal protections for religious expression provided under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). This federal law, passed with bipartisan support, was enacted under President Bill Clinton to limit unnecessary government-imposed burdens on the practice of faith.

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the Equality Act and it is currently under consideration in the U.S. Senate. Catholics are encouraged to contact their Senators and urge them to oppose it.

> The Equality Act goes far beyond the noble desire to protect vulnerable people. It burdens consciences, severely curtails the rights of people to practice their faith, smuggles in an abortion mandate, and explicitly exempts itself from respecting religious freedom.
>
> Cardinal Timothy Dolan
> Archbishop of New York
> *ThePublicDiscourse.com*

Further information and an action alert to help individuals connect with their Senators are available through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website at *usccb.org/equality-act*.

Let Your face shine upon us.

Psalm 4

LDCCW Collection

The Parish Council of Catholic Women of Guardian Angels Parish will be conducting the Council Sunday Collection (formerly Low Sunday Collection) beginning next Sunday, April 18 and continuing until the end of May. You may contribute online at our website and choose online giving. The collection is titled "PCCW Council Sunday Collection" in the drop-down or you may also put it in the collection and mark on your envelope *Council Sunday Collection*. Donations may also be mailed to Guardian Angels Parish, 507 Main Street, Black River Falls WI 54615.

- Embracing Your Call to Holiness Catholic Women's Retreat
- Mini Retreats
- Leadership Development
- Mentorship and Renaissance Team
- Natural Family Planning Education
- Scholarships
- Books for Kids in Catholic Schools
- Project Milk and Rural Life
- Casa Hogar in Lurín, Perú
- Ministry for People with Special Needs
- Gifts of Love providing caskets for babies who die in utero or shortly after.
- Domestic Violence support
- Fighting Against Human Trafficking
- Safe Haven Sunday Antipornography

When your Parish Council of Catholic Women asks for your help, please be generous.

Thank you, Bishop, for your support of the ladies of the diocese and this collection!

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