



St. Joseph Church

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St. Kevin Church

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Melrose



Mass Intentions

July 3/4, 2021

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- Sat., July 3 4:00pm – Mass
† Dick and Ann Piette
- Sun., July 4 10:00am – Mass
† Roselyn Zeller
- Tues., July 6 8:00am – Mass
† Janet Dahlby
- Weds., July 7 8:00am – Mass
Waldon Halverson
- Thurs., July 8 † Arlene Dunnigan
- Fri., July 9 Of the Parish
- Sat., July 10 4:00pm – Mass
† Florence Bresna
- Sun., July 11 10:00am – Mass
† Christine Burton

*14th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time*



Sunday Mass Times

Now through September,
Mass times will be:
St. Joseph - Saturday 4pm
Sunday 10am
St. Kevin - Sunday 8am

- Sun., July 4 8:00am – Mass
† Deceased Members
of the Fred Marini
Family
- Tues., July 6 5:30pm - Mass
Birthday of
Boden Evavold
- Sun., July 11 8:00am – Mass
† Patti Peschel

Ministers - St. Kevin

Sunday, July 11, 8:00am

- Lector: Volunteer
- Servers: Volunteers
- Sacristan: Volunteer
- Ushers: Volunteers
- Cashiers: Connie Craig, Gary Woods

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 4, 2021

Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by his own relations. Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart, rooted in a self-pride which must give way to weakness and powerlessness.

EZ 2:2-5; PS 123:1-4; 2 COR 12:7-10; MK 6:1-6a

Ministers - St. Joseph

Saturday, July 10, 4:00pm

- Volunteer Lector
- Volunteers Servers
- Volunteer Sacristan
- Volunteers Ushers
- Cashiers

Sunday, July 11, 10:00am

- Volunteer
- Volunteers
- Volunteer
- Volunteer
- Heather Diehn, Andrew Odeen
Allen Viste

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**



From the Desk of Your Pastor

Father Emmanuel Stella Famiyeh

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UPDATES ON THE ROOFS FUND AND DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

With great joy and happiness, I would like to thank each of you for all that you offer to make the parish move forward as we pursue her mission.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Last week, I made an earnest and honest appeal to you to help us meet our quota of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Many of you have sent in some cash since last week in response to the latest appeal. Currently, we have brought in **\$29,947**.

We are still below our quota of **\$31,375**, which must be in Guardian Angels Parish office before **Monday, July 7**. Please, for those who have not given yet to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, *contact the office to donate. It is too late to mail a donation directly to the Diocese.* The good news is that if we go over and above our quota, the parish gets back, as a rebate, all that is over and above the quota. The bad news is that if we fail to meet our quota by the deadline, then the parish will pay the difference from our General Funds Account, a scenario I would like to avoid.

ROOFS: I mentioned it last week that we needed about **11%** of the agreed amount of **\$200,000** to be raised to reach the mandated **80%** cash-on-hand for us to get the Bishop's approval for the next steps to have the roofs replaced.

By the kind and generous responses from you, we have been able to get about **5%** of the needed **11%** just within a week. This is **IMPRESSIVE!** With the latest responses from you, we are now at **74.5%** of the **80%** needed to be deposited with the Diocese for us to get the Bishop's final word. I am confident that by the end of July or middle of August, 2021, we will have deposited the needed **80%**, if not more, of the Campaign's total amount of **\$200,000**.

Please, let us keep this Fundraiser for the Roofs in our prayers so that with Faith and Trust in the Lord, we shall obtain the remainder of the money needed to reroof the Church and Social Center Building at St Joseph.

Once again, Thank You all for your love and involvement in the Lord's Vineyard.



HIS CHURCH
IS STILL HERE
IT STILL PROVIDES
IS YOU AND ME

2020-2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

TARGET: \$31,375

COMMITTED: \$29,947

Donations need to be in the parish office before July 7.
DO NOT MAIL to the Diocese. It is too late.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE - 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. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternately, you can contact Mrs. Brown 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/safeenvironment/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

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

St. Kevin — 2pm-5pm — Friday

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SAINT FRANCES OF ROME: Feast Day – March 9

(One of her best Quotes: "It is most laudable in a married woman to be devout, but she must never forget that she is a housewife. And sometimes she must leave God at the Altar to find Him in her Housekeeping.")

St Frances of Rome was born into a noble Roman family in 1384. At the age of 12 she married another Roman noble, Lorenzo Ponziani. She would have preferred to become a nun, but obeyed her father and became an exemplary wife and the mother of three children.

Soon after her marriage, St Frances fell seriously ill. Her husband called a man who dabbled in magic, but St Frances drove him out of the house in no uncertain terms. St. Alexis then appeared to her and cured her.

From that time, St Frances of Rome began to be conscious of the presence and assistance of her guardian angel. He would give her a little nudge when she fell into any fault.

At seventeen, St Frances of Rome gave birth to her first son, John Baptist; and shortly afterwards her mother-in-law died. St Frances was then placed in charge of the household; and she carried out her duties, not only efficiently, but also in a genuinely Christian manner.

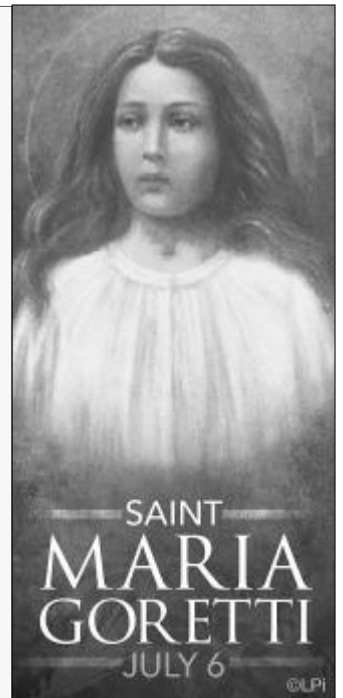
During a famine she gave away corn to the poor so lavishly that her husband began to object. When he went to the empty granary, however, he found it miraculously filled with forty measures of wheat "so shining and so full...that it seemed as though it had been raised in Paradise and reaped there by angels..."

St Frances also gave wine to any who asked, finally using the last cask filled with wine in the cellar. It was found empty when her annoyed father-in-law sought a glass of wine for himself. He raved at the saint, telling her she was bringing privation upon them to feed strangers. St Frances asked her family to have faith, and walked to the cellar with them. She turned the spigot on the empty cask and wine began to flow, the best wine any of them had ever tasted. Now the father-in-law changed his tune, saying: "Oh, my dear child, dispose henceforward of everything I possess, and multiply without end those alms that have gained you such favor in God's sight!"

The peasants from the wasted Ponziani farm came to St Frances, begging for food. Frances heroically devoted herself to the care of the sick, the starving, and the dying, and organized a group of Roman ladies to assist her in this work. For a time she too was stricken by the plague, but after she was suddenly cured she at once resumed her works of charity.

Frances died on March 9, 1440. The tomb of St Frances was opened some months after her death, and besides finding the saint incorrupt, her body gave off a delightful fragrance. In 1638 her tomb was opened again, but on this occasion only the bones of the saint remained. Pope Paul V canonized Frances in 1608. Her tomb is beneath the altar in the crypt of the Roman church called Santa Francesca Romana in her honor.

Source: The Franciscan Book of Saints, ed. by Marion Habig, ofm.



Maria may have had trouble with catechism, but she had no trouble with faith. God's will was holiness, decency, respect for one's body, absolute obedience, total trust. In a complex world, her faith was simple: It is a privilege to be loved by God, and to love Him—at any cost. FranciscanMedia.org

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2020-21 School Year
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Students have access to their My Catholic Faith Delivered online account until August 1.

Larry Hargis, the Grand Knight for Holy Family Council 4697, recently received a plaque for his 14 years of service with the Knights of Columbus. We are very grateful for Larry's past service.



Council 4697 has been in existence since 1958 and hopes to continue serving the parish church communities of Black River Falls, Melrose, and Alma Center. James Olson of Melrose accepted the Grand Knight position effective July 1. Thank you everyone for support of the Knights of Columbus and thank you Larry.

Calendar of Events – Updates

JULY

- 3/4 **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 10/11 **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Works of Charity second collection
- 17/18 **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 24/25 **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

AUGUST

- July 31/Aug 1 **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Annual Mission Co-op

Bulletin deadline is Monday noon.

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

2021	Weekend of June 12-13
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,675.00
Youth Envelopes	\$ 11.00
Offertory Plate	\$ 225.00
Roof Fund	\$ 158.00
Ascension	\$ 25.00

God has a Specific Plan for Our Lives

Our readings today remind us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul describes a “thorn” that had been given to him. He believed this thorn to be the thing that kept him grounded as he said, “to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.”

At first, he asked the Lord to remove this cross, but the Lord replied, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” Through this explanation, St. Paul resolved to believe, “I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.”

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord’s words, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by.

Today, recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life’s challenges with confidence in Christ.

FESTIVALS 2021

St Joseph Festival is slated for August 21. It will be an upgrade of what was done last year by the inclusion of a LIMITED WINDOW Rummage Sale. The Rummage Sale will start on August 19 and end on August 21. The Rummage Sale will be held in the church basement this year. Since it will be limited, a list of items will be published in the future bulletins as to what will not be allowed to be brought in. The items will not be priced; rather, each item will be obtained through a FREEWILL OFFERING. Four volunteers will be needed on each day, two volunteers during the morning, and two during the afternoon. Please, if you are interested in manning the station during the three-day period, contact Liz Parker or the parish office.

St Kevin Festival will be held in September this year. Please, stay tuned for more information in future bulletins.

2021 ANNUAL MISSION COOP will be the weekend of July 31/August 1.

WORKS OF CHARITY COLLECTION second collection will be July 10/11. An envelope is in the July envelope packet.

MONTH OF JULY — SPECIAL MONTH TO CELEBRATE OUR PASTOR

You are a Priest forever, in the Order of Melchizedek.

Psalm 110:4

This July, our pastor will celebrate three milestones: 10 years as our Pastor; 58 years of age; and 31 years as an Ordained Minister. Let us join with our Pastor in thanking God for all the favors He has bestowed on his lowly servant in the Sacerdotal Ministry. It would be worthwhile to wish our Pastor words of congratulations and encouragement by any means you choose.

On July 1, Fr Emmanuel Stella Famiyeh, our pastor, will be marking his 10th full anniversary since he resigned as the pastor at St Mary's parish, Richland Center, so as to take up the pastoral responsibilities at St Joseph Parish at Black River Falls, St Kevin Parish at Melrose, and Immaculate Conception Parish at Alma Center.

Our pastor became the last pastor to have served us as separate parishes for six years, and the first pastor to serve us as a newly merged parish of Guardian Angels for four years and counting. This is remarkably special for all to celebrate with our pastor.

July 2 will be Fr Emmanuel's 58th Birthday.

July 22 marks our Pastor's 31st Anniversary as an Ordained Priest of the Roman Catholic Church. Out of these years as a priest, Fr Emmanuel served nine years in his native country, Ghana, focusing vigorously on primary evangelization and



catechesis with so much enthusiasm, though he sometimes complained as to why he was posted to the remotest areas of his diocese of ordination. 1999 saw him sent to La Crosse diocese, serving as a curate for 5 months at Stratford,

WI, and 3 months at Hillsboro, WI. May 15, 2000 brought Fr Famiyeh to Richland Center where he served as a pastor until his transfer to our Churches on July 1, 2011. With this, Father has served in our diocese for 22 years.

July 20, by the way, is on the list of the days for our pastor to celebrate his 58th anniversary of his Baptism.

Happy Birthday and Blessed Anniversaries, Father Emmanuel! May the Good Lord continue to be with you as you carry on your shoulders the burden to **Feed** and **Teach**, **Tend**, and **Sanctify** the souls entrusted to your pastoral care. May you one day receive the rewards for your unyielding labor in the Lord's vineyard (see *Matthew 19: 29*).



Ava Schweitzer enjoys a dance with her grandma, Pat Risch. Elise Schweitzer took the opportunity to dance with her mother, Nicole. Above, Betty and Louie Christopherson joined the fun.



Soul Crusaders

- Mary Beth Smith, who played piano for Mass and later accordion; Jean Geier on bass guitar; and Greg Smith, Mary Beth's son, on drums - joined our worship at St. Kevin Church and entertained us later with polkas and fox trots.

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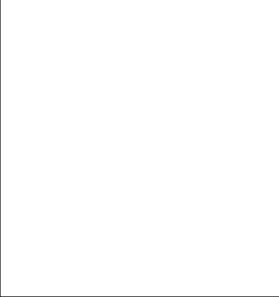
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