



St. Joseph Church

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Black River Falls

GUARDIAN ANGELS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Kevin Church

813 N Washington
Melrose



Mass Intentions

August 14/15, 2021

Mass Intentions

- Sat., Aug. 14 4:00pm – Mass
† Judith Valerie Schmidt
- Sun., Aug. 15 10:00am – Mass
† Zayne Ryan Brown
- Tues., Aug. 17 8:00am – Mass
† Victor Christianson
- Weds., Aug. 18 8:00am – Mass
Darryn and Shannon Witt
- Thurs., Aug. 19 8:00am – Mass
For Our Nation
- Fri., Aug. 20 Of the Parish
- Sat., Aug. 21 4:00pm – Mass
† Dick and Ann Piette
- Sun., Aug. 22 10:00am – Mass
† Zayne Ryan Brown

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday Mass Times

Now through September,
Mass times will be:

St. Joseph - Saturday 4pm
Sunday 10am

St. Kevin - Sunday 8am

Confessions upon request and

St. Joseph, Sat. 3:30-3:45pm
Sun. 10:10-10:20am

St. Kevin, Sun. 7:40-7:50am

- Sun., Aug. 15 8:00am – Mass
† Tom Besl
- Tues., Aug. 17 5:30pm - Mass
Birthdays of
Deanna Pfaff and
Julie Verheecke
- Sun., Aug. 22 8:00am – Mass
† Tom Besl

Ministers - St. Kevin

Sunday, August 22, 8:00am

- Lector: Volunteer
- Servers: Volunteers
- Sacristan: Volunteer
- Ushers: Volunteers
- Cashiers: Jacki Hoffman, Rose Strait

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

All are welcome to attend Mass.

Simple personal health and safety
precautions are highly recommended.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Aug. 15

Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son.

RV 11:19A, 12:1-6a, 10ab PS 45:10-12, 16 1 COR 15:20-27
LK 1:39-56

Ministers - St. Joseph

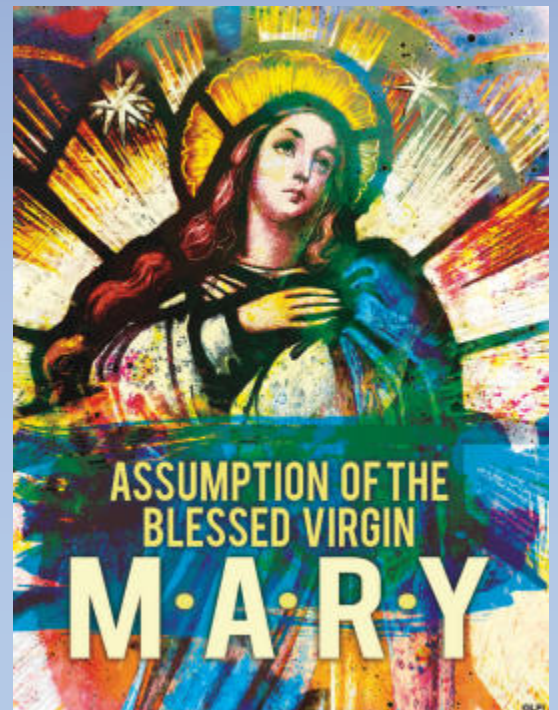
Saturday, Aug. 21, 4:00pm

- Volunteer
- Volunteers
- Volunteer
- Knights of Columbus

- Lector
- Servers
- Sacristan
- Ushers
- Cashiers

Sunday, Aug. 22, 10:00am

- Volunteer
- Volunteers
- Volunteer
- Knights of Columbus
- Theresa Ripp, Barbara Viste,
Delone Hoangson





From the Desk of Your Pastor

Father Emmanuel Stella Famiyeh

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What would Mary do?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPI



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GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

Business Office Hours

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

St. Kevin — 2pm-5pm — Friday

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ATTENTION PARENTS

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDENT REGISTRATION for the 2021-22 School Year

Please visit the Parish's website at
<https://www.guardianangelscathparish.org/rel--educ--registration-form>
to register your child(ren) for the 2021-22 school year.

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED



Your Role in the Church

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Secularism and the Need for Religion

How can one not notice the ever-growing existence of religious indifference and atheism in its more varied forms, particularly in its perhaps most widespread form of secularism? Adversely affected by the impressive triumphs of continuing scientific and technological development and above all, fascinated by a very old and yet new temptation, namely, that of wishing to become like God (cf. Gen 3:5) through the use of a liberty without bounds, individuals cut the religious roots that are in their hearts; they forget God, or simply retain him without meaning in their lives, or outrightly reject him, and begin to adore various "idols" of the contemporary world.

...
Human longing and the need for religion, however, are not able to be totally extinguished. When persons in conscience have the courage to face the more serious questions of human existence – particularly questions related to the purpose of life, to suffering and to dying – they are unable to avoid making their own the words of truth uttered by Saint Augustine: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you". In the same manner the present-day world bears witness to this as well, in ever-increasing and impressive ways, through an openness to a spiritual and transcendent outlook towards life, the renewed interest in religious research, the return to a sense of the sacred and to prayer, and the demand for freedom to call upon the name of the Lord.

One Family of God



The August Social of the Parish Council of Catholic Women was just that – a relaxed time to catch-up with each other, to sing Happy Birthday to Mary Woods, to congratulate Rose Strait on being selected Parade Marshal and to donate items to the Food Pantry. Pictured are (back) Diane Andraska (St. Kevin PCCW president), Rose Strait, Lois Erickson, Sue Volden, Mary Woods (Tomah Deanery president), Kim Olson, Linda Olson, (front) Rita Lycke, Lois Sacia, Elaine Musser (Tomah Deanery vice-president) Barb Underheim, Ginny Woods, Maggie Trumpy and Bonnie Pfaff (winner of the door prize).

Calendar of Events – Updates

AUGUST

- 21 **St. Joseph Church Festival**
- 21/22 **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 25 **Pastoral and Finance Councils and Cemetery Board Meeting, 5pm, Social Center, BRF**
- 28/29 **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

SEPTEMBER

- 4/5 **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 11/12 **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 18/19 **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 19 **St. Kevin Church Fest, 11am-1pm**

Bulletin deadline is Monday noon.

BulletinEditor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

Let us Strive to Imitate Mary

Today we celebrate the Assumption of Mary — the moment she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This day reveals much about our Holy Mother. Next to her Divine Son, Mary truly is the model steward for us as we journey through this life.

Our Gospel recounts the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was soon to deliver John the Baptist. Mary truly is a dwelling place for Christ. Even baby John the Baptist noticed as he leaped in his mother’s womb upon Mary’s greeting! We too are called to be a dwelling place for the Lord. Yet for Christ to dwell in us, we must prepare our hearts for Him.

Mary was prepared for Christ to reside in her, and her Magnificat expresses how we can imitate her and prepare a place for Christ in ourselves: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...”

How can we proclaim the ‘greatness of the Lord?’ It is simply by how we choose to live our lives. Each day is an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ. We can choose to rise each day in prayer, respond to those around us in kindness, serve in our vocations and occupations from a place of love and selflessness, and use our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

As we reflect on the life of Mary today, let us strive to imitate her in proclaiming the greatness of God by how we live our lives. Let us celebrate her as our Mother, our Queen, and a Model Steward. She is not distant or out of reach, rather, she is as close to us as a mother to her baby — constantly watching, interceding, and guiding us to be with her Divine Son in eternal life.



August

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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 July 24-25	July Online Giving
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 3,001.00
Youth Envelopes	\$ 3.65	
Offertory Plate	\$ 197.00	
Roof Fund	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 370.00
Works of Charity	\$ 5.00	\$ 35.00

ST. KEVIN CHURCH FEST MELROSE

Guardian Angels Parish

Sunday, September 19
11am - 1pm

Delicious Sandwich Plate

Menu to be announced

Quick Drive-up Service

or

Enjoy a Picnic in our Shelter

**Pastoral and Finance Council Meetings
and
Cemetery Board Meeting**

August 25, 5pm
Social Center Building, BR Falls

Annual Parish Corporation Board Meeting

Oct 26, 1pm, Parish Office



The year was 258 A.D.

The Romans claimed to be citizens of a great empire, yet they practiced primitive forms of abortion as well as "exposure", the killing of unwanted newborns.

Rome proclaimed itself the shining example to the world of its age while it violated the Natural Moral Law and embraced debauchery.

The day that Deacon Lawrence experienced his birth from death to life was an ominous and frightful day in ancient Rome.

Four days earlier, the great Bishop of Rome, Sixtus, was arrested by soldiers of the emperor Valerian, along with his beloved deacons, and beheaded.

Emperor Valerian had issued an edict to the Roman Senate that all the Christian clergy-bishops, priests and deacons-were to be arrested and executed.

The emperor offered Deacon Lawrence a way out of sure death. If he would show him where the Church's great gold and silver were located, he would issue an order of clemency, sparing his life so that he could continue his work.

For three days, Deacon Lawrence went throughout the city and invited all the beloved poor, handicapped, and misfortunate to come together. They were being supported by a thriving early Christian community who understood the Gospel imperative to recognize Jesus in the poor.

When Valerian arrived, Deacon Lawrence presented him with the true gold and silver of the Church, the poor! The emperor was filled with rage! Beheading was not enough for this Christian Deacon. He ordered Deacon Lawrence to be burned alive, in public, on a griddle. Witnesses recorded the public martyrdom. The deacon cheerfully offered himself to the Lord Jesus and even joked with his executioners!

Tradition records massive conversions to the Christian faith as a result of the holy life and death of one Deacon who understood the true heart of his vocation. He was poured out, like his Master, Jesus Christ the Servant, in redemptive love, on behalf of others. It is still said to this day that all of Rome became Christian as a result of the faithful life, and the death, of this one humble deacon.



Calendar Raffle tickets are here!

Each family will get 10 tickets to sell.
More available at the office.

St. Joseph Church Fest

Guardian Angels Parish, Black River Falls

Rummage Sale

St. Joseph Church Basement

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 19, 12 noon
Bargains Thurs, Fri, and Sat.
Make-an-Offer Sale

Family Night

Saturday, August 21
4:00pm Mass

Outside and Under Tent

4:30 - 7:30pm

GRILLED HAMBURGERS
BRATS and HOT DOGS

Sandwich Only or Sandwich Plate
w/Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Melon
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Bring the Family and Enjoy the Fun!

White Elephant Rummage Sale

St. Joseph Church Festival

Aug. 19-21

Thurs. noon-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-7

WANTED: Good Serviceable, Workable and Clean Items – Antiques, Tools, Toys, Dolls, Art, Jewelry & Gems, Dishes, Glassware, Silverware, Pots, Pans, Jars, Housewares, Small Appliances, Books, Linens, Doilies, Tablecloths, Quilts, Towels, Handmade Items, Non-Upholstered Furniture, Chairs, Dressers, Small End Tables, Small Tables, Misc. Items

DROP OFF TIMES

Before and after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays

DROP OFF in Church Basement

VOLUNTEER by calling Liz Parker 715-284-9878
For more information call Liz.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Clothing, Shoes, Upholstered Furniture, Recliners, Sofas, Exercise Equipment, Microwaves, Computers, Monitors or Keyboards, and Large Appliances.



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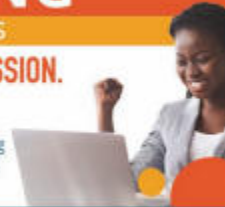
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