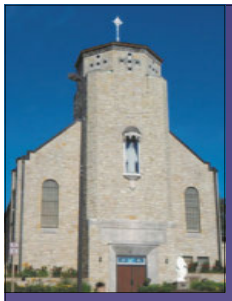

St. Joseph Church

507 Main St
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Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 27	4:00pm – Mass **† Dick and Ann Piette**
Sun., Nov. 28	8:00am – Mass **Anniversary of Tom and Katie Edwards**
Tues., Nov. 30	8:00am – Mass **Good Health for Pat McGowan**
Weds., Dec. 1	8:00am – Mass **Birthday of Edward Kwaterski**
Thurs., Dec. 2	8:00am – Mass **Dennis Halverson and Family**
Fri., Dec. 3	**Of the Parish**
Sat., Dec. 4	4:00pm – Mass **† Gertrude Michaelson**
Sun., Dec. 5	8:00am – Mass **† Fritz Harer**

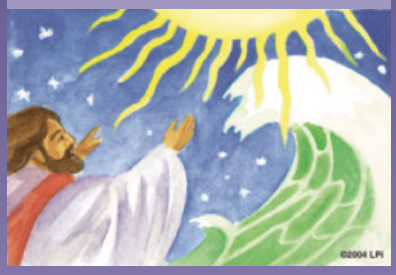
Masses without a listed time will be offered privately by Father Emmanuel.

GUARDIAN ANGELS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

November 27/28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent



Sunday Mass Times

NOW **THROUGH APRIL**
Mass times will be:

St. Joseph - Saturday 4pm
Sunday 8am

St. Kevin - Sunday 10:30am

Confessions upon request
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St. Joseph, Sat. 3:30-3:45pm
St. Kevin, Sun. 10:15am

St. Kevin Church

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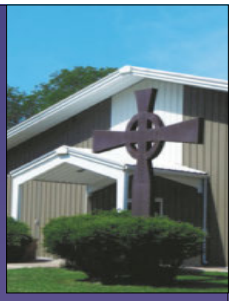


Mass Intentions

Sun., Nov. 28	10:30am – Mass **† Sherrie Alseth**
Weds., Dec. 1	5:00pm - Mass **† Rodney Trumpy**
Sun., Dec. 5	10:30am – Mass **† Ursula Heath**

Ministers - St. Kevin

Sunday, Dec. 5, 10:30am

Lector:	Volunteer
Servers:	Volunteers
Sacristan:	Volunteer
Ushers:	Volunteers
Cashiers:	As assigned

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 8

Holy Day Masses:

St. Joseph, 8am and 4pm

St. Kevin, 5:30pm

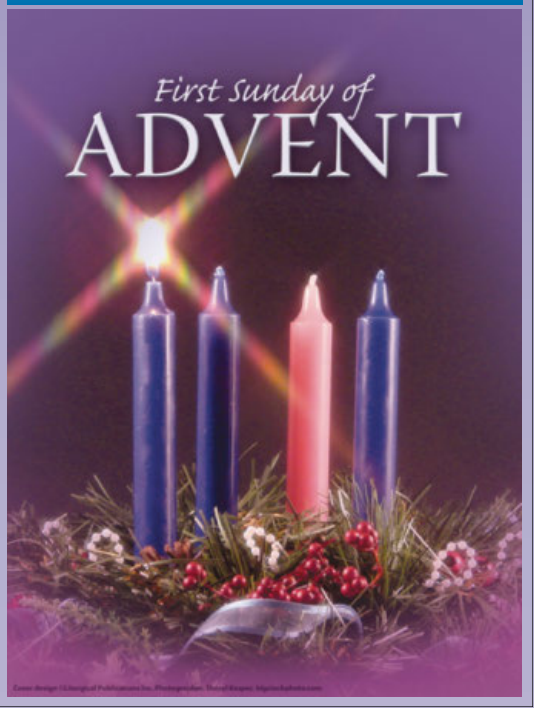
First Sunday of Advent — November 28, 2021

We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.

JER 33: 14-16 PS 25:4-5, 8-10,14 1 THES 3:12-4:2 LK 21:25-28, 34-36

Ministers - St. Joseph

Saturday, Dec. 4, 4:00pm		**Sunday, Dec. 5, 8:00am**
Volunteer	Lector	Volunteer
Volunteers	Servers	Volunteers
Volunteer	Sacristan	Volunteer
Knights of Columbus	Ushers	Knights of Columbus
	Cashiers	As assigned



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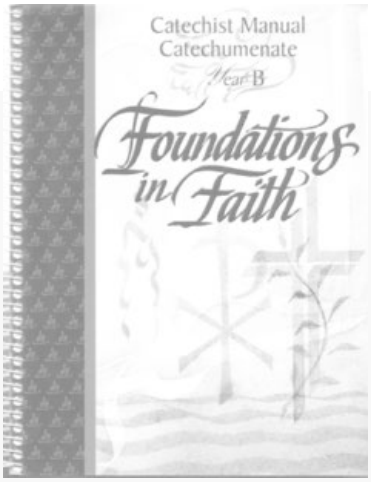

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study can either be done individually or in groups. No matter how it is done, there are some things to bear in mind, lest every effort and enthusiasm fade away as time goes on.

There must be a good choice of a Bible Version. As Catholics in the USA, it is best to choose the Version used currently for the Liturgy of the Word (the New American Bible version). The next important materials needed will be a Biblical Commentary and its Compendium or Handbook. These are followed by a Program to be used to study the Bible.

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Biblical Commentary. Currently, *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary* is the best academic Biblical Commentary and an excellent scholarship among all Faith Denominations. Though this is used for serious and academic Bible study, it will be handy and useful to make line-by-line or verse-by-verse interpretations of each passage found in the Bible when the need arises. Currently, both the 1st & 2nd Editions of the *Jerome Biblical Commentary* are available on the market, either in hard cover or free PDF online. You may get them from any bookstore like Walmart.com, Amazon.com, and eBay.com. The newest Edition of the *Jerome Biblical Commentary* will be made available on the market in January 2022.

Bible or Biblical Handbook/Compendium. This either goes with the Version of the Bible used or the commentary book being used. This will be the go-to book as it gives easy digestible introductions, summaries, and commentaries of all the books of the Bible.

Programs to be used can be found online or in hard copies. Each program has its own design but, in all, they follow similar patterns of learning through segments of activities. On an average, a period of 90 minutes is needed to have a week's study. This can be done concurrently in a day, or divided in pieces in the course of the week, all depending on the time and needs of the group or the individuals.

For the sake of a Parish Program the following is proposed:

The ***Jerome Biblical Commentary for the 21st Century*** will be purchased by the Parish for the two Churches so that the study groups at the two Churches can fall on the copies when needed for more clarification and explanation of what they are learning. Parishioners are highly recommended to preorder copies for themselves, especially those who will be studying on their own. The preorder cost from retailers is $90. The Parish will also purchase a few copies of the 2nd Edition of the commentary with its handbook. When the newest version of the Handbook is made available in the future, the parish will augment its stock with copies of them. Individuals can also purchase copies of the needed current Handbooks on their own from the Internet. The Handbook is called ***The New Jerome Bible Handbook****;* it ranges from $5 to $50 a copy.

Regardless of the upcoming Third Edition of the Commentary, I recommend the individuals who want to delve deeper into knowing more of the Bible so as to use the knowledge to teach others to have access to the 2nd Edition of the commentary—***The New Jerome Biblical Commentary***; the 3rd Edition will basically be an expansion of the 1st and 2nd Editions with the use of current modern and latest scientific and interpretation scholarships, with a broad range of contributors from around the world to proffer diverse range of perspectives meant for diverse pastoral and the global world, accentuating the study of Scriptures in the matrix of the Church's tradition and teaching. *Continued on p. 3.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Guardian Angels Religious Education
2021-22 School Year
First Semester Checkpoints For Grades 1-8 ONLY

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

Sunday, Oct. 3, Lessons 1-3 should have been completed
Sunday, Nov. 14, Lessons 1-9 should have been completed
Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, Lessons 1-10 should be completed

Note: Please contact your child's Catechist if you have questions as to which Chapter(s) in the Faith & Life Curriculum that they are to complete for each week's lesson.

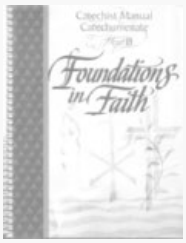
Student Confessions For Grades 3 through 8

Father Emmanuel will stop by during students scheduled in-person class times to hear their confessions from now until the end of the first semester. Catechists will help prepare the students.

Youth Giving Envelopes

Giving Envelopes will once again be provided to all registered students in Guardian Angels Parish Religious Education Program. Envelopes will be distributed to students on Sunday, December 5. Parents are encouraged to help their children to use their respective youth giving envelopes each weekend.

BIBLE STUDY *Continued from p. 2.*



Program to be followed by the Parish

The parish will purchase and use copies of all the three Cycles of the Year of the Catechist Manuals of ***Foundations in Faith*** which are normally and commonly used for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). Each Manual covers all the Sundays and Solemnities Readings in the course of each Liturgical Cycle. Currently, we are in Cycle B; **1st Advent will usher us in Cycle C**.

The Catechists Manual comes with Participant Workbook. Initially, the parish will procure a limited number of copies of the Participant workbooks for those who will be meeting in groups on the parish's premises; subsequent participants of the in-person program, or individuals, will have to purchase their own copies. The catechist manual costs about $50 each and its participant book costs about $14 each; they can be purchased online via *ComCenter.com*; otherwise, you may get them cheaper at Amazon.com as used copies.

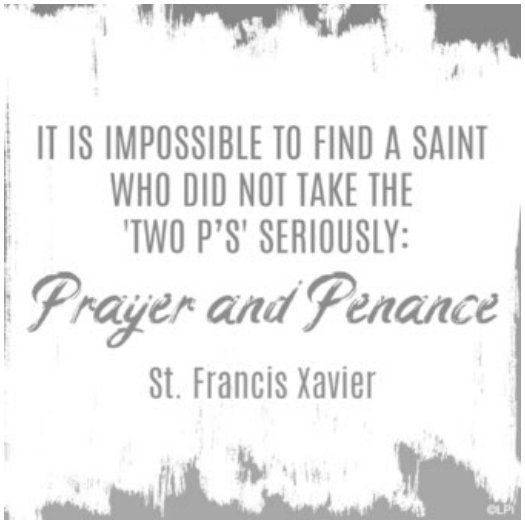
"Wake up! Get ready!"

Welcome to Advent, the season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time calling our urgent attention to the themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel from Luke warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.



Alternate Program to be used by individuals who have access to the Internet

This is a free program for those who may not have ample time but want to have a solid background in Bible knowledge; they may follow at their own pace what the Bishops Conference offers on their website *bible.usccb.org/bible* by clicking on each link of the Books of the Bible.

Calendar of Events – Updates

NOVEMBER

27/28 **First Sunday of Advent**

28 No Religious Ed. Classes

29 **Bible Study**, Classroom 7, Parish Center, 9:30am

DECEMBER

1 **Mass at St. Kevin**, 5pm; **Communal Penance Service** before and after Mass

2 **Deanery Clergy Meeting**, noon, hosted by Guardian Angels

2 **Communal Penance Service**, St. Joseph, 4pm (Mass in morning)

4 Cookie Stroll, St. Joseph, 10am-noon

4 **Pastoral Appreciation Dinner**, potluck, St. Joseph, after Mass

4/5 **Second Sunday of Advent**

5 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes** 9-10am

5 **Pastoral Appreciation Dinner**, potluck, St. Kevin, after Mass

5 PCCW Christmas Gathering, Monkeys Roost, Social 5:30pm, Dinner 6pm

8 **Immaculate Conception**; end of Year of St. Joseph; unveiling of renovated Cathedral

8 **Masses:** St. Joseph, 8am and 4pm; St. Kevin, 5:30pm

11/12 **Third Sunday of Advent**

12 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes** 9-10am

15 **Knights of Columbus Christmas Party**, 5pm

18/19 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

19 No Religious Ed. Classes

24 **Christmas Night Mass**: St. Kevin, 2pm; St. Joseph, 4pm (and tentatively 6pm)

25 **Christmas Day Mass**: St. Joseph, 9am (No Saturday evening Mass)

26 **The Holy Family**

26 No Religious Ed. Classes

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

2021	Week of Oct. 30-31	Week of Nov. 6-7
Adult Envelopes	$ 998.00	$ 3,981.00
Youth Envelopes	$8.31	$ 12.92
Offertory Plate	$ 378.00	$ 174.00
Roof Fund	$ 360.00	$ 355.00
World Mission Sunday	$ 663.50	$ 70.00
Works of Charity	$ 100.00	
Christmas		$ 40.00

St. Malachy Raffle Announcement

St. Malachy Raffle Tickets have been mailed to each parish family. Each ticket sells for $2 and each family has 10 tickets to sell/purchase. The proceeds of this raffle go each year for upkeep at St. Malachy Cemetery.

The raffle prizes:

1st Prize - Ninja 10 qt. 2-basket Air Fryer

2nd Prize - $100 Visa Gift Card

3rd Prize - $50 Visa Gift Card.

The Raffle drawing will be held at St. Kevin Church on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at noon.

Tickets and money can be placed in the collection. All monies from the tickets should be marked ST MALACHY CEMETERY—RAFFLE.

Your generous donations, apart from the tickets, meant for the upkeep of St Malachy Cemetery and St Malachy Church Building would also be very much appreciated. Donations for the Cemetery should be marked ST MALACHY CEMETERY DONATION, and donations for the Church Building should be marked ST MALACHY CHURCH FUND.

Dec. 3/4 Bulletin deadline is Mon. Nov. 29 at noon.
Dec. 11/12 Bulletin early deadline is Thurs. Dec. 2 at noon.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Nov. 10	$50	**Heather Diehn, BRF**	# 424
Nov. 11	$50	**JP Antonelli, BRF**	# 23
Nov. 12	$50	**Lorraine Calhoun, BRF**	# 282
Nov. 13	$75	**Peter and Rosemary Segerson, BRF**	# 1829
Nov. 14	$100	**Tim Fast, Warroad MN**	# 406
Nov. 15	$50	**Brian Stemper, BRF**	# 2027
Nov. 16	$50	**Leann Kramer, Mindoro**	# 2297
Nov. 17	$50	**Chad Pergande, Tomah**	# 1669
Nov. 18	$50	**Pam Antonelli, BRF**	# 21

First Reconciliation, Nov. 7 at St. Joseph Church - Abby Hansen, Emma Kitowski, Lindy Parker, Christopher Nelson, Levi Gearing, and Eastyn Brown received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time and celebrate their "clean hearts" and souls.

Cookie Stroll

Saturday Dec. 4
10am - noon
PARISH CENTER

Hosted by St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women

All ladies of both St. Joseph and St. Kevin PCCWs are asked to please consider donating a tray of your favorite home-made holiday cookies or treats for the sale.

Cookie Drop off

The Parish Center will be open to drop-off your homemade treats on Friday, Dec. 3 from 9am - 5pm and Saturday morning 8am throughout the morning.

St Kevin Church will be open to drop-off homemade goods on Friday, Dec. 3 from 6am-7pm.

We thank you for making our Cookie Stroll possible!

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

Christmas Gathering

ALL LADIES OF GUARDIAN ANGELS INVITED

Sponsored by St. Kevin
Parish Council of Catholic Women

Sunday, December 5
5:30pm Social, 6pm Dinner
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APPLE PREGANCY CARE CENTER

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 8

Holy Day Masses: St. Joseph, 8am and 4pm
St. Kevin, 5:30pm

Advent Communal Penance Services

Dec. 1, before and after 5pm Mass - St. Kevin, Melrose
Dec. 2, 4pm - St. Joseph, Black River
Dec. 9, 6pm - St. Patrick, Sparta
Dec. 10, 6pm - St. Joseph, Kendall
Dec. 16, 7pm - St. Patrick, Mauston

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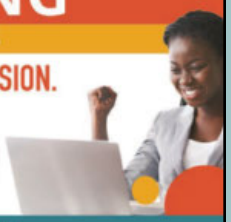
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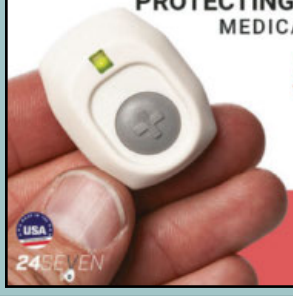
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