

St. Joseph Church

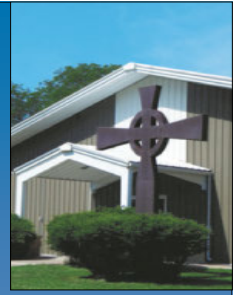
507 Main St
Black River Falls

GUARDIAN ANGELS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Kevin Church

813 N Washington
Melrose



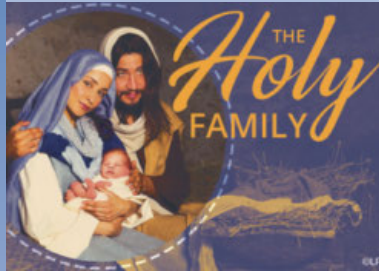
Mass Intentions

December 26, 2021

Mass Intentions

- Sat., Dec. 25 9:00am – Mass
† Paul Smetana
- Sun., Dec. 26 8:00am – Mass
† Christine Burton
- Tues., Dec. 28 † Special Intention
- Weds., Dec. 29 Phyllis Halverson
- Thurs., Dec. 30 Thanksgiving for Good Health and Good Fortune
- Fri., Dec. 31 Of the Parish
- Sat., Jan. 1 4:00pm – Mass
† Dick and Ann Piette
- Sun., Jan. 2 8:00am – Mass
† Marion Weber

The Holy Family



- Sun., Dec. 26 10:30am – Mass
† Darrell Hefel
- Weds., Dec. 29 † Rodney Trumpy
- Sun., Jan. 2 10:30am – Mass
† Tony Bohman

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

Sunday Mass Times

NOW THROUGH APRIL
Mass times will be:
St. Joseph - Saturday 4pm
Sunday 8am
St. Kevin - Sunday 10:30am

Confessions upon request

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

Ministers - St. Kevin

Sun., Jan. 2, 10:30am

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

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

The Nativity of the Lord — December 25, 2021

God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

IS 52:7-10 PS 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

The Holy Family — December 26, 2021

Hannah and Elkanah offer their son, Samuel, to God in the Lord's temple. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple. He returns to Nazareth, obedient to them.

1 SM 1:20-22, 24-28 PS 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

Ministers - St. Joseph

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|
| Sat., Jan. 1, 4:00pm | | Sun., Jan. 2, 8:00am |
| Volunteer | Lector | Volunteer |
| Volunteers | Servers | Volunteers |
| Volunteer | Sacristan | Volunteer |
| Knights of Columbus | Ushers | Knights of Columbus |
| | Cashiers | Theresa Ripp,
Barbara Viste,
Delone Hoangson |





From the Desk of Your Pastor

Father Emmanuel Stella Famiyeh

pastor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

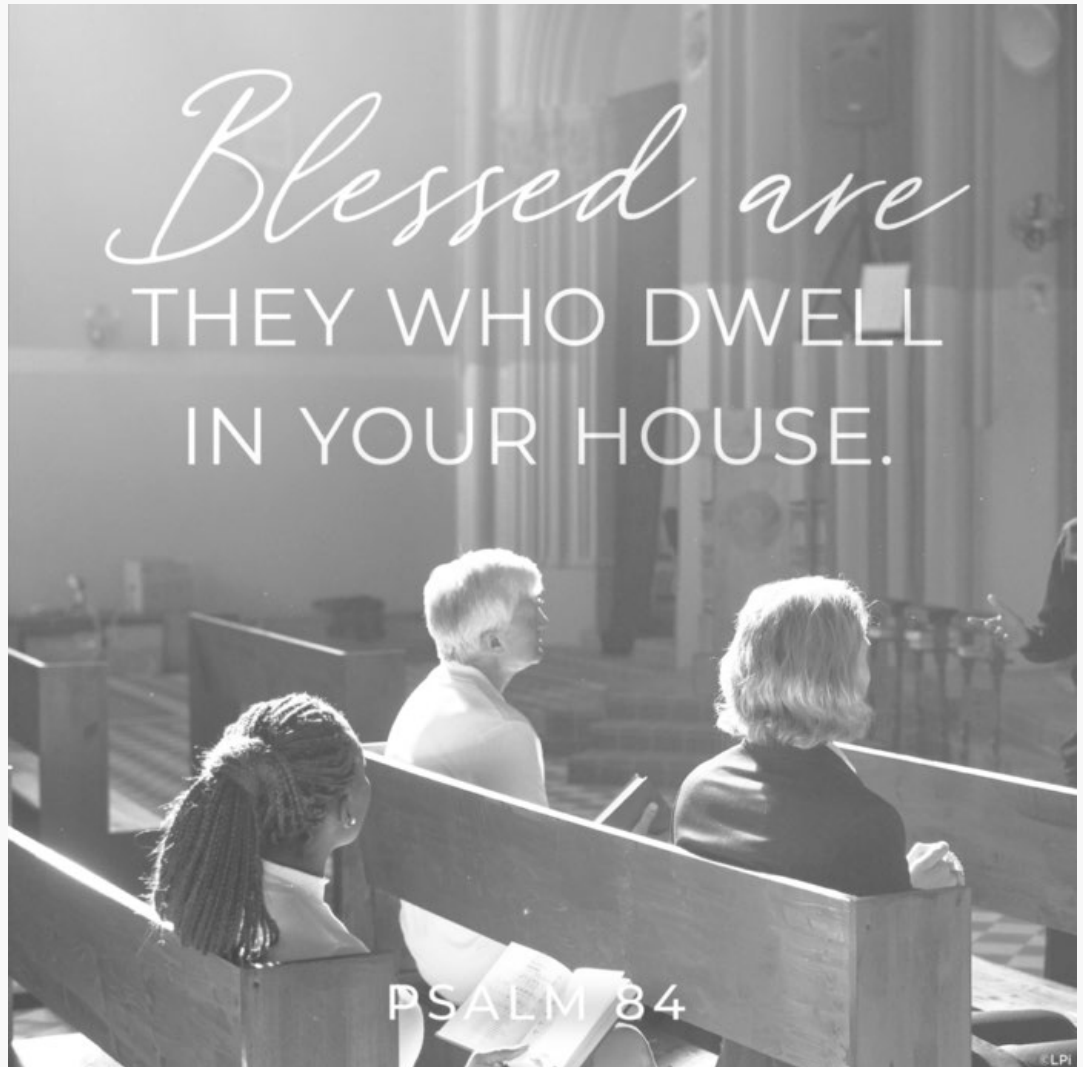
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took the stewardship of their time seriously. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our time with God and worship Him, we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to stewarding our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.



GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

Business Office Hours

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

St. Kevin — 2pm-5pm — Friday

Website: GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

MyParishApp.com

Email: ParishOffice@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

St. Joseph Church
507 Main Street
Black River Falls, WI 54615

715-284-5613

St. Kevin Church
813 North Washington Street
Melrose, WI 54642

608-488-3001

**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.

Youth Giving Envelopes

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

**Jesus returns to Nazareth, obedient
to Joseph and Mary, His parents.**

Monetary Donations Requested - Cookie Stroll Canceled

Guardian Angels PCCW cancelled the Cookie Stroll for this weekend out of consideration for the safety of our parishioners and shoppers as Covid19 cases are again on the rise in our area. Please consider donating what you would have spent either donating, baking, or purchasing goods at the Stroll. Both chapters of our PCCW are very generous in their support of our parish. A few of the projects that they support each year are:

- Scholarships for our college freshmen
- Altar Breads for the parish
- Supporting young ladies in Ghana with their education
- La Crosse DCCW projects each year
- Christmas gifts and flowers for elderly parishioners
- Project Milk
- Christmas Baby Shower for pregnancy resource center

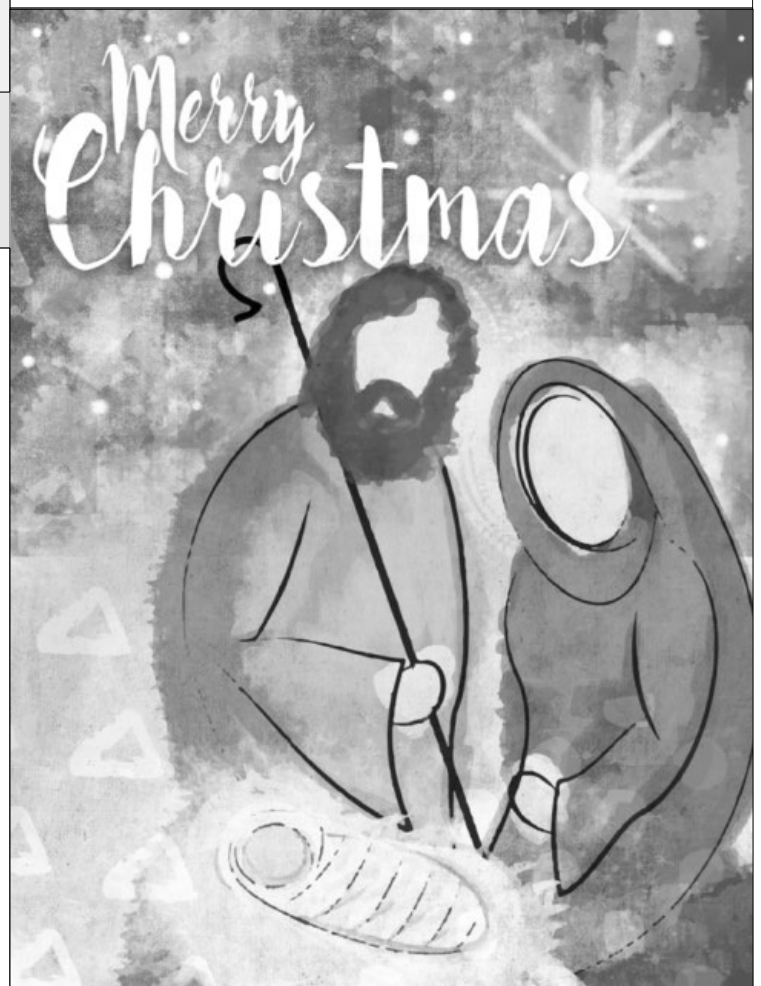
Make your donations to *Guardian Angels PCCW*. We thank you in advance for your generosity. May God Bless you abundantly.

Christmas and Solemnity Mass Obligations

This year, Christmas falls on a Saturday and is immediately followed on Sunday by the Feast of the Holy Family.

The fulfillment of the Mass obligation does not depend upon the Mass prayers and readings but rather on the time of day at which one attends Mass. *The obligation to attend Mass for Christmas may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Saturday, December 25.* For example, one may attend the Vigil Mass of the Nativity, or Mass during the Night (celebrated at any time), or a morning/afternoon/evening Mass on December 25. The obligation to attend Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family may be fulfilled from the evening of Saturday, December 25 through Sunday, December 26. For example, one may attend an afternoon/evening Mass on December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity), or a morning/afternoon/evening Mass on December 26.

The situation with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Saturday, January 1 and the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 2 is more straightforward. In the United States, the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of Mary is abrogated when this celebration occurs on a Monday or a Saturday. In this case, because the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God occurs on a Saturday, the Vigil Mass of the Epiphany is celebrated.



Calendar of Events – Updates

DECEMBER

- 24 **Christmas Night Mass:** St. Kevin, 2pm; St. Joseph, 4pm
- 25 **Christmas Day Mass:** St. Joseph, 9am (No Saturday evening Mass)
- 26 **The Holy Family**
- 26 No Religious Ed. Classes

JANUARY

- 1 Mary, Mother of God (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
- 1/2 **Epiphany of Our Lord**
- 8/9 **Baptism of the Lord**
- 9 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes 9-10am**
- 15/16 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 16 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes 9-10am**
- 19 Vigil for Life, St. Kevin, 6-7:30pm
- 22/23 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 23 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes 9-10am**

January 1/2 Bulletin early deadline is past.

BulletinEditor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

"GOD IS
LOVE.
WHOEVER
LIVES IN
LOVE LIVES
IN GOD
AND GOD
IN HIM."

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE



©LPI

St. Joseph Sound System Update

The sound system at St. Joseph Church is being updated. This will enhance the sound of the microphones and music in the church. Please consider a gift to your parish for Christmas to defray the cost of this update. Any amount will be most appreciated! Make your donation payable to *Guardian Angels Parish* and mark *Sound System* in the comment line. You may also give online by choosing *Sound System* in the drop down menu. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

2021 Donations - DAA - Guardian Angels

The end of the year is approaching quickly. All donations for the Diocesan Annual Appeal must be postmarked by 12/31/21 to be coded to the 2021 tax year. Any donations postmarked after 12/31/21 will be processed in 2022. The same applies for donations to Guardian Angels Parish.



December CATECHISTS

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 Nov. 27-28
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,682.00
Youth Envelopes	\$ 5.00
Offertory Plate	\$ 330.00
Works of Charity	\$ 10.00

Thank You

Thank you to all who have chosen to contribute to Guardian Angels through *AMAZON SMILE*. We received a check for \$22.19 recently. May the Lord bless you and your family during the Christmas season.

Cashiers Needed at St. Kevin Church

Volunteer to count money after Mass at St. Kevin Church.

Contact Rita Becker:

bookkeeper@guardianAngelsCathParish.org



Sarahann Jones received a cyclamen and sweet treats from St. Kevin PCCW President Diane Andraska on behalf of the ladies of the Parish Council of Catholic Women. Several others also received visits and gifts.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Night, Thurs., Dec. 24

St. Kevin Church, Mass at 2:00pm
 St. Joseph Church, Mass at 4:00pm

Christmas Day, Fri., Dec. 25

St. Joseph Church, Mass at 9:00am
 (No Saturday evening Mass)

The Holy Family, Sun., Dec. 26

St. Joseph Church, Sun. 8:00am
 St. Kevin Church, Sun. 10:30am

Mary, Mother of God, Sat. Jan. 1

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2022)

Epiphany of the Lord, Sat./Sun., Jan. 1/2

St. Joseph Church, Sat. 4pm and Sun. 8am
 St. Kevin Church, Sun. 10:30am

Answer Synod Synodality Question

Each parishioner is encouraged to answer at least one of the ten Synod Synodality questions, or a part of a chosen question. You may submit your answer to the pastor by any written means.



50th Anniversary Jubilees

Are you celebrating your 50th Anniversary in 2022? Please contact the Parish Office with your names, address, and date of your wedding. Your name will be submitted to the Diocese who in turn will honor you with a certificate in honor of your anniversary. They also hope to return to inviting you to a Mass in your honor with a dinner following. **Please submit your information to the office by Dec. 26.**

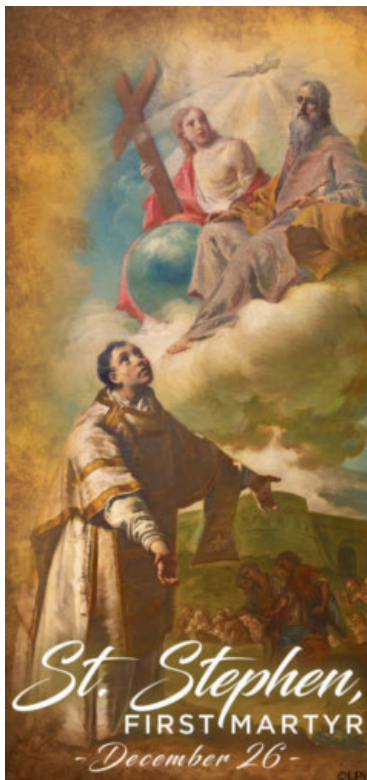
Taking the Word to Heart

St. Stephen was chosen as one of the deacons in the Acts of the Apostles. They tended to the needs of the poor, the orphans and the widows in the early Christian community. Celebrating his feast day in the midst of a season that can so often run to indulgence and even greed keeps us aware that God, not our desires, is the center of the season. The commemoration of a martyr so soon after Christmas is a sobering reminder that while God is love always and everywhere, hatred has still not been eliminated in our fallen world. But, like Jesus, like St. Stephen, we can only respond to that hatred and violence with love and forgiveness.

Bringing the Word to Life

If you've heard the Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslaus," you might recall that the saintly king and his trusty page go forth to help a needy man "on the Feast of Stephen." It's appropriate that we do something on this day to reach out to those who are most needy among us. The poor need our attention every day of the year, not just over the holidays. We might want to make a commitment today for some kind of long-term act of charity.

With permission of FranciscanMedia.org



Wise men
 still seek
Him



925 Commerce St., BRF
715-284-3000
 10am - 10pm
 7 days a week

**BAGNIEFSKI
 HEATING &
 AIR CONDITIONING**
 • Sales • Service • Installation
 Hometown Proud
 Dealer for **TRANE**
782-0664

WE'RE HIRING
 AD SALES EXECUTIVES
**BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.
 WORK WITH PURPOSE.**

- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community
- Paid Training
- Some Travel

Contact us at careers@4lpi.com
www.4lpi.com/careers

715-299-7877
 *Lifetime Warranty *Fully Insured
 *Insurance Accepted *Painless Dent Repair

When you Expect
 the Very Best!

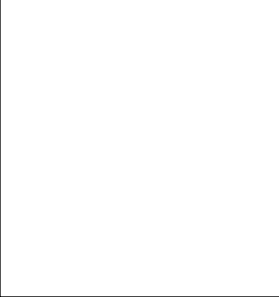
**JD
 CUSTOMS
 AUTO BODY**

13223 Green Acres Rd • Tixton
www.jdcustomsllc.net

**RIPP DISTRIBUTING
 COMPANY, INC.**
 "Your Water Source"
 Black River Falls, WI 54615
 PH: 715-284-9866
 email: info@rippdistco.com
www.rippdistco.com
 Home & Office Bottled Water Service
 Water filtration dispensers

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin
 emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com



Open 7 Days... 5 A.M.-11 P.M.

Melrose Express

Black River Express Canoe Rental

301 S. Washington St. (608) 488-7017
 Melrose, WI 54642 (608) 488-5027 Fax



**PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
 MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM**

\$29.95/MO
 BILLED
 QUARTERLY

PLUS
 SPECIAL
 OFFER

CALL NOW!
 1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

**support our
 ADVERTISERS**

**ADT-Monitored
 Home Security**

Get 24-Hour Protection
 From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

1-855-225-4251

**SUPPORT OUR
 ADVERTISERS!**

**AVAILABLE FOR
 A LIMITED TIME!**
ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Karen Gionet** to place
 an ad today! kgionet@4LPi.com
 or (800) 888-4574 x3321

We've Missed You!
 Welcome Back to Mass

Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are
 by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com

Phone 715.333.PETS (7387)
 Text 715.896.2148
kathyhosier66@gmail.com

Boarding • Grooming
 N9007 County Rd E • Black River Falls

**KATHY'S ANIMAL ARK
 PET CARE**

New Guests HEATED & A/C
 Indoor/Outdoor Runs
 Individual Beds
**ONE - ON - ONE
 ATTENTION!**

10% OFF

<http://kathysanimalark.com/>

