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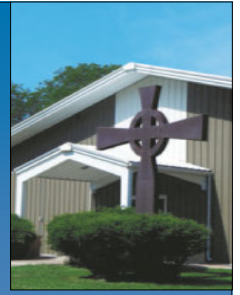
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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Kevin Church

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Mass Intentions

January 1/2, 2022

Mass Intentions

- Sat., Jan. 1 4:00pm – Mass
† Dick and Ann Piette
- Sun., Jan. 2 8:00am – Mass
† Marion Weber
- Tues., Jan. 4 8:00am – Mass
† Mary Halverson and Family
- Weds., Jan. 5 8:00am – Mass
For Our Nation
- Thurs., Jan. 6 8:00am – Mass
For the End of Covid-19
- Fri., Jan. 7 **Of the Parish**
- Sat., Jan. 8 4:00pm – Mass
† Blanche Olson
- Sun., Jan. 9 8:00am – Mass
† Chet Pryga

Epiphany



- Sun., Jan. 2 10:30am – Mass
† Tony Bohman
- Weds., Jan. 5 9:30am - Mass
Anniversary of Ben and Karen Pfaff
- Sun., Jan. 9 10:30am – Mass
† Marilyn Stubler

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. 9, 10:30am

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

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 2, 2022

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

IS 60: 1-6 PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 EPH 3: 2-3a, 5-6 MT 2: 1-12

Ministers - St. Joseph

Sat., Jan. 8, 4:00pm

- Volunteer Lector
- Volunteers Servers
- Volunteer Sacristan
- Knights of Columbus Ushers
- Cashiers

Sun., Jan. 9, 8:00am

- Volunteer
- Volunteers
- Volunteer
- Knights of Columbus
- Heather Diehn, Allen Viste, Andrew Odeen



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



From the Desk of Your Pastor

Father Emmanuel Stella Famiyeh

pastor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

OFFICIAL REMINDERS

The Parish Office is in the process of updating the official list of all parish volunteers in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Program.

If you are interested in being a new volunteer in any capacity, with the exception of being a member of the two councils and their various committees, you may contact the parish office.

The visitations to the Nursing Homes and Home Bounds will resume very soon. New volunteers are needed to augment those currently on the list. You may contact the pastor for training and orientation if you are interested in being a new volunteer in this regard.

If you desire to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Anointing, and Confession at home due to age or health issues, you may have to make the pastor aware of your spiritual and sacramental needs so that arrangements could be made for pastoral visits.

Anyone who knows someone who is in need of the sacraments at their homes because of their health or age but have not informed the pastor about their conditions, may contact the Parish Office for further arrangements for follow-up visits.

Those who would like to give Holy Communion to family members because of their age or health issues ought to make the pastor or any visiting priest aware of that.

By Liturgical practices, all those who will be giving Holy Communion outside Mass ought to have received Holy Communion themselves during Mass of the day of giving Holy Communion outside Mass to the said family members; otherwise, they ought to receive Holy Communion less than a week before taking Holy Communion to others outside Mass.



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

Business Office Hours

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

St. Kevin — 2pm-5pm — Friday

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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.



Epiphany Blessing of the Home 20 + C + M + B + 22

As you inscribe the initials of the three Magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — which also represent the Latin motto *Christus mansionem benedica* — Christ bless this house — above the exterior doorways using blessed chalk, say this prayer:

Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with respect and kindness. May all our comings and goings be under the seal of God's loving care. May we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, Jesus, Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen

Solemnity Mass Obligation Abrogated

With the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Saturday, January 1 and the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 2, Mass attendance 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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she

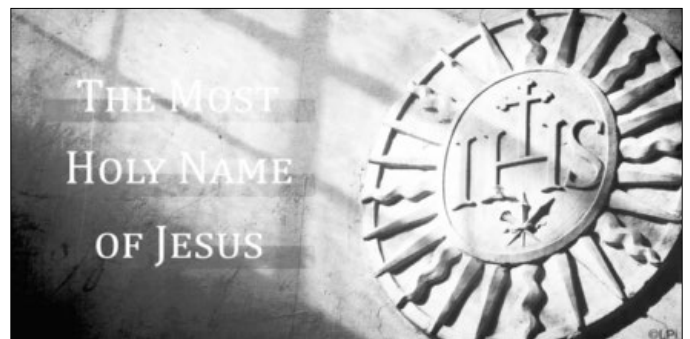


turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She

also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



Calendar of Events – Updates

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**
- 29/30 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 30 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes 9-10am**

January 1/2 Bulletin early deadline is past.

BulletinEditor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org



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 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.



JANUARY

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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 Dec. 4-5
Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,410.00
Youth Envelopes	\$ 7.50
Offertory Plate	\$ 186.25
Roof Fund	\$ 315.00
Works of Charity	\$ 215.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1.00

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



Jack Gilbert won first prize in the St. Malachy Cemetery raffle. Mary Murray Woods, St. Malachy's Cemetery Association Secretary, had the honor of delivering the prize. Second and third prize winners are Trudy Arrington, Black River Falls, \$100 VISA card and Rosemary Segerson, Black River Falls, \$50 VISA card.

Fill the World with Light

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on January 6. However, many years ago (at least in the United States), the decision was made to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday, which falls between January 2 and January 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." On this day, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Therefore, officially Christmas is not over. The Church recommends that on this day, those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas, the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day, the Lord is revealed to all nations and the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand everything and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way, we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."

MASS TIMES

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

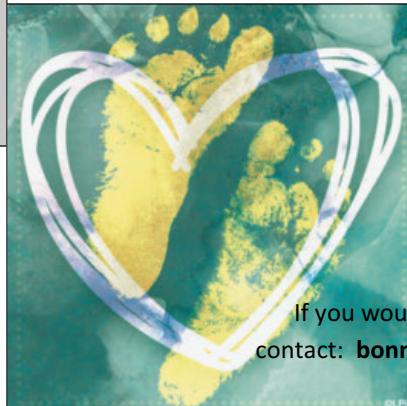
St. Kevin Parish Council of Catholic Women
Meeting, Jan. 12, 6pm



St. Kevin PCCW Group 4 is asked to
take down Christmas decorations
after Mass on January 9.

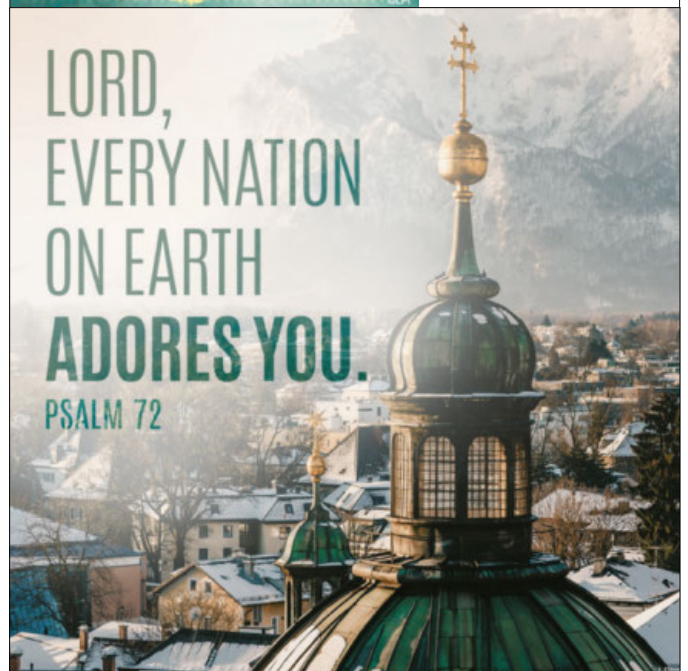
Answer Synod Synodality Question

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.



Vigil for Life
Jan. 19
6-7:15pm
ST. KEVIN CHURCH

If you would like to do a reading,
contact: bonn4200@centurytel.net





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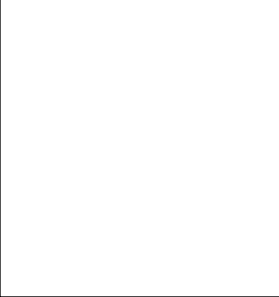
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