

St. Joseph Church

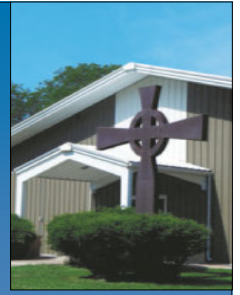
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St. Kevin Church

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Mass Intentions

January 8/9, 2022

Mass Intentions

- Sat., Jan. 8** 4:00pm – Mass
† **Blanche Olson**
- Sun., Jan. 9** 8:00am – Mass
† **Chet Pryga**
- Tues., Jan. 11** 8:00am – Mass
† **Thomas Noelke**
- Weds., Jan. 12** 8:00am – Mass
Good Health for Pat McGowan
- Thurs., Jan. 13** 8:00am – Mass
† **Poor Souls in Purgatory**
- Fri., Jan. 14** **Of the Parish**
- Sat., Jan. 15** 4:00pm – Mass
† **Janet Dahlby**
- Sun., Jan. 16** 8:00am – Mass
† **Judith Valerie Schmidt**



- Sun., Jan. 9** 10:30am – Mass
† **Marilyn Stubler**
- Weds., Jan. 12** 9:30am - Mass
Well-being of Foster Children
- Sun., Jan. 16** 10:30am – Mass
† **Darrell Hefel**

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. 16, 10:30am

Lector: Volunteer

Servers: Volunteers

Sacristan: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

Cashiers: Doug Kirchner, Chris Radcliffe

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — JANUARY 9, 2022

On Jesus, the beloved of the Father, the glory of the Lord has been revealed. Salvation is offered to all, and the earth is renewed!

IS 40:1-5, 9-11 PS 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-3 TI 2:11-14; 3: 4-7 LK 3:15-16; 21-22

Ministers - St. Joseph

Sat., Jan. 15, 4:00pm

Volunteer Lector
Volunteers Servers
Volunteer Communion
Volunteer Sacristan

Knights of Columbus

Ushers
Cashiers

Sun., Jan. 16, 8:00am

Volunteer
Volunteers
Volunteer
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Knights of Columbus

Lonnie Simplot, Diane Kujak,
Priscilla Goldsmith



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a



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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, 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.

EUCHARIST

Eukharistia, the Greek word for EUCHARIST, etymologically means "Thanksgiving", "Gratitude", from *Eukharistos* "Grateful", from *Eu* "Well" + *Kharizesthai* "Show favor", from *Kharis* "Favor", "Grace", from Proto Indo European Root "GHER" meaning "To like", "To want". The Septuagint and the Greek New Testament use the verb "*Eukharisteo*" which translates "To thank", "To be thankful" (*See Etymology Dictionary*).

The Eucharistic Sacrifice, according to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council Document *Lumen Gentium* is the fount and apex, the source and summit of the whole Christian life, since the life in Christ flows from it, and it becomes the goal towards which the life in Christ tends. In other words, it is the Alpha and the Omega of Christian discipline. It is the energy without which authentic Christianity runs down. In fact, without the Eucharist, we could be a pious congregation of likeminded people or a society dedicated to the memory and teaching of Jesus, but we could not possibly be the Church. St Pope John Paul II perfects this idea in his encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia—the Church comes from the Eucharist*—that the Body and Blood of Jesus are not simply the sacred objects at the center of the Church's concern; they are the Church, its lifeblood and *raison d'être* (*See Eucharist, Robert Barron, pp. 1, 2*).

From the above ideas about the Eucharist, vis-à-vis the whole concept of the essence of the Church as it is detailed from the Books of the Bible, particularly on the subject of the Paschal Mystery, and through Paul's Letters, especially his Letters to the Ephesians and Philippians, it can be deduced that Holiness is not a product of Piety; rather, Piety is a product of Holiness. One can be pious without necessarily being holy; but one cannot be holy without having piety as a fruit of a holy life. The external exhibition of our piety does not necessarily translate into holiness; it is when we have rolled up our sleeves and touched a sinful world with a Christ-like attitude to help build the Body of Christ to its full stature by drawing more souls, especially those whom we consider as sinners, from their darkness of error to stand in the bright light of truth, that we can speak of holiness. This holiness is borne out of REAL LOVE.

Consider how Christ was born in BETHLEHEM (House of LAHMU and House of LAHAMU), a town once regarded as a place of worship of the Canaanite Agricultural or Fecundity

Deities of *Lahmu*—Meat, and *Lahamu*—Bread, hence literally making Bethlehem the House of Meat or Blood and the House of Bread to offer sacrifices to these two pagan deities. With this notion of Holiness touching Sinfulness in a bid to cause a brighter and positive change to the darkness of Sinfulness, we recognize Jesus walking on our planet, associating himself with sinners and the ANAWIM or the poor ones. He even died as a common criminal among criminals on the cross at a place called Golgotha, the *Place of the Skull*, meaning either a place of the remains of those who were left to decompose after being crucified, or the literal shape of a skull signifying the baldness or nothingness of the place. God who is the author of all things now has to roll up his sleeves to touch a condemned and accursed nature with his holiness so that a fallen world could be sanctified and be raised to a status of holiness through God's grace even to the point of God reducing his nature to nothingness. This is what is called True Love, as we profess it in the Creed as "...for us men and salvation, he came down from heaven, and... he became man".

Real love, as it must be understood, is what the Eucharist is: a Meal, a Sacrifice, and a Real Presence, all of which are a step in the right direction demonstrating and replicating what love must be among people WHO relentlessly and ineffably share one's GOODNESS with others by way of getting out of one's COCOONISH SELF through an act of self-emptiness to bring happiness and joy to the other creature who may be in need of love. Holiness, through the eyes of the Eucharist, is what can be described as God's love for his creatures from creation, through the numerous covenants, to the Birth, Life, and Death of Jesus with his Resurrection and Ascension and the hope of his coming again to give us our recompense, that ought to be reenacted, relived, and made present, visible, affordable, and viable in the life of those who are CALLED, namely the CHURCH. This love is not a simple sentimentality; it is choosing to be destroyed for the sake of the construction and restoration of the other person's wretched and miserable state. This calls to mind the words during the Penitential Rite: "May Almighty God have MERCY on us, FORGIVE our SINS, and BRING us to EVER-LASTING LIFE. AMEN.

Eucharist as a Meal/Banquet: A meal/banquet is that which is enjoyed by eating, especially when consumed in communion with others. MEAL/BANQUET (CONVIVIUM in Latin = Feast, "To carouse together", "To live together", "Being sociable". When someone prepares a meal, the main reason is not for a selfish need; rather it is for the sake and the wellbeing of others that the one who prepares the meals goes through all difficulties to ensure that the best out of the best is prepared for all to enjoy, notwithstanding the fact that in most cases the one who prepares the meal does not even consume that which has been prepared and served for others, until all other people are satisfied. In a similar vein to this, God is supremely and infinitely good, but since goodness by itself is effervesce, God became supremely diffusive of himself to have created the world in the first place. This is the root cause of Love which is an ecstatic act, leaping from its narrow, cocoonish and selfish state to helping other's need without any string attachments. This love is a LIFE of SELFLESSNESS, connoting HOLINESS, as it permeates throughout the Bible indicating how God relentlessly wanted, and still wants, to restore that which was created and pronounced good at creation, notwithstanding creatures' tortuous, intransigent, and obstinate attitude.

(More on the Eucharist as a Meal, Sacrifice, and Real Presence at a later time).

Calendar of Events – Updates

JANUARY

- 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**
 17 Bible Study, Parish Center, 9:30am
 18-25 Week of Pray for Christian Unity
 19 Vigil for Life, St. Kevin, 6-7:30pm
 22/23 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Sunday of the Word of God
 23 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes 9-10am**
 24 Bible Study, Parish Center, 9:30am
 29/30 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 30 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes 9-10am**
 31 Bible Study, Parish Center, 9:30am

FEBRUARY

- 2 **Presentation of the Lord**, *World Day for Consecrated Life*
 5/6 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 6 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes 9-10am**
 7 Bible Study, Parish Center, 9:30am

Bulletin deadline is Monday at noon.

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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.

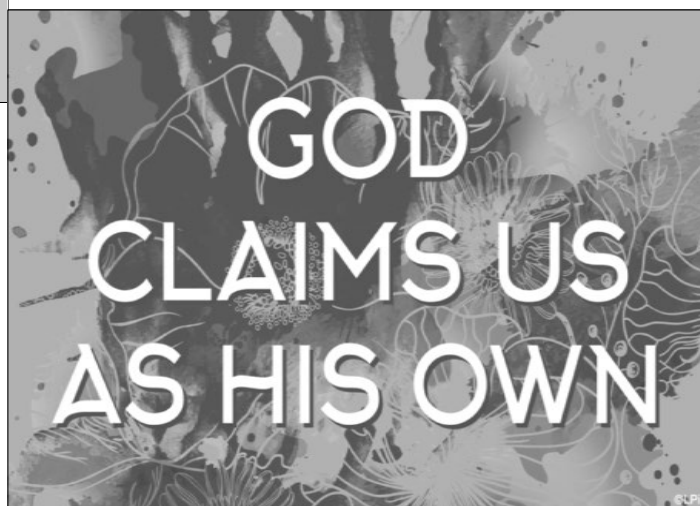
WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

2021	Dec. 8	Week of Dec. 11-12	December Online Giving
Adult Envelopes	\$ 177.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 3,795.00
Youth Envelopes		\$ 12.00	
Offertory Plate	\$ 56.00	\$ 165.00	
Roof Fund		\$ 250.00	\$ 220.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 41.00	
Christmas		\$ 671.00	
Works of Charity		\$ 287.02	\$ 85.00

END OF YEAR INFO AND TIPS

- Offerings made in January 2022 will be credited to the year 2022 unless you specify that you would like them credited to 2021. The last day that you may credit offerings to 2021 is Sunday January 9, 2022.
- Please note that when contributions are made to Guardian Angels Parish various funds, it is important to use an envelope. If you don't have an envelope in your packet please use a plain envelope and note on the check and the envelope where you wish to donate the money, how much the check or cash is, and your name. This practice helps keep a record of all donations received. Donations should be placed in the collection baskets on the weekends or mailed to the parish office. This includes donations made to the PCCWs, St. Malachy Cemetery, St. Malachy Church Fund, and St. Columbkille Cemetery. This is a best practice recommended by the Diocese of La Crosse.
- Online Giving is a safe and secure way to contribute to the various funds of the parish. If you are not already contributing in this manner please consider doing so. The Funds have been updated and include various ways to contribute to each collection we have throughout the year. To sign up go to guardianangelscathparish.org and click on Online Giving. Any questions can be directed to the Parish Office.
- Contribution Reports for your 2021 giving will be available by request after January 23, 2022. Phone the bookkeeper at 608-488-4951 or you can email bookkeeper@guardianangelscathparish.org. Reports can be delivered to you either by snail mail or email. Those who are registered on **Parishsoft Family Suite** may also access your official report for the year after January 23, 2022.

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish. May the Lord bestow many blessings on the members of Guardian Angels Parish and their loved ones.





O Holy Night! Emma Kitowski placed Baby Jesus in the manger at St. Joseph Church, and Audrey and Bryce Kitowski held candles, reminding us that the Christ Child is the Light of the World, as Father Emmanuel blessed the creche. Harper and Oaklyn Witte hold Baby Jesus. They were happy to be chosen to place Jesus in the creche at St. Kevin Church.



Bible Study Begins Jan. 17

The Weekly Bible study begins, Monday Jan. 17 at 9:30am in the Parish Center. It will run through May 2. Contact Nancy Oldham by Jan. 10, so materials can be ordered – oldhamnj@gmail.com.

Recommended Book - "Eucharist"

Father Emmanuel has encouraged us to read "Eucharist" by Bishop Robert Barron, its second edition. It is now on sale at books.wordonfire.org/eucharist-book.



St. Kevin Parish Council of Catholic Women

Meeting, Jan. 12, 6pm

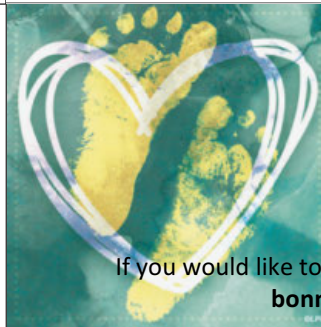
St. Kevin PCCW Group 4 is asked to take down Christmas decorations after Mass on January 9.

Ghana Mass Stipends

Mass Stipends for priests in Ghana may be given to Father Emmanuel no later than Jan. 18. Father will be taking his annual retreat and vacation then.

Retired Religious

Second Collection this weekend, weather permitting, for the Retired Religious. Otherwise, it will be taken next weekend.



Vigil for Life

Jan. 19, 6-7:15pm
 ST. KEVIN CHURCH

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



O Holy Night! The Kevinettes – Mary Woods, Kim Torres, Ginny Woods, Lois Sacia, Kim Olson, and Elaine Musser – offered their voices in adoration on Christmas Eve at St. Kevin Church.

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

—Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*



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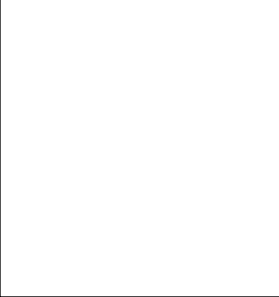
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