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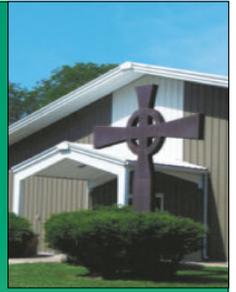
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# GUARDIAN ANGELS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

### St. Kevin Church

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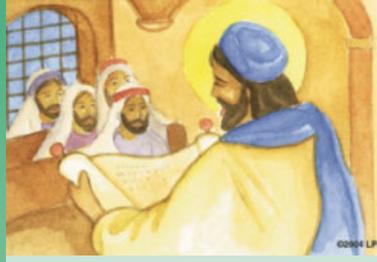
#### Mass Intentions

- Sat., Jan. 22 4:00pm – Mass  
† Brad Trinwith
- Sun., Jan. 23 8:00am – Mass  
† Christine Burton
- Thurs., Jan. 27 3:00pm – Mass/Benediction  
**Parishioners of Guardian Angels Parish**
- Sat., Jan. 29 4:00pm – Mass  
† Barb Harrison Harkner
- Sun., Jan. 30 8:00am – Mass  
**Braden Trinwith**

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

### January 22/23, 2022

*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



#### 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

#### Mass Intentions

- Sun., Jan. 23 10:30am – Mass  
**For the Protection of Unborn Children**
- Sun., Jan. 30 10:30am – Mass  
† Margaret Stubler

#### Ministers - St. Kevin

Sun., Jan. 30, 10:30am

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

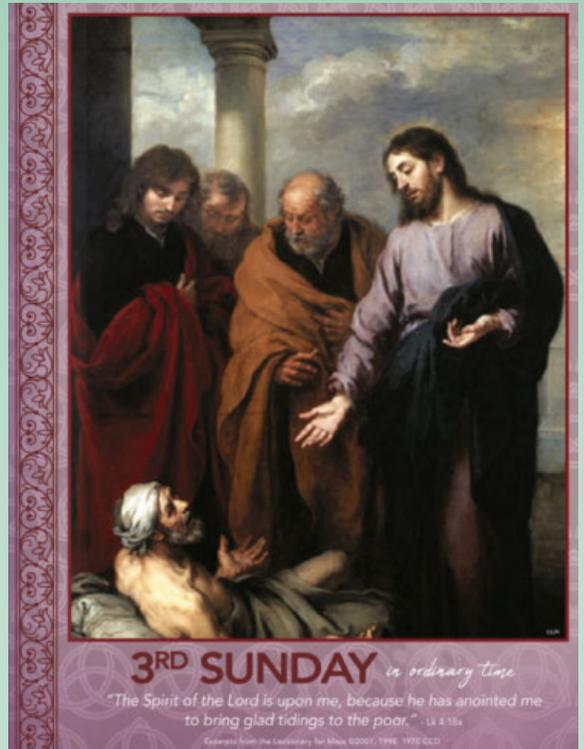
### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JAN. 23, 2022

Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In him we have become one body with many members.

**NEH 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 PS 19: 8-10, 15 1 COR 12:12-30  
or 1 COR 12:12-14, 27 LK 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21**

#### Ministers - St. Joseph

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|------------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Sat., Jan. 29, 4:00pm</b> |           | <b>Sun., Jan. 30, 8:00am</b>                      |
| Katie Edwards                | Lector    | Volunteer   |
| Volunteers                   | Servers   | Volunteers  |
| Volunteer                    | Communion | Volunteer   |
| Volunteer                    | Sacristan | Volunteer   |
| Knights of Columbus          | Ushers    | Knights of Columbus                               |
|                              | Cashiers  | Theresa Ripp, Barbara Viste,<br>Delone Hoangenson |

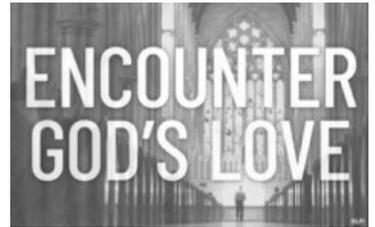




## From the Desk of Your Pastor

Father Emmanuel Stella Famiyeh

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### Go Frequently to God's Word

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

<b>WE ARE THE DIOCESE</b> <b>DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL</b> <b>2021-2022</b> 	<b>GOAL \$33,095</b> <b>PLEGGED \$20,458</b> Families Contributing <b>71 of 225</b> <b>UNDER OUR GOAL</b> <b>\$12,637</b>
	Please consider a contribution if you have not already done so. Our parish will receive all funds contributed over our goal. We will have to pay out of the general fund any shortfall in the pledges.

**The Finance Council will not be meeting until after Father returns from his trip to Ghana. The 2021 Parish Financial Report will be presented to them at that time and published in the bulletin after it is presented at that meeting.**

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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## Calendar of Events – Updates

### JANUARY

- 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  
 11 Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick  
 12/13 **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, World Marriage Day  
 13 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes** 9-10am  
 14 Bible Study, Parish Center, 9:30am  
 19/20 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 20 **St. Joseph and St. Kevin Rel. Ed. In-Person Classes** 9-10am  
 21 Bible Study, Parish Center, 9:30am

**Bulletin deadline is Monday at noon.**

*BulletinEditor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org*

## PARISH FUNDS HANDLED ACCORDING TO DIOCESAN INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY

- Funds contributed to any of the accounts under the control of Guardian Angels Parish should be in an envelope with 1) the name of the account contributing, 2) the contributors name, 3) amount of donation and, 4) date of contribution.
- Funds should be placed in the collection at Mass or mailed to the parish office.
- Collections are counted by 2 or more money counters each Sunday at each church, a collection report is filled out and the envelopes are checked for accuracy. Funds are then deposited at the bank.
- Envelope amounts are posted by Parish Office staff.
- Quarterly the Bank reviews the bank statements for each account for accuracy.
- At no time should funds be taken to anyone's home or stored there.
- A Financial report is presented to the Finance Council each time they meet.

Each year at your request a statement of your giving to the parish will be either mailed or emailed to you. Your donations are very much appreciated and the parish office takes the utmost care in handling them as the Diocese requests. Thank you for your support of Guardian Angels Parish.

## Do Your Part, Let Others Do Theirs

St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians states, "If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is there are many parts, yet one body" (1 COR 12:18-20).

What does this teach us as Christian stewards? First, it shows us that we all have equal dignity and worth in God's sight and that if God sees us as equally precious, we should view each other in this same light. It teaches us to humbly recognize our gifts and the giftedness of every member of our parish family. And, while God designed us to be ultimately dependent on Him, it seems He has also designed us to need each other!

This is part of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life. No one person can "do it all" in life — whether in family or parish life. But God does not ask us to do it all. He asks us to share the gifts and talents we have in the season of life we find ourselves in right now. It might feel uncomfortable at first. But the good news is you don't have to do it all. Do your part, let your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ do theirs, and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.



### JANUARY

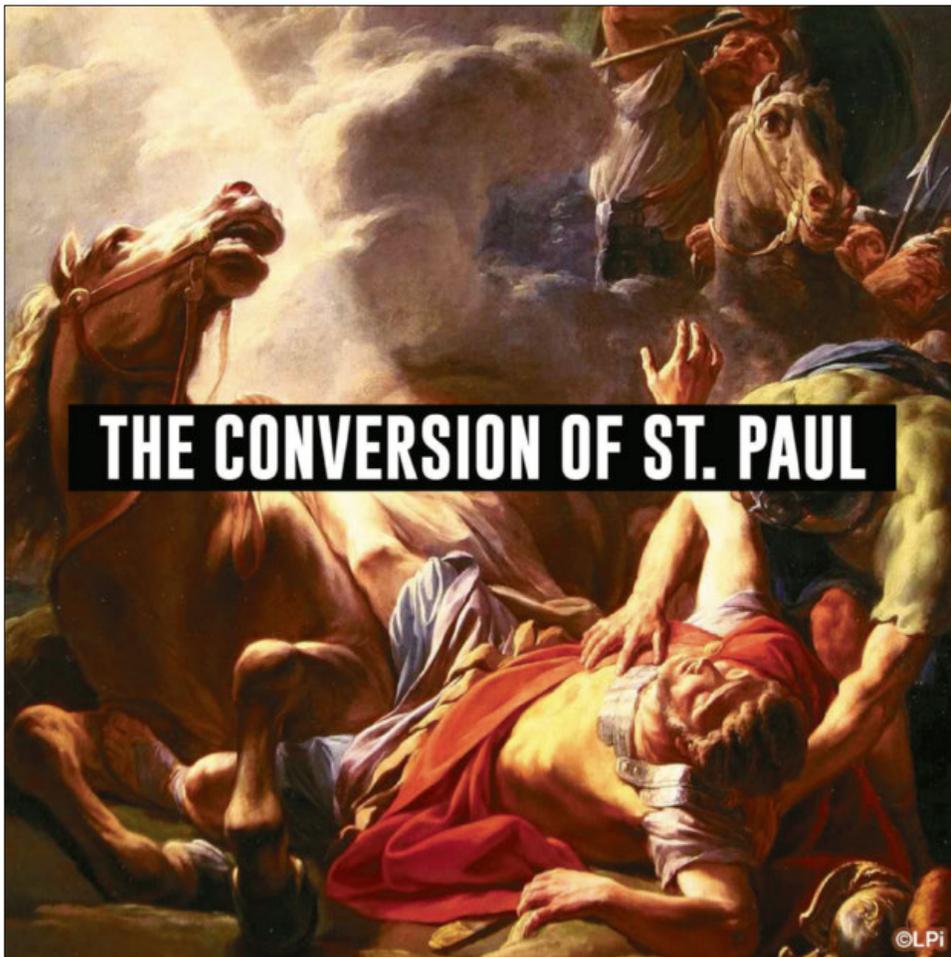
*For true human fraternity*

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. 24	Dec. 26
Christmas Envelopes	\$ 2,070.00	
Adult Envelopes		\$ 532.00
Youth Envelopes	\$ 5.00	
Offertory Plate	\$ 802.00	\$ 73.00
Roof Fund	\$ 75.00	\$ 200.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 81.00	\$ 100.00



# THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

## The Story of the Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint Paul’s entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot’s hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: “...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment” (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was “entered,” possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior.

One sentence determined his theology: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to “present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me” (Colossians 1:28b-29). “For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction” (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul’s life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ’s victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul’s great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more “works” than the Law could ever contemplate.

Saint of the Day, *FranciscanMedia.org*

## Bible Study

The Weekly Bible study is on Mondays at 9:30am in the Parish Center. It will run through May 2. For more information contact Nancy Oldham – [oldhamnj@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://books.wordonfire.org/eucharist-book).

“  
CREEP DOWN INTO  
THE HEART OF JESUS.  
HE ALONE CAN  
COMFORT YOU IN  
YOUR SUPREME  
HOUR OF SORROW.  
”

St. Marianne Cope

## Prayer Requests

For our Diocesan priests as they serve our spiritual needs.

For Father Emmanuel as he goes to Ghana and on retreat.

For Laremy Sacia, that he wins his battle with cancer.

For perseverance in our daily struggles, while recognizing the joy God gives through little things.





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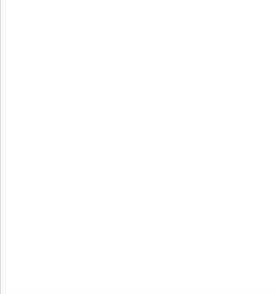
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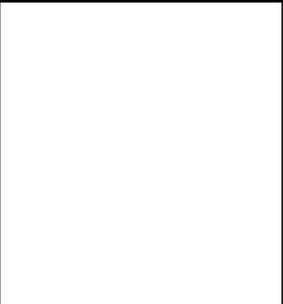


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