



St. Joseph Church

507 Main St
Black River Falls, WI

Mass Intentions

- Sat., Jan. 7 4:00pm – Mass
† Victor Byrns
- Sun., Jan. 8 8:00am – Mass
† Betty Pernsteiner
- Weds., Jan. 11 8:00am – Mass
† Edward E. Bunde
- Thurs., Jan. 12 8:00am – Mass
† For All Fathers
- Fri., Jan. 13 8:00am – Mass
† Holly Koranda
- Sat., Jan. 14 4:00pm – Mass
† Joan Lundren
- Sun., Jan. 15 8:00am – Mass
† Deceased Members of
the Knights of Columbus

To request a Mass for the living or deceased,
contact:
Bookkeeper@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

January 7/8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday Mass Times

St. Joseph - Saturday 4pm
Sunday 8am
St. Kevin - Sunday 10am

Confessions upon request

and
St. Joseph, Sat. 3:30pm
St. Kevin, Sun. 9:40am

Sacraments of the Sick

Anyone who wants to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, or for Viaticum may call Fr. Arivu to set up an appointment.

608-799-3831

St. Kevin Church

813 N Washington
Melrose, WI

Mass Intentions

- Sun., Jan. 8 10:00am – Mass
† Michael Semke
- Tues., Jan. 10 4:30pm – Adoration
5:00pm – Mass
**Anniversary of
Ben and Karen Pfaff**
- Sun., Jan. 15 10:00am – Mass
† Tony Rebarchik

Ministers at St. Kevin

Sun., Jan. 15, 10:00am

- Commentator: Volunteer
- Lector: Volunteer
- Servers: Volunteers
- Communion: Volunteers
- Sacristan: Betty Christopherson
- Ushers: Volunteers
- Cashiers: Doug Kirchner,
Chris Radcliffe



January 8, 2023 — The Epiphany of the Lord

All the nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been call 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 at St. Joseph

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| Volunteers | Servers | Volunteers |
| Volunteers | Communion | Volunteers |
| Knights of Columbus | Ushers | Knights of Columbus |
| | Cashiers | Diane Kujak, Lonnie Simplot,
Priscilla Goldsmith |



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. - Mt 2:10-11a



Father Arivu Mariappan

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**This is my body.
This is my blood.**



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI died Dec. 31, 2022, aged 95.

In his 2009 encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, Benedict wrote: "If there is a lack of respect for the right to life and to a natural death, if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology."

Find God in Science and Fully in Jesus

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

Business Office Hours

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

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Religious Education Classes Resume Sunday, January 8, 2023

The next Youth Mass is scheduled for Sunday, January 29. Students attending St. Joseph Church are to report to the lower level of the church by 7:50am for line-up. Students will be released following their In-person Religious Education classes.

Students attending St. Kevin Church are to report for their In-person Religious Education classes at 9:00am. Students will be released following the 10:00am Mass.

REMINDER: First Semester Checkpoint To ensure that your child stays on track for completing the online component of their grade level requirements by the end of the current school year, please contact your child’s respective Catechist as to what lesson they should have completed by the end of January .

Youth Giving Envelopes Giving Envelopes will once again be provided to all registered students in the Guardian Angels Parish Religious Education Program. Envelopes will be distributed to students in January 2023. Parents are encouraged to help their children to use their respective youth-giving envelopes each weekend.

Youth Giving Envelopes are given out to the students to inculcate the habit of giving back to God and the Church so that they will take over from us when they become adults. This is in line with passing on honorable and noble legacy and tradition to the next generation by way of Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure, with Trust.

**NOTICE OF UPDATES TO SCHEDULES
for Second Grade Students**

Receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

SK—Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 10:00AM

SJ—Sunday, April 30, 2023 @ 10:00AM

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What was the name of John the Baptist’s mother?

Answer: Elizabeth @LPI

Guardian Angels Parish prayer network has been active for over 25 years. If you have prayer requests, please call Connie Gates at 715-299-4957.

A Minute with Jesus:

Wise men came to worship Jesus

Wise men from far away saw an incredibly bright star moving across the sky. They followed the star to see where it would take them. It led them to the Infant Jesus. The wise men gave precious gifts to the Savior, gifts for a king: gold, frankincense and myrrh. They knew that Jesus was a great king, even though He looked like a small Child. Jesus gives us the greatest Gift – the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist again and again in a life-giving encounter.



Let’s pray this right now and every day this week:

**Jesus, the wise man brought You precious gifts.
But, thank You for giving us the most precious Gift
of Yourself in the Eucharist.**

This week, read how the wise men came to worship Jesus and bring Him gifts in Matthew 2:1-12 .

GIVEN Retreat for Couples

Saturday, January 28, 8:30am - 3pm,
St. Joseph. 719 E Patten St., Boyd WI

Contact: Chris Rogers, crogers@diolc.org, 608-791-2659

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, adoration, prayer and reconciliation. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church.



The Catechism in a Year

Ascension is launching *The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)* on Jan.1.

With this podcast, Catholics will:

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Calendar of Events – Updates

JANUARY

- 7/8 **Baptism of Our Lord**
- 8 **St. Joseph Religious Ed, Mass 8am, Class 9-10am**
- 8 **Pancake Breakfast**, sponsored by KC, St. Joseph, after 8am Mass
- 8 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, Mass 10am**
- 14/15 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 15 **St. Joseph Religious Ed, Mass 8am, Class 9-10am**
- 15 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, Mass 10am**
- 18 **Bible Study**, Parish Center Rm 7, 9:30am
- 21/22 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Sunday of the Word of God, Religious Retirement Collection
- 22 **St. Joseph Religious Ed, Mass 8am, Class 9-10am**
- 22 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, Mass 10am**
- 23 **Day of Penance for abortion.**
- 28/29 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 29 **St. Joseph All Youth Mass 8am, Class 9-10am**
- 29 **St. Kevin, Class 9-10am, All Youth Mass 10am**

FEBRUARY

- 2 **Presentation of the Lord**, World Day for Consecrated Life
- 4/5 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 5 **St. Joseph Religious Ed, Mass 8am, Class 9-10am**
- 5 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, Mass 10am**

Bulletin deadline is Monday noon.

Epiphany House Blessing

Using holy water to bless chalk and your home, mark the lintel of your front door:



The first number "20" is for the first 2 numbers of the year, and the last number "22" is for the last 2 numbers of the year.

The three letters are the first Initial of each of the kings -- *Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.*

The C, M, B also stands for the Latin blessing *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* which means "May Christ Bless this House".

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

2022

Weekend of
Dec. 3-4

Weekend of
Dec. 11-12

To be published

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

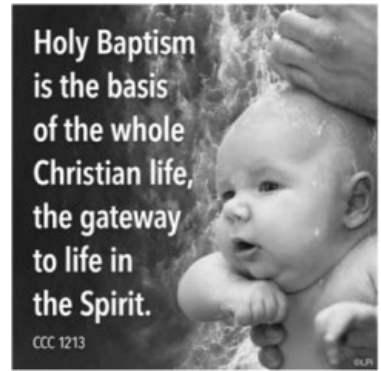
The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

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Christy Kitzhaber
Natural Family Planning Coordinator
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Pregnant and in distress?

Confidential help is available, visit
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or 123GiveLife.com

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday Jan. 8, after 8am Mass

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You are most welcome.

Bible Study begins Jan. 18

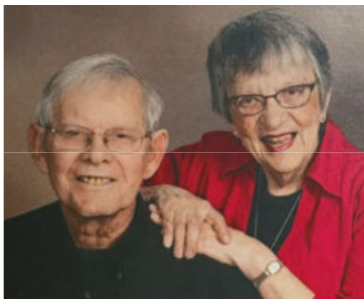
The next session of Bible study will begin Wednesday Jan. 18 at 9:30am at the Parish learning center room 7. The study and workbook are \$25.

If you are interested, call Nancy Oldham by Jan. 9 at 715-896-4340.

Religious Retirement Collection Jan 21 and 22



At Father Jibin's request, the children came to the altar to be blessed by Baby Jesus on Christmas eve at St. Kevin Church.



May God continue to bless **La Verne and Dorothy Moldenhauer**, who recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Servant of God Leonard LaRue

Leonard LaRue, or, Benedictine Brother Marinus LaRue O.S.B., had his cause officially opened for sainthood in June 2021. This incredible man was born in Philadelphia on January 14, 1914, and died on October 14, 2001, at the age of 87.

While captaining the 7,600-ton U.S. Merchant Marine ship, the *SS Meredith Victory*, during the Korean war, Leonard led the largest humanitarian rescue operation by a single vessel in history, whether during war or civilian conditions. Under his leadership, his crew and he evacuated 14,000 Korean refugees, including women and children, to safety. To accomplish this, he swiftly unloaded all cargo from the freighter and allowed as many refugees as could possibly fit into the five empty cargo spaces and onto the deck. Despite the extreme cold, lack of adequate food and water, the fact that the crew didn't know Korean, and the refugees didn't know English, communist submarines hunting for them, and constant shelling and fighting nearby, he managed to transport all 14,000 refugees 490 miles southeast to safety. They arrived at Geoje Island on Christmas



day with no injuries along with five additional people added to their numbers as five women gave birth during the treacherous two-day ordeal.

LaRue's successful deliverance of those under his protection spoke volumes of his bravery and love of those who were victims of war and violence. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration, his mission is remembered as a Christmas miracle and "One of the greatest marine rescues in the history of the world." Captain LaRue remained in command of the *Meredith Victory* until it was decommissioned in 1952.

Inspired by the Benedictine monks, Leonard entered St. Paul Benedictine Abbey in New Jersey as a monk in 1954 shortly after the decommissioning of his ship. There, he lived out the rest of his life as Brother Marinus LaRue in prayer among the brothers of his religious community. He was the Abbey's dishwasher, bell ringer, and gift shop attendant.

Prayer for the Cause of Capt. LaRue/Brother Marinus, O.S.B.

God, our Father, Creator of the seas, Protector of refugees, and all those in need, You called Captain Leonard LaRue to recognize Your Son Jesus Christ in the faces of the Korean refugees, and led him as Brother Marinus to a life of prayer and service in the tradition of St. Benedict.

May his life be an inspiration to us and lead us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the people of the sea, welcoming those who are refugees from war, and deepening all the faithful in their prayer and work of service.

We humbly ask that You glorify Your servant Captain Leonard LaRue / Brother Marinus, O.S.B. on earth according to the design of Your holy will, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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