



St. Joseph Church

507 Main St
Black River Falls, WI

Mass Intentions

- Sat., Feb. 11 4:00pm – Mass
† Adolph Kostohryz
- Sun., Feb. 12 8:00am – Mass
† Nancy Backaus
- Weds., Feb. 15 8:00am – Mass
† Richard C. Bauer
- Sat., Feb. 18 4:00pm – Mass
† Gerald Bauer
- Sun., Feb. 19 8:00am – Mass
† Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

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

GUARDIAN ANGELS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

February 11/12, 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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., Feb. 12 10:00am – Mass
† Alfredo and Henrietta Marini
- Tues., Feb. 14 4:30pm – Adoration
5:00pm – Mass
Well Being of Foster Children
- Sun., Feb. 19 10:00am – Mass
† Margaret Boisen

Welcome Father Jey from St. Bridget, Ettrick. At St. Kevin Church. Fr. Jey will offer Eucharistic Adoration at 4:30pm and Mass at 5pm on Tuesdays, Jan. 21 - Feb. 14.

Ministers at St. Kevin Sun., Feb. 19, 10:00am

- Commentator: Kari Zeman
- Lector: Volunteer
- Servers: Volunteers
- Communion: Volunteers
- Sacristan: Betty Christopherson
- Ushers: Volunteers
- Cashiers: Jane Lash, Gary Woods

February 12, 2023 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom, a new law, a new way of living. Happy are they who choose to keep his commandments and follow his ways.

SIR 15:15-20 PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 COR 2:6-10
MT 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Ministers at St. Joseph

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| Volunteer | Commentator | Volunteer |
| Volunteer | Lector | Volunteer |
| Volunteers | Servers | Volunteers |
| Volunteers | Communion | Volunteers |
| Knights of Columbus | Ushers | Knights of Columbus |
| | Cashiers - Weekend | Patricia Durman, Angela Fischer |
| | Cashiers - Ash Weds. | Barbara Viste, Theresa Ripp,
Delone Hoangson |



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33



Father Arivu Mariappan

ThePastor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

608-799-3831

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



Father Arivu will be gone from Jan. 16 - Feb 16.

Call the office, 715-284-5613, if you have a need.

Blessed James Alfred Miller

Blessed Brother James Miller, martyred in Guatemala at age 37, was born September 21, 1944, in Wisconsin. Ordained to the Lasallian Christian Brothers in 1969, his first assignment was as a teacher at Cretin High School in St. Paul, Minnesota. During the three years he was there he taught Religion, English, Spanish, and coached the school's soccer and football teams. Despite his success at Cretin, his deepest desire was to serve the poorest of the poor as a missionary educator.

Eventually the Lasallians sent him to Nicaragua where he served for 19 years. During his time in the country, he supervised the construction of ten new rural schools, helped build an industrial arts and vocational complex, and worked with the Nicaraguan Somoza government on education initiatives. During his time as director of a school in Puerto Cabezas he increased the school's population of students from 300 to 800!



In 1979, when the Sandinistas revolution began in Nicaragua, the Lasallians recalled him to the United States for his own safety. Despite his displeasure at this reassignment, he returned to Cretin High School in St. Paul as a teacher but longed to go back to the mission field, writing to his superiors, "I am anxious to return to Latin America." By 1981 his order would grant his request and send him to a new country, Guatemala, where he taught English, Religion, and Guatemalan art to secondary students at a Lasallian Brothers school in Huehuetenango. He also established relationships with local families, often the poorest of the poor, teaching job and leadership skills to native adults.

On the afternoon of February 13, 1982, while out fixing a school fence post, Brother James Miller was murdered. He was shot several times by three men and died instantly in broad daylight in plain view of many of his students. His assassins were never caught. Some claim his murder may have been because of his order's work to prevent the government from illegally and forcibly conscripting native men into the military. His death came during a time when other priests and religious figures were also being assassinated in Guatemala. The Brother James Miller Fund was established after his death to continue his work for the poor and oppressed and in 2018, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing Brother Miller as a martyr.

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.

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GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

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**GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
 OPEN REGISTRATION
 2023-24 School Year**

Guardian Angels Parish is now accepting registration forms for the 2023-24 school year. Any student age 4 years or above must be registered in order to attend any of the religious education classes. Early registration is being encouraged as this helps with logistics. Parents can register their student by logging onto the Parish Website

www.guardianangelscathparish.org

REMINDERS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ASH WEDNESDAY FEB. 22

MASS TIMES: St. Joseph: @ 8:00am and 6:45pm
 St. Kevin: @ 5:00pm

YOUTH MASS FEB. 26

Parents, the next Youth Mass is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 26. Please make sure that every effort is made for attending Mass, as students' attendance is part of meeting their Religious Education requirements.

SECOND SEMESTER CHECKPOINT

Parents, please continue to help your child stay on track for completing the online component of their grade level requirements. All lessons are to be completed by the end of the current school year. Contact your child's respective Catechist if you have any questions.

**HELP STUDENTS PREPARE FOR MAKING
 A GOOD CONFESSION**

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: GUIDE TO CONFESSION

The guides are broken down by Grade levels and written in a manner that is age appropriate and conducive in helping students make a good confession. *A downloadable Guide to Confession is available.*

Visit diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Examination of Conscience

Grades 2 – 3 Guide to Confession

Grades 4 – 5 Guide to Confession

Grades 6 – 9 Guide to Confession

Grades 10 – 12 Guide to Confession

A Minute with Jesus:

Jesus wants to strengthen our faith that He is the "living Bread from Heaven."



Sometimes, my mind begins to wander at Mass because I only see bread and wine. Jesus, reveal to my heart the truth that this is really You present, under the appearance of bread and wine.

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

Jesus, help me to believe the truth that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

This week, read the explanation that Jesus gives that He is the "living Bread from Heaven" in *John 6: 48-51*.

Jesus Wants to Fill Us with His Love

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying *ever*? Sexual purity *all the time*? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do *that*?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— Father John Muir ©LPI



Calendar of Events – Updates

FEBRUARY

- 11/12 **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, World Marriage Day
 12 **St. Joseph Religious Ed, Mass 8am, Class 9-10am**
 12 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, Mass 10am**
 15 **Bible Study**, Parish Center Rm 7, 9:30am
 18/19 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 19 **St. Joseph Religious Ed, Mass 8am, Class 9-10am, Students Confessions**
 19 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, Mass 10am**
 22 **Ash Wednesday, Mass:** St. Joseph 8:00am and 6:45pm; St. Kevin 5:00pm
 22 **Bible Study**, Parish Center Rm 7, 9:30am
 26 **First Sunday of Lent**
 26 **St. Joseph All Youth Mass 8am, Class 9-10am**
 26 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, All Youth Mass 10am**

MARCH

- 1 **Bible Study**, Parish Center Rm 7, 9:30am
 3 **Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church needs.**
 4/5 **Second Sunday of Lent**
 5 **St. Joseph Religious Ed, Mass 8am, Class 9-10am, Student Confessions**
 5 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, Student Confessions, Mass 10am**
 8 **Bible Study**, Parish Center Rm 7, 9:30am

Bulletin deadline is Monday noon.

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

2022

Weekend of
Jan. 7-8

Weekend of
Jan. 14-15

Adult Envelopes
 Offertory Plate
 Youth Envelopes
 Roof Renovation

To be published

ATTENTION Couples planning to be married this year. This retreat is for you.

Married Love: Two Becoming One

March 4, 9am-8pm

St. Patrick Parish, Mauston

The Saturday program will begin with a light breakfast at 9am. Beginning promptly at 9:30am, there will be sessions on Faithfulness, Permanence in marriage, and the importance of family issues.

Lunch will be served. Afternoon sessions will look at Covenant and the importance of God's presence in your marriage, examine Openness to Life, and will assist you in the discovery of the beauty of human sexuality within marriage.

You will receive a special blessing at the 5pm Mass. A special Dinner will follow Mass.

A \$75 registration fee is due by Feb. 24.

For a registration form, please call St. Patrick Parish at 608-847-6054 or e-mail Jaime Pouillie at cowanja@hotmail.com.

“LOVE AND SACRIFICE ARE AS INTIMATELY CONNECTED AS SUN AND LIGHT.”

WIFE, MOTHER, AND PHYSICIAN

ST. GIANNA MOLLA

What is Natural Family Planning?

“The benefits of Natural Family Planning – self-knowledge, marital satisfaction, spiritual growth for both husband and wife – these make NFP unique.” (Lee Ann Doerflinger, “Natural Family Planning: An Unexpected Grace,” Respect Life Program, USCCB, 2002.)

Christy Kitzhaber
 Natural Family Planning Coordinator
 Office for Marriage and Family Life/NFP
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ASH WEDNESDAY: FEB.22

MASS : St. Joseph, 8am and 6:45pm
St. Kevin, 5pm



AT HOME MARRIAGE RETREAT
**"Marriage...one flesh,
given and received"**

"Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

National Marriage Week is February 7-14 each year. For your marriage, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers **At Home Marriage Retreat 2023**. It can be found at USCCB.org under Resources, then Resource Library.

Bryce Kitowski, (far left) competed in the Aquinas Catholic Schools Religion Quiz Bowl on Feb. 1. His team from St Patrick Catholic School, Sparta, took 1st Place out of eight teams.

On Jan. 31, the feast of St. John Bosco who is the patron of youth, Fr. Eric Berns of Saint Patrick Parish, Sparta, celebrated Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Audrey Kitowski** (below) and her mother Bobbie Kitowski joined the youth group as they were not only blessed with St Bosco's relic, but also were blessed to unexpectedly meet Gianna Emanuela Molla, daughter of St. Gianna Beretta Molla.



Mass and Healing Service

Sacred Heart Church, 1205 Front St., Cashton
February 27

**Do you have a need for healing -
spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional?**

5:30pm - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm.

6:30 pm - **Holy Mass**

After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing and Deliverance. Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it.

Exorcised and Blessed Oil, Salt, and Water are used.





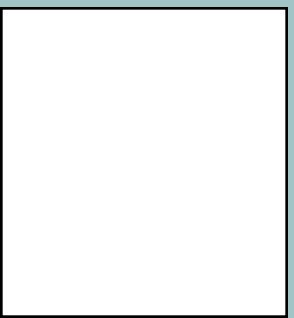
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