



St. Joseph Church

507 Main St
Black River Falls, WI

Mass Intentions

- Sat., Mar. 25** 4:00pm – Mass, Adoration
ADORATION until 6pm
† **Tom McNulty**
- Sun., Mar. 26** 8:00am – Mass
† **Deceased Knights of Columbus Members**
- Weds., Mar. 29** 8:00am – Mass
† **Mr. and Mrs. J Seul**
- Thurs., Mar. 30** 8:00am – Mass
† **Berneice Hansen**
- Fri., Mar. 31** 8:00am – Mass
† **Meyers Family**
- Sat., Apr., 1** 4:00pm – Mass, Adoration
ADORATION until 6pm
† **Raymond Meyers**
- Sun., Apr. 2** 8:00am – Mass
† **Richard Bauer**

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

GUARDIAN ANGELS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

March 25/26, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

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

Lent: also during Adoration

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., Mar. 26** 10:00am – Mass
† **Laremy Sacia**
- Tues., Mar. 28** 4:00pm – Adoration
5:00pm – Mass
Friends of Gene and Sue Volden
- Sun., Apr. 2** 10:00am – Mass
† **Michael Semke**

Ministers at St. Kevin

Sun., Apr. 2, 10:00am

- Commentator: Kari Zeman
- Lector: Volunteer
- Servers: Volunteers
- Communion: Volunteers
- Sacristan: Diane Bolger
- Ushers: Volunteers
- Cashiers: As assigned

March 26, 2023 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.

EZ 37:12-14 PS 130:1-8 ROM 8:8-11
JN 11:1-45 or JN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



HOLY WEEK MINISTERS - St. Joseph

Thurs., Apr. 6, 7:00pm

Fri., Apr. 7, 1:00pm

Volunteer Commentator Volunteer

Volunteer Lector Volunteer

Gospel Elaine Musser, Mary Woods

Volunteers Servers Volunteers

Volunteers Communion Volunteers

Knights of Columbus Ushers Knights of Columbus

Ministers at St. Joseph

Sat., Apr. 1, 4:00pm

Sun., Apr. 2, 8:00am

Volunteer Commentator Volunteer

Volunteer Lector Volunteer

Volunteers Servers Volunteers

Volunteers Communion Volunteers

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Cashiers As assigned

Sat., Apr. 8, 8:30pm

Sun., Apr. 9, 8:00am

Volunteer Commentator Volunteer

Volunteer Lector Volunteer

Volunteers Gospel Volunteers

Volunteers Servers Volunteers

Volunteers Communion Volunteers

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Father Arivu Mariappan

ThePastor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

608-799-3831

FR. ARIVU WOULD LIKE TO BLESS YOUR HOUSE THIS LENT. CALL OR EMAIL WITH A SUGGESTED TIME.



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



10th Anniversary of the Opening of the Cause for Canonization of the Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski

It is with great hope and admiration that we mark the 10th anniversary of the opening of the cause for canonization of the Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski. So much has happened since 2013 and so many people have been involved telling the story of his life and ministry, all giving witness to his heroic holiness.

I have come to know him through the people who worked side by side with him and the countless more who knew him and his missionary zeal. It was Father Joe who introduced the people of Peru to the Diocese of La Crosse, and it was Father Joe who reminded the people of the Diocese of La Crosse of their baptismal calling to be missionaries for Christ—Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!

When I visited Casa Hogar in 2011, we were celebrating the 5th anniversary of Father Joe's death. As nighttime drew near and while holding lit candles, everyone began the ascent to Father Joe's tomb which is located on the side of the bluff overlooking Casa Hogar, the slums of Lurin and the Pacific Ocean. It's about a 20-minute walk on mostly sandy rocky ground, but once you arrive, it is a most magnificent view. What was more astonishing, however, was the reverence we felt as we journeyed up. A quiet descended upon the adults and children as they approached the tomb. Then, one by one, they placed their candles on the ledge in front of his tomb, giving testimony to Father Joe's love. Many of those gathered knew Father Joe and Father Joe knew them.

Their reverence showed me that something very special had happened. Their reverence was evidence of the encounter they had with Father Joe; the encounter they had with Jesus through Father Joe. As I watched their actions and felt their emotions, I further realized he was a heroically holy man. He touched lives, he healed brokenness and he brought hope to the children of Casa Hogar by giving them a sense of dignity—the dignity deserving of every child of God.

It's been 10 years since his cause was opened so now, with renewed resolve in faith, we pray that if it be God's will, Father Joe will be given to us as a saint and hero of the Church. Father Joe inspired the people of our diocese to imagine a better way for the abandoned and marginalized people of Peru and now Father Joe's legacy inspires us to see how our lives can transform others if we align our actions with his; always seeing the face of Christ in everyone we meet, especially the people the world tries so desperately to forget. ~ Bishop William P. Callahan

Project Milk — Presently there is funding for 600 bags of whole powdered milk for the children at Casa Hogar and their surrounding orphanages, but a full container is 800 bags. So there is an immediate need of \$17,000. Please consider donating to Project Milk. You can donate online at homeajpm.org/project-milk by clicking on the "Donate" tab and designating Project Milk as your donation. Or write a check payable to the Diocese of La Crosse, with "Project Milk" on the memo line, and mail it to: Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, 3710 East Ave. S., PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH Business Office Hours

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507 Main Street
Black River Falls, WI
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715-284-5613

St. Joseph — 10am-4pm — Tues, Wed, Thurs
St. Kevin — 2pm-5pm — Friday
Website: **GuardianAngelsCathParish.org**
MyParishApp.com

Email: **ParishOffice@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org**
Online Bulletin: Parishesonline.com/organization/guardian-angels-parish-brf

St. Kevin Church
813 North Washington Street
Melrose, WI 54642
608-488-3001

**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

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

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

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Knights of Columbus Council 4697 has scholarship applications available for graduating Catholic seniors from the parishes of Guardian Angels of Black River Falls and Melrose, Immaculate Conception of Alma Center and St. Joseph of Fairview. Applications can be picked up from your designated parish office.

“Prayer is, beyond doubt, the most powerful weapon the Lord gives us to conquer evil ... but we must really put ourselves into the prayer, it is not enough just to say the words, it must come from the heart. And also prayer needs to be continuous, we must pray no matter what kind of situation we find ourselves in: the warfare we are engaged in is ongoing, so our prayer must be ongoing also.” – St. Alphonsus

A Minute with Jesus:

Jesus is the “living Bread from Heaven.”

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:51). Jesus gave this living bread for the first time to His Apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living Bread to us in Holy Communion. The **living Bread** is Jesus Himself.



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

Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the “living Bread” received in Holy Communion.

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

The Holy Eucharist “contains the Church’s entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself.”

- Saint Pope John Paul II

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How many Stations of the Cross are there?

Answer: 14

Amazing Adventure in Faith – The Lay Formation Institute!

Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins this fall. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608-791-0161.

Need prayers?

Guardian Angels Prayer Network is a ministry of individuals who pray for the personal intentions of our Parish families and friends.

If you have an intention, please call Connie Gates or call or text Rita Becker at the numbers below. You can mention names or simply say, “pray for a struggling friend”. Know that your intentions will be kept private between members of the prayer network and will not be shared with anyone outside this ministry.

We are looking for prayer warriors, like yourself, to dedicate time each day to pray for the needs of others, from the comfort of your own home. If you are interested, please contact either **Connie Gates at 715-299-4957** or call or text **Rita Becker at 608-792-8780**.

Calendar of Events – Updates

MARCH

- 25 **Confessions and Adoration**, following 4pm Mass until 6pm at St. Joseph
- 25/26 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- 26 **St. Joseph All Youth Mass 8am**, RE Class 9-10am
- 26 **St. Kevin**, RE Class 9-10am, **All Youth Mass 10am**
- 28 **Confessions and Adoration**, 4-5pm, Mass 5pm at St. Kevin
- 29 **Bible Study**, Parish Center Rm 7, 9:30am
- 30 **Choir Practice for Triduum**, St. Joseph, 5:30-7pm
- 31 **Spring Cleaning**, St. Joseph, after 8am Mass
- 31 **Stations of the Cross**, St. Joseph 4pm, St. Kevin 6pm

APRIL

- 1 **Confessions and Adoration**, following 4pm Mass until 6pm at St. Joseph
- 1/2 **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
- 2 No Religious Ed classes
- 4 **Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m.**, Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman
- 6 **Holy Thursday** 7pm at St. Joseph
- 7 **Good Friday Passion of the Lord**, 1pm at St. Joseph
- 7 **Stations of the Cross**, St. Joseph 4pm, St. Kevin 6pm
- 8 **Holy Saturday** 8:30pm at St. Joseph
- 9 **Easter Sunday** St. Joseph 8am, St. Kevin 10am
- 9 No Religious Ed classes
- 12 **Bible Study**, Parish Center Rm 7, 9:30am
- 16 **St. Joseph Religious Ed, Mass 8am**, Class 9-10am
- 16 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, Mass 10am**
- 22/23 **Third Sunday of Easter**
- 23 **St. Joseph Religious Ed, Mass 8am**, Class 9-10am
- 23 **St. Kevin Religious Ed, Class 9-10am, Mass 10am**
- 23 **First Holy Communion**, St. Kevin, Mass 10am

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Pregnant and in distress?

Confidential help is available, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources or 123GiveLife.com

Early deadline for Apr. 1/2 Bulletin is Sun. Mar. 26, noon.
Early deadline for Apr. 8/9 Bulletin is Wed. Mar. 29, noon.

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**PROFIT BY THE LITTLE TRIALS
THAT COME TO YOU, FOR THROUGH
THEM WE MAKE REAL PROGRESS.**

- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
To be published

Contribution Statements are available by request.

They can either be e-mailed to you or sent by USPS.

Contact the parish office: 715-284-5613 x3

or e-mail bookkeeper@guardianangelscathparish.org.

The ENDURANCE
OF DARKNESS
IS THE
preparation
FOR GREAT
LIGHT.

St. John of the Cross

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS : St. Joseph, 4pm
St. Kevin, 6pm



Choir Practice for the Easter Triduum

Thursday March 30, 5:30 - 7:00pm
St. Joseph Church

ALL are welcome! Plan to attend even if you are unable to commit to all Triduum services.

Wanda can be contacted at wplachecki@centurytel.net.

Holy Week, Abortion, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race

The PBS Wisconsin headline on Feb. 22 got right to the point: "National debate over abortion turns to Wisconsin Supreme Court race." It was referring to the election that will take place on Tuesday, April 4. Media coverage of the two Supreme Court candidates and their philosophies is widespread, and abortion has been the constant focal point. As we inform ourselves, and then cast our vote on April 4 – Tuesday of Holy Week – let us cherish the fact that Jesus himself took on flesh as a tiny, developing child in the womb of Mary, so that one day, on the Cross of Calvary, he might rescue us from darkness and sin. Likewise, every preborn child is in the image of the Lord who created and redeemed us.

Lenten Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays following 4pm Mass at St. Joseph until 6pm
Saturdays through April 1

Tuesdays, 4-5pm, at St. Kevin, with Mass at 5pm
Tuesdays through March 28

Spring Cleaning at St Joseph Church

Friday, March 31 following the 8am Mass

Anyone wishing to help out is welcome to join us! Coffee and morning pastries will be provided by the PCCW.

**"YES, LORD, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE
THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD."**

- St. Martha

Easter Flowers as Memorials

Flowers and decorations enhance our liturgical worship at Easter and are a wonderful way to remember our loved ones, both living and deceased. The names of those to be remembered will be published in our church bulletin during the Easter season.

You may contribute online and send your requests for your loved ones to bookkeeper@guardianangelscathparish.org. Also, flower memorial envelopes are available in your envelope packets. Please return your envelope to the office or the collection basket or contribute online **by Friday, March 31** to guarantee that your loved ones' names will be included in the Easter flowers list.



These happy students received the Sacrament of Penance. Father Arivu heard their First Confession on Sunday March 19 at St. Kevin Church. Jackie and Charlotte Sikorski are their proud teachers.



St. Ansgar Lenten Fish Fry

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Friday, March 31

4 - 7pm

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