



St. Joseph Church

507 Main St
Black River Falls, WI

Mass Intentions

- Sat., May 20 4:00pm – Mass
† Phyllis Tangney
- Sun., May 21 10:00am – Mass
† William Barton
- Weds., May 24 8:00am – Mass, Adoration
Birthdays of Chris and Colin Oldham
- Thurs., May 25 8:00am – Mass
Adoration until noon † Joseph and Millie Wilhelm
- Fri., May 26 8:00am – Mass
Of the Parish
- Sat., May 27 4:00pm – Mass
Mickey McDonald
- Sun., May 28 10:00am – Mass
† Fr. Robert Streveler

To request a Mass for the living or deceased, contact:

Bookkeeper@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org

GUARDIAN ANGELS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

May 20/21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday Mass Times

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

Confessions upon request and

St. Joseph, Sat. 3:30pm
St. Kevin, Sun. 7:40am

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., May 21 8:00am – Mass
† Fr. Thomas McInnis and Fr. John Schmitz
- Tues., May 23 4:30pm – Adoration
5:00pm – Mass
Anniversary of Kris and Carol Evavold
- Sun., May 28 8:00am – Mass
† Vera Dwars

Ministers at St. Kevin

Sun., May 28, 8:00am

- Commentator: Volunteer
- Lector: Volunteer
- Servers: Volunteers
- Greeters: Volunteers
- Gift Bearers: Volunteers
- Sacristan: Bonnie Pfaff
- Ushers: Volunteers
- Cashiers: As assigned



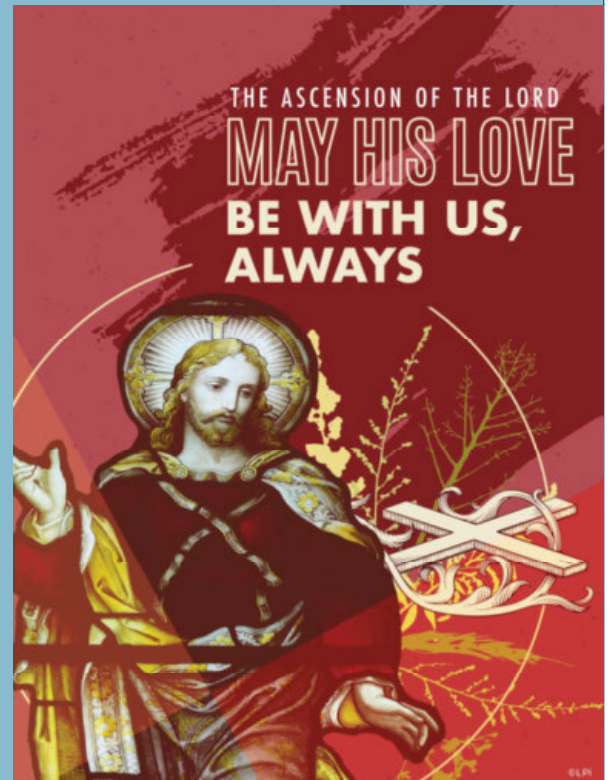
May 21, 2023 — The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

ACTS 1: 1-11 PS 47:2-3, 6-9 EPH 1:17-23 MT 28:16-20

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 | As assigned |





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This is my body.
This is my blood.

Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the “Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” of the Second Vatican Council: “The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God’s word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years” (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm. ©LPi



Post-Abortion Healing Ministry

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608-860-6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

Guardian Angels Prayer Network is a ministry of individuals who pray for the personal intentions of our Parish families and friends. Know that your intentions will be kept private between members of the prayer network and will not be shared with anyone outside this ministry. You can mention names or simply say, “pray for a struggling friend”. If you have an intention, or would like to be a prayer warrior, please contact either **Connie Gates at 715-299-4957** or call or text **Rita Becker at 608-792-8780**.

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. 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. 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.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH Business Office Hours

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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

Then Click On REL. EDUC. REGISTRATION FORM

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.

Servant of God
Fr. Emil Kapaun

Servant of God Chaplain Emil Kapaun’s legacy as a light to prisoners of war and soldiers on the battlefield is vast. His cause for sainthood is currently being investigated due to a number of possible miracles attributed to his intercession as well as the possibility of his dying a martyr.

Emil was born in 1916 on a farm in Pilsen, Kansas. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1940 and remained local, serving in his home parish, St. John Nepomucene, in Pilsen. In 1944, he decided to enter the army as part of the Chaplain Corps. He served in India and Burma during the end of WWII. In 1949, after a brief break to earn a degree back in Kansas, he re-enlisted and was sent to Japan. Kapaun was assigned as chaplain for the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Not long after his assignment, Fr. Kapaun and the 1st Cavalry Division were ordered to Korea to help repel North Korea’s invasion of South Korea.

During grueling, sleepless months of battle, Fr. Kapaun became known as someone who would risk his own life to save others on the battlefield. He ministered to his division by praying with them, offering confessions and baptisms, and by saying Mass from an improvised altar he set up on the front end of a Jeep. During this time, as the United Nation forces progressed northward, Fr. Kapaun and his troops were surprised by a contingent of the Chinese People’s Volunteer Army — the PVA.



A Minute with Jesus:

Eucharist means thanksgiving.

When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us. When receiving Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Jesus Christ and then we give heartfelt thanks to God for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives us the gift of eternal life with Himself in Heaven.



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

Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart, most especially to our Heavenly Father, to You, and to the Holy Spirit.

This week read how St. Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1: 3-9

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: During the liturgical year, when is the very first solemnity celebrated?

Answer: December 8th — the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A number of the troops were able to retreat and escape, Fr. Kapaun was encouraged to go with them, but he stayed behind with the 800 men of his 3rd Battalion during the Battle of Unsan. He personally saved the lives of more than 40 soldiers during that battle. He and the others were taken prisoner by the PVA and marched over 80 miles to a prison camp. During this time, he helped others carry the injured among them despite this being forbidden by their captors. They were eventually held at Prison Camp 5 at Pyoktong, North Korea.

During his time as a prisoner of war, Fr. Kapaun was known by those he was imprisoned with as someone who could be relied on as a caretaker of all. The morale in the camp was awful, as many as 2 dozen men would die on a daily basis of malnutrition, disease, and the cold, but, Fr. Kapaun spent every waking hour doing his best to serve those he was with and raise moral in the camp. He was even known to steal food and medicine for those starving or too sick to care for themselves.

Despite developing pneumonia, dysentery, and a blood clot, Fr. Kapaun was still saying Mass and serving the other POW’s until he was physically too weak to do so. He died of malnutrition and pneumonia on May 23, 1951, and was buried by friends up on a hill marked with stones, away from the mass graves others were dumped in.

In 1992 Pope John Paul II named him a Servant of God. ©LPi

Calendar of Events – Updates

May

20/21 **The Ascension of the Lord**

24 **Combined Parish Councils Meeting, 5pm**

27/28 **Pentecost Sunday**

28 **Spring Mass, St. Malachy Church, 1:30pm, Veteran's Program, 1:15pm**

JUNE

3/4 **The Most Holy Trinity**

10/11 **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

17/18 **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Father's Day**

21 **Vigil for Life, St. Kevin, 6-7:30pm**

24 **Ordination to the Priesthood, Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 10:00 a.m.**

24/25 **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

25 **St. Joseph Mass, 8am - NOTE MASS TIME**

25 **St. Kevin Mass with Polka music, 10am, Picnic follows. NOTE MASS TIME**

Bulletin deadline is Monday noon.

BulletinEditor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org



We have been given every grace and blessing

through the Mass and all of the sacraments, the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to stand here but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles, "to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth," not with our power but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

to be published

Parents: Protect Your Children

The culture is bombarding your children and young people with lies about their identity. The stark reality is that the "gender revolution" is being streamed into your children's daily lives, offering a seductive vision that is deeply disturbing and untrue. The work of *Person and Identity Project* is an excellent service to parents navigating urgent issues around 'gender identity' and 'gender transition.' The information on their website is objective and up to date.

personandidentity.com

Pregnant and in distress?

Confidential help is available, visit

diolc.org/pregnancy-resources or 123GiveLife.com



Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox;

and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPI



Let Mary's soul be in each of you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Let her spirit be in each to rejoice in the Lord. Christ has only one mother in the flesh, but we all bring forth Christ in faith. Every soul receives the Word of God if only it keeps chaste, remaining pure and free from sin, its modesty undefiled. The soul that

succeeds in this proclaims the greatness of the Lord, just as Mary's soul magnified the Lord and her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior. *AmericaNeedsFatima.org*

Spring Mass at St. Malachy's May 28

The Spring Mass at St. Malachy's Catholic Church, rural Melrose, will be on Sunday, May 28, at 1:30 p.m. Father Arivu Mariappan, of Guardian Angels Parish, will officiate. The Mass is open to the general public.

Prior to the Mass, a Memorial Service will be conducted at 1:15 p.m. in the cemetery. Veterans buried at the cemetery are: *Civil War*-James Bulger, Michael Bulger, Michael Crawley, James Dunnigan, and Frank Melvin; *WWII*-Claire "Junior" McCormick, Eugene McCormick, Gordon McCormick, James Savage, Robert Waller, Wayne G. Hansen, and Jack Gilbert; *Korean War*-Harold Krosinski, and *Vietnam*-David W. Hansen.

St. Malachy's Church was built in the early 1870's. It was closed in July 1980. Since a successful restoration project in 1990, a Spring Mass and a Fall Mass of Thanksgiving are held annually. For more information on the Spring Mass or St. Malachy's Cemetery, contact Mary I. Murray Woods at 608-488-5981 or Guardian Angels' Parish Office at 715-284-5613.

Combined Parish Councils Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 5pm

Please let Father Arivu know if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Tell the House to pass the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act

The House of Representatives is considering whether to bring the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7) to a vote, and the U.S. Bishops are asking you to make your voice heard in support of this bill. To reach out to your U.S. Representative, visit the USCCB action alert page at votervoice.net/USCCB/home.



God blessed us with mothers, here on earth and in heaven. We honor them with flowers.

MARTYR

“ ACT AND GOD WILL ACT, WORK AND HE WILL WORK. ”

- ST. JOAN OF ARC

St. Columbkille Cemetery Raffle Tickets



Our parish is responsible for the care and upkeep of St. Columbkille Cemetery. The envelope with your family name can be picked up at church. It contains 10 raffle tickets and details of the raffle. Contact the office if you cannot find your tickets or if you want more tickets to buy or sell.

Funds will go toward safeguarding the cemetery property and headstones, weekly mowing during the summer, and other maintenance.



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