



## St. Joseph Church

507 Main St  
Black River Falls, WI

### Mass Intentions

- Sat., Dec. 14** 4:00pm – Mass  
† Max Sr. and Gertrude Michaelson
- Sun., Dec. 15** 8:00am – Mass  
† Harry Martin
- Weds., Dec. 18** 5:30pm – Mass, Adoration  
† Berneice Hansen
- Sat., Dec. 21** 4:00pm – Mass  
**50th Wedding Anniversary of Roger and Carolyn Bauer**
- Sun., Dec. 22** 8:00am – Mass  
† David Holze, Sr.

### Eucharistic Adoration, CONFESSIONS, Benediction

SUN., DEC. 22  
St. Joseph Church, 4-5pm

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

[Bookkeeper@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org](mailto:Bookkeeper@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org)

# GUARDIAN ANGELS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

**Dec. 14/15, 2024**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

### 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., Dec. 15** 10:00am – Mass  
† Randy Sonsalla
- Tue., Dec. 17** 5:00pm – Mass  
† Glenice Klostinski
- Sun., Dec. 22** 10:00am – Mass  
† Merlin Olson



## December 15, 2024 — Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

**ZEP 3:14-18a IS 12:2-6  
PHIL 4:4-7 LK 3:10-18**

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**Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**





**Father Arivu Mariappan** 608-799-3831

*ThePastor@GuardianAngelsCathParish.org*

**Eucharistic Adoration at St. Kevin Church is on Tuesday at 4:30pm, with Mass at 5pm. Adoration at St. Joseph Church is on Wednesday following the 5:30pm Mass until 7:00pm.** Please sign up in the back of church each week and spend time with our Lord in quiet prayer.

This is  
my body.

This is  
my blood.



### Ministers at St. Kevin

Sun., Dec. 22, 10am		Christmas Night Dec. 24, 4pm
Kari Zeman	Commentator	Katie Ramsey
Dan Torres	Lector	Mary Woods
Volunteers	Servers	Volunteers
Denan Johnson	Sacristan	Bonnie Pfaff
Volunteers	Ushers	Volunteers
As Assigned	Cashiers	As Assigned

### Ministers at St. Joseph

Sat., Dec. 21 4:00pm	Sun., Dec. 22 8:00am		Christmas Night Dec. 24, 4pm	Christmas Day Dec. 25, 9am
Amy Hoffman	Chris Penza	Commentator	Jerry Kitowski	Amy Hoffman
Amy Hoffman	Chris Penza	Lector	Jerry Kitowski	Amy Hoffman
Orville Semke	Rita Meyers	Communion	Cathy Gaynor	Katie Edwards
Volunteers	Volunteers	Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Volunteer	Volunteer	Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer
Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus	Ushers	Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus
	As assigned	Cashiers	As assigned	

**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**.



### 2024-2025 Diocese of La Crosse Annual Appeal

This year's Diocesan Annual Appeal, deeply rooted in Saint Paul's words in his first letter to the Corinthians: "For we are co-workers..." (1 Corinthians 3:9), holds a profound spiritual significance for us as Catholics in the Diocese of La Crosse. It is a call to unite in a shared mission of faith and service, not just to worship God and teach the Catholic Faith but also to serve the needs of fellow humans.

#### Guardian Angels Parish

**Goal: \$34,120**

**Raised: \$16,106**

**Needed: \$18,014**

**Donors: 45 envelope holders**

**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

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](http://Parishesonline.com/organization/guardian-angels-parish-brf)

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St. Kevin Church  
813 North Washington  
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Melrose, WI 54642

608-488-3001

**GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
**2024-25 STUDENT REGISTRATION**

**ATTENTION PARENTS**

Visit the Parish's website to register your child(ren)

[GuardianAngelsCathParish.org](http://GuardianAngelsCathParish.org)

Then, click on REL. EDUC. REGISTRATION FORM

**Any student age 4 years or above must be registered.**

Dec. 15 **Religious Education, 9-9:50am**

Dec. 22 **Rel. Ed., Youth Mass, Brunch**

Dec. 29 No class, Christmas break

Jan. 5 **Rel. Education, Youth Mass**



*Encounter Jesus  
in the Eucharist.  
He waits for you!*

The Eucharist is Jesus!

Let us grow in our understanding and love  
for this incredible Gift.

**Jesus wants to stay with us always.**

Jesus loves each one of us so much that He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion at Mass. We receive Jesus Himself. When the priest prays the words of Jesus over the bread and wine at Mass, they are no longer bread and wine but the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus gives Himself to us because He wants to stay with each one of us always.

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

**Jesus, thank You that You desire to stay  
with us always.**

This week, read from Scripture about the birth of the Christ Child in Luke 2: 1-7

**Pregnant and in distress?**

Confidential help is available, visit

[diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources) or  
[123GiveLife.com](http://123GiveLife.com)

**Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa – October 13**

Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa (1904-1955) was born in Balasar, Portugal. Her father died when she was very young. She and her older sister Deolinda were sent to Póvoa de Varzim to attend primary school. There they were taught literacy skills and catechism, but they were only able to stay for 18 months.

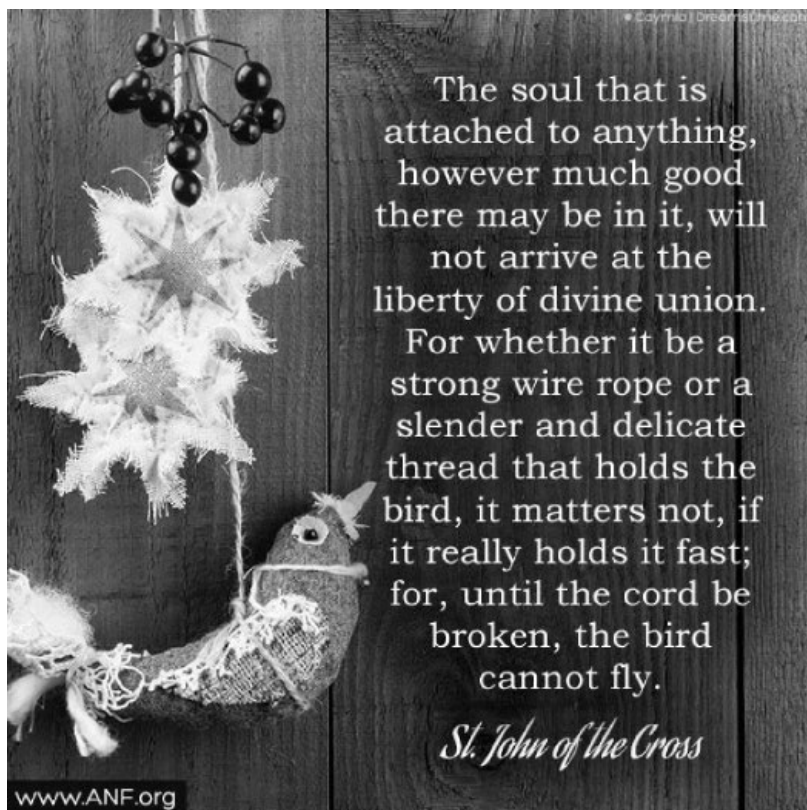
Alexandrina worked in the fields as a farmhand until she was 12 when a bout of typhoid weakened her. After she recovered, she took up sewing like her sister. When she was 14, several men broke into the house intent on doing harm to the girls. Alexandrina jumped from a window to save herself, falling 13 feet to the ground. The fall severely damaged her spine.

By 1924 she was entirely paralyzed. Although she prayed fervently for a cure, she was instead granted the ability to embrace her suffering with love. She experienced frequent ecstasies during which she saw and spoke with Mary and Jesus. Despite the extreme pain she lived with, outwardly she gave smiles and joy. In October 1938 she began to relive the three-hour passion of Jesus every Friday. Witnesses recorded some 182 occurrences of the passion when Alexandrina's paralysis was overcome, and she moved about the room in the steps of Jesus.

When the passion ecstasies ended in 1942, Alexandrina's broken body was confined again to bed. For the 13 years and seven months until her death, daily Holy Communion was her only food and drink. In 1944, Alexandrina became a member of the "Union of Salesian Cooperators" and offered her suffering for the salvation of souls and for the sanctification of youth. St. John Paul II beatified her on April 25, 2004.

**Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa, pray for us!**

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**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** Why did Mary and Joseph travel to a distant town  
before Jesus was born?

**Answer:** It was required for the Roman census © LPI

## Calendar of Events – Updates

### December

- 14/15 **Third Sunday of Advent**  
17 **Men's Bible Study**, St. Joseph Church, 7pm  
18 **PCCW Bible Study**, St. Joseph Church, 9:30am  
18 **KC Financial Information Night**, St Joseph Church, 7pm  
21/22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
22 **Religious Education**, 9-9:50am, **Youth Mass, Brunch**  
22 **Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Benediction**, St. Joseph Church, 4-5pm  
24 **Christmas Night Mass**: St. Kevin, 4pm; St. Joseph, 4pm  
25 **Christmas Day Mass**: St. Joseph, 9am only  
28/29 **The Holy Family**

### JANUARY

- 1 **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**  
Holy Day of Obligation, Mass: **St. Joseph 8am, 6:30pm**  
**St. Kevin 5pm**  
4/5 **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
5 **Religious Education**, 9-9:50am, **Youth Mass**

Early deadline for Dec. 21/22 Bulletin is past.

Early deadline for Dec. 28/29 Bulletin is Weds. Dec. 18 at noon.

Early deadline for Jan 4/5 Bulletin is Thurs. Dec. 19 at noon.

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## The Miracle of New Life

Each year during Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior at Christmas. As we anticipate this joyful celebration, we recall the well-known journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Far from home, poor, and in great need, Mary and Joseph find refuge in a simple stable. But this humble setting among the livestock soon welcomes the heavenly host of angels and the Son of God himself.

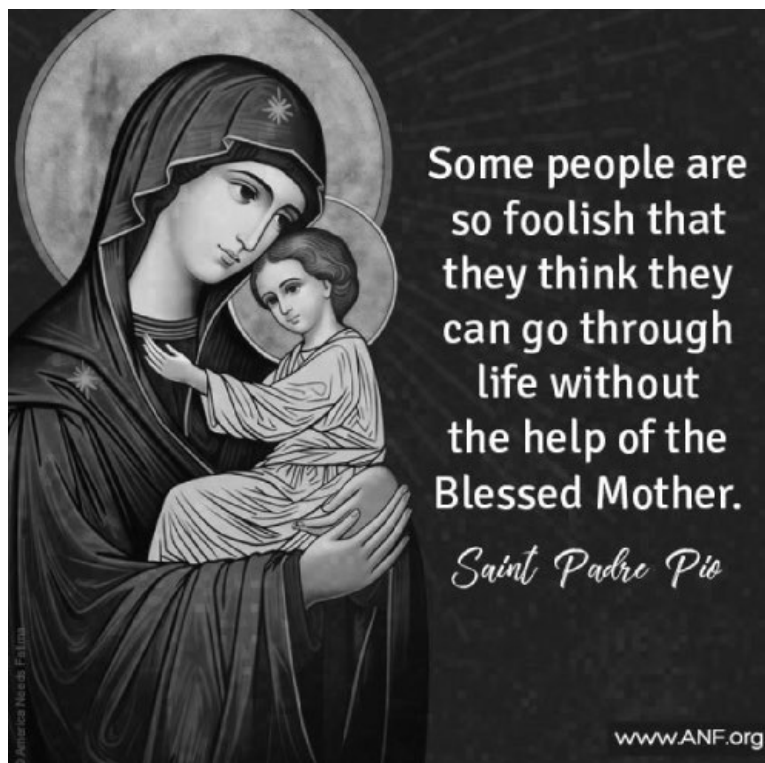
Today, women in our own communities are pregnant, poor, perhaps without a home, and in great need. They may feel alone, scared, and overwhelmed, not knowing where they can turn for help. In challenging circumstances, expectant mothers are in need of a refuge of their own. Like the Holy Family, they are often reliant on the kindness and service of others.

This Advent may the story of the first Christmas inspire us to reach out to mothers in need. May we proactively seek to offer loving support and encouragement as they prepare to welcome their children. By answering this call, may we help mothers experience the joy, hope, and peace brought by the infant Jesus. And may we, too, share in and bear witness to the miracle of new life.

USCCB Respect Life, *prolife@uscgb.org*

## Rejoice in Christ's Extravagant Love

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him. This contemplative look could result in being more generous with our time and resources, forgiving those who wronged us, or living more in line with God's will.



## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

to be published







## Eucharistic Adoration, CONFESSIONS, Benediction

SUNDAY DEC. 22, St. Joseph Church, 4-5pm

**Our women and men religious offer gratitude.** A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

**Donations still being accepted.**



### Christmas Flower Donations

Christmas flower donations are being accepted. Please use the envelope in your packet or a plain envelope marked *Christmas Flowers* placed in the Offertory collection. List the names of those that you would like remembered either as a memorial for the deceased or in honor of someone special to you. A suggested donation for a single poinsettia is \$18. Double (\$30) and triple (\$35) poinsettias are also available as are other beautiful flowers for Christmas. Donations of any amount are accepted to help defray the cost of the flowers. You may also make a donation in Online Giving and email the names of those you wish to have remembered to [bookkeeper@guardianangelscathparish.org](mailto:bookkeeper@guardianangelscathparish.org).

*"Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope."*

—Pope Benedict XVI, quoted by [morningoffering.com](http://morningoffering.com)

*"As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything." — Ecclesiastes 11:5*

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION NIGHT

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

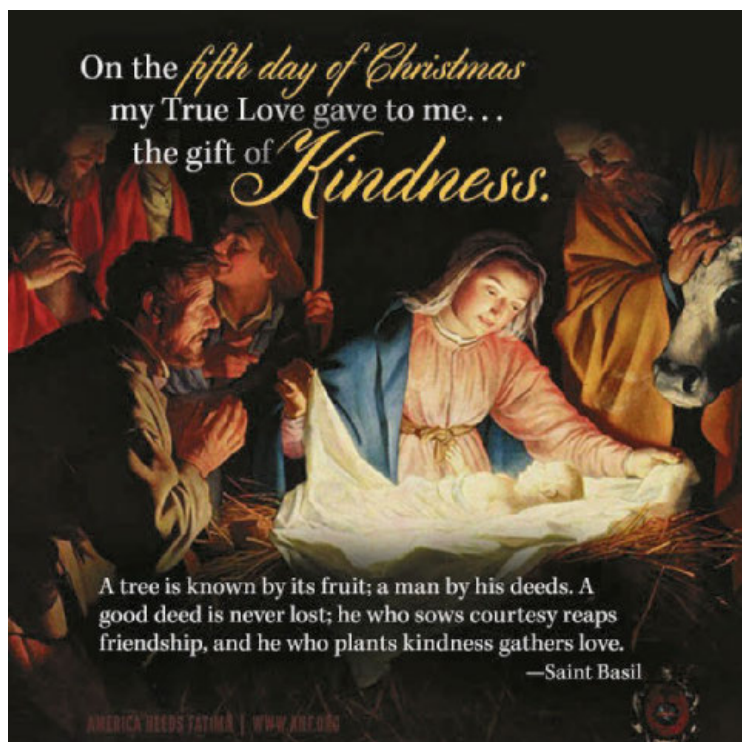
**Dec. 18, 7pm, St Joseph Church**

Pizza and beverages will be provided.

**This meeting is for everyone,** not just KC members.

### Keep CHRIST in CHRISTMAS

Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Info is in the entry of the churches. Car magnets and yard signs also available.





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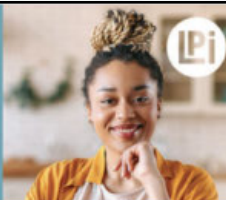
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