

# St. Joseph Parish

## Galloway

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Office Hours: Temporarily Closed

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### Mission Statement

Baptized in Christ Jesus and nourished by his Word and Sacrament we strive to live our daily lives in love and service to God and neighbor.

### Pastor:

Augustine K. Bentil

### Staff:

Sister Mary Ellen Diermeier

Deacon Timothy Betker

Crystal Bushman, DRE

Valerie Wierzba, Parish Administrator

### Mass Times

#### St. Joseph, Galloway

Sunday 8:30 am

#### St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:10 am

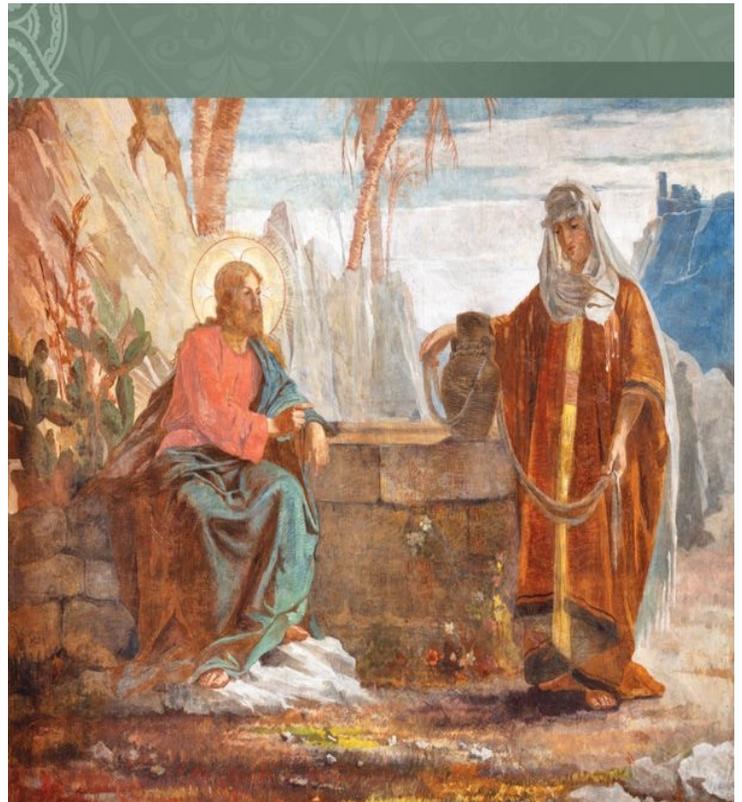
### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 8:00-8:20 am

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the Rectory to schedule a date and time. 9 months preparation is required. One or both persons should be registered with the parish for at least 1 full year.

## MARCH 8, 2026



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

OF LENT

"A woman of Samaria came to draw water.  
Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'  
Jn 4:7-8

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IF TODAY  
YOU HEAR  
his voice,  
HARDEN  
NOT YOUR  
hearts.

*Psalm 95*

### Mark your Calendars!



#### March:

Wed. 11 - **CCD w/ Confessions** 6:15 pm

Sun. 15 - **Mass** 8:30 am

Wed. 18 - **Mass** 8:30 am

**\*\* No CCD \*\***

Thur. 19 - **Feast of St Joseph Mass** 6pm w/  
**Dinner to Follow**

Sun. 22 - **Mass** 8:30 am

Wed. 25 - **Mass** 8:30 am

**CCD** 6:15 pm

**Liturgies of the Week**

**Sun. Mar 15 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

**8:30 am-** Parishioners of St Joseph & St Ladislaus

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass



Thank you so much for generously filling in this weekend, Father David Ashbeck. Your presence and service were greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your kindness and wisdom.

**Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Mar 15**

Lector: **Jim Martin**  
 Eucharist: **Jeff Uttecht**  
 Blood of Christ: **Mary Uttecht**  
                           **Renee Groshek**

Altar Servers: **Dustin Wierzba**  
                           **Michael Wierzba**

Ushers: **Andy Wierzba**  
                           **Colton Kaminski**  
                           **Jovani Torres**

TV Monitors: **Avery Bushman**  
 Rosary (Sorrowful): **Barb Martin**



**Feast of St Joseph**

**Thursday, March 19**

**Mass @ 6:00 pm**

**Parish fellowship with a catered dinner following Mass. Please sign up in the foyer by Mar 15 in order for us to give a headcount to the caterer.**

**All are welcome.**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, "Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way." That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

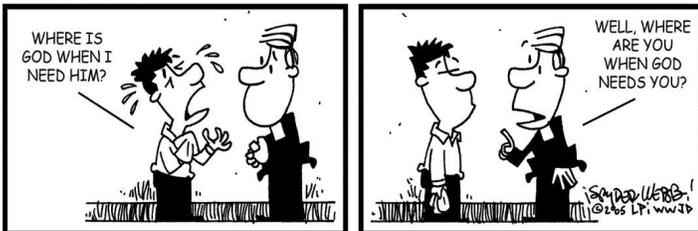
**Gifts to Our Lord: Feb 23, 2026 - Mar 1, 2026**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3463.00
Youth Envelopes.....	\$10.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$400.00
Building Improvements .....	\$95.00
Offertory .....	\$207.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4175.00</b>

The Parish Office will be closed until March 23. Emails and phone messages will be checked weekly but not on a regular basis. If your need is urgent while Father Gus is away, please contact Sister Mary Ellen at St Ladislaus in Bevent at 715-446-3060. Contact Sister with any requests to visit the sick at home or in the hospital. If it is an emergency requiring an anointing, please contact Father Dias at St. Adalbert's 715-677-4517. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



*"He who reforms himself does much toward reforming others."*



### Be Disciples, Make Disciples:

“We are a church that exists to be disciples who make disciples.” This is the Great Commission



Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:18-20. It’s why any Catholic parish or school exists. When you look at how the parishes and schools in your area spend their money, time, and energy, are they prioritizing this purpose of being disciples who make disciples? We invite you to take this question to Jesus this Lent!

### Let God Love You...and THEN, learn to love Him Back!

Remember, as we move through Lent, we always want to start with our focus on God’s love for us. So, what is the story of your life this past week? Have you let God love you? Very specifically, how have you recognized one way in which you have experienced God’s love for you – concretely, how He has blessed you? Spend a few minutes thinking through that situation and ponder the way in which He loved you in that experience. Sin wounds the relationship we were created for—a life of love and communion with God. The Father’s mercy, revealed through the death and resurrection of His Son, reaches its fullness when we approach Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus offers us the opportunity to be restored to friendship with God, the Church, and one another. Instituted by Christ on the evening of His Resurrection, this Sacrament allows us to experience His mercy and healing love in a deeply personal way. Further, in this purification from sin, we experience enlightenment, which is the grace of the Holy Spirit, guiding us in the way of goodness and truth.

### Father Witucki would like to encourage our parishioners to attend the Called and Gifted Workshop on March 21, 2026 in Marshfield.

He participated in the past and highly recommends attending this event. It is unusual for this workshop to take place face to face and not virtually. Please prayerfully consider signing up. Registration forms are located on the bulletin board.

Come and begin to discover how Christ calls and equips you for a unique work of love only you can do. God gave you spiritual gifts in baptism and this process helps you to discern those unique charisms. When you know and use your charisms, there is more confidence, purpose and joy. A teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute from Colorado Springs will offer the *Called & Gifted workshop on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield. Every adult 20 yrs or older is invited to attend.*

## Area Events

- ◆ **Bingo**, Sacred Heart Parish, Custer, **Mar 8, 1 pm**, Concessions, 50/50, Cherry Tree
- ◆ **Lenten Soup Supper**, St Ladislaus Parish, Bevent, **Mar 11, 18 & 25, 5:30-6:30 pm**, Weekly Prize Drawing
- ◆ **Deepening Our Relationship With Jesus**, St Agnes Parish, **Mar 14, 10am-2:30pm**, Speakers from the La Crosse Diocese, Lunch Provided
- ◆ **Embracing Your Call to Holiness**, St James the Greater Parish, **Mar 14, 8am-4pm**, Women’s Retreat, Speakers, Confession, Mass, Lunch, Vendors
- ◆ **St Patrick’s Day Ham Dinner**, St Maximilian Kolbe, Almond, **Mar 15, 10am-1pm**, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Rolls Adults \$14, Kids 6-12 \$6, Under 5 are Free
- ◆ **Forged For Mission**, Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse, **Mar 21, 9:30 am-5pm**, Formation for Men, Mass, Speakers, Cost \$45
- ◆ **Lenten/ Centennial Retreat**, St Wenceslaus Parish, Milladore, **Mar 21, 2-6 pm**, Speakers, Confessions, Mass
- ◆ **St. Andrew Dinner**, Holy Name Parish, Wausau, **Apr 12, 4 pm**, Young Men Discerning the Priesthood, Mass w/ Bishop Battersby

*(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)*

### Looking for a close by Fish Fry?

Go to: <http://diolc.org/fishfrynder/> where you can find where and when a fish fry, or other parish Lenten meal is taking place in our diocese.

- ♥ **St Adalbert Church, Rosholt**  
**Every Friday Feb 13 through Mar 27**  
Serving 4 -7:30 pm  
**Take-out orders call 715-677-4518**  
Fish or Shrimp or Combo - \$15.00  
Children’s Fish or Shrimp - \$12.00  
Includes choice of potato, coleslaw, bread  
Large & weekly raffle, cash bar, pull tabs
- ♥ **St Patrick Parish, Halder**  
**Every Friday Feb 20 through Apr 3**  
Serving 4-7:30 pm  
**Take-out orders call 715-693-2765**  
Many options to choose from, including family pack. All meals include choice of potato, coleslaw, bread, & desserts



### We pray for the health and healing of...

Leonard Schulist	Fred Groshek
Cliff Groshek	Cheryl Doede
Klint Kranski	Ken Kranski, Jr
Lorraine Flees	Charles Kurszewski



To have your request added, please contact the office.