

St. Joseph Parish

Galloway



182526 County Rd. C,
Wittenberg, WI 54499

Parish Office & Rectory: 715-454-6431

Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00 am - noon

Office Closed Monday, Dec 25th & Monday, Jan 1st

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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

Mary Uttecht, DRE

Valerie Wierzba, Parish Administrator

Mass Times

St. Joseph, Galloway

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Sunday 10:10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:35-3:55 pm

Sunday 8:00-8:20 am

Mark your Calendars!

December:

Sun. 24 - Mass 8:30 am

Carols start at 5:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass 6 pm

Mon. 25 - Christmas Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 27 - No CCD

Sat. 30 - Mass 4 pm

Sun. 31 - Mass 8:30 am

January:

Wed. 3 - No CCD

DECEMBER 24, 2023

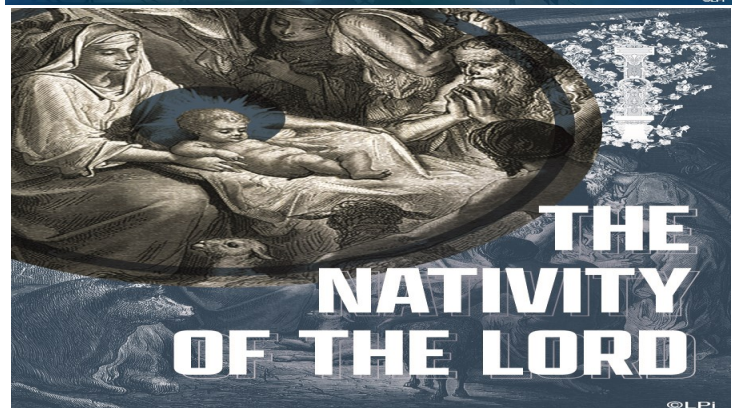
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

THE LIGHT
SHINES IN
THE DARKNESS, ^{AND THE}
DARKNESS HAS NOT
OVERCOME IT.

JOHN 1:5



Keep "Christ" in Christmas!



Liturgies of the Week

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Vigil: Nativity of the Lord

6:00 pm - Ray & Eleanor Kosobucki

by Geri & Linda Kosobucki

Monday, Dec. 25- Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am - Henry Sr & Don Filtz *by Eric Filtz*

Saturday, Dec. 30- Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family

4:00 pm - Celestine Domask *by Craig Lorbiecki Family*

Sunday, Dec. 31 - Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 am - Russ Pucek *by Eric Filtz*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

Christmas Message 2023

Dear Members of our Roman Catholic Family of Faith,
Each year, we faithfully celebrate at Christmas the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas comes every year, even during moments of great difficulty- illness, unemployment, grieving loss of a loved one, without a home, family issues, finances, etc. Just as Christmas may occur during times of distress such as the above, so too does it offer us each year a message of joy, healing, and hope. This hope is rooted not in the human events of the day, but in the Eternal message of salvation.

To be joyful even in the midst of so many troubling events does not diminish our solidarity with those who suffer, but rather speaks to the bright Christmas promise of the Angels, "Do not be afraid...for a Savior has been born for us who is Christ and Lord." (Luke 2:10-11) Keep in mind and refreshing that it is not Christmas that brings the joy but Christ; it is not the presents under the tree but the presence of Christ in our hearts that brings us the joy.

And so my dear Christ's faithful brothers and sisters, I invite you to joy, healing, and hope this Christmas season, not because we have no difficulties facing the days ahead, but because God has come down to Earth to encounter EACH one of us and to embrace us as His Beloved disciples.

Assuring you of a remembrance of you and your family during Holy Masses in this Christmas season and with best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Holy, Happy, Blessed New Year.

I am sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Gus Bentil
(Your Friend, Brother, and Pastor)

Sunday, Mass 6 pm - Christmas Eve

Lector: **Jeff Uttecht**

Eucharist: **Mary Uttecht**

Blood of Christ: **Donna Kezeske
Donna Golomski**

Altar Servers: **Jaxton Bushman
Michael Wierzba**

Ushers: **Scott Kezeske
Drayden Kersten**

TV Monitors: **Kelsie Davis**

Monday, Mass 8:30 am - Christmas Day

Lector: **Lisa Walder**

Eucharist:

Blood of Christ: **Pat Kulas
Mike O'Donnell**

Altar Servers: **Colton Kaminski
Bryce Kohl**

Ushers: **Marvin Meronk
Fred Groshek**

TV Monitors: **Madelyn Stegall**

Saturday, Mass 4 pm - December 30

Lector: **Renee Groshek**

Eucharist: **Ron Knitter**

Blood of Christ: **Dick Golomski
Donna Golomski**

Altar Servers:

Ushers: **Cindy Koszarek
Lee Lehrer**

TV Monitors: **Harper Rogowski**

Rosary (Joyful): **Dick & Donna Golomski**

Sunday, Mass 8:30 am- December 31

Lector: **Jim Martin**

Eucharist: **Joe Bushman**

Blood of Christ: **Donna Kezeske
Pat Kulas**

Altar Servers: **Dominick Knitter
Henry Knitter**

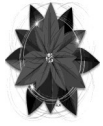
Ushers: **Marv Jr Meronk
Aiden Bushman**

TV Monitors: **Dalton Fletcher**

Rosary (Joyful): **Pat Kulas**

Gifts to Our Lord: - Dec. 4 - Dec 10, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$.1473.00
Youth Envelopes	3.00
Offertory Gifts	378.25
Immaculate Conception Envelopes	304.00
Religious Retirement Fund	330.00
Building Improvement	30.00
Christmas Flowers	85.00
Total	\$.2603.25
Special Donation	2500.00



Christmas Flowers



in Memory of:

Myron Bembenek	Mark Kraetsch
Jake Biadasz	Tony Kurszewski
Victoria Biadasz	Thomas Link
Amy Britz	Ernest & Angeline
John & Ann Britz	Milanowski
Alex & Eleanor Brzezinski	Matt Salveson
Anthony Brzezinski	Harriet Slaga
John & Sadie Bushman	Joseph Slaga
Clark Duerr	Andrew Wierzba Sr
Paul & Theresa Esker	Andrew Wierzba Jr
Don Filtz	Anna Wierzba
Henry Filtz	David Wierzba
Kathy Filtz	Frank Wierzba Jr
Ray & Regina Groshek	Kevin Wierzba
Steve & Laura Haka	Marvin Wierzba
Adam Jurgella	Peter Wierzba
Caroline Kraetsch	Sam Wierzba

Area Events

- ◆ **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, St Bronislava Parish, Plover, **Tue., Dec. 12**, Confessions 4 pm, Mass 5:30 pm with a celebration to follow after mass.
- ◆ **Christmas Concert**, St. Michael's Hall, Junction City **Sat., Dec. 17, 6 pm**. Featuring 3 combined church choirs for an evening of joyful music.
- ◆ **Poncicka Sale**, St. Mary- Torun **Jan. 27, 2024**, Place your order by calling 715-344-9665 or emailing ponczka@toruncatholic.org. Preorder today. Cost is \$13 per dozen. Choices include: unfilled, raspberry jelly, or prune filled.
- ◆ **Crafting Day** at St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, Saturday, **Jan 27, 2024**. Cost is \$40/ person. Price includes lunch, dinner, snacks, and beverages. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Registration available at www.pointcatholicfaith.org/sj-craft or contact the parish office at 715-341-1617. Registration deadline is Jan. 16, 2024.

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)

BASKET RAFFLE AT ST. LADISLAUS STARTING JANUARY 6, 2024!!!

We have some great baskets. Tickets will be \$1 each or 7-\$5. Drawing will be at our Green & Gold Evening of Fun on February 10, 2024. The evening includes FREE drinks, FREE finger foods, FREE cheese and sausage, FREE Dessert Bars, FREE Door Prizes. We will have our drawing for our Green & Gold Raffle, Basket Raffle, 50/25/25 Raffle! Last year we had a full house. All ages welcome. Save the Date!

STOCKING STUFFER IDEA

Give a Green & Gold Raffle Ticket as a gift. Anyone would love any of the great 16 prizes! 4 tickets for \$10 and you are supporting St. Ladislaus. Proceeds to be used for our Parish Youth.

St. Joseph Parish continues to seek a person to fill the very important role of **Director of Religious Education**.



If you are interested or know someone who might be interested and would like to know more, please contact Fr Gus: 715-454-6431 or stjosephchurchgalloway@gmail.com. Thank you and may God bless you for your prayerful consideration!

2023 Donations Deadline:

All financial contributions to the church received in the office by 12/31/2023 (including the offering taken during that Saturday mass) will be credited to 2023 while those that are received on or after 1/1/2024 will **not** be credited in 2023. This includes mailed gifts so if you're mailing a donation that you would like credited in 2023, please plan ahead. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS

