

# St. Joseph Parish

## Galloway

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**Parish Office & Rectory:** 715-454-6431

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

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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.

## JANUARY 18, 2026



### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the  
Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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**WE MUST ACCEPT FINITE  
DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT  
NEVER LOSE INFINITE HOPE.**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

### Mark your Calendars!



#### January:

Wed. 21 - CCD 6:15 pm w/ Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sun. 25 - Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 28 - CCD 6:15 pm w/ Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### February:

Sun. 1 - Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 4 - CCD 6:15 pm w/ Divine Mercy Chaplet

## Liturgies of the Week

**Sun. Jan 25 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 am-** Pat Stroik *by Stroik Family*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

### **Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Jan 25**

Lector: **Lia Kezeske**

Eucharist: **Donna Kezeske**

Blood of Christ: **Dick Golomski**  
**Pat Kulas**

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

Ushers: **Andy Wierzba**  
**Scott Kezeske**  
**Jaxton Bushman**

TV Monitors: **Korbin Kulas**

Rosary (Luminous): **Crystal Bushman**

thank  
you ☩

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

## Soup & Dessert Cookoff

Join the PCCW for our Soup and Dessert Cook-Off on Saturday, **February 21 from 5-6:30 pm**. Enter your best crock pot of soup and/ or tastiest dessert to win cash prizes. (No entry fee.) Come and enjoy the variety for only \$8.00/ person, 5 & under are free.

*The PCCW is seeking basket donations for the raffle.* If you are able to contribute or have questions, please call/ text Donna at 715-570-0076. See you there!



### **Gifts to Our Lord: Jan 5, 2026 - Jan 11, 2026**

Adult Envelopes.....\$899.00  
Offertory .....\$238.00  
Total.....\$1137.00



### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Our Goal - \$21,955.00

Pledged - \$6,370.00

Under Our Goal (Received) - \$17,285

Goal at 29% with 25 Donors

No amount is too little, please give what you can. You make a difference! Thank you for your generosity.

## **Prayer REQUESTS**

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

Leonard Schulist

Fred Groshek

Cliff Groshek

Cheryl Doede

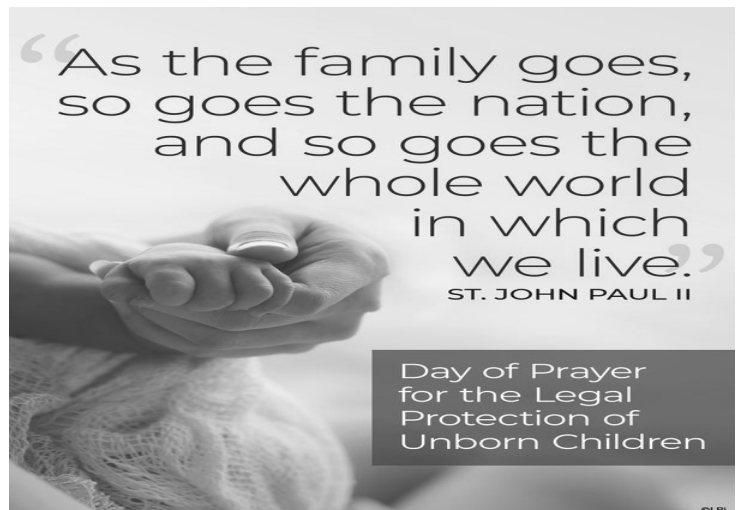
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Ken Kranski, Jr

To have your request added, please contact the office.

## Winter Break Hours

Parish Office hours are usually Monday- Wednesday from 8 am- noon. If you call outside of these hours or if no one is available to answer, please leave a message if you have a non-urgent request. 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.





An extra envelope with a green border marked "Society Dues" is included with your recent giving envelopes. Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) dues and the St.

Joseph Men's Society dues are \$10 each annually. All men and women parishioners are members of these societies. Your generous giving, using the envelope, is much appreciated! Your dues help the societies with their special events and activities that keep parish life alive!

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Area Events

- ♦ **Craft Day**, St Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, **Jan 24, 8 am-9pm**, Lunch & Dinner Provided, Cost \$40/Person
- ♦ **Ponczka Sale**, St Mary Parish, Torun, **Jan 24 3-6pm**, Preorder, \$14/ dozen
- ♦ **Ponczka Dance**, St Michael's Church, Junction City, **Feb 7, 6-10 pm**, \$5/ person, 12 & under: free Ultimate Polka Band & DJ
- ♦ **Pilgrimage to Mexico, Feb 8-13**, With Fr. Tim, Walk the steps of St Juan Diego
- ♦ **Winterfest**, St Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, **Feb 13, 4:30-6:30 pm**, Fish Fry & Raffle
- ♦ **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

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

### Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi