# 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

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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 Sunday 8:30 am

**St. Ladislaus, Bevent** Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 10:10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday 8:00-8:20 am

#### Mark your Calendars! April:



Wed. 24 - **Last CCD Class** 6:15 pm Sun. 28 - **Mass** 8:30 am followed by Donut Sunday

May:

Wed. 1 - Mass 8:30 am 1st Communion Rehearsal 6:30 pm Fri. 3 - Mass 8:30 am Sun. 5 - First Communion Mass 8:30 am Wed. 8 - Mass 8:30 am Fri. 10 - Mass 8:30 am Sun. 12 - May Crowning Mass 8:30 am

# APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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## Liturgies of the Week

Sunday, Apr. 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter8:30 am- Parishioners of St. Joseph & St. Ladislaus

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

| Liturgical Ministers<br>Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - April 28         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Lector: Renee Groshek   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eucharist: Joe Bushman  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Blood of Christ: Pat Kulas                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Donna Kezeske   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Altar Servers: Jaxton Bushman                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kiya Kersten  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ushers: Caleb Zick  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scott Kezeske   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Andrew Wierzba  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TV Monitors: Isabella Stegall<br>Rosary (Glorious): Barb Martin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Gifts to Our Lord: - Apr 8- Apr 14, 2024

| Adult Envelopes    | \$1325.00 |
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| Youth Envelopes    | \$1.00    |
| Easter             |           |
| Building & Grounds |           |
| Offertory Gifts    |           |
| Total              | \$1693.25 |



# **Annual Spring Retreat for Priests**

for the Diocese of La Crosse will be the week of April 22-26. Please pray for all our priests.

DAA - Diocesan Annual Appeal Our Goal - \$22,220.00 Pledged - \$9,875.00 Under our Goal - \$12,945.00 Goal at 44% with 38 donors



All donations must be postmarked by June 30. If we do not meet our goal, the parish

has to pay the Diocese the remaining balance. Extra pledge cards are in the foyer.



**Baptism dates:** Apr 27 & 28, May 4, 5, 11, 12, 25 & 26. Please call the rectory to schedule. If this is your first child being baptized, please also call Sister Mary Ellen (715.446.3060) to schedule a baptism class.



Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website.



The La Crosse Diocese welcomes our New Bishop Auxiliary Bishop from Detroit: Bishop Gerard W. Battersby Installation: May 20, 2024 in La Crosse



We will have a Fall Breakfast meeting on Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

#### Lawn Mowing Volunteers

John & Lynn Zdroik will be organizing volunteers and scheduling the lawn mowing teams once again this year (THANKS, John & Lynn). If you would be



willing to help in this important service to the parish, please contact Lynn at 715-677-4800 or text her at 715-340-8570. Many hands make light work!

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The PCCW would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the Low Sunday collection on April 7.



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#### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest. It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing. I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation

- not because she should, but because she has to. She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: what's in it for Him? we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. Why does He keep trying?

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11 ©LPi

St. Florian's in Hatley is looking for a CRE/ DRE as of 6/1/2024. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Fr. Patric (608-317-3514) or Jessie (715-446-3085 x 304) or email cre@stflos.org for more details. Approx.



25-30 hrs/ week.



Join us next Sunday morning after Mass for doughnuts and coffee. Enjoy some time with your fellow parishioners!

#### Area Events

- Josephine's Journey, Rosholt Fairgrounds, Apr 28 11am-5pm 50/50, Basket/Large raffles, food available
- Knights of Columbus Brewer's Baseball Bus Trip, May 1 \$90/ person
- **Divorce Recovery Workshop**, St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, May 3-4, \$125/ person
- Ladies' Bus Trip to National Shrine of Our Lady, Champion, WI leaving St. Florian Church May 14 8:30 am, return appx 4:30 pm, RSVP Helen 715-574-2654 cost \$30/ person
- June Serenity Retreat, St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, June 7-9, \$230/ person
- Choir Camp, June 17-21, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)



Save the Date! **55th Annual Galloway Days** May 31, June 1 & 2 Softball, Volleyball & Cornhole tournaments, Live Music and refreshments every day, Fireworks Friday at 9:45 pm; Parade Sunday at 1 pm

What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the



best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S., Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602. Or call me at 608.791.2667. God Bless You!