

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH- GALLOWAY, WI

MAY 17, 2026 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Joseph, Galloway**

Sunday | 8:30 am

**St. Ladislaus, Bevent**

Saturday | 4:00 pm

Sunday | 10:10 am

## RECONCILIATION

Sunday | 8:00 am - 8:20 am

Other | By Appointment

## PASTOR:

Augustine K. Bentil

## STAFF:

Sister Mary Ellen Diermeier

Deacon Timothy Betker

Crystal Bushman, DRE

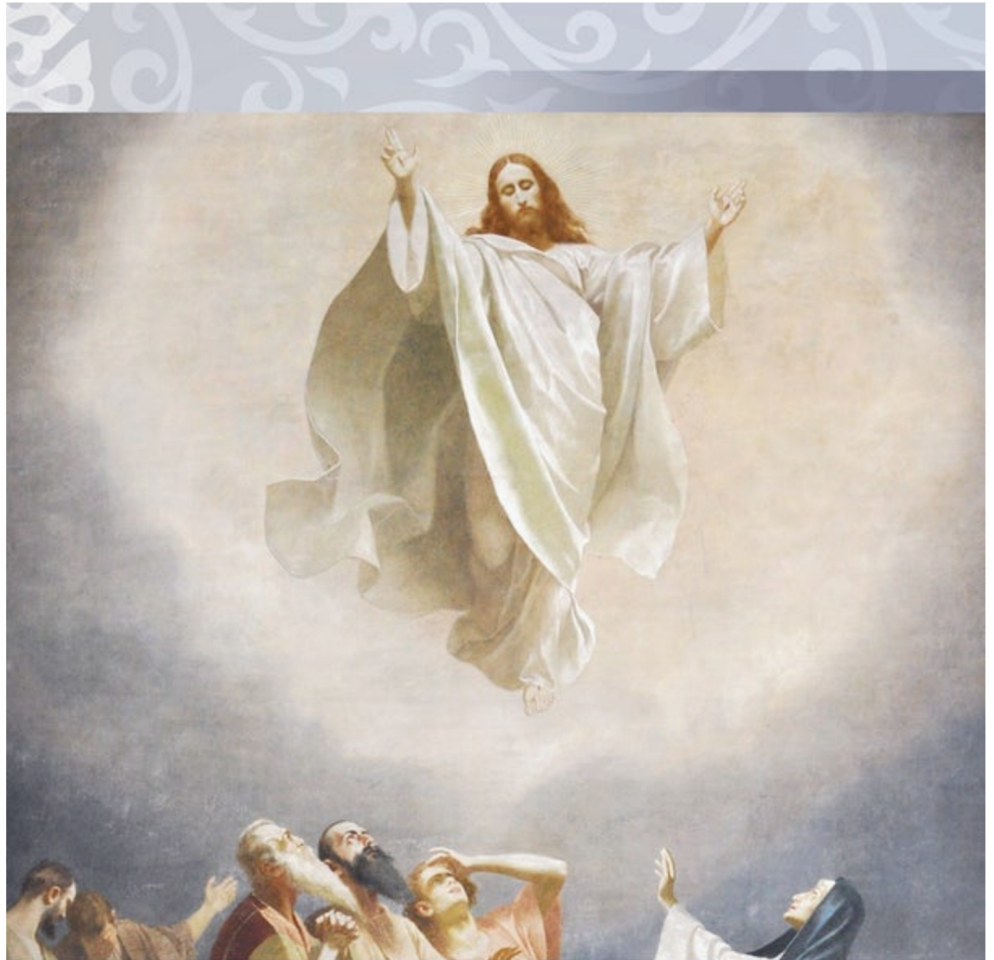
Valerie Wierzba, Parish Administrator

## 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.

## 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.



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

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*St. Joseph, pray for us*

## Mark your Calendars

### May:

Sun. 24 - Mass 8:30 am

Sun. 31 - Mass 8:30 am

### June:

Sun. 7 - Mass 8:30 am

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 24 - Pentecost

8:30am | † Jerome Kosobucki by *Ralph Konkel*

Rosary prayed ½ hour before Mass

### SUNDAY MASS 8:30 AM - MAY 24

LECTOR: MARY UTTECHT  
 EUCHARIST: JEFF UTTECHT  
 BLOOD OF CHRIST: DONNA KEZESKE  
 DEANNA OSTROWSKI  
 ALTAR SERVERS: JAXTON BUSHMAN  
 USHERS: DRAYDEN KERSTEN  
 SCOTT KEZESKE  
 JOVANI TORRES  
 TV MONITORS: PORTIA ROGOWSKI  
 ROSARY (GLORIOUS): MARY UTTECHT

### Gifts to Our Lord: May 4, 2026 - May 10, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$1329.00
Youth Envelopes	\$3.00
School Support	\$10.00
Offertory	\$369.66
Building Improvements	\$155.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1866.66</b>

We pray for the health and healing of...

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



To have your request added, please contact the office.



**Baptism Dates:** June 21 & 27, July 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19, and August 8, 9, 22 & 23. If this is your first child being baptized, please also call Sister Mary Ellen (715.446.3060) to schedule a baptism class.



## A GRADUATION BLESSING

Lord God, Creator of all things, we thank you for the gifts you have given these graduates and for bringing them to this important milestone. We ask you to bless them, keep their faith strong, and remain with them always. Wherever they go next, guide them by your wisdom, fill them with your strength, and help them to use their education honestly. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a knowledgeable volunteer to keep our bushes and shrubs on our church property trimmed. Please call the office if you are able to help.

## Save the Date! 57th Annual Galloway Days June 5, 6, 7

Softball & Volleyball Tournaments, Live Music, and Refreshments Every Day  
Fireworks: Friday 9:45 pm  
Parade: Sunday 1:00 pm

**Sign Up Sheets to volunteer for Galloway Days are in the foyer.**



We are in seeking parishioners who would be interested in helping with our ministries- Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Boys. Please prayerfully consider stepping forward to serve our parish community.

## REMINDER

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, we need to submit our bulletins for an early deadline. If you have any announcements for the May 31 bulletin, please call or email the office by 10 am on Tuesday, May 19. Thank you!

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Take it to the Lord in Prayer... Fr. Gus' Thank You

When I was saddled with the “burden” of finding help to support my mother, siblings, and myself to organize my late father’s funeral at the end of May, all the parishioners came to my help by prayers, words of encouragement and donations. On behalf of my family in Ghana and myself, I write to express my profoundest and sincerest gratitude to you all for your kindness. I also thank the PCCW Society (Galloway), The Rosary Society (Bevent), St Joseph Men’s Society, St Ladislaus Men’s Society, and the two Parish Councils for their generous donations. Thank you to all who helped to organize the memorial service: the ladies from St Joseph’s and St Ladislaus’, the St Joseph Choir, Schmidt Schulta Funeral Home. Thank you to Meghan Knitter and Tanya Stegall for putting pictures of my dad together for the slideshow. My appreciation to Pat Kulas and Crystal Bushman for putting music to the slideshow for the Mass. I am grateful to Sister Mary Ellen for all the work she did behind the scenes. And Valerie Wierzba, for all the clerical work done at the office, typing and correcting my brochure, obituary to Schmidt Schulta and sending them electronically for printing in Ghana. Val, you did a great job! Thank you to all who attended the Memorial Service, by visitation, the Mass and those who prayed for its success. I am grateful also for all the priests and my two families from out of state. The priests who came are Fr. Dias (Rosholt), Fr. Francis (St Vincent de Paul, Nashville, TN), Fr. George Graham (Athens, WI), Fr. Emmanuel I (Durand, WI), Fr. Emmanuel II (Loyal, WI), Fr. Witucki (Athens, WI), and Fr John Ofori (Kendall, WI). I will be leaving for Ghana tomorrow, May 18, in preparation for the final funeral rites, burial, and Thanksgiving Mass for my late father (May 28-31). Your thoughtfulness brought comfort when it was needed in these darkened days. God bless you all.



What is “Rebuild My Church”? The Rebuild My Church Initiative exists to accompany the priests, people and parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse as we go through a process

of pastoral planning that will allow us to live more abundantly as disciples of Jesus who make disciples. Change is inevitable, but we want to choose changes that build a culture of discipleship and accompaniment in our parishes. Piloting of local pastoral planning begins in August. You can learn more at <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>

### A Catholic Phrase to Understand Better: The “Good News”

The “Good News” is that God has come to us in the Person of His Son. Jesus came to save us from sin and, by the power of the Holy Spirit acting through the Church, to re-unite us with Himself as His adopted sons and daughters called to live with Him forever in Heaven.

## AREA EVENTS

- **St Joseph Annual Picnic**, Stevens Point, **June 6 & 7**, Mass, Concessions, Music, Cherry Tree, Country Store, Raffles
- **Nun Run, June 16-19**, High School Ladies Can Visit Several Orders From Stevens Point to Tennessee
- **Pilgrimage to Poland, Sept 14-26**, Under Spiritual Direction of Fr Arturo Vigueras, Cost \$3800/ Person, Flight, Hotel, Buses, Meals

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)

### Mission Trip | July 10-18, 2026 | Valdosta, GA

Holy Family Catholic Church is running a mission trip for youth who have completed their freshman year in high school. If you are interested, please contact Mary Stoeffler at [mstoeffler64@gmail.com](mailto:mstoeffler64@gmail.com).

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

I recently read a book called “The Defining Decade” by psychologist Dr. Meg Jay. She convincingly argues that a person’s 20s are the most impactful decade of one’s life. For example, a twenty-something who waits until she has absolute clarity before making commitments typically drifts and regrets it later. But those who dive into something meaningful – even with doubts and questions – tend to grow and find joy and better outcomes in life. In other words, it takes courage, not perfect certainty, to move forward.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, that insight comes alive in a new way. Matthew tells us: “When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.” (Matthew 28:17) Even standing before the risen Christ, the disciples were a mixture of adoration and hesitation. It is as though they were in their spiritual 20s...unsure, doubting, but nonetheless called to act in worship and mission. Here is the key: Jesus does not tell them to wait until they are sure of things. He sends them anyway: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19) The mission of the Church begins not with perfect certainty but with imperfect disciples who wonder and worship. Then they get going.

That is us, too. We may feel unsure of ourselves, perhaps full of hesitation about following Christ more fully. But now is not the time to wait for perfect clarity. Now is the time to worship and to go, trusting that he is with us always, even to the end of the age.

– Father John Muir ©LPi