

# 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, Jan 1st

**Church Address:** 182526 County Rd. C, Wittenberg, WI

**Mailing Address:** St. Joseph Parish

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**Parish Social Hall & CCD & Fax:** 715-454-6432

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**Website:** www.stjosephgalloway.com

Download Parish app at [myparishapp.com](#)

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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

## DECEMBER 31, 2023



THE HOLY FAMILY

MINE EYES HAVE  
SEEN YOUR  
**SALVATION.**

LUKE 2:30

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### Mark your Calendars!

January:

Wed. 3 - No CCD

Sat. 6 - Sat. Evening Mass moves to Bevent

Sun. 7 - Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 10 - CCD 6:15 pm

Sun. 14 - Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 17 - CCD 6:15 pm

HAVE A BLESSED

# new year

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## Liturgies of the Week

### Sunday, Jan. 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am- Frank Flees *by Loraine Flees & Family*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

#### Liturgical Ministers

##### Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - January 7

Lector: **Mary Uttecht**  
Eucharist: **Joe Bushman**  
Blood of Christ: **Mike O'Donnell**  
**Jeff Uttecht**  
Altar Servers: **Jaxton Bushman**  
**Michael Wierzba**  
Ushers: **Scott Kezeske**  
**Andy Wierzba**  
**Caleb Zick**  
TV Monitors: **Mason Wierzba**  
Rosary (Joyful) & Litany: **Joe Bushman**

#### Gifts to Our Lord: - Dec 11 - Dec 17, 2023

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1779.00
Youth Envelopes .....	12.00
Offertory Gifts .....	348.00
Vigil Lights .....	17.00
Religious Retirement Fund .....	20.00
Christmas Flowers .....	20.00
Total .....	\$2196.00

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](mailto: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!

#### Thank you

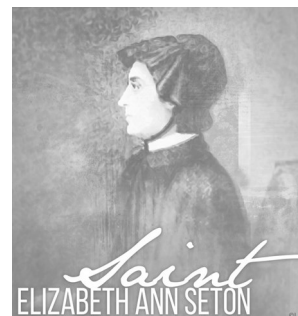
Giving thanks to God for the greatest gift of His Son, Jesus, to be born for us, parishioners also found in your hearts to share monetary gifts, prayers, and wishes with me during the holy season of Christmas. I am most grateful to you for all your kindness to me in word and deed.

God's Blessings on you all as we begin the New Year of 2024.

Fr. Gus

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton |  
January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

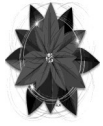


After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." ©LPi



**Baptism dates:** Feb 24 &25, Mar 9, 10, 16, & 17. 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.



## Christmas Flowers



in Memory of:

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

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us. Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### Area Events

- ◆ **January Serenity Retreat**, St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, **Jan. 5-7, 2024**, \$225/person
- ◆ **St. Mary-Torun Ponczka Sale**, pick up **Jan. 27, 3-6 pm**, call 715-344-9665 to preorder
- ◆ **Crafting Day** at St. Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, Saturday, **Jan 27, 2024**. Cost is \$40/ person. Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Registration available by calling 715-341-1617. Registration deadline is Jan. 16, 2024.
- ◆ **Divorce Recovery Workshop**, St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, **Feb. 2-3**, "Learning to let Go, Living a Life of Peace", \$125/person
- ◆ **Green & Gold Evening of Fun**; St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent, Sat., **Feb. 10** beginning at 5 pm; food, drinks, door prizes, raffles.
- ◆ St. Joseph **PCCW Soup Cook-Off**, Saturday **Feb. 17, 4:30-6 pm** (see details below)

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



Back by popular demand - **PCCW Soup Cook-off** - Saturday, February 17, 4:30-6PM - Enter your soup to win cash prizes! New this year- **Dessert Cook-off!** Come and sample lots of soups for only \$5. Basket raffle - 50:50 - Fun! See you there!

Parish Office hours are usually Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8 am to 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.



Thank you to Fr. Roy Witucki for serving this weekend. We are so grateful to Fr. Roy for his pastoral presence and for sharing his wisdom through his homily.