

# St. Joseph Parish

## Galloway

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Office Hours: Temporarily Closed

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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

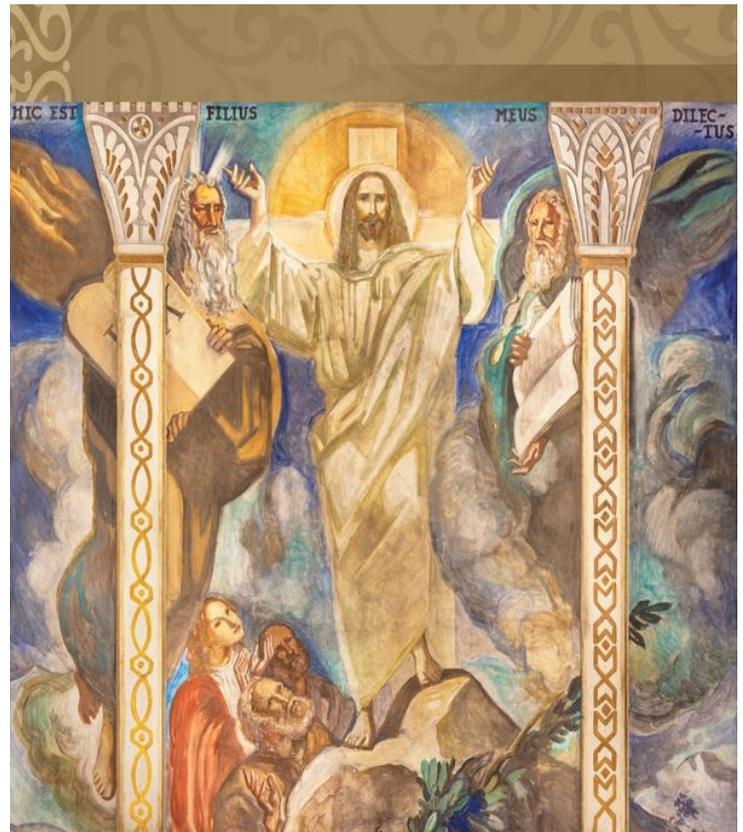
### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

## MARCH 1, 2026



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

OF LENT

"Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." Mt 17:1-2

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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### Mark your Calendars!



#### March:

Wed. 4 - CCD 6:15 pm

Sat. 7 - **1st Communion Retreat** 9-11 am

Sun. 8 - **Mass** 8:30 am

Wed. 11 - **CCD w/ Confessions** 6:15 pm

Sun. 15 - **Mass** 8:30 am

Wed. 18 - **Mass** 8:30 am

Thur. 19 - **Feast of St Joseph Mass** 6pm w/  
**Dinner to Follow**

## Liturgies of the Week

**Sun. Mar 8 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**8:30 am-** Gavin Kowalski *by O'Shasky Family*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

### **Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Mar 8**

Lector: **Lisa Walder**  
Eucharist: **Joe Bushman Sr**  
Blood of Christ: **Donna Kezeske**  
**Renee Groshek**  
Altar Servers: **Jaxton Bushman**  
  
Ushers: **Drayden Kersten**  
**Aiden Bushman**  
**Jose Cervantes**  
TV Monitors: **Natalie Bessette**  
Rosary (Sorrowful): **Joe Bushman Sr**

### **Gifts to Our Lord: Feb 16, 2026 - Feb 22, 2026**

Adult Envelopes .....	\$2195.00
Youth Envelopes.....	\$8.00
Easter Envelopes.....	\$50.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$150.00
Building Improvements .....	\$115.00
Offertory .....	\$224.00
Total.....	\$2742.00

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer. Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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



## **Feast of St Joseph** **Thursday, March 19** **Mass @ 6:00 pm**

**Parish fellowship with a catered dinner following Mass. Please sign up in the foyer by Mar 15 in order for us to give a headcount to the caterer.**

**All are welcome.**



### **Ready for Spring?**

St. John Paul II announced that the Church was entering a "new springtime" of evangelization. If that is true, how can we be ready? Think of how different farmers' lives are entering fall versus entering spring. Fr. Derek Sakowski offers a short video on the importance of knowing what season we are in as a Church.

<https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>



**Ronald McDonald House Charities**  
Marshfield

There is a box in the foyer to collect donations to the Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield. Please consider purchasing items to help families in need and placing them in the box. Some ideas are Target & Walmart gift cards, hygiene products, individual snacks, and stamps. This charity has made an impact on community and we would appreciate your prayers and contribution.



The Parish Office will be closed until March 23. Emails and phone messages will be checked weekly but not on a regular basis. 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. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer).

Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intake-agent@diolc.org](mailto:intake-agent@diolc.org).

The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.

Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website.

If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

### Remembering God's Goodness and Acknowledging Our Sin

An important component of our Lenten journey is to realize and remember what God has done for us.

Jesus proved His love for us as He gave His life for us on the cross that we might spend eternity with Him in perfect bliss. The foundation of our Lenten practices needs to be based upon thanking Jesus for His kindness, generosity and self-sacrificial love. Take time to look back over the day to see where you have experienced His kindness and generosity. Office for Catechesis & Evangelization Diocese of La Crosse Repentance is a major focus during the season of Lent. Repentance means to turn away from sin and then turn toward God. A good way to enter into the spirit of repentance is by making a good confession. Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation because we need healing from the effects of personal sin after Baptism. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of Healing, as Jesus – the Divine Physician – restores our soul to innocence, freedom and a peaceful calm.



There is a table set up in the foyer with Lenten resources. Please feel free to help yourself to this material. May your fasting, prayer, and almsgiving bring you closer to Jesus during this holy season.

## Area Events

- ◆ **Lenten Soup Supper**, St Ladislaus Parish, Bevent, **Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25, 5:30-6:30 pm**, Weekly Prize Drawing
- ◆ **Bingo**, Sacred Heart Parish, Custer, **Mar 8, 1 pm**, Concessions, 50/50, Cherry Tree
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **St Patrick's Day Ham Dinner**, St Maximilian Kolbe, Almond, **Mar 15, 10am-1pm**, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Rolls Adults \$14, Kids 6-12 \$6, Under 5 are Free
- ◆ **Forged For Mission**, Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse, **Mar 21, 9:30 am-5pm**, Formation for Men, Mass, Speakers, Cost \$45
- ◆ **Lenten/ Centennial Retreat**, St Wenceslaus Parish, Milladore, **Mar 21, 2-6 pm**, Speakers, Confessions, Mass
- ◆ **St. Andrew Dinner**, Holy Name Parish, Wausau, **Apr 12, 4 pm**, Young Men Discerning the Priesthood, Mass w/ Bishop Battersby

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

### Looking for a close by Fish Fry?

Go to: <http://diolc.org/fishfrynder/> where you can find where and when a fish fry, or other parish Lenten meal is taking place in our diocese.

- ♥ **St Adalbert Church, Rosholt**  
**Every Friday Feb 13 through Mar 27**  
Serving 4 -7:30 pm



**Take-out orders call 715-677-4518**  
Fish or Shrimp or Combo - \$15.00  
Children's Fish or Shrimp - \$12.00  
Includes choice of potato, coleslaw, bread  
Large & weekly raffle, cash bar, pull tabs

- ♥ **St Patrick Parish, Halder**  
**Every Friday Feb 20 through Apr 3**  
Serving 4-7:30 pm

**Take-out orders call 715-693-2765**  
Many options to choose from, including family pack. All meals include choice of potato, coleslaw, bread, & desserts

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

Leonard Schulist  
Cliff Groshek  
Klint Kranski  
Lorraine Flees

Fred Groshek  
Cheryl Doede  
Ken Kranski, Jr  
Charles Kurszewski



To have your request added, please contact the office.