

St. Joseph Parish

Galloway



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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

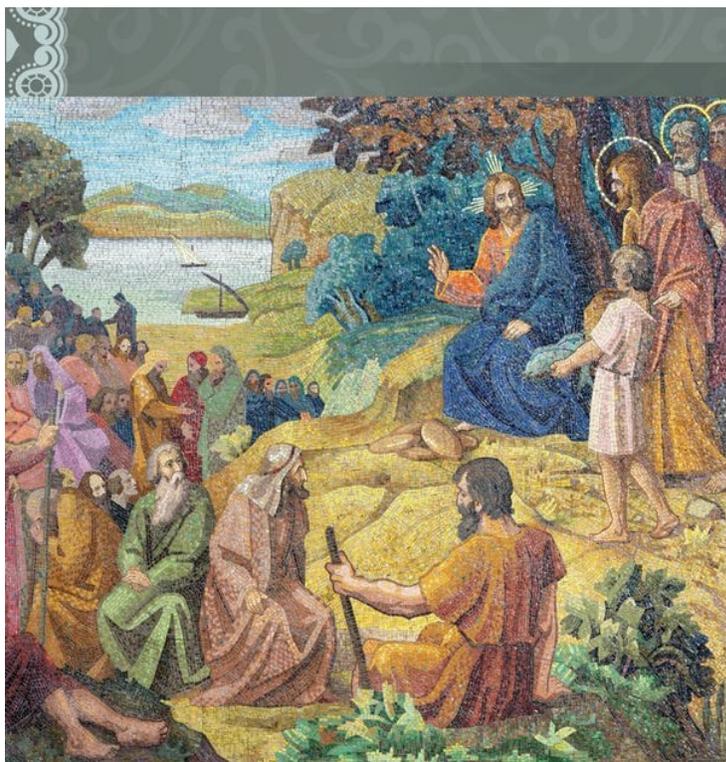
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

FEBRUARY 1, 2026



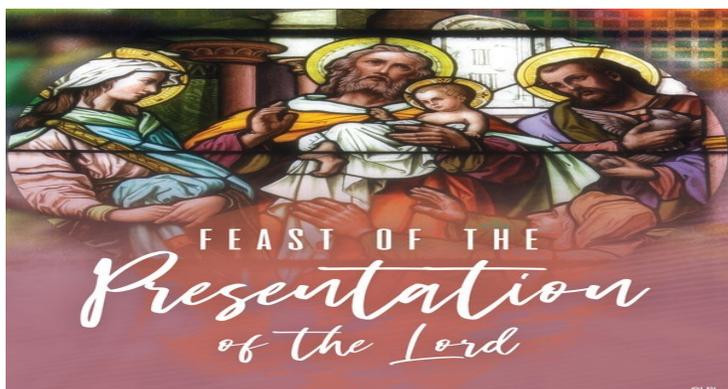
4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

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FEAST OF THE

Presentation of the Lord

Mark your Calendars!



February:

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

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

Mon. 9 - **Men's Society Mtg** 6:00 pm

Wed. 11 - CCD 6:15 pm w/ Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Wed. 18 - **Ash Wed Service w/ Holy Communion** 8:30 am

CCD 6:15 pm

Service of the Word & Ash

Distribution 7:00 pm

Sat. 21 - **Soup & Dessert Contest** 5:00 pm

Liturgies of the Week

Sun. Feb 8 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am- Rolis & Mary Firkus *by Yvonne Firkus*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Feb 8

Lector: **Lia Kezeske**
 Eucharist: **Dick Golomski**
 Blood of Christ: **Donna Golomski**
Pat Kulas
 Altar Servers: **Dominick Knitter**
Kastin Kulas
 Ushers: **Carson Meronk**
Jose Cervantes
Colton Kaminski
 TV Monitors: **Landon Meronk**
 Rosary (Luminous): **Dick & Donna Golomski**

Gifts to Our Lord: Jan 12, 2026 - Jan 18, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$958.00
Youth Envelopes	\$3.50
Catholic Life	\$25.00
Energy Needs	\$25.00
Building Improvements	\$30.00
Offertory	\$195.00
Total	\$1236.50

Gifts to Our Lord: Jan 19, 2026 - Jan 25, 2026

Adult Envelopes	\$740.00
Youth Envelopes	\$2.00
Vigil Lights	\$21.00
Energy Needs.....	\$465.00
Offertory	\$256.00
Total	\$1484.00



The Men's Society will have a meeting on Monday, Feb 9 at 6 pm.

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.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is celebrated on Feb. 1. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joyful holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced and loved.



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.

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!



Exciting News! Sign up in the back of church by February 15th and receive FREE admission to the event (\$8 value). Please bring in a 6-8 quart crockpot or larger. Thank you.



Deacon Tim will be leading 2 services for Ash Wednesday on Feb 18. At 8:30 am there will be a Communion Service with Ashes. At 7 pm there will be a Service of the Word & Ashes with the CCD Students- no Communion. Everyone is welcome.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but. And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



St. Joseph Galloway
Parish Council of Catholic Women

SOUP & DESSERT CONTEST

Saturday

February 21, 2026

\$8.00 all you can eat soup
crackers, rolls, coffee & desserts

5:00 PM-6:30 PM

**-Children 5 yrs & under FREE-
50/50 and Basket Raffle**

**CASH PRIZES FOR
THE TOP 3 SOUPS
AND DESSERTS!**

For the contest:
Bring a crock
pot of your
FAVORITE SOUP
and/or your
BEST DESSERT
(no entry fee)

Come to eat:
Enjoy the variety!
Your vote counts!



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Area Events

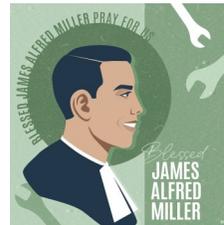
- ◆ **Poncza Dance**, St Michael's Church, Junction City, **Feb 7, 6-10 pm**, \$5/ person, 12 & under: free Ultimate Polka Band & DJ
- ◆ **Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner**, Sacred Heart, Polonia, **Feb 7, 5 pm**, Gun Raffle, 50/50, Basket Raffles
- ◆ **Bingo**, Sacred Heart Parish, Custer, **Feb 8, 1 pm**, Concessions, 50/50 and Gift Card Raffle
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Mardi Gras Fundraiser**, Holy Name of Jesus, Wausau, **Feb 14, 5-9 pm**, New Orleans Fare, Raffles, Auctions
- ◆ **Soup Sale**, St Wenceslaus Parish, Milladore, **Feb 14, 2-4 pm**, \$8/ Quart & Dinner Rolls
- ◆ **Sunday Dinner**, Faith Lutheran Church, Rosholt, **Feb 15, 11am-1pm**, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Giblets, Stuffing Adults: \$15, 5-11: \$7, 4 & Younger: Free
- ◆ **Kapusta-Kielbasa, Golabki, Meatball & Potato Dimpling Dinner**, Holy Family Church, Wittenberg, **Feb 15, 11am-1pm**, Cost \$12
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Forged For Mission**, Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse, **Mar 21, 9:30 am-5pm**, Formation for Men, Mass, Speakers, Cost \$45

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)

Countercultural Then and Now

Sometimes I wonder what this world will look like when my children get to be my age. Everything seems to be changing so rapidly and much of that change doesn't seem to be for the good. I do think in some ways the Church is experiencing resurgence and a strengthening, but it will have to be in the face of an increasing culture of atheism and selfishness. Of course, I bet my parents wondered the same thing when I was a child. As much as things change, they remain the same. When Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, I would guess some parents there were having the same kind of worries. But Jesus proposed a way of life in the beatitudes that was countercultural then and is countercultural now. In his book, Life of Christ, Fulton Sheen said this: "The Sermon on the Mount is so much at variance with all that our world holds dear that the world will crucify anyone who tries to live up to its values." Living a stewardship way of life means bringing the beatitudes into our daily lives in a profound way. However, it also means living in a way that others may not understand or they may even turn away from us because of it. But with the reward in the end being the kingdom of heaven, the choice is really a matter of life and death, eternally speaking.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Mark your Calendars for Feb. 13!
Save the date for a special celebration of the Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller on Friday, **Feb. 13** at Sacred Heart Church in Polonia. There will be a Mass celebrated by Bishop Battersby at 11 am, a luncheon, and an expert panel discussion on the life and witness of

Blessed Brother James and what his example means for our own outreach of love to our neighbor in need. A native of Stevens Point, Blessed Br. James served as a missionary in Central America, where he was martyred on Feb. 13, 1982.

Young men (high school age and older) are invited to the St. Andrew Dinner on Sunday, **April 12** at 4:00 pm at Holy Name Parish in Wausau. Join Bishop Battersby and other priests to learn more about the priesthood and enjoy a meal and a conversation about vocations.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

