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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.

# FEBRUARY 22, 2026

## Mark your Calendars!

**February:**
Wed. 25 - **CCD** 6:15 pm

**March:**
Sun. 1 - **Mass** 8:30 am
Wed. 4 - **CCD** 6:15 pm
Sun. 8 - **Mass** 8:30 am
Wed. 11 - **CCD** 6:15 pm
Sun. 15 - **Mass** 8:30 am
Wed. 18 - **Mass** 8:30 am

## Liturgies of the Week

**Sun. Mar 1 - 2nd Sunday of Lent**
**8:30 am-** George "Larry" Konkel *by Scott & Tracy Kulas*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

***Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Mar 1***

Lector: **Jeff Uttecht**
Eucharist: **Mary Uttecht**
Blood of Christ: **Dick Golomski**
**Donna Golomski**
Altar Servers: **Michael Wierzba**

Ushers: **Scot Kezeske**
**Carson Meronk**
**Jovani Torres**
TV Monitors: **Axel Segura**
Rosary (Sorrowful) & Litany: **Joan Brahmer**

**Gifts to Our Lord: Feb 9, 2026 - Feb 15, 2026**

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| Adult Envelopes | $1305.00 |
| Youth Envelopes | $3.00 |
| Catholic Life | $20.00 |
| Building Improvements | $130.00 |
| Campaign for Human Dev | $100.00 |
| Offertory | $195.30 |
| Total | $1753.30 |

FUELING MISSIONS OF HOPE

AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU. - JOHN 20:21

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Our Goal - $21,955.00
Pledged - $7,950.00
Under Our Goal (Received) - $15,405.00
Goal at 30% with 25 Donors
No amount is too little, please give what you can. You make a difference! Thank you for your generosity.

The Parish Office will be closed until March 16. 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.

Thank you so much for generously filling in this weekend, Father Zach Edgar. 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.**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.
— Father John Muir ©LPi

**Did you know?** Did you realize that, in the United States, more men than women have been attending Sunday church services over the last five years? There have been some encouraging trends, combined with concerns. For example, why are an increasing number of women not connected to churches? We have lots to pray about. You can learn more at https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/

**Experience the new EWTN series: "Seeking Beauty"**

"Seeking Beauty" is an adventure documentary series hosted by David Henrie bringing together audiences from all walks of life in a fun-loving exploration of the culture, architecture, food, art and music that point us to the beautiful and lead us to the divine. Go to EWTN.com

**The Primary Focus of Lent - God's Love**

Our relationship with God should always begin with a realization of His deep, deep Love for us and how He continues to pour out this love upon us daily in very concrete ways. This is always the starting point in our relationship with Him! And gratitude flows naturally as we ponder this love. During the 40 days of Lent, let us start by recalling some of God's blessings the past few days. Name five things for which you are thankful, such as taking time for a conversation with someone, reading a book with a child, a beautiful sunset, etc.

The next step is that we realize that we fail in response to this Love and that is what we examine with Jesus' help in order to eliminate any of our personal failures that would block our ability to receive His Love. Repentance means to turn away from sin and then turn toward God. Let us seek the beauty of a deeper friendship with Jesus, which brings peace and joy, and turn our backs to the ugliness of sin, which brings turmoil, discontent and ultimate misery. A great way to start is to acknowledge the sin and then be set free from it by speaking it out in the sacrament of confession. We can't be set free from sin unless we first acknowledge that it is there.

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

- **Radical Love Lenten Mission**, St Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, **Feb 22, 23, & 24, 6:30 pm**, Deacon Arthur Miller, Preacher
- **Lenten Soup Supper**, St Ladislaus Parish, Bevent, **Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25, 5:30-6:30 pm**, Weekly Prize Drawing
- **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…**

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

To have your request added, please contact the office.