

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH- GALLOWAY, WI

AUGUST 16, 2026 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 St Joseph Catholic Church Galloway

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph, Galloway

Saturday | 4:00 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Sunday | 10:10 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:30 pm - 3:50 pm

Sunday | 8:00 am - 8:20 am

Other | By Appointment

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.

PASTOR:

Augustine K. Benti

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.



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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

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St. Joseph, pray for us

Mark your Calendars

August:

Wed. 19 - Mass 8:30 am

Fri. 21 - Mass 8:30 am

Sat. 22 - Mass 4:00 pm

Sun. 23 - Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 26 - Mass 8:30 am

Sat. 29 - Mass 4:00 pm

Sun. 30 - Mass 8:30 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. Aug 19 - Weekday

8:30am | † Russell Pucek *by Scott & Tracy Kulas*

Fri. Aug 21 - St Pius X, Pope

8:30am | † Dale Ostrowski *by Ron Knitter*

Sat. Aug 22 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 pm | † John Bentil *by Mike & Tanya Stegall Family*

Sun. Aug 23 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am | † Viola Konkel *by Sue & Paul Buss*

Rosary prayed ½ hour before Mass

Thank you

We want to give a huge shout-out to **Mike & Michele O'Donnell** for stepping up and volunteering to mow the parish grounds. Keeping our area looking great is a huge task, and we truly couldn't do it without your dedication. Thank you so much for your time and effort!



The parish office will be closed August 17-19, with normal hours resuming on Monday, Aug 24.



Welcome: Scarlett Hoffman, daughter of Derek and Riley, who was welcomed in the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on August 9th. Congratulations! We pray she grows in the faith.

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Prayer

The second characteristic of a disciple is that we are committed to times of prayer on a daily basis, both individually and with family, and frequently with the parish, where we are thankful to God for the blessings of the day and we seek His will. Prayer becomes an important part of our life.

The Catechism describes prayer as our “vital and personal relationship with the living and true God” (CCC 2558). Our life of prayer manifests itself in different ways, such as the silent time we take each day to be present to Jesus, the celebration of the Mass, the sufferings we offer up and the opportunities to pray with others in need. (adapted from “Discipleship Quads” by Dcn. Bob Rice and team)

We pray for the health and healing of...

Leonard Schulist
Cliff Groshek
Fred Groshek
Pat Knitter
Linda Conradt

Klint Kranski
Ken Kranski, Jr
Lorraine Flees
Charles Kurszewski



To have your request added, please contact the office.

SATURDAY MASS 4:00 PM - AUGUST 22

LECTOR: MARILYN QUINNELL
EUCHARIST: PAT KULAS
BLOOD OF CHRIST: RENEE GROSHEK
TANYA STEGALL
USHERS: LINDA WIERZBA
JOHN WIERZBA
TV MONITORS: MADELYN STEGALL
ROSARY (GLORIOUS): PAT KULAS

SUNDAY MASS 8:30 AM - AUGUST 23

LECTOR: JIM MARTIN
EUCHARIST: JOE BUSHMAN
BLOOD OF CHRIST: BRENNEN BUSHMAN
DONNA KEZESKE
ALTAR SERVERS: DUSTIN WIERZBA
MICHAEL WIERZBA
USHERS: ANDY WIERZBA
JOVANNI TORRES
DRAYDEN KERSTEN
TV MONITORS: AXEL SEGURA
ROSARY (GLORIOUS): BARB MARTIN

Gifts to Our Lord: August 3, 2026 - August 9, 2026

Adult Envelopes.....\$1021.00
Mission Coop.....\$624.00
Offertory.....\$332.00
Total:.....\$1977.00

Baptism Dates: August 22 & 23 and Sept 5, 6, 19, 20, 26 & 27. If this is your first child being baptized, please also call Sister Mary Ellen (715.446.3060) to schedule a baptism class.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Eucharistic Ministers

~ Last fall, Ronnie Knitter stepped up to serve as an Eucharistic Minister. Thank you, Ronnie, for your ministry to the parish.

~ This summer, 3 young people, after their years of being confirmed, have prayerfully stepped up to serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

~ We are grateful to Aiden Bushman, Brennen Bushman, and Drayden Kersten.

~ They were trained by Pat Kulas this summer and have been commissioned by the Pastor to serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

~ We are all humbled to serve as ministers of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus. It is a privilege.

~ Please, we continue to seek help for other ministries: choir, ushers, lectors, servers, especially now we have Saturday evening Mass here.

Thank you,
Father Gus

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith. She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance. This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir ©LPI

We have copies of Fr Peter's beautiful book, A Moment With the Saint of the Slum, Need a copy? Contact Parish Office (715.454.6431) or Fr. Gus in person.



AREA EVENTS

- **Fall Country Store**, St Ladislaus Parish Basement, **Aug 28:** 4-8 pm, **Aug 29:** 9am-5pm, **Aug 30:** 11am-3pm Household Items
- **Belltower Bash**, St Bronislava Parish, Plover, **Aug 29-30**, Mexican Food & Classic Cookout, Bake Sale, Bingo, Raffles, Cake Walks, Music
- **Pilgrimage to Poland, Sept 14-26**, Under Spiritual Direction of Fr Arturo Vigueras, Cost \$3800/ Person, Flight, Hotel, Buses, Meals
- **Rachel's Vineyard Healing Weekend Retreat**, La Crosse, **Oct 9-11**, Opportunity for Those Struggling With Abortion or Miscarriage Trauma
- **Pilgrimage to India & Sri Lanka, Feb 25-Mar 8**, Fr Peter Manickam, Cost \$3,999, Flight, Hotel, Buses, Meals

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)



CCD News

Letters/ Registration Forms will be sent out this week. Pricing includes discounts if registered, with payment, by August 31st. You can mail, drop off at the office during regular hours, or place in yellow box in the foyer. If you do not receive a letter but need to register your child, blank forms are available next to the yellow box in the foyer. The first day of CCD with a mandatory parent meeting is September 23 at 6:15 pm. Registration available that day 5:30-6:00 pm.



Registration due this weekend! Our next Evangelization Summit will be held at St. Charles Parish in Chippewa Falls on Saturday, August 22, from 9am to 3:15pm. The theme will be "Peter as a Model of Discipleship and a Healing Encounter with Christ." This is an opportunity for parish leaders or volunteers to unite together around a shared vision of parishes fully alive on mission, and to connect you with more tools and resources. There will be fresh content for those who attended the first two summits, but new attendees are welcome!

Rural Life Day Sept. 23, 2026 - Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor

Join us for the 45th Annual Rural Life Day Celebration at Creamery Creek Farms, hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family. Rural Life Day is a beautiful event that brings together several hundred members of the faithful to honor rural life in our communities. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop Gerard Battersby, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards and the blessing of crops, animals, and machinery of the farm. We conclude our celebration with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk. Creamery Creek Farms is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.