

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH- GALLOWAY, WI

AUGUST 23, 2026 | TWENTY-FIRST 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.



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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St. Joseph, pray for us

Mark your Calendars

August:

Wed 26 - Mass 8:30 am

Sat. 29 - Mass 4:00 pm

Sun. 30 - Mass 8:30 am

September:

Wed. 2 - Mass 8:30 am

Fri. 4 - Mass 8:30 am w/ Adoration to follow

Sat. 5 - Mass 4:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. Aug 26- Weekday

8:30am | † Howie & Rosie Fochs *by Steve & Pat Kulas*

Sat. Aug 29 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00 pm | † Jerry Collins *by Tom & Sandy Kemp*

Sun. Aug 30 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am | † Jacob & Ester Ostrowski *by Allen & DeAnna Ostrowski*

Rosary prayed ½ hour before Mass

SATURDAY MASS 4:00 PM - AUGUST 29

LECTOR: MARY UTTECHT
EUCHARIST: JEFF UTTECHT
BLOOD OF CHRIST: RON KNITTER
MARY UTTECHT
USHERS: MARILYN QUINNELL
VOLUNTEER

TV MONITORS: VOLUNTEER
ROSARY (GLORIOUS): MARY UTTECHT

SUNDAY MASS 8:30 AM - AUGUST 30

LECTOR: PAM KOHL
EUCHARIST: RONNIE KNITTER
BLOOD OF CHRIST: DONNA KEZESKE
AIDEN BUSHMAN
ALTAR SERVERS: HENRY KNITTER
OLIVER KNITTER
USHERS: SCOTT KEZESKE
CARSON MERONK
COLTON KAMINSKI
TV MONITORS: NATALIE BESSETTE
ROSARY (GLORIOUS): JOAN BRAHMER

We pray for the health and healing of...

Leonard Schulist	Klint Kranski
Cliff Groshek	Ken Kranski, Jr
Fred Groshek	Lorraine Flees
Pat Knitter	Charles Kurszewski
Linda Conradt	



To have your request added, please contact the office.

Baptism Dates: 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.

Thank you

We want to give a huge shout-out to **John & Linda Wierzba and Allen Ostrowski** 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!



Welcome: Anneta Bembenek, daughter of Scott & Andrea, who will be welcomed in the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on August 23rd.
Congratulations! We pray she grows in the faith.



I. Please join us in praying for Hope Uttecht and Jarek Czerwinski who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. They will be exchanging vows on September 12th.



All Catechists: Catechists will meet September 16th at 6:00 pm. We will begin with Safe Environment Training and then discuss the upcoming school year.

We need you! Anyone interested in learning more about serving in the faith formation program, please contact Crystal.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Volunteers and Paid Staff - the diocese requires that we provide yearly Safe Environment training. Please come to the parish training on September 16th at 6 pm in the social hall. This is for any lawn mowers, money counters, groundskeepers, catechists etc. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Bushman.

Letters/ Registration Forms were sent out. 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.



Our Need for Accompaniment: It's easy for us to forget our need for coaching and mentoring. If we desire to thrive, we will continue seeking that out, no matter how experienced or skilled we are. In his prime, Usain Bolt was the fastest man in the world. Yet he worked with a coach almost every day of the week! What does healthy mentoring look like for laborers in the Lord's vineyard? Fr. Derek's newest video reflects on that question. You can find his video diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates or scanning the QR code above.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily. What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Important Words to Know and Understand Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Receives the Sacraments

The third characteristic is that a disciple prayerfully encounters Jesus on a regular basis through the sacraments of the Church and lives in the power of the grace they have received through them. A Catholic disciple of Jesus Christ understands that sacraments are "the" way of receiving God's grace. We are made children of God through Baptism. We are forgiven of our sins through Reconciliation. We receive the Body and Blood of Jesus through the Eucharist. Jesus also instituted the Sacraments of Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick for the sake of our salvation, so that the power He displayed in His public ministry would continue through the sacraments He gave to the Church. A disciple of Jesus frequently receives and cooperates with the graces he or she has received through the sacraments.

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 Viguera, 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
- **Women of Christ Conference**, Brookfield, **Nov 21**, 8:45 am-5pm, Speakers, Confessions, Adoration, Mass, Vendors
- **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)

Only Peter Has the Answer
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"What do you think of the Pope?"

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority that stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don't know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, "What do you think of him?" I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn't really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: "What do you think of him, and why?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn't try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

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