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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 15, 2026

Mark your Calendars!

February:

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
Sun. 22 - **Mass** 8:30 am w/ Donuts to follow

Liturgies of the Week

Wed. Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday
8:30 am- Communion Service w/ Ashes
7:00 pm- Service of the Word w/ Ashes

Sun. Feb 22 - 1st Sunday of Lent
8:30 am- Lorraine Kurszewski *by Family*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Feb 22

Lector: **Lisa Walder**
Eucharist: **Jeff Uttecht**
Blood of Christ: **Renee Groshek**
Mary Uttecht
Altar Servers: **Henry Knitter**
Oliver Knitter
Ushers: **Jose Cervantes**
Colton Kaminski
Drayden Kersten
TV Monitors: **Mason Schwalbach**
Rosary (Sorrowful): **Renee Groshek**

Gifts to Our Lord: Feb 2, 2026 - Feb 8, 2026

Adult Envelopes	$1160.00
Youth Envelopes	$1.00
Catholic Life	$100.00
Energy Needs	$30.00
Vigil Lights	$17.75
Campaign for Human Dev	$100.00
Offertory	$197.75
Total	$1606.50

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.

"He that is of a merry heart has a continual feast."

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.

Father Gus' father, John Bentil, passed away surrounded by his family on Feb 6. He was inspirational in Father Gus' life and direction to the priesthood. He was a devoted man to our beautiful faith. Father Gus is grateful that he was able to spend these last moments with him. Father is helping his family make funeral preparations. He will return to Galloway March 10. Please continue to pray for comfort for the family and the repose of this wonderful man's soul.

Soup & Dessert Cookoff

Join the PCCW for our Soup and Dessert Cook-Off this 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. See you there!

Join us next Sunday morning (Feb 22) after Mass for doughnuts and coffee. Enjoy some time with your fellow parishioners!

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.

Evangelization Summit: Our first evangelization summit will be held on Tues, March 10 at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. This is a chance to spend a day with others who are also eager to see their parishes more alive on mission, and grow into a shared vision. Following the day, based on needs identified by participants, we will begin offering specific formational resources ("How do we do this?") tailored to the needs identified by participants. You can find more information at https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/

Men of the Cross: Forged for Mission | March 21, 2026 | Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Men of the Diocese of La Crosse! This is your invitation to step away from the noise of daily life and be renewed in faith, brotherhood, and purpose. Join other Catholic men for a powerful day of encouragement and formation as we grow stronger as disciples, husbands, fathers, and leaders forged for mission. Register online at menofthecross.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Area Events

- **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
- **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
- **Forged For Mission**, Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse, **Mar 21, 9:30 am-5pm**, Formation for Men, Mass, Speakers, Cost $45
- **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

To have your request added, please contact the office.