

St. Joseph Parish Galloway



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****Office will be closed Dec 24 & Dec 31****

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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

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Sunday 10:10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30-3:50 pm

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.



**In the evening of life,
we will be judged on
love alone.**

—St. John of the Cross

DECEMBER 14, 2025



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see." - Mt 11:4

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Mark your Calendars!



December:

Wed. 17 - **Mass** 8:30 am

CCD 6:15 pm w/ **Student Confessions**

Fri. 19 - **Mass** 8:30 am

Confessions 9:45 am & 6-7 pm

Sat. 20 - **Mass** 4:00 pm

Sun. 21 - **Mass** 8:30 am

Wed. 24 - **Christmas Eve Mass** 6:00 pm

Carols Begin at 5:30 pm

Thur. 25 - **Christmas Day Mass** 8:30 am

Liturgies of the Week

Wed. 17 - Advent Weekday

8:30 am- Greg Bushman *by Steve & Pat Kulas*

Fri. 19 - Advent Weekday

8:30 am- Sally Meshak *by Dennis & Anna Mlodik*

Sat. Dec 20 - 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil

4:00 pm- Hubert & Theresa Yenter *by David & Brenda Flees*

Sun. Dec 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 am- George & Ethel Weller *by daughters*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

Saturday, Mass 4:00 pm - Dec 20

Lector: **Renee Groshek**

Eucharist: **Ron Knitter**

Blood of Christ: **Tanya Stegall**
Pat Kulas

Ushers: **Volunteer**
Volunteer

TV Monitors: **Madelyn Stegall**

Rosary (Joyful): **Pat Kulas**

Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - Dec 21

Lector: **Jim Martin**

Eucharist: **Dick Golomski**

Blood of Christ: **Donna Golomski**
Donna Kezeske

Altar Servers: **Jaxton Bushman**
Kiya Kersten

Ushers: **Drayden Kersten**
Aiden Bushman
Brennen Bushman

TV Monitors: **Ava Schulist**
Rosary (Joyful): **Barb Martin**

Attention! Advance Notice! Saturday Mass Time Change

Beginning Saturday, January 3
4:00 pm Mass at St Ladislaus, Bevent



Baptism dates: Dec 20 & 21. Please call the rectory to schedule. If this is your first child being baptized, please also call Sister Mary Ellen (715.446.3060) to schedule a baptism class.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Advent Confessions - December 19

St. Joseph, Galloway
9:00-9:45 am and 6-7:00 pm

St. Ladislaus, Bevent
Dec 16: 9:00-10:00 am
Dec 22: 6:00-7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Masses - December 24

St. Ladislaus, Bevent 4:00 pm
St. Joseph, Galloway 6:00 pm
Christmas Carols will begin at 5:30 pm

Christmas Day Masses - December 25

St. Joseph, Galloway 8:30 am
St. Ladislaus, Bevent 10:10 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

St. Ladislaus, Bevent 10:10 am
Combined Mass for St Joseph & St Ladislaus
No 8:30 am Mass in Galloway

Prayer REQUESTS

We pray for the health and healing of...

Leonard Schulist Fred Groshek Cheryl Doede

To have your request added, please contact the office.



Announcements for the Dec. 28 bulletin need to be submitted by 10 am on Dec 16.

Announcements for the Jan 4 bulletin need to be submitted by 10 am on Dec 22.

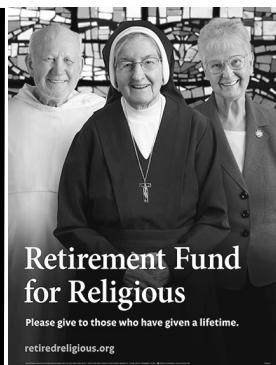
Window Candles for Christmas

Please put your offering for candles in an envelope marked "For Window Candles" and drop in the collection box. Thank you.



2025 Donations Deadline:

All financial contributions to the church received in the office by 12/31/2025 will be credited to 2025 while those that are received on or after 1/1/2026 will be credited in 2026. This includes mailed gifts so if you're mailing a donation that you would like credited in 2025, please plan ahead. Thank you!



Support a Lifetime of Service

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications.

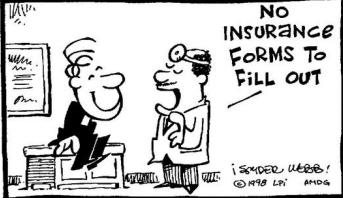
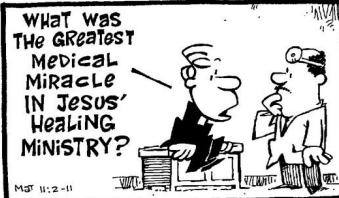
Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

John the Baptist is truly an intriguing figure of history. He was a cousin of Jesus and literally prepared all those who would listen for this new way of life ushered in by a Messiah. Besides the key role he plays in the Gospel story, his depiction in Scripture, and then in literature, movies, and other media, gives us an image of a pretty unique person. How about locusts and wild honey for dinner? Can you imagine camel's hair as a staple in your wardrobe? He lived differently, and he stood out among the status quo. Of course, his look and cuisine didn't stand out nearly as much as his message.



How do you stand out? What separates you from the crowd? God has created each of us completely unique and with a combination of gifts like no one else. How can you uncover and understand your unique gifts? First, reflect on what makes you happiest in life. We are happiest when we are using the talents God gave us. Next, think about what comes naturally to you, whether it is a skill, task, or emotion. Recurring patterns in our behavior and experiences provide clues to our giftedness. Finally, what do other people see in you? The communities we live in, whether it is our family, parish, school, or workplace are filled with people who can provide clues to us by their observations. After these steps, can you say what makes you special? Now, let's start to grow that, lean on it, and stand out in a way that brings glory to God.

33 SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Area Events

- ♦ **New Year's Eve Retreat**, St Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, **Dec 31-Jan 1**, Prayer, Fellowship, Adoration, Celebration, \$130/ Person
- ♦ **Craft Day**, St Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, **Jan 24, 8 am-9pm**, Lunch & Dinner Provided, Cost \$40/Person
- ♦ **Ponczka Dance**, St Michael's Church, Junction City, **Feb 7, 6-10 pm**, \$5/ person, 12 & under: free Ultimate Polka Band & DJ
- ♦ **Pilgrimage to Mexico**, **Feb 8-13**, With Fr. Tim, Walk the steps of St Juan Diego

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for someone to fill in as a sub to help count the weekend collection on Monday mornings at 8 am. We are typically done by 9am. If you are able to be a backup counter, please contact the office.

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.

You can't pour from an empty cup.

All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI