

# St. Joseph Parish

## Galloway



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**Parish Office & Rectory:** 715-454-6431  
Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00 am - noon

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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 3:35-3:55 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.

# JANUARY 5, 2025



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.  
- Mt 2:10

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## Mark your Calendars!



### January:

Wed. 8- CCD 6:15 pm w/ Chaplet 7:20 pm

Sun. 12- Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 15- CCD 6:15 pm w/ Chaplet 7:20 pm

Thur. 16- PCCW Mtg 6:00 pm

Sun. 19- Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 22- CCD 6:15 pm w/ Chaplet 7:20 pm

Sun. 26- Mass 8:30 am

Wed. 29- CCD 6:15 pm w/ Chaplet 7:20 pm



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## Liturgies of the Week

### Sun. Jan 12 - Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am- Jan Knitter *by Scott & Tracy Kulas*

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

#### Sunday, Mass 8:30 am- January 12

Lector: **Jeff Uttecht**  
 Eucharist: **Mary Uttecht**  
 Blood of Christ: **Pam Kohl**  
**Donna Kezeske**  
 Altar Servers: **Jaxton Bushman**  
**Kiya Kersten**  
 Ushers: **Scott Kezeske**  
**Slade Wierzba**  
**Mason Wierzba**  
 TV Monitors: **Harper Rogowski**  
 Rosary (Glorious): **Crystal Bushman**

#### Gifts to Our Lord: Dec 16- Dec 22, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$19,531.00
Youth Envelopes .....	\$6.00
Offertory .....	\$960.00
Chair Donations .....	\$40.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	\$1,290.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$20.00
Building Improvements .....	\$30.00
<u>Immaculate Conception.....</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$21,897.00</b>

**Baptism dates:** Jan 18 & 19, Feb 15 & 16, 22 & 23, and Mar 15 & 16, 22 & 23, 29 & 30 .

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.



## Winter Break Hours

Parish Office hours are usually Monday- Wednesday from 8 am- noon. If you call outside of these hours or if no one is available to answer, please leave a message if you have a non-urgent request. 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. Thank you.



An extra envelope with a green border marked "Society Dues" is included with your recent giving envelopes. Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) dues are \$5 annually and the St. Joseph Men's Society dues are \$10. All men and women parishioners are members of these societies. Your generous giving, using the envelope, is much appreciated! Your dues help the societies with their special events and activities that keep parish life alive!

## PASTOR'S CORNER

God has shared His most Precious and Only Son, Jesus, with us during the Christmas Season!

Parishioners (God's Faithful) always follow this 'Act of God' by sharing your gifts with your family and friends. I am truly grateful to all of you for all the prayers, cards, and gifts you shared with me during the Christmas Season.

Thank you all and may God's continued Blessings of Peace, Joy, and Good Health throughout the New Year. Once again, Happy and Blessed New Year.

Fr. Gus



Thank you so much for generously filling in today, Father Roy Witucki. Your presence and service were greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your kindness.

#### Out with the Old and In with the New



Thank you to Ralph and Greg for spearheading the new chair project for our parish. Thank you to the J & J Crew for their man power in getting the chairs placed in the church. Also a thank you to all who donated to the expense of the new chairs.



Thank you to Steve Kulas for shoveling and plowing our parking lot for Confessions. Your quick response to jump in when we needed it is truly appreciated!



The PCCW will have a meeting on Thursday, Jan 16 at 6 pm. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

## Soup & Dessert Cookoff



**Save the Date:** The PCCW Soup and Dessert Cook-Off will be held Saturday, **February 22 from 5-6:30 pm.** Enter your soup and/ or dessert to win cash prizes. Fun! See you there!

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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### The Rosary in a Year Podcast: Renew Your Prayer

On January 1st, Father Mark-Mary Ames launched *The Rosary in a Year* podcast with Ascension Press! You are most welcome to join for FREE as an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ and the Blessed Virgin as you understand the beauty and significance of the rosary. This will be a 10-minute daily podcast to hear about the basics, what it means to have a relationship with Jesus and Mary, the meaning of the prayers, understand better the different mysteries and how to meditate on the life of Christ to encounter Him. Download the prayer plan at [AscensionPress.com/RosaryinaYear](https://AscensionPress.com/RosaryinaYear).

## Area Events

- ◆ **Soup Sale**, St Wenceslaus, Milladore, **Jan 11, 2-4 pm**, \$8 per quart with dinner rolls
- ◆ **Day of Crafting**, St Joseph Parish, Stevens Point, **Jan 25, 8am-9pm**, Lunch, Dinner, Snacks included, \$40/person
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus Prime Rib or Gulf Shrimp Dinner**, Sacred Heart Church, Polonia, **Feb 1, 5pm**, \$25/person, Gun Raffle, 50/50, Basket Raffle
- ◆ **Take & Bake Pizza & Calzone Sale**, St Wenceslaus, Milladore, **Feb 1, 2-4 pm**, Pizza \$10, Calzones \$4

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events)

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### Upcoming Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. Whether a couple has drifted apart, separated, or even divorced, this 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, the next program begins with a weekend stay in Wausau area February 14-16, 2025. For local info and fully confidential registration call: 877-922-HOPE (4673). More at [HelpOurMarriage.org](https://HelpOurMarriage.org).

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## The Epiphany Proclamation

### ***The Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday is celebrated on April 20, 2025***

Determined by the first Full Moon after the Vernal Equinox (*April 12th this year*).

### Moveable Feasts

Determined by Easter's date

**Ash Wednesday - March 5**

**The Easter Triduum** - Thursday evening, **April 17** through Sunday evening, **April 20**

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter

**Ascension** celebrated on - **Sunday, June 1**

**Pentecost** celebrated on - **Sunday, June 8**

**First Sunday of Advent** - **November 30**

### Holy Days of Obligation

(In the United States)

**Assumption of Mary** - **Friday, August 15**

**All Saints Day** - **Saturday, November 1**

(Mass obligation suspended when it falls on a Saturday or Monday)

**Immaculate Conception** - **Monday, December 8**

(This Mass obligation is NOT suspended)

**Christmas** - **Thursday, December 25**

**Octave of Christmas** - **Mary, Mother of God** - **Thursday, January 1, 2026**