

St. Joseph Parish – Galloway

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Hello Religious Ed Families!

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Welcome to another year or maybe this is your first! We are excited to have you! The class schedule has changed so please always watch the letters and remember, the schedule is subject to change – the family letters are the most current info. The change is that we will have class on December 21st and have off December 28th and January 4th. This is due to a catechist certification class being offered by the Wausau Deanery and we want to make sure the catechists have an opportunity to attend that.

Please take a moment to read the Handbook and return the verification form indicating you have done that. Also, the safe environment training info is on that page as well. If you are willing to help in classrooms, there are a few extra steps needed to please let me know if you are willing help so we can get that process completed.

Please note that if any of your children were baptized outside of St. Joseph's, and you haven't already supplied us with a copy of each child's baptismal record, you will need to supply a copy for our files.

October 12th there will be a Youth Rally at St. Ladislaus in Bevent. This will be for all 6th to 12th graders. A flyer is included with this letter. Parents will be responsible to get their children there and are welcome to stay. If parents will be staying for the rally, please let me know so I can tell Sister how many we will have in our group. Kindergarten through 5th will be having class as scheduled. If there are any concerns with travel to pick children up, please reach out and let us know so we can help.

Each week we will end classes by going into the church to say a Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7:20 p.m. In the month of October, we will be saying a rosary starting at 7:10. Please come early to pick up your child and pray with us. Parents and grandparents are always welcome to be an active part in all we do before or during class and especially what we do in the church (Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Mass, etc). October 19th Father will have Adoration with the Rosary which will begin at 7 pm that night. Make plans now to attend.

Family letters will be sent home on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Please watch your youngest child's folder for these letters.

An event coming up next week that I think is worth mentioning is See You At The Pole. For the third year, students from WB elementary, middle and high school will be participating in See You At The Pole on September 28, 2022. See You at the Pole is a time of prayer on the fourth Wednesday of September when students across our country meet at their school flagpole (before school) to lift their friends, families, teachers, school and nation to God. Students typically meet at 7:40-7:45 gather at the flagpole outside all three buildings for about 10 minutes. Although the time of prayer and reflection is student-led, there will be parent volunteers and (in the past) a few staff who want to join in (at a distance, we want this experience to be student-led as much as possible) that will be nearby to supervise especially at the elementary/middle school buildings. I would encourage you to encourage your children to attend.

Thank you!

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