

History of St. Ladislaus Parish

- 1886 St. Ladislaus Parish formed by Fr. Grabowski on March 15. Known at Congregation of Pike Lake
- 1882 Small frame building built in 1882 which served as the Church. Later became the grocery store.
- 1882 Rectory was built – later moved when a new rectory was built
- 1896 Church built
- 1895 Construction of a new Church began. Fire almost ruined the church before it was even done. Water brigade saved it
- 1896 Church completed
- 1896 Old Church used as a parochial school until 1914 – then it became a store in Bevent
- 1926 Church was brick veneered under the tenure of Fr. Francis Pudlo. Fr. Pudlo died the following year and is buried in the parish cemetery.
- 1913 Parochial school built – at first all lay teachers.
- 1930 Young Ladies's Sodality formed
- 1932 Felician Sisters came to teach in the school
- 1935 Chimney fire in school. Extensive damage done to the school. School was repaired and an addition added for Grades 9 and 10
- 1935-1944 Church hall was built under the church
- 1951 Interior of Church was renovated. Walls were plastered. New style of arching was installed. New floor covering was laid in asphalt tiling in the

Church proper. Rubber tile created a beautiful design in the sanctuary. All the altars were redecorated along with the statuary and new pews were installed. New lighting fixtures and Stations of the Cross were donated by various members of the parish. Both sacristies were also remodeled, as was the Church hall.

1969 School and Convent was closed. School was remodeled.
Religious Education program Expanded

1969-1990 The Communion railing was removed, new lighting installed, and a pipe organ, acquired from St. Mary's Hospital, installed when the Church was repainted and carpeted. An addition was added to the southeast corner of the Church, with a ramp which provided handicap access to the Church, and a chair lift provided handicap access to the basement. Other improvements included: paneling the Church hall, expanding, leveling, and blacktopping the parking lot, remodeling the rectory, and enhancing the appearance of the cemetery and grounds. A beautiful outdoor grotto of Our Lady of Fatima was erected from statues acquired from the former St. Mary's Hospital.

1990 With Fr. Nowak's retirement in 1990, a new direction in parish leadership was initiated at St. Ladislaus Parish. Because of the Priest shortage in the Diocese St. Ladislaus became one among a growing number of parishes to share a pastor with another parish and obtain a resident pastoral associate. Fr. Herbert Zoromski resided in Galloway. Sr. Mary Ellen Diermeier was appointed by Bishop John Paul to be Pastoral Associate of St. Ladislaus Parish, with residence in St. Ladislaus rectory.

The Parish Advisory and Finance Councils and their Committees were formed and became active in the parish. The Religious Education Program expanded to include all ages – preschool through adult. Many more lay people became involved as new ministries emerged at St. Ladislaus and parishioners of all ages were called into fuller participation in Liturgy and parish life.

1990 Parish picnic was re-started – named "Event in Bevent"

- 1990-1996 Realizing the need for an improved learning environment for Religion classes, as well as the need to conserve energy and reduce fuel bills, the CCD center was completely remodeled. New furnaces were installed in the Church, CCD center, and rectory.
Interior of Church was renovated: altars were repaired and repainted, walls were repainted and carpet was replaced. A storage building and walk-in cooler in the Church kitchen were constructed to accommodate ever growing parish events.
- 1996-2011 Many improvements were made and programs initiated between 1996 and 2011, including the construction of new Church addition with handicapped accessibility and an elevator, the renovation of the Church kitchen and a face lift for the hall, expansion of the cemetery and new grottos added, a new altar was built using part of the original Communion rail. St. Ladislaus Parish adopted a “sister parish” in Kentucky, and began a yearly celebration of Wedding Anniversaries, monthly senior citizen gatherings, a yearly pilgrimage, a Candle Lighting Memorial Service, Lenten Soup Suppers, a Vacation Bible School, a “Jesus Lives Celebration”, women’s, youth, and parish retreats, Mornings of Adoration, and an active youth ministry.
- 2015 Church was renovated
Painted ALL surfaces inside the church including the main and side entrance.
Decorative painting done by Conrad-Schmitt of New Berlin WI.
All carpet in the nave was replaced.
Sanctuary was replaced with Tile rather than carpet.
Side entrance was also upgraded to Tile
All pews were removed and refinished. New kneelers were installed
Handicap accessibility was addressed in the front and rear of the church.
Upgraded lighting was installed on the altar, nave and choir
Installed a new sound system that includes an in-flooring loop system benefiting people using capable hearing aids.