

# Saint Matthew Catholic Church

November 25, 2018

*Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe*

229 South 28th Avenue  
Wausau, WI 54401  
715-842-3148  
www.stmatthewausau.org



## Mass Schedule Horario de Misas

### Weekends

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12 noon: Español-Spanish

### Weekdays

Monday: 8:00 am  
Tuesday: 12:05 pm  
Weds thru Sat: 8:00 am

### Confessions

Saturday: 11 am - 12 noon or by Appointment

### Vespers - Evening Prayer of the Church

Wednesdays - 5:00 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Wednesdays - after 8 am Mass until 5 pm  
(Benediction at 4:50 pm)

1st Fridays - Benediction after 8 am Mass

### Rosary

Daily before Mass & Wednesdays at 4:30 pm  
Mon, Weds, Friday - with Prayer for Priests

### Baptism

The parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling Kris at (715) 675-6750.

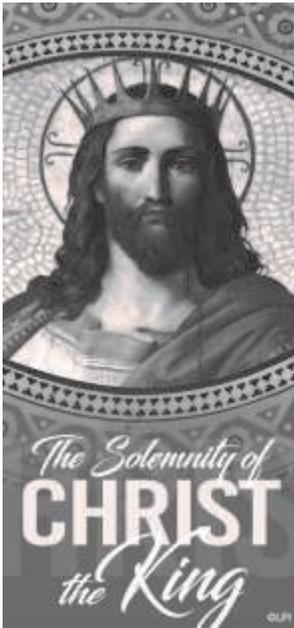
Next Baptism Class: Monday, January 14th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center Patio Room.

### Bautismo

Para Bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase de preparación. Generalmente las clases son el primer martes de cada mes a las 6:30 pm en el centro parroquial. Para mayor informes y registrarse para la clase llame a Joy al (715) 842-3148



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37



## Christ the King Celebrates the Ultimate Security of the World

By Msgr. M. Francis Mannion

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The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, brings the liturgical year to a dramatic conclusion. This Solemnity is of relatively recent origin. In fact, it was not declared a feast until 1925, during the reign of Pope Pius XI. We might wonder why a Pope would go to the trouble of instituting such a Solemnity in the twentieth century--at a time when kings and monarchies were rapidly collapsing. We could ask: Is the solemnity of Christ the King not anachronistic?

When placed in its historic context, however, the meaning of this feast becomes powerfully evident. Consider what was happening in 1925 when Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King. World War I had ended just a few years earlier--a war that shook Europe to its foundations. Nothing would ever be the same again. The boundaries of Europe had been redrawn. Massive political upheavals had occurred. Most of the kings and queens of Europe had disappeared or had been deprived of their power.

But then in 1925, just when almost all the kings were gone, Pope Pius XI decided to inaugurate a feast calling Christ the "King". This gesture to some might seem meaningless, but, in fact, it shows the imaginative genius of Pius XI. For the Solemnity of Christ the King declares the endurance of God's power, the permanence of God's plan over the comings and goings of all human regimes. *The feast is then a great statement of faith in God's unending power and of hope in God's irrevocable promises.* Christ alone is the security of the world. Insecurity in the face of transience and change is built into all facets of human life from the most personal to the most political. This is what Pope Pius XI knew and wanted to address when he instituted the *Solemnity of Christ the King*.

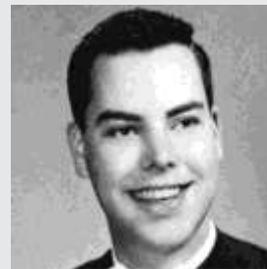
Because of the deep insecurity of our world and of human life generally, the declaration of Christ's kingship is full of meaning. It proclaims that human existence, whether at political and social or at the personal and spiritual levels, is not finally a pathetic tragedy working itself out, but a glorious drama of salvation and love.

Christ the King states that we are not born for thirty or sixty or ninety years, then to fade away into nothingness; we are born for eternity. The value we have is not just the value we can make for ourselves in an unreliable world, but the value we are given by a God who never fails. When we come to worship, we stand already in the other world of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom that will never pass away. *The liturgy foreshadows the Kingdom of God and already gives us a foretaste of it.* The whole purpose of the church's ministry is to make us into good citizens of the Kingdom. And the task for which we are sent forth from our worship to be living signs in our ordinary world, as best we can, of the new creation.

As we end the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the truth that though kings and empires, republics and presidents, dictators and tyrannies come and go, the reign of Christ, the Son of God is eternal, everlasting, without end. Though we may often be frightened in heart, **insecure in spirit, anxious in mind, God's sure hand will uphold us at the end of life, at the end of the world. Through Christ's royal kingship we are all of royal blood.**

## Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

We live in interesting times. Life is constantly changing. While this can be exciting on one hand, change also presents challenges. We live in an age of relativism where people can pick and choose the truths that suit them and build their own system of beliefs. While humans certainly have the freedom to choose, losing sight of long-standing universal truths is not such a healthy course. Jesus Christ our King is our universal truth! He is the God who is nonnegotiable, our non-option! In Christ, we know what truth is. He alone points us to God, our true selves, our proper relationships with one another, and the world in which we live. Christ directs us to the poor and vulnerable and teaches us what God's kingdom is meant to be. Christ is the king who serves others. He gets dirty. He ascends the throne of the cross. We are called to do the same.



## Wisconsin Native and Guatemalan Martyr Brother James Miller to be Beatified

By Hannah Brockhaus

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Pope Francis...approved the beatification of American Brother James Miller, who was martyred in 1982 in Guatemala.

The declarations were made following a meeting Nov 7 with Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. Pope Francis **gave his approval for Miller's beatification, declaring he was killed "in hatred of the faith," and advancing 23 other causes for canonization. ...**

Br. James Alfred Miller, who was a religious brother of the Institute of the Brothers of Christian Schools (called Christian Brothers) was serving in Guatemala when he was shot to death by three hooded men in the afternoon of Feb 13, 1982, dying instantly. He was 37.

Miller, who was born near Stevens Point, Wisconsin in 1944, took the habit of the Christian Brothers in August 1962. He coached football, and taught Spanish, English, and religion in a high school in St Paul, Minnesota. There his construction and maintenance abilities gained him the nickname "Brother Fix-It." Miller was later sent to teach in Nicaragua, where under his leadership a school grew from 300 to 800 students and he supervised the construction of 10 new rural schools.

In July 1978 his superiors asked him to leave the country because of the danger amid the Sandinista Revolution. He returned to the U.S. and again taught high school. He was sent to mission territory in Guatemala in 1981, teaching at a secondary school and at a center for studies for young indigenous Mayans from rural areas.

He was assassinated in February 1982, while standing on a ladder, repairing a **wall of a school building. Local authorities did not identify the gunmen.** Miller's killing was one in a string of assassinations of priests and religious in the country, including that of Blessed Stanley Rother five months later.

Aware of the danger present to him in Guatemala, in one of his last letters **before he died, Miller wrote: "I am personally weary of violence, but I continue to feel a strong commitment to the suffering poor of Central America. ...the Church is being persecuted because of its option for the poor."**

**"Aware of numerous dangers and difficulties, we continue working with faith and hope and trusting in God's Providence. ... I pray to God for the grace and strength to serve Him faithfully among the poor and oppressed in Guatemala. I place my life in His Providence. I place my trust in Him."**

The date of Miller's beatification has not been announced but is expected to take place sometime in 2019.



### Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club will meet on Monday, December 3rd at 12 noon at Mountain Edge Restaurant (Formally Best Western) in Rib Mountain

Program: Christmas Songs Presenter: Peter Karpinsk

\*Please bring items for Warming Center.

Please call Peggy: 715-842-2845 OR Kathy: 715-842-7200 for Reservations. Dues: \$10.00 Meal: \$13.00



### Bishop Callahan's Advent Prayer Request

Automated Phone Message - December 6th

Bishop Callahan will be sending out his Advent Prayer Request via an automated call originating from 608-352-9565 on December 6th. To submit your intention, just leave it as a message when you receive the call. Alternatively, you can call 608-352-9565, or you can go to [diolc.org/pray](http://diolc.org/pray) to submit your request.

All intentions will be presented and prayed for at his Christmas Masses.



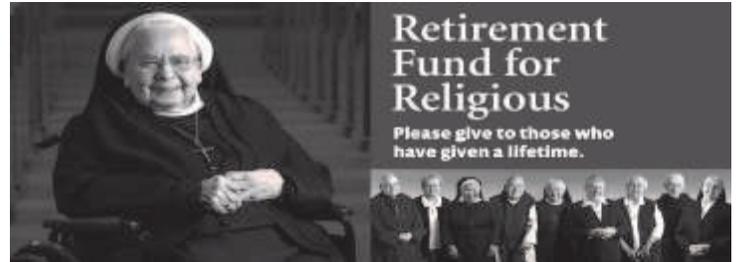
### Holy Name & St Matthew Youth Ministry

Middle School Overnight Lock-In for Grades 6-8 at Holy Name School Fri, Jan 4th at 6:30 pm to Sat Jan 5th at 7 am RSVP (firm date) by Friday, December 21st

Cost is only \$10 and (2) pkgs of snacks. Pizza is included for dinner, so come hungry and arrive on time to get it while it's hot! The rest of the night will be filled with games, contests, and the flashlight scavenger hunt. Along with free time to hangout with your friends in the youth ministry room and gym. You can bring your friends, the more the merrier.



Everyone does need a comprehensive permission slip because it is an overnight event. Contact Noel at Holy Name for a permission slip at 715-842-4543 ext 4 or [noel@holynamewausau.com](mailto:noel@holynamewausau.com)



### Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

#### Please Support the Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. All of us, in some way or another, have benefitted from their many years of service in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes. Your gift to the national Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medication, nursing care, and more. The collection for this campaign will be at Holy Mass the weekend of December 8-9. Thank you for your support! Roughly 94 percent of donations to the fund directly aid senior religious and their communities.



#### Two Marches for Life – Washington, D.C. or Chicago

There are two excellent opportunities to "march for life!"



The Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry, runs January 16-20, 2019. Visit [www.diolc.org/yya](http://www.diolc.org/yya) & click on "Pilgrimage for Life" to sign up.

The March for Life Chicago is one day only, January 13, and you can sign up by visiting [www.prolife.org](http://www.prolife.org) and scrolling down to the link.

Both pro-life marches have buses leaving from locations around our diocese.

High School Teens - Sign-up Now!



**STUBENVILLE ROCHESTER**  
July 12-14, 2019

Transformational Catholic Conference for High School Students! A weekend that evangelizes, equips, and empowers teens to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, youth activities, fellowship with other teens and more!

Cost \$275 for reservations by 1/15/19 or \$300 for reservations by 5/15/19

Includes conference, hotel, transportation & most meals.



For more info & videos go to: [partnershipforyouth.org/stuebenville-rochester](http://partnershipforyouth.org/stuebenville-rochester) To register or for more information, call Noel at 715-842-4543.

### Additional Events

- ☐ Sat, Dec 8: 8:30 am - 12 Noon - "St Peter's Annual Cookie Walk" St Peter Catholic Church, Kolbe Hall (800 4th Ave, Stevens Point)
- ☐ Sat, Dec 8: 11 am - 2 pm - "St Agnes Sweet Shoppe" - St Agnes Abts Hall (6101 Zinser St, Weston)
- ☐ Every Sunday: 7:15 pm - "Young Adult Catholic Bible Study" - Biggby Coffee (320 E Bridge Street, Wausau) For those in late teens, 20's, 30's.
- ☐ Every Monday: 7 pm - "Wausau Area Catholic Young Adult Group" St Mary's Oratory Basement (325 Grand Ave, Wausau) Info: 715-216-3879



#### PLEASE HELP US - Our children need YOU!!!

Our Religious Education Department is in need of a Grade 6 catechist, and several aides. Please consider giving an hour of your week to help the children grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus. Call Joy: 715-842-3148 for more information.



Have your children or grandchildren outgrown their Lego, Duplo or wooden block sets? Our Religious Education Department is in need of these for special activities. Would you kindly consider donating them to our program? Thank you!



#### Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or [kbecker@cclse.org](mailto:kbecker@cclse.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: [www.diolc.org](http://www.diolc.org). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org)



## This Week at Saint Matthew

### Tuesday, November 27

Bible Timeline - **Church, Emily's Room: 10:30 am** - 12 noon  
 Bible & Sacraments Scripture Class - PC Library: 1-2:30 pm & 6:30-8:00 pm

### Wednesday, November 28

That Man Is You - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 - 7:30 am  
 Bible Timeline - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
 Peacemaker Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm  
**Children's Christmas Choir Practice** - Holy Name: 5-6 pm  
 Religious Education Class - Holy Name School: 6:15 - 7:30 pm  
 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting # 3 - Holy Name Church: 6:15 - 7:30 pm  
 Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

### Thursday, November 29

Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

### Sunday, December 2

Gaudete Choir sings at 10 am Mass  
 Parish Christmas Breakfast - School Cafeteria: 9:00 - 11:30 am  
 Confirmation Session # 4 - Holy Name School: 6 pm

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2018-2019 Target: \$72,652

**A wonderful gift to give to the "Babe" in the Manger!** A pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal to do His work on earth.

Your sacrifice becomes a total giving of yourself. Fit it on your Christmas list. Any amount large or small is appreciated.

You cannot outdo God.  
Thank you!!

Celebration of Sacraments

Marriage - Arrangements must be made six (6) months in advance with Fr Bob.  
 Anointing of the Sick - Call Dorothy at 715-432-5519 to make arrangements to be anointed when you are seriously ill or before a scheduled surgery.  
 Hospital Visits - When admitted to the hospital, let the hospital know you would like to have Fr Bob or Fr Peter visit you.  
 Visits to the Homebound - Call Dorothy at 715-432-5519 to arrange for visits to your home, assisted living facility, or nursing home.  
 Intercessory Prayer - Call Bonnie at 715-675-9876 when you need extra prayer. Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you!

\* You may also call the Parish Center at 715-842-3148

**Office (Oficina) "Parish Center"** - 221 S. 28th Avenue  
 Behind the school - atrás de la escuela.

Hours/Horas:  
 Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm Phone: 715-842-3148  
 Friday: 8 am - 12 noon

Parish Staff	
Pastor - Rev. Robert Thorn Associate Pastor - Rev. Peter Kieffer Deacon - Rev. Mr. Tom Tierney Pastoral Care - Dorothy Giallombardo Secretary - Ann Graveen Finance Secretary - Barb Splinter	Plant Manager - Jason Seliger DRE & Hispanic RE - Joy Orozco Bulletin Editor - Rosemary Beever rosemarybr@stmatthewausau.org <u>Deadline Next Bulletin:</u> 3 pm Monday

	<i>Thank you for generously supporting Saint Matthew Parish!</i>
Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly.....	\$9,612.00
Stewardship last weekend.....	\$9,233.39
3rd Sunday Collection.....	\$7,147.00



## Mass Intentions

November 26 - December 2, 2018

Mon	8:00 am	†Frank & †Anna Nowak	
Tues	12:05 pm	†Gary Mueller	
Weds	8:00 am	†Rev. Jeremiah Worman	
Thurs	8:00 am	†Jerry Kufalk	
Fri	8:00 am	†Jenny Hack	
Sat	8:00 am	†Falparsari Perez	
Sun	8:00 am	†Josephine "Jo" Bauer	
	4:30 pm	†Virginia Literski	
	10:00 am	†Armella Sanders	
	12 noon	Living & †Deceased St Matthew Parishioners	

### This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, November 26  
 Rv 14:1-3, 4-5/Ps 24/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 27  
 Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 28  
 Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 29  
 Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9/Ps 100/Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 30 - Saint Andrew, Apostle  
 Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19/Mt 4:18-22

Saturday, December 1  
 Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, December 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent  
 Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday December 1 4:30 pm	Sunday December 2 8:00 am	Sunday December 2 10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
Louise Lach Michelle Bocke	Jim Low Theresa Stubbe	Lee Peek Pat Loy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		
L Lach J Bocke P McDonald J Peterson L Przesmicki K TEETERS* N KIPP*	G Dederich T Hynes B Hynes M Jilek J Peterson J LOW* S LOW*	A Boller T Brzezinski J Fergot M Jelinek B Jelinek P LOY* V TIERNEY*
<b>Ushers and Greeters</b>		
Don Baur Mary Baur Al Butalla	Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil Al Seubert	G Tapper C Miller Jack Reeves
<b>Servers</b>		
Hynes's	Sondelski's	O Reeves The Peek's
<b>Musicians</b>		
Ellen Schumann*	Annette Southworth Marie Stubbe	Mary Lenard Barb Britten
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>		Melissa Willemon

Prayers and Condolences

2018

Our prayers and sympathy go to the family and friends of:

Patsy Holm

She died on October 17th  
She is the Sister of Henry (Mary) Holm

**Jeremy "Minnow" Fischer**

He died on November 7th  
He is the Nephew of Sheila (Glen) Yeager

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen*



Catholic Daughters of the Americas'  
Christmas Party & Meeting



Thursday December 6th  
12:30 pm at St Therese Church  
A potluck supper will be served.  
Please return the shoe box gifts.



December 8th & 9th After All Masses  
Youth Ministry will be selling  
for the Steubenville Conference

**Seroogy's Candy Bars for only \$1.50**

*We are grateful for all the parish support we receive  
throughout the year.*



Donations for  
Advent and Christmas  
Candles and Flowers

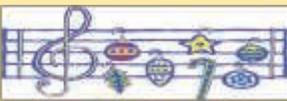


To beautify the church and sanctuary and  
to honor the birth of Jesus you may donate a  
candle or flowers in memory of loved ones.

Place donations in an envelope and include your name and the name of the  
person you are remembering and put in the collection basket at Mass or mail to:  
(St Matthew Parish Center, 221 S. 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401)

Thank You and May You have a Blessed Christmas Season!!!

**St Matthew's Children's Christmas Choir**



Announcing the start of St Matthew's  
**Children's Christmas Choir!**

The choir is open to all kids  
from Grade 2 through College.

The choir sings at the 4:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve at St Matthew  
Church. Dr. Ellen Schumann and Emalyn Nikstad are excited to lead the choir  
again this year. We will be practicing on **Wednesday nights from 5:00 pm to  
6:00 pm** prior to Religious Education classes at **Holy Name School**. A pizza  
supper will be served to the choir members before they head off to religion class.

We are also looking for **musicians**. Musicians should be in 7th Grade through  
College and will not need to attend all practices. We will have opportunities for  
vocal solo or small group singing for older students.

If you are interested, **you must register**. Either email Dr. Schumann at  
[ellenmschumann@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmschumann@gmail.com) or call her at 715-845-2628. We are looking  
forward to a fun time of fellowship and song. Please join us!



Mark Your Calendars and Join in the Fun!!!  
Join us in decorating the  
Church and Angelorum for Christmas  
**On Sunday, December 23rd at 1:15 pm**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
Men's Club Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 11  
5 pm Social, 6 pm Dinner

Catered by Lisa's

White Elephant Gift Exchange

\$15 per person including 50/50

Make Your Reservations Soon:

Email: Joel Stubbe ([joelst wob@yahoo.com](mailto:joelst wob@yahoo.com))

Call: Mike Bourguignon (715-241-0030)

or Glen Yeager (715-573-1109)



Parish  
Christmas Breakfast  
Everyone is Invited!

Sunday, December 2nd  
9:00 - 11:30 am  
School Cafeteria

Special Guest: St Nicholas

Our New Parishioners from May - December will be our honored guests.  
Please join us and welcome the newest members of our parish family.

We encourage families with children to come for breakfast as we will have a  
special guest just for the children, and the young of heart! **St Nicholas!!!**

He will share his story with the children and give them a little treat!!

Pancakes, sausage, baked eggs, fruit & coffee cake are on the menu.  
Come hungry, when Ken cooks breakfast you will enjoy a hearty breakfast and  
no one ever goes away hungry! Ken always has a couple surprises up his  
sleeve too, you don't want to miss it! *Free-will offering will be accepted.*

Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Robert & Sharon Anderson  
JoAnn Bickler  
Dorothy Giallombardo  
Pauline Holl  
Robert & Jane Holl  
Ebert & Abbey Nitzke  
and Samuel, Owen, Caleb

Aaron & Jacqueline Phillips  
and Clara  
Justin & Melissa Steele  
and Melika, Isaiah, Xander,  
Lexi, Lorelei, Declan  
James Zajackowski



Finish Your Christmas Shopping Early  
and Buy SCRIP Gift Cards for Everyone!!!

We will be selling SCRIP in the Angelorum. SCRIP Gift  
Cards can also be bought during the week at  
St Matthew Parish Center: 715-842-3148

Did you know . . . when you buy SCRIP and list St Matthew  
Parish as the recipient of your rebate, you can count the amount of the  
rebate as a charitable deduction when filing your taxes!!!

We also need volunteers to help us sell SCRIP after Masses on  
weekends. If you are interested please sign up on the sheet in the  
church, or call the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

**SCRIP Gift Cards make great gifts and help the parish at the same time!**

Thank you to those of you who have bought SCRIP!



Advent Candles and Wreaths

Advent Candles & Metal Wreaths are available  
for purchase in the Angelorum.

\$5.00 - Advent Candles (1 box/set)

\$6.00 - Metal Wreath

Please place payment in the canister on the table or in an  
envelope (with note what money is for) and put in the  
Collection Basket. Thank You and Have a Blessed Advent!