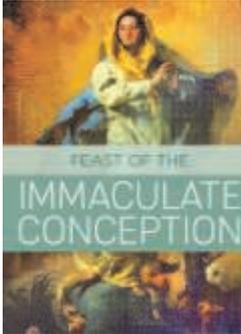


Saint Matthew Catholic Church

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

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



Saturday, December 8th
The Immaculate Conception
is a Holy Day of Obligation
Holy Day Masses:
Friday Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm
Saturday Holy Day Mass at 8 am
The 8 am Mass on Friday and the
4:30 pm Mass on Saturday
do not fulfill your obligation.



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

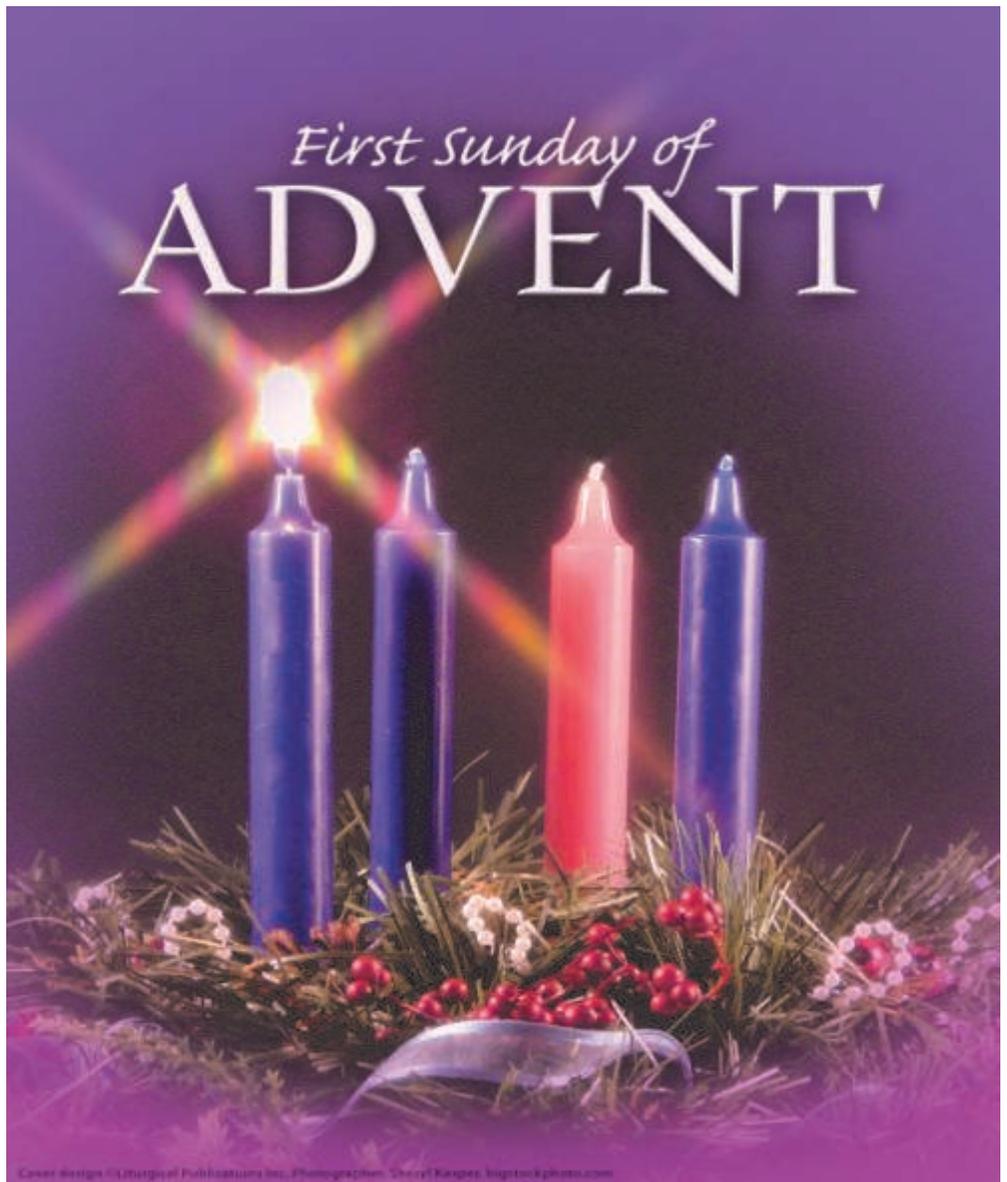
Baptism

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





Bishop Robert Morlino
May He Rest In Peace
Bishop Robert C. Morlino
1946 – 2018

Bishop William Patrick Callahan and the people of the Diocese of La Crosse wish to express their condolences on the death of Bishop Robert C. Morlino, 4th bishop of the Diocese of Madison.

Bishop Morlino died on Saturday, **November 24th, at St. Mary's Hospital** in Madison. He was ordained to the

priesthood on June 1, 1974, for the Society of Jesus, later becoming a priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. On July 6, 1999, Pope Saint John Paul II appointed him the Ninth Bishop of Helena. Later he was appointed bishop of Madison on May 23, 2003, and installed on August 1, 2003.

He was very active throughout his distinguished service to the Diocese of Madison, most notably his work building up priestly vocations, liturgical reverence, and ministry to the larger community.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Visit the **Diocese of Madison's** website for more information. Please remember Bishop Morlino and the Diocese of Madison in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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
Friday: 8 am - 12 noon

Phone: 715-842-3148

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
Deadline Next Bulletin: 3 pm Monday



Thank you for generously supporting
Saint Matthew Parish!

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly.....\$9,612.00
Stewardship last weekend.....\$7,316.76

Experiencing Advent Deeply, for Busy People

The challenge of entering Advent, or of entering into any religious experience, **these days is that we are often very busy. We may feel bad that we don't have time, but it is true, we just don't have time. The result is that our experience of Advent is four Sunday Masses, which begin with lighting a new candle in the Advent wreath and the rest of it may just pass around us, without any real effect.**

A Proposal for a New Way to Experience Advent This Year

There are two things that are critical for a new way to experience Advent: desire and focus.

Desire: The powerful advantage of Advent is that it offers us light in the midst of darkness, hope in the midst of despair, liberty in the midst of captivity, and peace in the midst of war or conflict. The key to a grace-filled Advent is to begin by identifying where I am experiencing darkness, despair, captivity and war.

Recognizing our own unique version of these struggles is the first grace of **Advent. We can't say "Come, Lord Jesus" with any real meaning unless we have a felt experience of what it is we need.** Once we experience our need, then the desire can formulate in our heart to ask for what we need.

Focus: **How do we do this first step, if we don't have time? We do it by focusing our attention whenever we can, especially during the "background" times of our day.** These are the in between times – in the shower, getting dressed, walking down stairs, getting coffee, driving to work, walking down the hall, doing laundry, shopping, preparing a meal, walking from one meeting to another, heading home from work, getting ready for bed. In these very brief times, there is something in **our minds. Sometimes, we are "day dreaming" or our minds are wandering.** At other times, we are thinking about what we have to do, or we are full of anxiety **about something coming up, or perhaps we are "replaying" a memory or** imagining a future conversation. Whatever is going on in our minds and hearts **during those "background" times can easily be refocused. It takes a little practice and some discipline, but it works.**

The First Week of Advent: Our days of the first week can be transformed if we decide – consciously choose, with a deep desire – to use the background times of each day to explore where I am in spiritual need. We can use the images of **Advent to help ourselves explore "darkness," for example. Darkness can include any discouragement, disappointment, frustration and any limits I'm experiencing.** It might be struggles in my primary relationships or feelings of self-doubt. It might be struggles at work that tend to dominate my life and hurt my family relationships. It might be repeated struggles with temptations and sin that have **become patterns in my life and embarrass me, while I can't foresee any hope of change.**

Don't Rush – First Things First: It is important not to skip this first step. There might be Christmas decorations in the shopping malls or Christmas parties to go to, but the first step we need to experience is to slow down and begin at the beginning. If we are to have a deep religious experience that allows us to celebrate the Incarnation – in the past and its meaning for me today – then we have to first taste the depth of our longing for a Savior. Until we feel our need for a Savior, we are at risk of missing gifts of the Season of Advent altogether.

Step Two – Longing and Anticipation: Once we experience our deep desire for Light and Hope, Liberty and Peace, we can start to pray with deep longing and anticipation. Longing is an expression of how much we want something. Anticipation is an expression of how much we expect it to become a reality. Of course, the prayers and readings of Advent are all about offering us these graces. The expression of promise and expectant hope can feed our desires.

Toward Christmas Joy: Christmas will be totally different, after this kind of deep **Advent journey. We can't help but experience real joy for having prepared to be renewed in the gift of life that comes to us through Jesus. We will sing, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant," with a much deeper meaning for us.** When there is more light than darkness, more freedom than addiction, more hope than discouragement, more peace than conflict, we have much reason to rejoice at such a gift. Putting the meaning back into Christmas is reason enough to give Advent a new chance this year, in the midst of our busy lives.

Taken from *Praying Advent, on Creighton University's Online Ministries web site:*
<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
Used with permission.



Diocese of La Crosse



Catholic Women's Club

The Catholic Women's Club will meet on Monday, December 3rd at 12 noon at Mountain Edge Restaurant (Formerly 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 to submit your request.

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



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.*



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.



6th Grade Catechist and Several Aides are Needed

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.



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. 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. 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



HOLLY HALL THANK YOU

Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Every volunteer who worked so hard to make Holly Hall the success it was proved this statement to be true. Holly Hall happened because of the giving and selfless hearts of each one of you!

We are grateful and blessed!

The **Children's Only Shop** would not be, without Annie and Michelle Bocke and Jean Henaman who co-chair this popular shopping spot for the children. They thank all who donated gifts and their time to give the children a fun shopping experience.

Early Morning Coffee and Lunch Servers for our Vendors. Thank you Kitty for chairing this important part of Holly Hall. Kitty thanks all who served the vendors. The vendors appreciated your service and so does she. Kitty looks forward to seeing you all next year.

The Kitchen Workers. Making a transition in the kitchen occurred smoothly with the guidance of Judy Pederson. I thank Dave and Joy Mosure for continuing the tradition of homemade Chicken and Dumpling Soup and Brad and Cathy Higar for making and serving the best sandwiches in town. I feel so blessed to have both of these couples as a big part of the kitchen crew. Thank you to them and the other volunteers who came both Friday and Saturday to chop, stir and do whatever was required. You all made a huge project fun!! Thank you to the many volunteers who manned the serving line for hours. Everyone played an important part to the success of the lunch. There were many smiles in the dining room.

Dining Room looked festive and inviting. Thank you Patty Calderaro for making this happen. Patty sends a big thank you to all who helped in any way to the **success of the luncheon. Especially thanks to the Men's Club for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs. I agree Patty, St. Matthew's is blessed with good people.**

Thank you to Ellen Schumann for your I.T. knowledge in programming the cash register and being the cashier for the luncheon along with your great volunteers.

The Pie table was beautiful - filled with pies made by the fantastic bakers in the parish. Thank you Marie Radtke and Kathy Dahlke for overseeing these delicious treats. Thank you also to Irene Nowak who helped us out on Friday and everyone who worked at the tastiest table in the cafeteria.

Maybe the equally tastiest table was **Santa's Sweet Shop**. Thank you Charlotte **Santama for chairing Santa's Shop, and to all our bakers and candy makers from the Parish.** No one went away without a smile and a treat!

Peggy Bant gave her time and expertise to work with new Raffle Chairs Sheri Lepak and Dolly and Amanda Feira. Thank you for all your hard work and to the volunteers who helped with set up and work throughout the day, and to those who donated the wonderful raffle prizes. You all made it happen.

Thank you Sandy Mosure for being our banker!!

Holly Hall thanks the Men's Club for their back breaking hard work that is involved in setting up and tearing down. This would not be possible without you. Glen Yeager wishes to thank all the men of the parish who helped set up for Holly Hall on Friday afternoon. It took about 3 hours for the gym, cafeteria and hallway. Thank you to the small group that helped clean up on Saturday afternoon which included Bob Arlen, Mike Jilek, Dennis Janssen, Sara Schmitt with her two daughters Adalyn and Everly, and Glen.

Last but not least thank you to Sharon Drefcinski who worked with the vendors. Without vendors there would be no Holly Hall. Sharon does so much more behind the scenes that makes Holly Hall a success!! You are a priceless gift to our parish!! I know this to be true!!

God Bless everyone for their kind and giving hearts!!

Norma Kipp, Holly Hall Co-Chair

A special shout out to Norma!! Norma put in countless hours getting our famous luncheon back on track. We know that the luncheon is a huge draw to Holly Hall and it looks like we are all set going forward. Thanks too for all the hours you put in on our advertising and pulling people together.



This Week at Saint Matthew

Tuesday, December 4

Bible Timeline - **Church, Emily's Room: 10:30 am** - 12 noon
 Parish Council Meeting - Rectory: 5:50 pm
 Spanish Baptism Class - **Parish Center, Joy's Room: 6:30** - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, December 5

That Man Is You - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 - 7:30 am
 Peacemaker Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm
 Bible Timeline - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Religious Education Class - Holy Name School: 6:15 - 7:30 pm
 Reconciliation Service Grades 3-10 - Holy Name

Thursday, December 6

Newman High School Reconciliation: 9:45 am
 Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm
 Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Meeting - **Church, Emily's Room: 7 pm**

Saturday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation

Religious Retirement Fund Drive at weekend Masses
 1st Reconciliation Retreat - St Matthew: 9 am with 1st Confessions: 10 am
 Share Sunday Weekend

Sunday, December 9

Religious Retirement Fund Drive at weekend Masses
 Share Sunday Weekend
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration at 1 pm in School Cafeteria



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

Time for every St Matthew parishioner to make their pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Two Hundred and twenty two (222) members have taken care of this commitment. We need full participation to reach our goal. Please take time to fill in your pledge cards and be counted.

Thank you and always remember, God's love is abundant.

Immaculate Conception - Liturgical Ministers

Friday-Vigil Mass December 7 5:30 pm	Saturday-Holy Day December 8 8:00 am
Lectors	
Ellen Schumann	Marie Exon
Eucharistic Ministers	
Ellen Schumann Norma Kipp Mike Nichols Ann Graveen Kathie Stencil KATHY MIILU* JOAN WOELFLE*	Judy Pederson BERNIE HYNES* KRIS TIERNEY*
Ushers and Greeters	
David Burish Marie Burish John Bocke	David Mosure Joy Mosure David Krause
Servers	
Musicians	
Dorothy Giallombardo Marie Stubbe	Annette Southworth Gordon Crow



Mass Intentions

December 3 - 9, 2018

Monday 8:00 am - †**Betty Nass**
 Tuesday 12:05 pm - Albrecht & Writz Families
 Wednesday 8:00 am - Health of Kari Pederson
 Thursday 8:00 am - Intention of John Sorges
 Friday 8:00 am - †**Mary Jo Borowczyk**

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation
 Masses to Fulfill Your Obligation:

Friday Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm (Living & †Deceased St Matthew Parishioners)
 Saturday Holy Day Mass at 8 am (†Geraldine Radtke)

Saturday 4:30 pm - †**Elanore Brett**
 Sunday 8:00 am - †**Herbert & †Hildegard Rader**
 10:00 am - †**Mike Mosure**
 12 noon - Living & †Deceased St. Matthew Parishioners

This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
 Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 4 - St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 5
 Is 25:6-10/Ps 23/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 6 - Saint Nicholas, Bishop
 Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception
 Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
 Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday December 8 4:30 pm	Sunday December 9 8:00 am	Sunday December 9 10:00 am
Lectors		
Micheline Beattie Michelle Bocke	Theresa Stubbe Henry Wanserski	Cathy Ortscheid
Eucharistic Ministers		
Micheline Beattie John Bocke Nancy Felty Fran Heil Lynn Heil MIKE BOURGUIGNON* JEANNE ALEXEJUN*	Shirley Peterson Ginny Dederich Dennis Janssen Connie Janssen Gary Koy JOYCE ZERNICKE* JUNE PRITZL*	Kris Tierney Paulette McDonald Amy Boller Tom Brzezinski Bonnie Cveykus BOB HOLL* JANE HOLL*
Ushers and Greeters		
Don Baur Mary Baur Lee Peek	Tom Lloyd Mary Lloyd Joel Stubbe	Larry Sanders Dean Whipple Justen Willimon
Servers		
Musicians		
Nancy Losinski Sandra Brandtner	Annette Southworth Marie Stubbe	Mary Lenard Barb Britten
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Kelly Ziegelbauer



Sacrament of Baptism

Clara Carolyn Phillips
Daughter of Aaron & Jacqueline
Baptized on Sunday, November 25, 2018
Welcome Into Our Catholic Faith Community!
May Jesus be your dearest companion!
Congratulations!

*"I baptize you
in the name of the
Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit."*

Prayers and Condolences

Our prayers and sympathy go to the family and friends of:
Dan Gorski
He died on November 22nd
He is the brother of Gordon (Sieglinga) Gorski

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



Advent Communal Penance Services

Several priests available for individual absolution.



December 2, 7:00 pm - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Marathon
December 16, 6:30 pm - St Matthew Parish
December 17, 6:30 pm - St Therese Parish
December 18, 7:00 pm - St Michael Parish
December 22, 10:00 am - Church of the Resurrection

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!



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.




Buy SCRIP Gift Cards for Everyone this Christmas!!!

SCRIP Gift Cards will be sold on weekends in the Angelorum and can also be bought during the week at St Matthew Parish Center: 715-842-3148

Volunteers are needed to help 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!



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






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	Aaron & Jacqueline Phillips
JoAnn Bickler	and Clara
Dorothy Giallombardo	Justin & Melissa Steele
Pauline Holl	and Melika, Isaiah, Xander,
Robert & Jane Holl	Lexi, Lorelei, Declan
Ebert & Abbey Nitzke	James Zajackowski
and Samuel, Owen, Caleb	

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)
Call: Mike Bourguignon (715-241-0030)
or Glen Yeager (715-573-1109)



Christmas Dinner

St Matthew's Children's Christmas Choir

The choir is open to all kids from Grade 2 - 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 - 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 or call her at 715-845-2628. We are looking forward to a fun time of fellowship and song. Please join us!



Donations for Advent & Christmas Candles & 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!!!