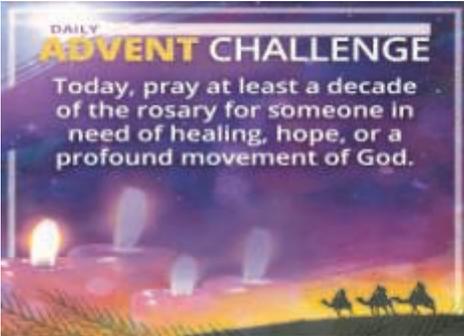


Saint Matthew Catholic Church

December 9, 2018

*Second Sunday
of Advent*

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

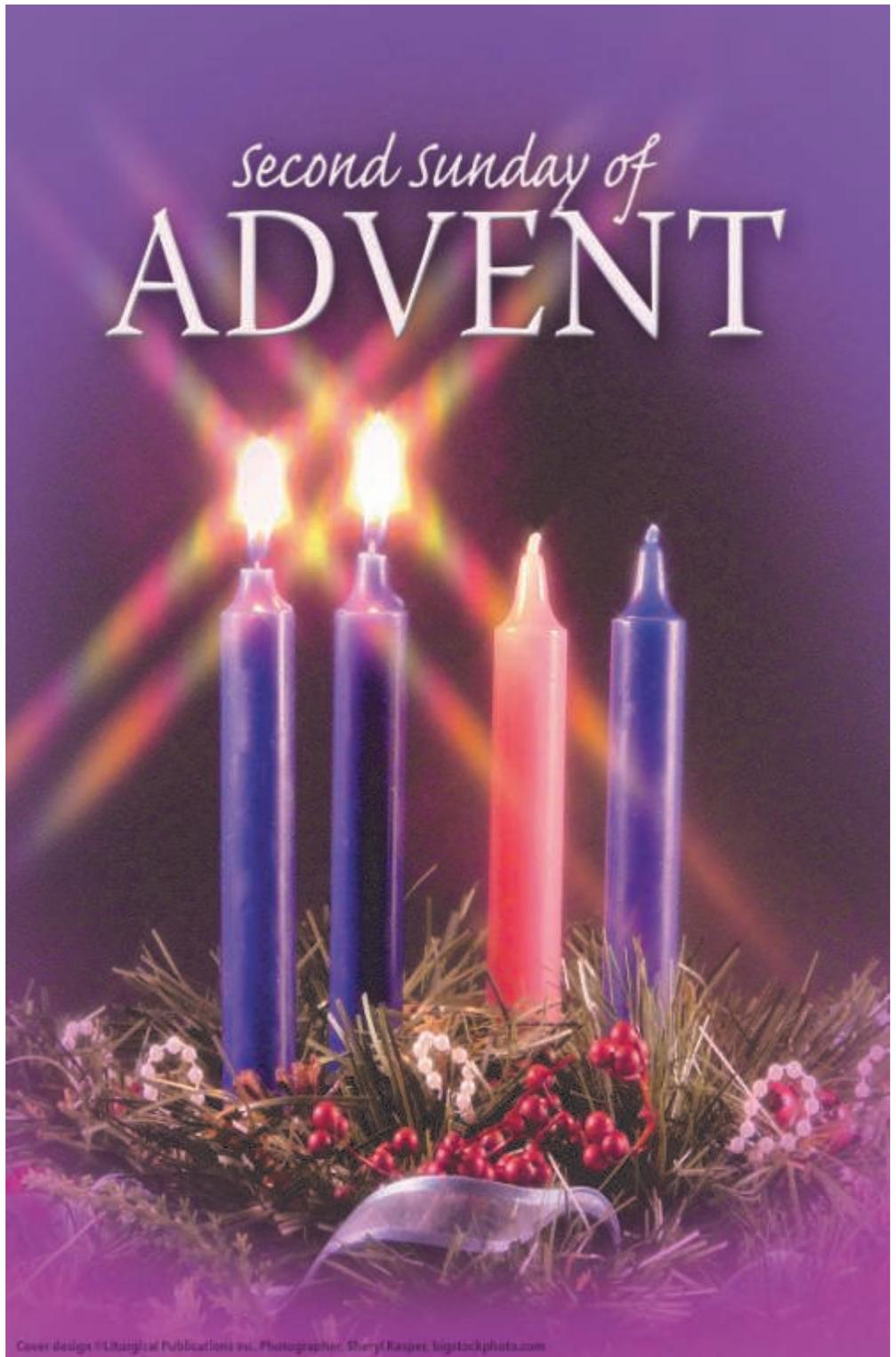
Baptism

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



THERE IS A RIVER



Bishop William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv.

The Promise

You may view Bishop Callahan's message on the internet at:
<https://youtu.be/tlb15ekWhOw>

"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah."

Hi Everybody,

Bishop Callahan here, reminding you of the great gift that was promised to us through the prophet Jeremiah. The promise of a Savior, to free us from our sins. The promise of Jesus Christ!

This Advent season our Gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke; we will hear accounts of the Annunciation and the Visitation. We will see Isaiah's prophecy of the birth of John the Baptist be fulfilled, and we will be reminded to be vigilant at all times; praying for the strength and courage to remain strong in our Faith.

I encourage you to incorporate this Advent time of preparation and waiting into your daily routine. Can you include a short prayer early in the morning as you prepare your breakfast? Or perhaps while you wait in traffic or for a family get-together, remember a time when you felt God's presence in your life? Commit to increasing your time of witness to others and to yourself.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. This Advent season, let your inner joy animate your thoughts, radiate through your actions, and overtake your very being so that your hearts are fully open to welcome the Christ child this Christmas.

Blessed Advent to you; let us wait together in prayer.



Best Advent Ever

Remember the excitement you felt leading up to Christmas when you were a child? We have Advent every year—this period of time leading up to Christmas. It's meant to be a time of preparation. But very often the world steals that time from us in a hundred different ways by distracting us. Don't let this be just another Advent where you get distracted and busy. Rediscover the joy in the season with our free email program Best Advent Ever. Sign up at: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

To receive inspirational daily emails including:

- h Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Allen Hunt.
- h Personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team members that will inspire and encourage you.
- h Simple tips to incorporate what you learn into your everyday life.

This year, you'll have a once-in-a-lifetime experience of Christmas because you've had your best Advent ever.

Get ready for the best Christmas of your life!



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day - December 12

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In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a humble Native American at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City. She identified herself as the ever Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth.

She made a request for a church to be built on the site, and submitted her wish to the local Bishop. When the Bishop hesitated, and requested her for a sign, the Mother of God obeyed without delay or question to the Church's local Bishop, and sent her native messenger to the top of the hill in mid-December to gather an assortment of roses for the Bishop.

After complying to the Bishop's request for a sign, She also left for us an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the native's tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years but shows no sign of decay 476 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin. It apparently even reflects in Her eyes what was in front of her in 1531.

Her message of love and compassion, and her universal promise of help and protection to all mankind, as well as the story of the apparitions, are described in the "Nican Mopohua", a 16th century document written in the native Nahuatl language. There is reason to believe that at Tepeyac Mary came in her glorified body, and her actual **physical hands rearranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma, which makes this apparition very special.**

An incredible list of miracles, cures and interventions are attributed to Her. Yearly, between 18 - 20 million pilgrims visit the Basilica, making it Christianity's most visited sanctuary. Altogether 25 popes have officially honored Our Lady of Guadalupe. His Holiness John Paul II visited her Sanctuary four times: on his first apostolic trip outside Rome as Pope in 1979, and again in 1990, 1999 and 2002.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12th. In 1999, Pope John Paul II, in his homily from the Solemn Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, during his third visit to the sanctuary, declared the date of December the 12th as a Liturgical Holy Day for the whole continent. During the same visit Pope John Paul II entrusted the cause of life to her loving protection, and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born.

The Apparitions

All written narrations about the apparitions of the Lady of Guadalupe are inspired by the Nican Mopohua, written in Nahuatl, the Aztec language, by the Indian scholar Antonio Valeriano around the middle of the sixteenth century. To read the entire English adaptation of the original text go to this website link as it is too lengthy to include here:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/mary/popular-marian-devotions/our-lady-of-guadalupe>



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St. Vincent: Family Trip - December 30 - January 12

Group of 10 to stay at St. Johns Presbytery; Mespó Minors, ages 12+, may participate if accompanied by a parent.

Dominica-Castle Bruce: Hurricane Relief - January 12 - January 26

Group of 7 to stay at Tappas Guest House in Castle Bruce, near the Carib Indian Territories

Participation Fee: \$925 (includes room and board for 2 weeks on the island)

Magic Paper Box at St Matthew Parish



Please bring your "paper recyclables" and put in the "Magic Paper Box" container behind the school (southeast side).

Please do not put shredded paper in the box. Money earned from recycling paper is used to pay the loan for the Angelorum. Thank you!



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



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- ☺ Type in: www.smile.amazon.com (instead of: www.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St Matthew Parish! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- ☺ When first visiting AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization. **Select "St. Matthew Parish - Wausau WI"**

Thank you for Supporting St Matthew Parish!!!

Additional Events

- ☐ Every Sunday: 7:15 pm - **"Young Adult Catholic Bible Study"**
Biggy 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)
For more Information Call: 715-216-3879



Families - Your Feast Day is Almost Here!

December 30th is the Feast of the Holy Family.

It is the day when families celebrate their ability to imitate the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) who showed us how to create a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect and faithfulness exist. What will your family do on the 30th to celebrate your feast day?

For ideas go to: www.catholicicing.com

On the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement.

They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God.

Teaching the Way of Love Webinar - January 7th



Parents, do you want to help your children use their emotions the way God intends? Would you like to know the role emotions play in a child's life?

Register now for the January 7th parent webinar and learn how to teach your kids how to control their emotions. This webinar will move beyond a discussion of feelings and reveal the beauty of God's plan for emotional maturity.

Register at: <https://diolc.regfox.com/raise-them-well-emotional-maturity>



Two Marches for Life – Washington, DC 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. The annual Pilgrimage for Life is open to all people ages 13 and up. Visit diolc.org/m4l-reg & 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.prolifewi.org and scrolling down to the link. Sign up by December 14th.

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

Burning Hearts Theology of the Body

"Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body: Rediscovering the Meaning of Life, Love, Sex, and Gender."

Consider attending this day-long seminar where adults will learn & understand the heart of Theology of the Body, and walk away with practical ways to form young people in helping them to understand their dignity and God's plan for sexuality. The dates and locations are:

- January 12, 2019 at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church in Tomah
- January 26, 2019 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Wausau

*Each day will run 9:00am-3:45pm.

The first 50 people to register at each site are free. Then it's \$10 per person including lunch. Please register online by going to <http://diolc.org/yya/burning-hearts/> and follow the instructions.



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.



This Week at Saint Matthew

Tuesday, December 11

Bible Timeline - Church, Emily's Room: 10:30 am - 12 noon
Men's Club Christmas Dinner: 5 pm Social, 6 pm Dinner

Wednesday, December 12

NO "That Man Is You" until January 9th
 Peacemaker Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm
 Bible Timeline - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Children's Christmas Choir Practice - Holy Name School: 5:00 - 6:00 pm
 Religious Education Class - Holy Name School: 6:15 - 7:30 pm
 Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 13

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

Sunday, December 16

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass
 St Matthew Advent Reconciliation Service - Church: 6:30 pm



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

We are all getting ready for the Birth of our Lord. Hope you have your pledge card ready to send to the diocese. We need everyone to participate so we can reach our target. Your sacrifice helps those who are unable to help themselves. If all pitch in, so little can do so much. Large or small, your amount pledged is appreciated. Thank you to all our parishioners who have already pledged or mailed in their contribution!! Thank you and may the baby Jesus Bless 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
 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 <u>Deadline Next Bulletin:</u> 3 pm Monday
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*Thank you for generously supporting
Saint Matthew Parish!*

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly.....	\$9,612.00
Stewardship last weekend.....	\$12,513.15



Mass Intentions

December 10 - 16, 2018

- Mon 8:00 am - †Michael & †Pauline Gajewski
- Tues 12:05 pm - †Richard Piaszak
- Weds 8:00 am - †Lyle Sackmann
- Thurs 8:00 am - †William D Radtke
- Fri 8:00 am - †Frank & †Agnes Bembenek
- Sat 8:00 am - †Kenneth Straub
4:30 pm - Volunteers & Supporters of Helping Hands, Jamaica/Kenya
- Sun 8:00 am - †Jenny Hack
10:00 am - †Ethel Niewolny
12 noon - Living & †Deceased St Matthew Parishioners

This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, December 10
 Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 11 - Saint Damasus I, Pope
 Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Jdt 13:18, 19/Lk 1:39-47

Thursday, December 13 - Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
 Is 41:13-20/Ps 145/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 14 - St John of the Cross, Priest/Doctor of the Church
 Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 15
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9, 10-13

Sunday, December 16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Zep 3:14-18/Is 12/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday December 15 4:30 pm	Sunday December 16 8:00 am	Sunday December 16 10:00 am
Lectors		
Norm Howe Mary Holm	Peggy Bant Tom Roovers	Monica Kunze
Eucharistic Ministers		
D Burish M Holm D Baxter G Piaszak K Teeters P McDONALD* J PEDERSON*	P Bant A Seubert K Stencil D Lepak S Lepak T ROOVERS* MP ROOVERS*	J Fergot R Keen K Miilu M Nichols L Przesmicki M JELINEK* B JELINEK*
Ushers and Greeters		
J Rolefson M Baxter John Bocke	R Huebsch J Huebsch Jody Babl	K Ellenbecker T Brzezinski J Ziesemer
Servers		
Gia Lange Nathan Barber	Sondelski's	C Bergo S Meyer Arianna Malbone
Musicians		
Ellen Schumann Annette Southworth	Joel Stubbe Sara Schmitt	Nancy Losinski Dorothy G/Choir
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Jeannie Henaman

Advent Communal Penance Services

Several priests available for individual absolution.



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

Eucharistic Adoration in the Area

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel - Marathon

h Sunday: 12 noon - 11 pm h Tuesday: 9 am - 11 pm
 h Wednesday: 9 am through 8 pm Thursday
 h Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

St Therese - Rothschild

h Tuesday after 8 am Mass until 8 am Friday
 After 6 pm, ring the main entrance doorbell to enter.
 To volunteer, call 715-359-8352.



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!

Thank You

Thank you to all the soup makers who make our soup sale possible. Because of your hard work we had a very successful year.

We also received matching funds from Catholic Financial. Again thanks to all! Faye Brzezinski



December 8th & 9th After All Masses

Youth Ministry will be selling for the Steubenville Conference

Serogy's Candy Bars for only \$1.50

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



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



Two Great Free Musical Programs to Get You Into the Christmas Spirit!

Sunday, December 16th at 12 noon:
 at St Mary's Church, 712 Market Street, Marathon

"Night of the Father's Love" - A Christmas Cantata, a delightful telling of the Christmas Story in narration and song - 35 minutes.

Presented by the choir, musical instruments, and a narrator. Refreshments served after the program.

Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 & 6:30 pm:

at St Andrew Lutheran Church, Rib Mountain, 3200 N. Mountain Rd.

"Favorite Hymns for Christmas" Presented by a choir of 70-80 singers with a full orchestra.



Your Pictures are In!!!

Pictures that were ordered for the Pictorial Directory are ready for pick up. Pick up your pictures in the Angelorum before or after the weekend Masses on Dec 8th and 9th.



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)

Buy SCRIP Gift Cards for Everyone this Christmas!!!

All Special Orders Have to be Placed by December 9th

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!

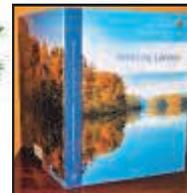
Special Sale for the Holidays!

"Feed My Lambs"

Sesquicentennial Coffee Table Book

1 Book for \$30
 2 Books for \$50
 (original Price \$35)

Books are available in the Angelorum or at the Parish Center
 Buy one for yourself and one for a gift!!!



The 150th Anniversary Book of the Diocese of La Crosse would make a very nice Christmas Gift for family and friends. Share with them the history of our ancestors in the catholic faith, as they founded the very parishes that we worship God in today. The stories, historical pull-out reproductions and beautiful photos will make history come alive and give us a greater appreciation of our catholic faith as we learn about the "faith of our fathers"!



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!!!



Thank You from the Circle of Joy!

The donations you made during this Share Sunday weekend are used to help those that are in need and are greatly appreciated. May God Bless You for Your Generosity!