

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord

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

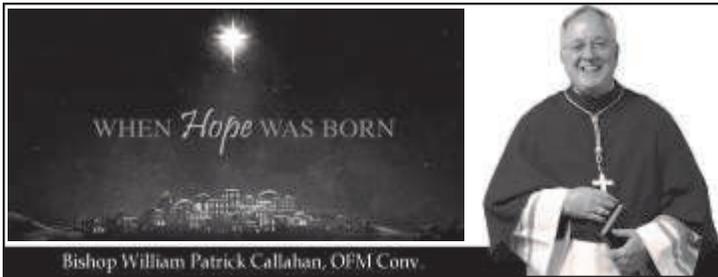
Para Bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase de preparación. Generalmente las clases son el primer martes de cada mes a las 6:30 pm en el centro parroquial. Para mayor informes y registrarse para la clase llame a Joy al (715) 842-3148



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mk 2:16

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WHEN GOD SPEAKS

When I was a little boy, I often remember being told to only speak when I was spoken to - in other words, "Children should be seen and not heard." I always had trouble with that old canard; I suppose I always had "something" to say and I figured someone should listen. Children are like that: seeking and needing attention. Sometimes it's "cute" and sometimes it can be annoying.

In a homily concerning the Holy Family of Nazareth, delivered in 2005 (30 December 2005), His Holiness, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI offered a similar insight for our consideration. He reminded us that God does not impose Himself, He never uses force to enter our lives; rather, the Pope notes that God asks, as a child does, to be welcomed. In a certain sense, God too presents Himself in need of attention: He waits for us to open our hearts to Him, to take care of Him.

The innocence and vulnerability of a child is one of the most important elements that we learn in our contemplation of Christmas, of the Incarnation itself. Amazingly, God makes Himself vulnerable to us and for us.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC #460) takes us further into the mystery as it teaches us that "the Word became flesh," to make us "partakers of the divine nature." (2 Peter 1:4). "For this is why the Word became man: so that man by entering into communion with the Word, and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God." (St Ireneus)

St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas offered similar teaching, helping us to ponder that as God wanted us to be sharers in His divinity, He in His humanity might make men more like gods. God speaks in simplicity and example. As we listen at Christmas, and all throughout the year in holiness and the practice of the sacramental life of the Church, we become more childlike, closer to the image of the Child - the Man Jesus. Listen in stillness and peace and have a Blessed Christmas.

Hearts Open Wide - High School Retreat at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation



Come join other high school women for a weekend retreat designed to help you come to a deeper understanding of God's call for your life. Join the Sisters in prayer, fellowship, activities, and Mass. Attendance does not imply that a girl is in the discernment process. This weekend is just to find out what the life is all about while growing in prayer and having some fun.

When: February 8-10, 2019

Who: Young women currently in high school

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse

Registration and Information: Register by January 30th at www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A Day of Prayer for Life on January 22 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse



Joseph M. Scheidler, founder of the *Pro-Life Action League*, will speak in the lower level of the church at 10:00 am. A Mass for Life celebrated by the Friars will follow at 11:00 am, after which there will be a pizza buffet on the lower level of the church (\$5 per person with pre-order required by Jan. 2). For group reservations, call 608-782-5440, ext. 240. For more information go to this website: www.guadalupe Shrine.org/events/day-of-prayer-for-life

"40 Reasons I Am A Catholic"

Sunday, January 20

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 3500 County Road J North, Custer



Two conferences during the day will cover many of the reasons I am a Catholic listed in this book by Peter Kreeft.

This retreat begins with Holy Mass at 10:00 am and will conclude around 4:30 pm. The cost is \$25/person or \$40/couple and lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register call

Debbie at 715-345-1257, Father Genovesi at 715-592-4954

or visit www.QLBSHermitage.com

Please register by Thursday, January 17

Upcoming Study on Divine Mercy

We would like to invite you to accompany us in the new year as we begin a 10-part series on *Now is the Time of Mercy*. Join us as we explore the second greatest story ever told.

Meetings will take place at St Therese Parish on Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm - 8 pm beginning February 7th. The cost is \$20 per workbook.

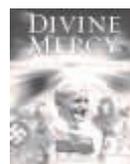
For more information, or to sign up, please contact

Deacon Mike at:

1-715-254-4064 or email mike@sttheresecc.org

Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told.

Experience a breathtaking film journey that combines history, **Scripture, prophecy and personal sacrifice to show God's merciful desire for you.**





HELPING HANDS JAMAICA and KENYA
Wishes You a Very Blessed New Year!

To all parishioners who donated in the November Helping Hands envelope, THANK YOU – your caring and giving hearts will touch many lives in both Jamaica and Kenya.

A THANK YOU also for those who donate material items, help sort, pack and ship these items to third world countries.

It is only possible with your help that Helping Hands can continue to reach out and help the less fortunate. We have all been blessed in so many ways, but to be born in this country, is one of our biggest blessings.

Volunteers will be leaving for Kenya, Africa on Friday, January 11th and will return on February 6th. While there, they will be building houses, helping in schools, working with the Maasai at their school and immersing themselves in the African culture. Please keep the volunteers in your prayers for safe keeping.

Volunteers will be going to Jamaica around February 20th. If you are interested in joining the group for this humanitarian experience or Kenya in January 2020, please contact Tom or Mary Pat Roovers: (715)-842-4270.

Burning Hearts Theology of the Body
Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body
Rediscovering the Meaning of Life, Love, Sex, and Gender

Attend 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.

Dates and locations are: *Each day will run 9:00 am - 3:45 pm.

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

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.

SCRIP on Sale this Weekend in the Angelorum
SCRIP Gift Cards can be bought on weekends in the Angelorum OR 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 church, or call the Parish Center.

SCRIP Gift Cards make great gifts and help the parish at the same time! Thank you to those of you who have bought SCRIP!



Attention Parishioners

St Matthew Parish is looking for someone comfortable working with a calculator, to join one of the money counting teams. There are 3 teams and therefore would only be needed every 3rd Monday. If you are interested in helping out, please call Barb at the Parish Center, at 715-842-3148. Thank you!

Begin the New Year with Emotionally Mature Children

Do your children test your resolve with their emotional immaturity? Do you need some suggestions on how to moderate the drama in your family?



Then plan to attend the *Raise Them Well Webinar* on emotional maturity, January 7th and 14th at 7 pm.

You can be part of this webinar from the comfort of your own home. Just register and watch the entire presentation on your computer or smart phone. Cost \$5.

Register at diolc.org/marriage/webinars/

March for Life – Washington, DC



The Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, DC, January 16-20, 2019 is sponsored by the Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry. The annual Pilgrimage for Life is open to all people ages 13 and up. Registration is still open. Contact the diocesan Office for Youth & Young Adult at 608-791-2652 or visit our website at diolc.org/m4l-reg

Thank You from The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
to the Parishioners of St Matthew Parish



Thank you all for the generous donation to World Mission Sunday of \$2,253.50. United with Catholics throughout the world, you have echoed God's love, hope and peace for all His children – especially the poor, those persecuted for the faith, and those yet to know the salvation of the Gospel.

Rev. Woodrow H. Pace, Director of the Mission Office, Diocese of La Crosse

GIVEN - Unveiling the Mystery of Marriage
Mini-retreat for Couples - January 12th: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
St John the Baptist, Marshfield, WI

A short, powerful retreat called GIVEN is being offered for couples who are married, dating, and engaged. You will CELEBRATE marriage with other couples through engaging talks, lively music, adoration, prayer & reconciliation. Cost: \$25 for Engaged Couples & 40 for Married or Dating Couples; Babysitting is available; RSVP needed.

To sign up, go to: <http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>



LOST & FOUND: West Side Circle of Joy

On Monday, Nov. 19th, in the entryway to the area where assembling of Thanksgiving Baskets was taking place, a pair of men's black leather gloves with wool lining and a black knit cap was found. If you are missing these items, please call 715-848-4177 & identify for pick up.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat February 1-2, 2019



Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church? Can you see yourself preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, and assisting at the altar? Are you perhaps called to be a deacon? Talk to your pastor about attending the

Diaconate Discernment Retreat to be held at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center February 1-2, 2019, and then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate

Safe Haven Sunday – March 10th

In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect their family from the ill effects of pornography. Why is this important? According to the Journal of Adolescent Health, prolonged exposure to pornography leads to:

- Cynicism about love or the need for affection between sexual partners.
- Belief that marriage is sexually confining.
- Lack of attraction to family and child-raising.

Learn more about ending porn exposure at: diolc.org/shs



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



This Week at Saint Matthew

Monday, January 7

33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat

Tuesday, January 8

Bible Timeline - **Church, Emily's Room: 10:30 am** - 12 noon
Finance Committee Meeting - Rectory: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 9

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
1st Communion Parent Meeting #1 - Holy Name Church: 6:15 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 12

Share Sunday Weekend

Sunday, January 13

Share Sunday Weekend
Coffee and Donuts after 8 am and 10 am Masses
Confessions: 2:00 - 3:15 pm
Mass Followed by Healing Service: 3:30 pm

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



Thank you very much to all of you who have helped to meet our target. Have you? Please do so if you have not been able to pledge up to now. Every amount counts! Thank you and may God bless you and yours.

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@stmatthewwausau.org
Deadline Next Bulletin: 3 pm Monday



*Thank you for generously supporting
Saint Matthew Parish!*

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly.....\$9,612.00

Collection on Dec 23.....\$9,815.01

Collection on Christmas.....\$13,095.50

Stewardship on Dec 30 and the Holy Day to be announced.



Mass Intentions

January 7 - 13, 2019



Mon 8:00 am - †Ronald C Christianson
Tues 12:05 pm - †Deceased Henrichs & Luterback Families
Weds 8:00 am - Intention of John D Sorges
Thurs 8:00 am - †George & †Florence Koy & Health of Judy Koy
Fri 8:00 am - †Thomas Connolly
Sat 8:00 am - Amelia Boornazian
4:30 pm - †Joseph F Bellisimo
Sun 8:00 am - †Mary Jo Borowczyk
10:00 am - †Ethel Niewolny
12 noon - Living & †Deceased St Matthew Parishioners
3:30 pm - Paul, Peter, Theresa L, Theresa, Elizabeth & Kyu Chun Hwang

This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, January 7 - Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 8

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 9

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 10

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72/Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 11

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 12

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday January 12 4:30 pm	Sunday January 13 8:00 am	Sunday January 13 10:00 am
Lectors		
Louise Lach Mary Holm	H Wanserski P Thomson	C Ortscheid
Eucharistic Ministers		
G Piaszak K Teeters N Kipp M Beattie P McDonald L LACH* M HOLM*	J Pritz S Peterson J Zernicke D Lepak S Lepak W THOMSON* P THOMSON*	K Lobner V Tierney J Witzeling B Holl J Holl A BOLLER* B CVEYKUS*
Ushers and Greeters		
J Bocke Dave Burish Marie Burish	D Krause A Seubert Steve Ostrowski	Ziesemer Brzezinski K Ellenbecker
Servers		
A Hynes G Hynes	Emily Drake Jeremy Fech	Carolina Bergo Sam Meyer
Musicians		
Ellen Schumann Nancy Losinski	Jim Washebek Annette Southworth	Barb Britten Mary Lenard
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Kelly Ziegelbauer

Share Sunday Next Weekend, January 12th & 13th



Before Mass, please place your donations in one of the large blue "Share Sunday Buckets" that can be found in the transition space in church. The buckets will be carried forward in the Offertory procession. The Circle of Joy thanks you for your generosity in helping them to help those in need!! God bless you for helping your neighbor!!



Next Sunday, January 13th

"Coffee & Donuts Sunday"

After the 8 & 10 am Masses, join us in the Angelorum for fellowship, coffee, and delicious donuts!

The Family Life Committee thanks you for any freewill donations you are able to make to help support this event.



Altar Servers Are Needed

Are you interested in being an Altar Server assisting the priest at the altar?



To be an Altar Server you must have celebrated your First Holy Communion and be in at least Third Grade. If you are interested, talk to Fr Bob or Fr Peter after Mass or have your parents call the Parish Center: 715-842-3148 for more information.

"The altar server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration....in the liturgy, you are much more than simple 'helpers of the parish priest'. Above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ, of the eternal High Priest. Thus, you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus....You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life." Pope St John Paul II



Thank You to the Children's Christmas Choir!

A big "Thank You" to all the children, singers and musical instrumentalists, who provided the Christmas Eve Mass with beautiful music!!

A special "Thank You" to Emalyn Nikstad and Ellen Schumann for all their time and talent in organizing and directing the Christmas Eve Children's Choir.

End of Life Issues from a Catholic Perspective

Sponsored by Catholic United Financial

A FREE Workshop on January 15th at 1:00 pm at St Matthew Parish in Wausau

Join us for this important discussion for seniors & their family members. Typical questions about end of life issues:

- Must medical treatment always be continued?
- What is Church teaching about cremation and living wills?
- **What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"?**
- How do I make my Catholic Health Care Directive?

Father Peter Kieffer will address these questions and others, and will provide steps for putting together a Catholic Health Care Directive.

John Tetzloff, Advanced Case Specialist for Catholic United Financial, will also speak about the financial aspects of end of life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, power of attorney and more. John will also cover topics on business and farm preservation.

The speakers will be available for a Q&A time for your specific questions. Nothing will be sold at this workshop. Speakers and topics are presented for educational purposes only. Call or Text Vicky to Register: 920-475-3196



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Prayers and Condolences

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

Jim Gierl

He died on December 17th

He is the brother of Bette (Albert) Kunze

Donna Ash

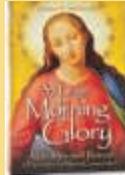
She died on December 23rd

She is the foster daughter of Sheila Garske



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

33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat



Fr Bob and team will begin the 33 Days to Morning Glory retreat at St Matthew's on Monday January 7th with an orientation and the first session of the retreat. After this first session, there will be five more Monday sessions. Each session is about 90 minutes.

The actual retreat will begin (at your home) on January 9th. It will culminate with a Consecration to Jesus and Mary on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th.

If you are interested in attending this course, please contact the parish office or send email to: marian33days@mm.st

Let us know your preference: afternoon or evening.

Cost for the course (books and materials) is \$30. If you already have the books (a workbook & the textbook), or have taken the course before there is no cost.



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET PROJECT

Our 2018 THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET PROJECT was truly a "Horn of Plenty". The food, personal items, bequests, and cash we received was truly overwhelming. In addition to the traditional Thanksgiving meal items, we were able to purchase additional various meats, canned goods, and personal items for each of the 40 baskets assembled.

We served 110 adults and 53 children. These included women transitioning from the Women's Community Shelter to their own apts., homeless veterans at the Randlin Homes, residents at "The Woods" in recovery from various addictions, homeless adults at the "Warming Center", and needy families in the general population.

SINCERE THANKS to our regular sponsors, namely, Quality Foods I.G.A. in Rib Mountain, St Matthew Parish, George Schreier Council of the K.C.'s, St Matthew's Men's Club, Senator Jerry Petrowski, St Matthew's Family Life Committee, and Newman Catholic Middle School. Also many, many thanks to St Matthew's Parishioners, numerous anonymous cash donations, bequests on behalf of one of our former members who died last fall, (Jim) who donated a dozen Christmas trees from his tree farm, and the general public. Also, THANK YOU to the many volunteers who answered our call for help with this enormous project. We could not have done it without you.

The hugs & tears shared when people came to pick up their baskets needed no words. May God bless all of you in some special way and we wish each & everyone a happy, healthy, and safe 2019.

WE ARE THE HANDS OF YOUR CHARITABLE HEARTS.

Wausau West Side Circle of Joy