



Saint Matthew Catholic Church

March 3, 2019

8th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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



Ash
Wednesday
Masses

8 am
12:05 pm
6:30 pm

Confessions During Lent
Sat: 10:30 am - 12 noon or by Appointment

Confessions During 40 Hours Devotion
April 4 - 6 at Holy Name Church

Thurs, April 4: 9 am - 5 pm and
6:30 pm Communal Penance Service
Fri, April 5: 7 - 7:45 am & 9 am - 9 pm
Sat, April 6: 7 am - 3:30 pm

*St Matthew will
Not have a
Communal
Penance
Service

Stations of the Cross
after the:

- h 8 am Mass on Monday and Weds thru Sat
- h 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday
- h 12 noon Spanish Mass on Sunday



Don't Forget to Change
Your Clocks Ahead
Sunday, March 10th
Daylight Savings Begins

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: 10:30 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, March 11th
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



8th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a



This Sunday, March 3rd, the 8:00 am Mass will be offered for Jim Gierl. We apologize for the misprint in last week's bulletin.



This year St Matthew Parish will be sending the Good Friday Collection to *Catholic Relief Services* instead of doing the Rice Bowls this year.

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	Plant Manager - Jason Seliger
Associate Pastor - Rev. Peter Kieffer	DRE & Hispanic RE - Joy Orozco
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Finance Secretary - Barb Splinter	



Thank you for generously supporting Saint Matthew Parish!

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly.....	\$9,612.00
Stewardship Last Weekend.....	\$5,123.55
SCRIP Sales.....	\$1,825.00

Enrolling Now for 2019-2020 School Year!

Newman Catholic Schools is a shared ministry among area Catholic parishes. Our schools & centers are places where faith & education come together. Students receive an outstanding education rich in faith formation & excellent academic preparation. Families from area Catholic parishes & all faiths are welcomed to attend our schools & early childhood centers.

Need registration information? Visit www.newmancatholicsschools.com or call and come to visit your Newman Catholic Schools at these locations:

- NC Early Childhood Center - St Michael: 715-848-0206
(Licensed Child Care, Preschool, *4K)
- NC Early Childhood Center - St Therese: 715-355-5254
(Licensed Child Care, *4K)
- NC Elementary School - St Mark: 715-359-9662
(Preschool, *4K, K – Gr. 5)
- NC Elementary School - St Anne: 715-845-5754
(Gr. K – 5)
- NC Middle School (Gr. 6 – 8) / NC High School (Gr. 9 – 12): 715-845-8274



Limited Enrollment in some grade levels and courses.
* 4K – Tuition Free – WSD & DCE Collaborative Programs

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Eligible families may attend Newman Catholic Schools tuition-free through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. The WPCP application window for the 2019-2020 school year is open until April 20, 2019.



Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

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Lent is the time before Easter during which the faithful abstain and fast in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on Calvary. It is a 40-day time of preparation before Easter, the memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are two main ways that Catholics use to focus on growing closer to God during the Lenten season: abstinence and fasting.

Abstinence

Abstinence is the act of "doing without" or avoiding something. For example, someone may abstain from chocolate or alcohol by not consuming them. Particular days of abstinence during Lent are Fridays, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. As canon law states, *Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season* (Canon 1250 -1253).

During Lent, Catholics are also encouraged to undertake some sort of personal penance or abstinence. Examples include giving up sweets, a favorite TV show or not listening to the radio in the car on the way to work. Giving up these things isn't some sort of endurance test, but these acts are done to draw the faithful closer to Christ.

For example, a person may give up his favorite TV show, but if he simply turns the television to another channel, the Lenten penance really does not mean as much. Instead, the person should consider devoting the spare time to prayer or perhaps his family.

As always, when considering acts of penance that are stricter than the norm, it is important that the Catholic would speak with a priest or spiritual director. Any act of penance that would seriously hinder one's health or the health of others would be contrary to the will of God.

Fasting

Fasting is the act of doing with less. In the Catholic Church, *those ages 18 - 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday* (Canon 97). On such days, those fasting may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength. However, together, the smaller meals should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not encouraged, but liquids are allowed.

It is important to understand that the Church excuses certain people from these obligations. Examples include those who are frail, pregnant or manual laborers. The Church understands that certain people are not able to commit to the Lenten fast.

The time of Lent, through fasting and abstaining, may be an important reminder of what it means to suffer. This small suffering should not be met with misery but with great joy as we better understand the incredible sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity.

Want a more joyful marriage?

Spouses who do things together find the most joy within marriage. Want to learn how to become more united with your spouse in all facets of your marriage? Attend the next Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat on March 28th - 31st at **St. Anthony's Spirituality Center**. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends at noon on Sunday. Register at: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment. Scholarships are available.

For more information, call 608-791-2673 or email familylife@diolc.org.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Area



Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Marathon, WI
h Sunday: 12 noon - 11 pm
h Tuesday: 9 am - 11 pm
h Wednesday: 9 am through 8 pm
h Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm

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

Catholic Women's Day of Prayer - Monday, March 4th
Mountain Edge Restaurant

Day of Prayer with Father Peter Kieffer



10:00 am - Registration and Coffee
10:30 am - Conference
11:30 am - Mass for Deceased Members
12 noon - Lunch (1 pm Departure)



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet March 7th at 1:00 pm at St Therese in the upper church where *Mary's Way of the Cross* will be prayed. The business meeting and raffle drawings from the luncheon will follow.



Swimming Upstream: Keeping the Faith in a Secular World
St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Marshfield

Laura Boronski, singer, songwriter, homeschooling mother of eight, national speaker and woman of God

Saturday March 9: All-day Retreat, 9 am - 4 pm, Columbia Room, St John School. (School doors open at 8:30 am) Join us for Saturday Mass at 8 am.

- AM session is geared especially to mothers, grandmothers, caregivers!!
- PM session is for all women, all ages

A light breakfast, and delicious lunch will be provided. Free will offering.
Sat/Sun March 9 & 10: Laura will sing at the 4:30 pm, 7 am & 11 am Masses
Limited seating. Register NOW by calling Mary at 715-384-3252, ext 2.

Safe Haven Sunday – March 10th

Did you know that viewing porn desensitizes you to pleasure, makes you hypersensitive to lust and cripples your willpower? None of this is a good for you or your family.

Learn more about the harms of pornography and how to protect your family on Safe Haven Sunday, on March 10. Learn more about ending porn exposure at: diolc.org/shs



Raise Them Well Parenting Webinar Series - March 11th
"Physical Maturity" Starts: 7:00 pm

Description: Parents want their children to grow into adults who respect their bodies and are healthy. How do you do that in a world filled with contradicting messages about what the body is for? How can parents instill in their children respect for God's plan for their bodies? We'll explore these questions during this webinar and offer strategies that parents can use. Register at: <https://diolc.regfox.com/raise-them-well-physical-maturity>

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) Class Starts in the Fall
Registration Underway!



Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2019. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners!

See brochure, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

If you would like to sit in on a class this spring (April 5-6) for a "sample," just ask.



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

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



St Anne Church, 700 W Bridge St, Wausau
Fridays, March 8 - April 12: 4 - 7 pm
(Pickup & Delivery Orders begin at 1 pm - Fridays.
Call: 715-849-3930 Ext 6)

St Adalbert Church (parish hall), 3305 St Adalbert Rd, Rosholt
Fridays through April 12: 4 - 7:30 pm
\$10 - Fish or Shrimp or Combo
\$6 - **Children's Fish or Shrimp**
(Take-out Orders: 715-677-4518) Weekly Raffles!

Understand and Engage with Scripture Like Never Before!

Watch *Genesis to Jesus* for free this Lent. Scott Hahn and Matthew Leonard of the St. Paul Center will make the big picture of the Bible become exceptionally clear and vibrantly alive for you.

Sign up for free streaming here: stpaulcenter.com/streaming



Select "St. Matthew Parish - Wausau WI" as your charitable organization and we'll get a "donation gift" from AmazonSmile at no extra cost to you!

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Lenten Organ Meditations by various Organists
at First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant St, Wausau
Fridays, March 15 - April 12: 12:15 - 12:45 pm
A time of meditation and music during the lunch hour.

Additional Events

- ☐ March 9, Sat: 5-7 pm - **"Spaghetti Dinner"** - St Ladislaus Church Basement (173141 State Hwy 153, Hatley; 715-446-3060)
- ☐ March 9, Sat: (4-7 pm) - **"Spaghetti Dinner"** - Sacred Heart Church-Polonia (7375 Church Street, Custer; 715-592-4221)
- ☐ March 10, Sun: 1 pm - **"Bingo"** - St Adalbert Catholic School (3305 St Adalbert Rd, Rosholt; 715-677-4518) Food Available. Donate Baby item to be entered into a raffle for \$20 Gas Card.
- ☐ **March 12, Tues: "Knight of Reflection"** - St Mary-Torun, 5589 Dewey Drive, Stevens Point. Exposition at 4:30 pm, Rosary at 5:00 pm with Confessions and Mass at 5:30 pm; followed by a dinner and presentation entitled **"Lenten Spiritual Journey through the Holy Land,"** given by Rev. Jeffrey Hennes. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus.
- ☐ March 16, Sat 5 pm - **"Holy Temptations Feast Night"** - St Florian Church Basement (500 Church Ln, Hatley) For more Info: 715-446-3085 Ext 301 Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door
- ☐ March 31, Sun: 11 am-1 pm - **"Grilled Pork Chop Dinner"** - St Michael's Parish (324 Main St, Junction City; 715-457-2925)
- ☐ April 7, Sun: 11 am-1:30 pm - **"Spring Luncheon with 'A Patchwork Quilt of Heartwarming Stories' "** - St Ladislaus Church (173141 State Hwy 153, Hatley) \$10/person Register by April 2: 715-454-6347 or 715-341-2546
- ☐ April 10, Weds: 6:30-8 pm - **"Youth Rally-Apex Ministries, an International Comedy Duo"** - St Ladislaus Church (173141 State Hwy 153, Hatley) Suggested Donation: \$2/person Advanced Registration Required: Sister Mary Ellen: 715-446-3060 or sisterme@stladislaus.org
- ☐ 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) Info: 715-216-3879



This Week at Saint Matthew

Tuesday, March 5

Bible Timeline - **Church, Emily's Room: 10:30 am** - 12 noon

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday - Day of Abstinence & Fasting

That Man Is You - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 - 7:30 am
 Peacemaker Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm
 Soup Suppers - School Cafeteria: 4:15 - 6:30 pm
 Bible Timeline - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Religious Education - Mass 6:30 pm at St Matthew for St Matthew Students (Holy Name Students attend Mass at Holy Name)

Thursday, March 7

Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm
 Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 7 pm

Saturday, March 9

Share Sunday Weekend

Sunday, March 10

Share Sunday Weekend
 Confessions: 2-3:15 pm with Mass Followed by Healing Service: 3:30 pm

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2018-2019 Target: \$72,765



What a great feeling to be part of something good and worthwhile. That feeling will come over you when you make your pledge to the *2018/2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal*. Any amount is greatly appreciated, to meet our target of \$72,765. If we go over this amount, we will receive a rebate. Many parishes have already gone over their target and have received theirs. Let us be in that number! God is good! We show Him our appreciation for what we have received by doing our part.
 Thank you! May He reward you abundantly!

Ash Wednesday - Liturgical Ministers

Wednesday March 6 8:00 am	Wednesday March 6 12:05 pm	Wednesday March 6 6:30 pm
Lectors		
K Washebek	A Graveen	E Schumann
Eucharistic Ministers		
J Pederson S Low B DOHR* M BEATTIE*	J Woelfle P Bant S Peterson M Holm J Fergot G DEDERICH* L LACH*	N Kipp J Orozco A Boller T Hynes T Tierney K TIERNEY* J HENAMAN*
Ushers and Greeters		
A Seubert D Krause P Ruesch	L Sanders D Evert Joe Kohn	K Chapman N Chapman Dave Mayer
Servers		
Tom Brzezinski Mike Bourguignon	Mike Jilek Gary Koy	Alexis Barber Kelly Huebsch
Musicians		
Bill Dohr Annette Southworth	Sandra Brandtner Nancy Losinski	Lynn Meyer Jeff Borski



Mass Intentions

March 4 - 10, 2019



Monday	8:00 am	†Gerard Skrzypchak
Tuesday	12:05 pm	†Walter (Bud) & †Bernadette (Bernie) Christianson
Ash	8:00 am	†Richard Piaszak
Wednesday	12:05 pm	†Gary Mueller
	6:30 pm	Ellen F Bellisimo
Thursday	8:00 am	†Joy Kachel
Friday	8:00 am	†Leona Tucker
Saturday	8:00 am	†Todd Hiernimus
	4:30 pm	†Leona Tucker & †Jim Nikstad
Sunday	8:00 am	Living & †Deceased St Matthew Parishioners
	10:00 am	†Mary Kohnhorst
	12 noon	†Liborio Patino
	3:30 pm	†Poor Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, March 4 - Saint Casimir

Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 5

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 7 - Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, March 8 - Saint John of God, Religious

Is 58:1-9/Ps 51/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, March 9 - Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Is 58:9-14/Ps 86/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, March 10 - 1st Sunday of Lent - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday March 9 4:30 pm	Sunday March 10 8:00 am	Sunday March 10 10:00 am
Lectors		
M Holm L Lach	T Roovers H Wanserski	M Kunze P Wallschleger
Eucharistic Ministers		
D Baxter M Holm L Lach J Alexejun G Piaszak L PRZESMICKI* K TEETERS*	G Dederich T Hynes B Hynes D Janssen C Janssen T ROOVERS* M P ROOVERS*	P McDonald K Lobner M Jelinek B Jelinek R Keen B HOLL* J HOLL*
Ushers and Greeters		
M Baxter J Bocke Al Butalla	R Huebsch J Huebsch Dave Krause	J Reeves J Willemon
Servers		
Bobbi Jo Zimick Alexis Barber	Kelly Huebsch Adalyn Schmitt	Jeremy Fech Owen Reeves
Musicians		
Sandra Brandtner Nancy Losinski	Marie Stubbe Sara Schmitt	Dorothy G/Choir Nancy Losinski
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Kelly Ziegelbauer



Regulations for Fasting & Abstinence

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th.

1. **Catholics age 14 and older are to "abstain from meat" on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.**
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics in good health, **ages 18 to 59, are to "fast" on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.** Fasting consists of eating only one full meal. Two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal is permitted, if necessary to **maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.**

St Matthew Education Committee
PARISH LENTEN MISSION

"Embracing Lent to the Joy of Easter"

DATES: Sun, Mon, Tues, March 17, 18, 19
TIME: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
SPEAKER: Msgr. Joseph Diermeier



Freewill Offering - Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Angelorum.

The following is written by Msgr. Diermeier:

"Lent is a time that provides direction for our lives. The direction that we receive during Lent is for us to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." At times to chart our direction we use a map. A "map" will be the guiding theme for the parish mission. On the first evening we will consider the *Mission of Christ (M)*. The second evening we will reflect upon the *Admonition of Christ (A)* and on the third night, the *Peace of Christ (P).*"

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers: March 6 - April 17

Starting Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday during Lent, come to the School Cafeteria between 4:15 - 6:30 pm and enjoy our famous and delicious Soup Suppers! Meals include a variety of soups, sandwiches, salads, desserts, and a beverage!



Soups Served on Ash Wednesday

- Tomato
- Cream of Vegetable

Volunteers Needed:

We will need help on Tuesdays to prepare soup starting about 1:30 pm and on **Wednesday's anytime between 3:00-6:30 pm.** Sign up sheets in back of church or call: Faye (715-845-3302) or Ken (715-675-5568) for more information.

Soup Supper Donations Needed:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Plastic Ice Cream Pails • Large & Small Plastic Containers (Cool Whip Bowls) • Mayo/Miracle Whip/Salad Dressing • Noodles: Macaroni & Rotini • American Cheese Slices • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Mozzarella Cheese Sticks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuna • All Tomato Products • Chili & Kidney Beans • Crackers • Jello: Regular & Sugar Free • Spear Pickles • Coffee: Regular & Decaf • Desserts: Needed Every Wednesday |
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Bins are in the entrance to Church for your donations. Please drop off Desserts on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon in the school cafeteria. Thank You!

Treasure Sale Meeting Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria



Please come to this meeting, as we need to decide if there will be a 2019 Treasure Sale and we would like your input! The Treasure Sale is a very major fundraising event for our Parish. But, after the 2018 Treasure Sale, some of our long-time volunteers are unable to Chair their Departments for 2019. In order to continue the Treasure Sale, we are **looking for volunteers to be the "Chair Person" for a few Departments.**
Thank you!

Share Sunday Next Weekend, February 9th & 10th



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!!



Wish your spouse was more of a saint?

Chances are your beloved wishes you were too! Learn how to become saints together at the Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat March 28th-31st.

Couples attending the retreat will experience what it means to love perfectly in Christ. Take your marriage

to the next level of joy.

Register today at diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/

For more information, call 608-791-2673. *Scholarships are available.*

HELPING HANDS NEWS



The Helping Hands Volunteers have returned from their humanitarian trip to Kenya, Africa and what a wonderful rewarding trip it was.

Six houses, several outdoor kitchens and outdoor latrines were built along with the help of local volunteers. It is a special experience to work alongside them and to see that they are as happy as we are to give a family a new home.

Forty-five families received macadamia nut trees, and 45 received chickens so they will be able to sustain their family. Twenty-three families received home kits, and 21 beds (mattress & blanket) were given to various families. Helping Hands tries to touch as many families as they can with the donations that are received.

Spending time in the schools is always such an eye opener. The students have so little and yet are so very thankful for a couple crayons that they can call their own.

The volunteers painted a small medical clinic and hopefully by the time we go back it will be furnished and functioning.

Our time with the Maasai was special as usual. We attended a Maasai wedding and were made to feel a part of the ceremony as family. A Maasai wedding is not anything like a US wedding, but it is a big **celebration and Blessed by the Elders of the bride's village.**

The Kikuyu and Maasai tribes are very faith-filled people whom we have learned so much from.

Helping Hands will be taking a group in January, 2020. If you are interested, please contact Tom or Mary Pat Roovers (715) 842-4270. The trip will fill fast, so if you have an interest, let us know.

Thank you for keeping the Helping Hands Volunteers in your prayers! There were no injuries and all returned home safely.