



Saint Matthew Catholic Church

July 28, 2019

17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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



Feast Day - August 1st

*"Without prayer we have
neither light nor strength
to advance in the way
which leads to God."*

*"True charity consists in
doing good to those who
do us evil, and in thus
winning them over."*

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Weekends

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 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

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

Vespers - Evening Prayer: Wednesdays - 5 pm

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 the Parish Center at 715-842-3148.

Next Baptism Class: Monday, September 9th
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.

Parish Center Office (Oficina): 715-842-3148

221 S 28th Avenue

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)

Hours/Horas: Monday-Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm

Friday: closed through Labor Day



"I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:8



There is a Farm Crisis!

By Dan Kitzhaber
Director for Marriage and Family Life

"SOLD" echoed the words from the mouth of the auctioneer. A signal of both an unfortunate end as well as a beginning. That is the situation for a record number of farmers in our state.

To date, Wisconsin has lost almost 700 dairy farms in 2018, and 7,785 herds of dairy cows since December 2003, a loss of 49.8% in 16 years. Too often we dismiss statistics because they are just numbers. However, each of those 7,785 herds were owned by people, most often a family who operated the farm for generations.

One of those families who recently had to sell their herd of dairy cows was Dan & Bernice Becker, parents of Fr. Aaron Becker, Associate Pastor of *Our Lady Queen of Heaven* and Chaplain at *Assumption Middle and High Schools in Wisconsin Rapids*. **"It was really hard. The first crop of hay was not very good and then my parents ran out of it. With the shortage of hay, the price is just too expensive and milk prices are low. We had no choice but to sell," explained Fr. Becker.**

Historically, it has been customary to experience three-year cycles of lows and highs in milk prices. During the higher price cycles, farmers have been able to recover from the low years, catching up on past due bills and replacing worn-out equipment. Currently, however, we are in the fifth year of a low-price cycle, causing devastating hardship on too many farms.

Often the "solution" presented to farmers is – "just get a different job." However, the life of a farmer is unique. Fr. Daniel Sedlacek, Associate Pastor of *St. Mary's in Altoona* and *St. Raymond of Penafort in Fall Creek*, grew up on a farm near Cornell and offers some valuable thoughts: **"I'd argue that the vocation to farming is distinct from other occupational-related callings. It is the primordial vocation established by God at creation, along with marriage, motherhood, and fatherhood ('be fruitful and multiply'). God certainly calls people to all sorts of work - to be doctors, teachers, writers, and engineers - but to be a farmer runs deep into the roots of what it means to be human. And so, although the life of modern man is increasingly alienated from creation, God still calls us today to 'till the earth and keep it.'"**

Because of this "primordial call" and deep connection to the land and one's family heritage, leaving the farm can present challenges that are not just financial, but also emotional and psychological. Especially in light of the high suicide rate among farmers, UW-Extension has been offering support and resources to combat this tragedy, including a series entitled **"Supporting Farmers during Challenging Times."**

Veterinarian Dr. AnnMarie Elwing of *St. Charles Borromeo* parish in Genoa shared a recent experience while conducting a monthly herd health visit. **"I asked the farmer, 'how are you feeling?' And he broke into tears and said, 'You're the first person to ask me how I feel.'"**

One of the biggest aspects of this farm crisis is that so many of us are unaware of its existence and of the great suffering it is causing. Pope Francis has spoken often of the importance of accompaniment, of walking alongside others. We are called by Jesus Himself to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Let us be committed to learning about this crisis, praying for those affected, and reaching out personally when we have the opportunity.

To learn more, visit the diocesan website at www.dioc.org/farm-crisis.

The farm crisis is being recognized nationally. Similar to the **Farm Aid of the 1980's** a concert is being planned for Saturday, September 21 in the Milwaukee area featuring nationally recognized recording artists such as Willie Nelson and John Cougar.

Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

Pastor - Rev. Robert Thorn
Associate Pastor - Rev. Peter Kieffer
Deacon - Rev. Mr. Tom Tierney
Pastoral Care - Dorothy Giallombardo
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Gospel Meditation A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each day our daily bread."

This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. *Give us this day our daily bread* implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" At the Last Supper, Jesus said He would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give.

Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... He will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always.

St. Peter Catholic Church & Fr. Joseph present ...

Greece: March 18 - 28, 2020

In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

at St. Peter Catholic Church*

Monday, August 26 - 6:00 pm

Kolbe Hall (Church Basement)

*800 Fourth Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481

Information:

Debra Jakusz, Global Travel

(715) 341-7227

global@globaltravelwi.com





Pilgrimage : December 4 - 9, 2019

Join Fr Tom Lindner on Pilgrimage to Guatemala for the Beatification of Brother James Miller, FSC in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on December 7, in the city he was martyred.

Brother James Miller was born into a family of farmers near Stevens Point on September 21, 1944. He attended Pacelli High School & joined the De La Salle Christian Brothers in 1959. He served as a missionary in Nicaragua and then in Guatemala where he was shot & killed by 3 hooded men on **February 13, 1982 during Guatemala's civil war**. Pope Francis decreed that he died a martyr for the Faith.

For details on this extraordinary pilgrimage with Father Tom Lindner, visit: www.ctscentral.net/trips/guatemala/beatification-pilgrimage-to-guatemala/

This pilgrimage has been organized to include the remarkable and historic beatification celebration, as well as visits to other significant sites.

GIVEN Couple Retreat in Menomonie – August 8th

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, lively music and adoration, prayer & reconciliation. This popular new format has been well received and will be held at St. Joseph in Menomonie on Thursday, August 8, from 5-10pm.

For more information and to register contact Pam Sirinek

Email: pam.sirinek@menomoniecatholic.org - 715-232-4920

Visit: www.dioc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/

Diocesan Facebook: www.facebook.com/events/488421125296751/



August 5th thru 9th - 8 am to 12 noon

at Holy Name of Jesus Simmons Hall

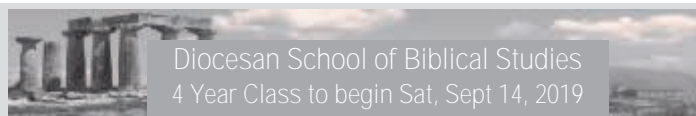
“Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School”, where kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too!

For kids entering 4K through 5th grades.

\$25 each for 1st & 2nd child from family

\$15 each for 3rd+ child from family

Registration is open at: 2019hnpvbs.eventbrite.com/



Diocesan School of Biblical Studies

4 Year Class to begin Sat, Sept 14, 2019

Register Now! A new four-year class begins September 14th through the Spring of 2023. Classes will be held at St Anthony Retreat Center in Marathon, WI (classes also in La Crosse). The School holds classes one Saturday a month for nine months each year.

The program joins the best of contemporary Catholic biblical learning with a desire for personal spiritual growth & use of scriptures in the Church. Catechists, school teachers, permanent deacons, parish Bible study leaders, and regular bible readers looking for something “beyond the basics” will profit from the program.

A description of the full course of study can be found at the school's website <http://diocesanschoolofbiblicalstudies.weebly.com/> For questions call Fr. Mark Pierce at St Michael's Parish in Wausau at (715) 842-4283 or email him at fmarkpierce@gmail.com



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Children grow in their relationship with Jesus through a deep engagement in Scripture and Liturgy. This type of catechesis is bearing amazing fruit with young children in the diocese and around the country.

August 21-27 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish:

Level 2, Part 1 (for adults working with 6-9 yr old children)

For details & registration: dioc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info



2019 VOCATIONS GUILD DINNER **OCTOBER 8, 2019**

St Michael Parish
611 Stark Street, Wausau
Adoration at 5:30 pm
Social at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm

A \$50 donation/person is requested.

Musician & Guest Speaker is Jim Busta, father of Mollie B of **Mollie B's Polka Party** on RFT-TV.

Register online at dioc.org/vocations-guild-dinner, email vocations@dioc.org or call Renee at 608-791-2667.



Are you looking for ways to LIVE your Faith? Our Religious Education Department is in need of Co-Catechists and Aides.

Are you looking for a way to BE the hands and feet of Christ? A way to learn more about your faith? Then consider giving an hour of your week to help the children of our parish grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus.

We need:

- Classroom Aides for K, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th, 9th & 10th grades.
A Classroom Aide only needs to be in the room to assist the Catechist. Weekly teaching is not required.
- Co-Catechists for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th & 10th grade.
A Co-Catechist splits the teaching responsibilities with the other Catechist in the room. The distribution of work is at the discretion of the Catechist team.

Call Joy at (715) 842-3148 for more information or to sign up.

Additional Events

- July 27th, Sat & July 28th, Sun - St Florian Parish Picnic (Hwy 29 E - Exit 185, Hatley) Starts Saturday 4 pm-Midnight & Sunday 10:30 am Mass with Chicken Dinner (11 am-2 pm) ending at 6 pm with Raffle Drawings For information: www.stflors.org
- August 4, Sunday - St Philip 99th Annual Church Picnic & Chicken Dinner (6957 Grotto Avenue, Rudolph, WI) For Info call: 715-435-3182 Mass at 9 am, Dinner: 10 am-2 pm, Polka Music with Dance Floor, Kids Games, Bingo at 11 am, Raffle, etc.
- August 4, Sunday - Annual Chicken Dinner - St John the Baptist Catholic Church (at the corner of Hwy J & Hwy 17 in Bloomville, WI) Chicken Dinner at 11 am (Mass at 10 am), Raffle, Music, Beer Garden, etc Call: 715-536-2803
- August 4, Sunday - St Adalbert Picnic (3305 St Adalbert Rd, Rosholt, WI) Outdoor Sunday Mass at 10:30 am, Family Style Dinner: 11:30 am-2 pm, Polka Bands: noon-8 pm: Games for Kids, Country Store, Raffle, Bingo, etc For information call: 715-677-4519 or visit: www.rosholtcatholic.org
- August 10th, Sat (4:30-11:30 pm) & August 11th, Sun (10:30 am-6 pm) - St Therese August Fest (113 West Kort Street, Rothschild, WI) For Info call: 715-359-2421 Both days include: Polka Music, Raffles, Kid Games, Food, Beer, Bakery Spin, Cherry Tree, Frozen Pierogi & Polish Sausage Sales, Flea Market and on Sunday: 10 am Polka Mass and 11am-1:30 pm: BBQ Baked Ribs & Chicken Dinner in church basement, Bingo: noon-5:30 pm.
- August 15, Thursday - **St Ladislaus Outdoor Movie Night: “How to Train Your Dragon the Hidden World”** (173141 State Hwy 153, Hatley, WI) For info call: 715-446-3060 Outdoor games & activities start at 7:30 pm with movie at dusk. Free Popcorn. Food available for purchase. Bring something to sit on.
- Every Sunday: 7:15-8:15 pm - **“Young Adult Catholic Bible Study”** Biggby Coffee (320 E Bridge St., Wausau) For those in late teens, 20's, 30's.



This Week at Saint Matthew

Wednesday, July 31

Peacemaker Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm

Thursday, August 1

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**

Friday, August 2 - Parish Office Closed

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018-2019
 Thank you to all who made a pledge and met their commitment to their pledge. Because of those who made a pledge but did not pay their total commitment we were under our Target.

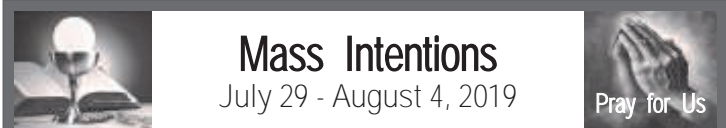


Goal:	\$72,765.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$72,580.01
Recurring Gift:	\$0.00
Recurring Received:	\$930.00
Amount Received:	\$71,148.01
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$184.99)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	99.75%
Percent of Goal Received:	97.78%
Number of donors:	311

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

Thank you for generously supporting Saint Matthew Parish!	
Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly	\$9,612.00
Stewardship Last Weekend.....	\$7,455.60
3rd Sunday Collection.....	\$1,884.16
SCRIP (last weekend).....	\$2,645.00



Mass Intentions

July 29 - August 4, 2019

Pray for Us

Monday	8:00 am - †Timothy "Tim" Wonders
Tuesday	12:05 pm - †Don Schultz, Sr.
Wednesday	8:00 am - †Gail Arlen
Thursday	8:00 am - †Joseph M Murphy
Friday	8:00 am - †Robert & †Julia Bourguignon †Deceased Schauer & Bourguignon Families
Saturday	8:00 am - †Ralph Bozza 4:30 pm - †Brett Grieser
Sunday	8:00 am - Helping Hands Volunteers & Supporters 10:00 am - †Walter & †Evelyn Gassner 12 noon - Living & †Deceased St Matthew Parishioners

This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, July 29 - Saint Martha
 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106/Jn 11:19-27

Tuesday, July 30 - St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop/Doctor of Church
 Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28/Ps 103/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
 Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, Aug 1 - St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop/Doctor of Church
 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84/Mt 13:47-53

Fri, Aug 2 - St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37/Ps 81/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 3
 Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 4 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday August 3 4:30 pm	Sunday August 4 8:00 am	Sunday August 4 10:00 am
Lectors		
Norm Howe Micheline Beattie	Henry Wanserski Jim Low	Monica Kunze
Eucharistic Ministers		
D Burish M Beattie L Lach J Pederson G Piaszak L PRZESMICKI* K TEETERS*	J Zernicke G Dederich T Hynes B Hynes D Janssen J LOW* S LOW*	P McDonald V Tierney J Witzeling A Boller J Fergot L SANDERS* D EVERT*
Ushers and Greeters		
Don Baur Mary Baur Jay Rolefson	A Seubert Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil	G Tapper J Ziesemer Tom Brzezinski
Servers		
Alexis Barber Need Server	Jeremy Fech Kelly Huebsch	The Straub's
Musicians		
Lynn Meyer Nancy Losinski	Joel Stubbe Annette Southworth	Barb Britten Mary Lenard

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Catholic Faith
Arabella Quezada
Daughter of Jose and Claudia
Baptized Saturday, July 20, 2019

Congratulations!
May Jesus be your dearest companion!

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



*He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain.... Rev 21:4*

Our Prayers and Sympathy go to
the Family and Friends of:

Donald Schultz, Sr.

He died on July 20, 2019

He is the husband of Mary Schultz
and the father of Donald Schultz

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



2019 WITNESSES FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

LEARN SIMPLE SKILLS TO
ACCOMPANY OTHERS ON
THEIR JOURNEY TO JESUS

AUGUST 9-10, 2019
LA CROSSE, WI

REGISTER NOW!

For Those You Love

Join us to learn simple skills to *accompany* others so they will want to develop/ deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. *Intentional accompaniment* will be the focus for the *Witnesses for Christ Conference* which will be held August 9-10 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse. For further details, a downloadable brochure and to register online, go to diolc.org/catechesis/witnesses or <https://www.facebook.com/events/339214943615305/>

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) Class
starts in September – Registration is underway!

Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in September. One weekend a month, Friday evening to Saturday afternoon with summers off!

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 & Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.



Grow in Faith Together as a Married Couple
Experience a more joy-filled marriage!

Take part in the Domestic Church Retreat at
St Anthony Spirituality Center
300 E 4th St, Marathon City, WI

Thursday, September 12 at 7 pm - Sunday, September 15 at noon

The Domestic Church movement is a lay led ministry for sacramentally married couples that enhances marriage and family life by opening the treasures of the Church's teachings on love and life.

During the retreat, couples will begin a spiritual journey together. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue.

Register today at: diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/

For information, call 608-791-2673. Financial scholarships are available.

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2384465065120475/>

Parish PICNIC

St Matthew Parish Picnic

Come Join Us
Sunday
August 18th



Bilingual Mass in Church at 10 am & Spanish Mass at noon.

Picnic immediately after Mass at Marathon Park "Big Kitchen".



Join us for a great day of food, fun,
laughter, and games with fellow Parishioners!

Bingo and games for kids: Corn Hole, Bubbles, Hula Hoops
Tattoos, Golf, Bean Bag Toss. Bring a Lawn Chair if you want.



We will provide:

Brats, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sweet Corn
Beverages, Plates and Utensils



Please bring a Dish to Pass based on your last name:

A-G Dessert, H-M Side Dish, N-Z Salad

Ideas for Side Dishes: Mac-n-Cheese, Baked Beans, Potato Casserole,
Taco Dip & Chips, Salsa & Chips, Fresh Fruit, Veggies & Dip, Cowboy
Caviar, Cheese Tray, Deviled Eggs, Calico Beans

Ideas for Salads: Potato Salad, Cucumber Salad, Cold Macaroni with Ham
or Tuna, Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad with Veggies, Jello Salad, Fruit Salad,
Broccoli Salad, Taco Salad, Three Bean Salad, Lettuce Salad

The Family Life Committee is looking for adults or teenagers to help with:

- 10 am - 1 pm: Setting up and Serving Food
- 2 pm till done: Clean up & help transporting supplies back to the school

The more helpers the less work for everyone!!

Call Kitty Jilek at 715-845-3546 if you can help! Thank You Very Much!!!



Bingo Prizes for Men Needed

A bin will be located in the Church Transition Space for your
donations. Thank you! Everyone loves to win bingo!!!



Coming This Fall at St Matthew Parish
Jeff Cavins' Gospel of Matthew Bible Study

Understand the Gospel like never before!

This 24 week video study by Jeff Cavins provides an in-depth explanation of the Gospel of Matthew. Lyonel Wisniewski will be leading this study on Tuesdays. First class starts September 10th for a 24 week faith filled journey. You may select a class during the day (10:30 am - 12 noon) or evening (6:30 pm - 8:00 pm). To reserve your class time or for any questions call Janet 715-575-4264.

Sign up by August 27th so we may order the class books.

HelpOurMarriage.org

RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Central Wisconsin

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program

Coming Soon! August 9th-11th

at St Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, WI

Harmony and Hope for your Marriage: *"We could not talk without arguing. Eventually, our marriage entered a second honeymoon. We are able to live in harmony thanks to the skills we learned in the Retrouvaille program."*

Read more at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

For information or to register for the program,
call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673)

Fully confidential! Registrations are due by August 2nd