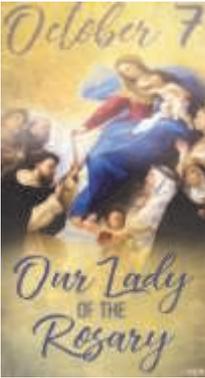




# Saint Matthew Catholic Church

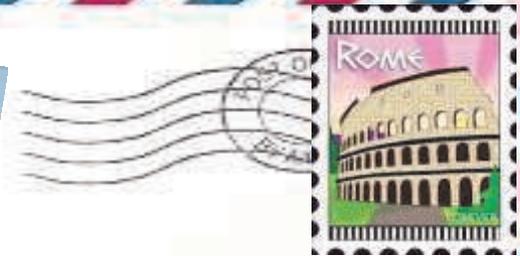
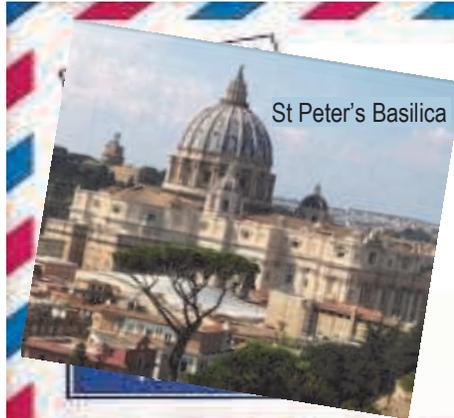
October 6, 2019  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

229 South 28th Avenue  
Wausau, WI 54401  
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"When you say your Rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary."

Words of Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche



Greetings from Fr Bob in Rome

## 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, November 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.

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

221 S 28th Avenue

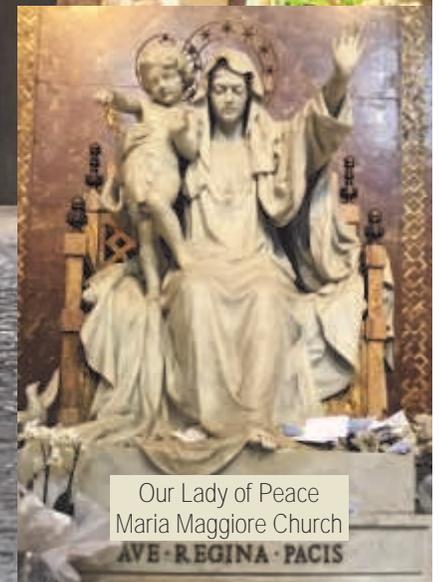
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Hours/Horas: Monday-Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm

Friday: 8 am - 12 noon



Swiss Guards

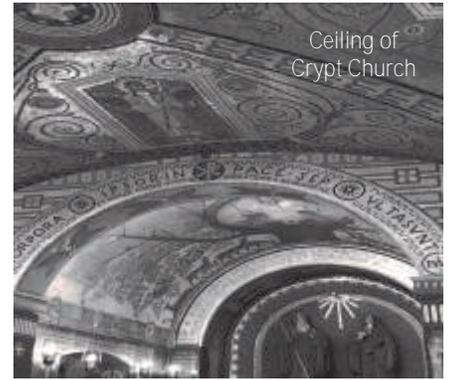


Our Lady of Peace  
Maria Maggiore Church  
AVE REGINA PACIS



September 30, 2019  
Feast of St. Jerome

### Greetings from Rome, the “Eternal City”,



Ever wonder where it got this name? Some say it goes back to an ancient belief that the city would go on forever, because it had **defeated some formidable enemies and extended the Roman Empire**. Virgil, in his book “The Aeneid” (29 - 19 BC) spoke of “**the empire without end**”. But according to scholars, the poet Tibullus in 1 BC referred to Rome as the “**Ubs Aeterna**” – The Eternal City. There was also a belief that if Rome fell so would the rest of the world. Film, literature, and popular culture have continued to refer to Rome as such even after the many defeats and invasions it experienced.

This Friday I will be at the half-way point of my sabbatical here at the North American College (NAC) in Rome. NAC was created as a seminary in Rome to train priests for dioceses in the United States. There are also seminarians here from Australia and Canada. **Thursday of this week (October 3rd) we will be attending the diaconate ordination of several of the seminarians at St Peter's Basilica**. By the way, Fr. Jesse Burish attended seminary here before he was ordained. The Institute for Continuing Theological Education for priests (ICTE), in which I participate, is in a separate building on the property.

I have a room on what we would call the 4th floor of the building, but they call it the 2nd floor. What we would call the main floor is -1, the next 0, then 1, 2, and 3. **I'm certainly getting my exercise climbing 76 stairs every time I go to my room, which can be several times a day**. My room has a balcony which faces west, but when I go out on it I can see St. Peter's Basilica. I can walk down the steep hill to the Basilica in about 10 minutes.

So far we spent 4 weeks studying the Saints of Umbria (an area of Italy) -- mainly St. Francis of Assisi and St. Benedict. The program included a five night stay in Perugia, a beautiful mountain city in Umbria. We visited many, many churches and monasteries and did a lot of walking and climbing. Most of the main churches and monasteries are located on the sides of mountains.

The churches are beautiful; every one of them is a virtual museum of art, architecture, and antiquity. The towns are beautiful, too. Many have narrow streets that are cobblestoned and, occasionally, steep. Almost everyone has a balcony covered with flowers and plants. There are wide piazzas and beautiful parks. The people spend a lot of time outside walking, visiting with friends, sitting at outdoor cafes drinking espresso, cappuchino, local wines, or plain old water. There are numerous gelaterias – gelato is Italian ice cream and is delicious. You can get nearly any flavor you want. A lot of the cities in the Umbria region had ancient walls around them and the remains of Roman aqueducts.

Compared to Rome I like the smaller mountain cities. Rome is huge with a lot of traffic, thousands of tourists, and people everywhere (they don't sit around at home either). It also boasts of many ancient Roman ruins including the Colosseo, the Circus Maximus, the Roman Forum, aqueducts, the Arch of Constantine ... **you could spend several days visiting all of the ruins**. Then there are the numerous churches (I believe someone told me there are over 400 churches in Rome). They are beautiful, ancient, filled with incredible artwork from Caravaggio, Michelangelo, Bernini (architecture) and others. The inside ceilings and columns are often decorated with artwork, gold-plated trim, all kinds of statues of saints and angels, tombs of cardinals and saints. It is truly amazing.

**Of course, I couldn't go without mentioning the food ... pasta like you've never had in the US, fresh bread that beats anything I've had in the US** (Italians and Europeans have not lost the knack for milling fine flour). There is a lot of seafood, fresh fruits, and all kinds of tasty cheese.

**I was able to get a glimpse of the Pope the first week we were here**. He holds a general audience in front of St. Peter's every Wednesday at 9:30 am (when he is in town). The piazza is filled with pilgrims from all over the world. Before the audience he rides around in the 'popemobile' standing up and greeting everyone. He has a beautiful smile and the pilgrims are enthusiastic about greeting him. If you miss the Wednesday audience you can see him on Sunday at 12 noon for the “Angelus talk” he gives from one of the windows in the Vatican.

**I'm sure Fr. Peter is taking care of you. I will be back about the middle of November. You are in my prayers, please pray for me.**

Pax et bonum (peace and good will)  
Fr. Bob



Thoughts for Respect Life Sunday  
Affirming the Truth Planned Parenthood  
Tries to Hide

Approaching the Cass Street Bridge from downtown La Crosse, one is greeted by a billboard showing a sweetly sleeping infant, accompanied by the words:

**"A Baby is a Baby! Born and unborn: Heartbeat 18 days after conception"**

These and so many other billboards posted around the U.S. by the nonprofit *Prolife Across America* say in simple words what we all know by plain common sense when we are not being misdirected by verbal trickery.

We see examples of this commonsense awareness every day, even in the **mainstream media. Remember how reporters gushed over Meghan Markle's "baby bump" when she was first expecting? Think also of today's trend in baby photos - the first picture parents share is often an ultrasound image proudly posted on social media and on the refrigerator door.** Advances in science strengthen our conviction about the humanity of the unborn child, as seen in this report from the Aug 21 issue of the *Times of London*: **"An unborn baby was saved after a doctor managed to perform a blood transfusion through the umbilical cord at just 20 weeks, one of the earliest interventions ever performed."** Baby Teddy was born healthy, one of many triumphs in the rapidly progressing field of intrauterine medical treatment.

This simple reality - **that there's a baby** in the womb - is what *Planned Parenthood* goes through verbal and mental gymnastics to try to hide.

Sadly, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin recently merged with three Essential Health Clinics located in La Crosse, Sparta and Blair. One of their board members wrote a commentary in the *La Crosse Tribune*, in which he expressed moral outrage that federal *Title X* grant money will no longer be allowed to flow to **clinics that perform or refer for abortions. He referred to this as a "gag rule". Not so, because clinicians can say what they want. They just can't push abortion with one hand and rake in *Title X* money from our taxes with the other.** The fact is, for every *Planned Parenthood* clinic in the U.S. there are 20 qualified community health centers that offer comprehensive services without abortion entanglements. *Planned Parenthood* had the option to step away from abortion but said no. It is a huge revenue source for them, and even *Planned Parenthood* clinics like *Essential Health* **that don't offer surgical abortions are expected to buy into the company philosophy and make abortion referrals.**

Yes, consider this overdue rule for what it really is - the freeing of taxpayers from being forced to help fund organizations that are in the bloody business of abortion. Since *Roe vs. Wade* in 1973, the lives of more than 60 million children (who can fathom that number?) have been snuffed out in the U.S. alone in the name of **"reproductive health care". There will come a day when we will look back in disbelief and shame at the way we packaged the intentional killing of preborn babies with "health care".**

**What about "a woman's right to choose"?** This verbal sleight-of-hand is designed to draw our attention away from what is being chosen. Consider that we regulate all kinds of choices for the protection of others. The law forbids us even **to choose to litter, or to ignore a stop sign. Moreover, this is not about "a woman's own body", but rather the body of a distinct human being at an early stage of development.** We know this not from faith, but from science. Yes, the child depends on the mother to survive, but that dependence on others for survival will continue long after birth.

Of course, it is also true that no woman should have to face childbearing alone, especially in circumstances that are difficult, often even agonizing. That is precisely the reason for the outreach of pregnancy care centers all across the country. Without a dime of taxpayer funding, they offer women compassionate care and material assistance before, during and after childbirth. They can help the mother place her child for adoption if she desires. Extensive listings of pregnancy care centers, city by city throughout the U.S., can be found with a simple Internet search (for example, <http://www.lifecall.org/cpc.html>).

If you have seen the box office hit *Unplanned*, you will know that even a former *Planned Parenthood* clinic director and employee of the year had her eyes opened. As she assisted for the first time with an ultrasound guided abortion, she watched in horror what was happening on the screen. That day, Abby Johnson came face-to-face with a truth that would turn her beliefs about abortion upside-down, a truth that in happier circumstances we all celebrate:

**"A baby is a baby, born and unborn."**

Christopher Ruff, Director of the  
Office for Ministries and Social Concerns

### **"Letters to Abby": High School Pro-Life Letter/Video Contest**

The Diocese of La Crosse is sponsoring a High School Pro-Life Contest. Students who wish to participate are asked to first watch the pro-life movie *Unplanned* about Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood clinic director whose conversion is told in the movie (parental discretion advised). Then they are to imagine they are either (a) writing a letter, or (b) speaking to Abby Johnson. Either by written letters or video recordings they are to tell Abby:

- What affected them most powerfully from the movie.
- How they think *Unplanned* gives hope to the pro-life movement.
- What they would want to share with a friend who is not sure what to think about abortion
- Some specific way they are committed to becoming a pro-life witness in the world.

Prizes in each category will be a free trip on the diocesan Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., January 22-26, 2020 (first prize), or a free trip to the Chicago March for Life on January 11, 2020 (second prize).

For complete guidelines & to enter the contest, visit [www.dioc.org/respect-life](http://www.dioc.org/respect-life)



### **2020 Calendar Raffle**

Calendar Raffle tickets are available for sale after weekend Masses. Calendar Raffle Tickets are \$20. When buying a ticket, you need to complete your contact information on the stub and give it to the ticket seller immediately or put it in the collection basket or give to the ticket sellers the following weekend in order to be entered into the raffle.

Buy as many tickets as you would like. A total of \$8,000 will be awarded.

The prize each week is \$150 cash.

**The week of Mother's Day & Father's Day, the prize is \$200 cash.**

**The week of St Matthew's Feast Day, the prize is \$250 cash.**

We need a few people to help sell tickets each weekend until they are gone. Please contact Sheila at 715-848-1106 or by email: [sheilay@charter.net](mailto:sheilay@charter.net)



SCRIP Travel Specials: If traveling this winter, we can order Delta Airlines (4% rebate) in \$250 or \$1,000 denominations; Princess Cruise Lines (6% rebate) in \$100's & \$500's; Royal Caribbean (13% rebate) in \$100's & \$500's; and Avis Car Rental (8% rebate) in \$50's.



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

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.

Register online at [dioc.org/vocations-guild-dinner](http://dioc.org/vocations-guild-dinner), email [vocations@dioc.org](mailto:vocations@dioc.org), or call Renee at 608-791-2667.



Love and Mercy October 28 at 7 pm

Cedar Creek Cinemas, Rothschild

**"Love and Mercy - Faustina", a docudrama on Divine Mercy** and the mission of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, will play on October 28 in Wausau & La Crosse, but demand and attendance can expand this. To watch the trailer:

<http://loveandmercymovie.com/> To purchase tickets: [www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy](http://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy)

Information Meeting - Mon, October 7th: 6 pm at Holy Name Parish Center Marian Catechist Home Study Courses by Servant of God, Fr John Hardon



Fr Martin will be facilitating monthly study groups at Holy

**Name's Parish Center starting in November. Marian Catechist**

*Home Study Courses* written by Fr John Hardon will be studied to

help you gain the knowledge and build the conviction and zeal to

win souls for Christ by learning, understanding, living and

defending the Catholic Faith. Come to this information meeting to learn more or call: 715-842-4543 to register.



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:

Marv Knoeck

He died on September 23, 2019

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

Would you like to join the Family Life Committee?

The Family Life Committee plans family events for the parish: Coffee and Donuts Sunday, Newcomer's Breakfasts, Parish Picnic, etc. If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Center for more information: 715-842-3148.



### "Public Square Rosary Rally"

Saturday, October 12th: 12 noon - 1:00 pm  
at St Matthew Parish beginning in church with  
Benediction and then processing outside for the rosary.  
promoted by America Needs Fatima!

### St Matthew's Pizza Night !

Saturday, October 12th at 5:30 pm  
(or after 4:30 pm Mass)  
at St Matthew School Cafeteria



Come and enjoy delicious Pizza and get to know other members of the parish family. Have fun!! Bring the whole family! If you have any questions or would like to help, call Deacon Tom at 715-297-5976 or email at: thomas.tierney@protonmail.com

Thank you for Freewill Offerings made to support this event.



The Annual Soup Sale is in Need of Help

#### To help make soup, we need about:

- 10 people the weekend of November 16 - 17
- 3 people Thursday, November 14: 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- 10 people Friday, November 15: 10:00 am-5:00 pm
- 6 people Saturday, November 16: 10:00 am-1:00 pm

#### To help with the Soup Sale at church, we need:

2 people before and after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, Nov 16  
and the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses on Sunday, Nov 17.

Call Barb at the parish center (715-842-3148),  
if you can help by Monday, October 21st.

**IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HELP,  
THERE WILL BE NO SOUP SALE THIS YEAR.**



Next Sunday - "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**



Share Sunday Next Weekend

Before Mass, place your donations in one of the large blue  
"Share Sunday Buckets" 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!!

### Altar Servers

There will be a training session in church from 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm on  
October 26 for those interested in becoming altar servers.  
The training will be led by Kelly Huebsch and Fr. Peter.

There also will be a review session in church for all current altar  
servers on October 20 and October 27. All current altar servers must  
attend one of the two review sessions. The sessions will take place



between the 8 am and 10 am Masses. The sessions  
will be led by Kelly Huebsch and Fr. Peter.

To register your children for the new server training  
session or current server review session, please contact  
Kelly Huebsch, coordinator of altar server training and  
scheduling, at 715-581-3887 or e-mail her at

[Kelly.huebsch@aol.com](mailto:Kelly.huebsch@aol.com)

Parish Fundraiser  
**HOLLY HALL CRAFT-VENDOR SHOW**  
November 2nd: 9 am - 3 pm

You may ask, how can I make this a success and support the Parish?

- ❑ Every family is asked to sell or purchase 2 sets of raffle tickets. Please pick them up in the Angelorum after Mass today. More tickets are available in the Angelorum, so please sell!
- ❑ Volunteers are the heart of any successful event, check out the sign up sheets in the Angelorum, pick a time, or shift that will work for you. Whatever time you can give us is a blessing.
- ❑ We are in need of raffle prizes. If you would like to donate any item for the raffle, put your name on the item and bring it to the Parish Center. Items should have a value of at least \$15 or more.
- ❑ Plan on coming to Holly Hall with your friends for shopping and enjoying the famous Holly Hall lunch with a piece of pie!

This week every parishioner received a letter from the Holly Hall Committee with more details about Holly Hall and how you can help. Please call Norma Kipp, 715-409-6207 if you have any questions or if you need to have a donated raffle prize picked up!

You will find a colorful flyer on the table by the Raffle Tickets, please take one and post it where you work or where you shop.

God Bless – The Holly Hall Committee



### VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE

Would you like to be a vendor at Holly Hall? If you or someone you know would like to be a vendor at Holly Hall on Saturday, November 2nd, please contact Sharon Drefcinski at [sidref@charter.net](mailto:sidref@charter.net) or 715-842-7490  
Please share this with your friends and family!!



### Holly Hall Children's Only Shop Donations Needed!

Whenever you are shopping pick up that extra item for the "Children's Only Shop".

Mark the item: "For Holly Hall" and drop off in the church or take it to the Parish Center.

Please be generous! For some children, this is the only place they can shop for Christmas Gifts they want to give to their favorite people!

Gift Ideas: (please donate new & unused items)

- f For Men: wallets, sports equipment, ties, tie tacks, socks, cologne, aftershave lotions, etc.
- f For Women: hand or body lotion, shower gel, perfume, jewelry, candles, anything "pretty", etc.
- f For Boys and Girls: toys, games, puzzles, etc.

Donate gifts you would like to receive yourself!  
Thank you very much for your generosity!!!

