



# Saint Matthew Catholic Church

January 5, 2020

*The Epiphany  
of the Lord*

229 South 28th Avenue  
Wausau, WI 54401  
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[www.stmatthewausau.org](http://www.stmatthewausau.org)

Wise Men Still  
Seek Him



## 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, January 13th  
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: 8 am - 12 noon



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a



## Like the Magi, we must leave our comfort zone to find Jesus.

By Elise Harris (January 6, 2018)  
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Pope Francis marked the Feast of the Epiphany Saturday by encouraging faithful to imitate the actions of the Magi, who weren't attached to worldly comforts, but were willing to go out and take risks in order to find Jesus.

**"Setting out, the second thing the Magi do, is essential if we are to find Jesus,"** the Pope said Jan 6, on the Feast of the Epiphany. **"His star demands a decision to take up the journey and to advance tirelessly on our way,"** he said. **"It demands that we free ourselves from useless burdens and unnecessary extras that only prove a hindrance, and accept unforeseen obstacles along the map of life."**

Jesus, the Pope said, allows Himself to be found by those who are looking for Him, however, **in order to find Him ourselves, "we need to get up and go, not sit around but take risks, not stand still, but set out."**

**"Jesus makes demands: He tells those who seek Him to leave behind the armchair of worldly comforts and the reassuring warmth of hearth and home."** Francis noted that **"setting out" isn't always easy, as can be seen by various characters in the Gospel, including Herod, who organized meetings and sent people to gather information about the royal birth that had been prophesied, but himself "does not budge; he stays locked up in his palace." Even the priests and scribes, who had the ancient texts and knew the prophesy, were able to tell Herod exactly where to go, yet made no move themselves. Their temptation, Francis said, is the same as those who have grown accustomed to being believers: "they can talk at length about the faith they know so well, but will not take a personal risk for the Lord."**

**"The Magi, on the other hand, talk little and journey much,"** he said. **"Ignorant of the truths of faith, they are filled with longing and set out. So the Gospel tells us: they 'came to worship Him,' 'they set out; they went in, and fell down and worshiped Him; they went back.' They kept moving."**

Pope Francis spoke during Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany, which he celebrated inside St. Peter's Basilica. In his homily, the Pope focused on three key actions carried out by the Magi in the day's Gospel: they first saw the star, they set out to follow it, and they then bring gifts to the infant Jesus. Questioning **whether anyone else saw the star that night, Francis observed that "few people raised their eyes to heaven." "We often make do with looking at the ground: it's enough to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment,"** he said, and wondered aloud if people still dream or long for God and the newness that He brings. He also asked why, if the star was so bright, no one else had followed it. **"Perhaps because the star was not eye-catching, did not shine any brighter than other stars,"** he said, noting that Jesus' star **"does not dazzle or overwhelm, but gently invites."**

Asking those present which star they have chosen to follow, Francis noted that **some of the stars we choose are bright, but don't point the way. "So it is with success, money, career, honors and pleasures when these become our life,"** he said, calling them meteors that **"blaze momentarily,"** but quickly burn out and fade away. **"The Lord's star, however, may not always overwhelm by its brightness, but it is always there: it takes you by the hand in life and accompanies you. It does not promise material reward, but ensures peace and grants, as it did to the Magi, 'exceedingly great joy.'"**

After seeing the star, the Magi then set out and follow it to Bethlehem, he said, explaining that to do so meant taking a risk, which we are all required to do if we want to find Jesus.

**"Following Jesus is not a polite etiquette to be observed, but a journey to be undertaken,"** he said, adding that if we ourselves want to find Jesus, **"we have to overcome our fear of taking risks, our self-satisfaction and our indolent refusal to ask anything more of life."**

Pope Francis then noted how when the Magi arrived to Bethlehem, they offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, saying the Gospel **"becomes real when the journey of life ends in giving."**

**"To give freely, for the Lord's sake, without expecting anything in return: this is the sure sign that we have found Jesus,"** he said. **"To do good without counting the cost, even when unasked, even when you gain nothing thereby, even if it is unpleasant. That is what God wants."**

Jesus, who became small and vulnerable for our sake, also asks us to offer something to **"the least of our brothers and sisters,"** he said, explaining that these are the people who have nothing to give in return, such as the hungry, the needy, the prisoner, the sick and the stranger.

**"We give a gift pleasing to Jesus when we care for a sick person, spend time with a difficult person, help someone for the sake of helping, or forgive someone who has hurt us,"** he said, stressing that **"these are gifts freely given, and they cannot be lacking in the lives of Christians."**

Francis closed his homily urging those present to look at their hands, which are **"so often empty of love,"** and to think of a free gift they can give without expecting anything in return. **This, he said, "will please the Lord."**

After celebrating Mass, Pope Francis led pilgrims in praying the traditional Angelus prayer in St. Peter's Square. Speaking from the window of the papal apartments in the Apostolic Palace, he pointed to the **"attentive search" for Jesus made by the Magi, the fear of Herod for losing his power and the indifference of the priests and scribes to the prophesy they see being fulfilled.**

**Of these attitudes, "we must choose which of the three to assume,"** Francis said, explaining that selfishness and the desire to follow human ambitions can make Jesus' coming seem like a threat or an obstacle.

Indifference recognizes the Savior, but prefers to ignore Him and live as if He didn't exist, the Pope said, explaining that Christians are called to follow the **example of the Magi, who are "ready to be inconvenienced" in order to find Jesus, to adore Him and to follow Him.**

**"If we have this attitude, Jesus truly saves us, and we can live a beautiful life, we can grow in faith, hope and love toward God and toward our brothers,"** he said, and prayed that Mary would intercede in helping each person to reach Christ, and helping the world to **"proceed on the path of justice and peace."**



### 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 (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Becker at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at:

[diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting)

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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).



Eucharistic Adoration in the Area

St Matthew: Wednesday - after 8 am Mass until 5 pm  
Benediction at 4:50 pm  
1st Friday - Benediction after 8 am Mass

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Marathon:

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

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

SPAGHETTI DINNER RAFFLE BASKETS

Try your luck  
only 3/\$5 - 7/\$10 - 20/\$20

**Basket Raffle 'Early Bird' sales**  
will begin after Masses 1/11-1/12



Please consider helping us by donating a Raffle Basket

**You can decide what to fill it with and we'll raffle it.**

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Noel at 715-842-4543 for planning for the early bird raffle tickets.

*Thank you for your continued support of this, and all the youth programs at St. Matthew.*



March for Life!

Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020:

Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah. See [www.dioc.org/respect-life](http://www.dioc.org/respect-life) for more information

Here is the diocesan Facebook link for this event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3033261200037070/>



Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, 2020:

Major diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. For information and online registration visit [www.dioc.org/yva/march-4-life-2020/](http://www.dioc.org/yva/march-4-life-2020/)

Here is the diocesan Facebook link for this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/470858483538468/>



**Men of the Cross Men's Renewal Retreat**

February 15th: 9 am - 3 pm  
St John the Baptist Parish  
201 W Blodgett St, Marshfield, WI

Cost: \$25/person (Includes morning snack and lunch)  
\$30 at the door

For more information and to register, go to: <http://menofthecross.org/>

What does it mean to "be a man of the cross"? Find out by joining us for a one-day retreat focusing on practical ways to daily live out the Gospel call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We'll receive great insights from Deacon Ralph Poyo, who was a favorite speaker from the fall Men of the Cross Conference, to embrace our crosses and learn of ways to become the man, father, husband, son that God intended.



Casa Hogar Mission trip team is selling  
**Seroogy's Candy Bars for only \$1.50**  
after all Masses starting this weekend.

Youth Ministry Annual  
**2020 Spaghetti Dinner**



When: Tuesday, Jan. 21st, 2020  
Time: 4pm-7pm  
Where: Holy Name Simmons Hall - Church basement  
Cost: \$8.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for kids 3-10 yrs  
Free for 2 yrs & under

Includes: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert & juice, milk or coffee  
All proceeds from fundraiser will be used for the June 2020 Casa Hogar Mission team. 6 teens & 1 chaperone from St Matthew Parish are part of the team.

**"GIVEN"** - Unveiling the Mystery of Marriage  
Marriage Enrichment Retreat for All Couples

February 8, 9-3:00, St Therese Church - Rothschild  
Couple cost: Engaged-\$25 / Dating & Married-\$40  
Questions: contact [dkitzhaber@diolc.org](mailto:dkitzhaber@diolc.org)

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, or engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, music, adoration, prayer and reconciliation. This new format has been well received and will be offered on February 8th in Rothschild at St Therese Church. For more information, go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

Is Your Marriage Drifting Apart?

**RETROUVAILLE**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES  
Central Wisconsin  
Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program  
Coming Soon! February 14th - 16th  
at St Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, WI

Healing Your Marriage -Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro- vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages, some even after separation or divorce. **"We Needed to Refresh Our Marriage ...It was wonderful."** Read more at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) For information or to register for the program, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/>

Fully confidential!



Buy **SCRIP Gift Cards** in the Angelorum after weekend Masses. SCRIP can also be bought at the Parish Center, call: 715-842-3148. If you can help sell SCRIP after weekend Masses, please call the Parish Center.

SCRIP Gift Cards make great gifts and help the parish at the same time! Buy gift cards at "face value" & use them to buy items at participating businesses such as Walmart, Kwik Trip, 2510 Restaurant, Applebee's, Best Buy, County Market, El Mezcal Restaurant, Holiday Gas, etc.

Thank you for helping the parish & buying SCRIP!



## This Week at Saint Matthew

### Monday, January 6

Spanish Catechism Class - Parish Center Library: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

### Tuesday, January 7

Gospel of Matthew Study-Church-Emily's Rm: 10:30 am-Noon & 6:30-8 pm  
Parish Council Meeting - Rectory: 5:45 pm

### Wednesday, January 8

Peacemaker Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm  
Religious Education Classes & 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting (English)  
Holy Name School: 6:15 - 7:30 pm

### Thursday, January 9

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

### Saturday, January 11

Share Sunday Weekend

### Sunday, January 12

Share Sunday Weekend  
Confessions: 2:00 - 3:15 pm  
Mass Followed by Healing Service: 3:30 pm  
RCIA - Rectory: 6:30 pm

### "Joy" Diocesan Annual Appeal 2019-2020

Target: \$71,505



A New Year! A New Beginning! Hoping that your New Year's Resolution is to do good on earth by doing God's work on earth. We are still short of reaching our target for the year of 2019/2020. Needless to say, the parishioners of St Matthew Parish will not let this happen. Let us reach and go over our target by making your pledge, if not already done so. God is good! Let us show Him our goodness in returning all favors received. Thank you for your sacrifice in making this appeal a success.



Thank you for generously supporting Saint Matthew Parish!

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly .....\$9,612.00  
Stewardship Last Weekend.....To Be Announced

### Celebration of Sacraments

Marriage - Arrangements must be made six (6) months in advance with Fr Bob.

Call Dorothy at 715-432-5519 to make arrangements for:

- ❑ Anointing of the Sick - available when you are seriously ill or before a scheduled surgery.
- ❑ Visits to the Homebound - visits to your home, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

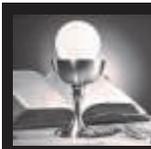
Hospital Visits - Let the hospital know when you are admitted that you would like to have Fr Bob or Fr Peter visit you.

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

### Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

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@stmatthewwauausau.org  
Deadline Next Bulletin: 3 pm Monday



## Mass Intentions

January 6 - 12, 2020



Monday 8:00 am - †Mary Kohnhorst  
Tuesday 12:05 pm - †Mr Lou Przesmicki  
Wednesday 8:00 am - †Leona Tucker  
Thursday 8:00 am - †Marion Draeger  
Friday 8:00 am - †George & †Florence Koy  
Saturday 8:00 am - †Marv Knoeck  
4:30 pm - †Mary Alexejun  
Sunday 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners  
10:00 am - †Mr Lou Przesmicki  
12 noon - †Israel Jacinto Garcia, †Reydaivid Gonzales, †Rafaela Gonzales  
3:30 pm - Poor Souls in Purgatory



### This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, January 6 - Saint André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 7 - Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

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

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72/Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 12 - The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



### Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday January 11 4:30 pm	Sunday January 12 8:00 am	Sunday January 12 10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
Mary Holm Norm Howe	Patty Thomson Henry Wanserski	Lynn Meyer
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		
J Pederson G Piaszak K Teeters C Vircks J Woelfle M HOLM* L LACH*	J Peterson K Stencil J Zernicke D Janssen C Janssen W THOMSON* P THOMSON*	J Fergot B Holl J Holl K Lobner M Nichols A BOLLER* K MIILU*
<b>Ushers and Greeters</b>		
J Bocke A Butalla Ken Chapman	Dave Mosure Joy Mosure Dave Krause	T Brzezinski D Evert Kevin Ellenbecker
<b>Servers</b>		
The Hynes'	The Sondelski's	A Straub A Leon E Leon
<b>Musicians</b>		
Cindy Blair N Losinski	Jim Washebek Annette Southworth	Barb Britten Mary Lenard
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)</b>		Kelly Ziegelbauer

## Sacrament of Baptism

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

We welcome into the Catholic Faith:

Baptized Saturday, December 21, 2019

Gianna Giselle Alanis-Moss  
Daughter of Victor & Tiffany

Congratulations! May Jesus be your dearest companion!



### ATTENTION all LADIES of St Matt's and friends!!!

Please save the date:

Saturday, January 18th at 10 am  
at St Matthew Angelorum

### "Blessed is She Brunch"

We'll have the coffee, please bring a brunch item to share.

Come meet new friends, munch yummy brunch, and explore what God has new for you in 2020! We'd love all ladies of the parish to attend and bring a friend. More details to follow! RSVP to Natasha at 715-321-4565.



### Catholic Life Magazine

We hope that all parishioners are enjoying the Catholic Life Magazine that is published and sent by the Diocese of La Crosse. St Matthew Parish has ensured that our parishioners are receiving this magazine, in order to keep current with catholic events in our diocese and the world.

Donations to help cover the cost of this magazine are appreciated and can be placed in the Sunday Collection

Basket in the "green envelope" that is provided in your Contribution Envelopes.

Thank you and God bless you!



## FINAL DAYS TO BUY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKETS

January 4th and 5th

### Exciting Sales Update!

We sold 195 tickets the weekend before Christmas  
or \$3,900.00!

1082 Tickets SOLD (72%)  
with 418 Tickets To SELL (28%)

Have you bought some for yourself, sold to your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers?

For \$20.00 per Calendar Ticket,  
you get 52 chances to win \$150.00 or more!

\$8,000.00 in total CASH Prizes awarded!

Drawing is held every Monday in 2020 at 9:00 am.

For questions, call Sheila at 715-848-1106 or Barb at the Parish Center.  
Proceeds from the Calendar Raffle Fundraiser will be used towards expenses of St Matthew Parish.

Thank you to all those who have bought tickets  
and who are helping sell tickets!

### Share Sunday Next Weekend



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 ... in helping them to help those in need!!

God bless you for helping your neighbor!!

### Join Us on a 2020 Pilgrimage to Israel & Jordan

May 11-22, 2020 - 10 nights at 4-star hotels

Visit Bethlehem, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Sea of Galilee, Amman, and many more sites. This is a trip of a life time!

Down payment will hold a seat for you and is due no later than January 31, 2020.

For a copy of the itinerary and more details, please contact me via:

- Email: frjktrips@gmail.com
- Call St Lawrence Parish office: 715-421-5777
- or write to me at:  
Fr Janusz Kowalski  
St Lawrence Parish  
530 10th Avenue N  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495



### Youth Ministry

Snow Tubing at Sylvan Hill

Friday, January 17th

6:00 pm to 9:30 pm



Admission \$10/adult or \$7.50/13 yrs and under  
Concession items range from \$1 - \$3.75

Teens in 6th - 12th grades are invited to join the Youth Ministry for a night of fun and excitement under the stars.

There is a rumor that Fr Bob, Fr Peter and Fr Martin will be joining the group, and that they think they're pretty good on a tube.

Come along and challenge them to a race!

Teens may be dropped off at Sylvan Hill at 5:45 pm and picked up by 9:30 pm when the park closes. For those that don't have a ride, we will have carpooling leave Holy Name at 5:15 pm. We don't want to leave anyone behind, so to make sure there is room for you in a car, call Holy Name and get your name on the carpooling list right away.

RSVP: January 15th with permission slip.

To register call Noel at 715-842-4543  
or for a permission slip email  
noel@holynamewausau.com

**Children must be 42" to ride a tube.**

No double riding is allowed.



Webinar Opportunity  
About the Harm  
of Pornography

In this January 13 webinar, Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen will explain why pornography - even just a small dose of it - is immediately harmful to persons. Then, they will work with you on ways to speak reasonably about its dangers at the right time and place, with the most loving dynamic and approach during the next Necessary Conversation webinar for adults and parents. Register at [www.twl4parents.com/webinar](http://www.twl4parents.com/webinar). The \$6 cost will include participation in the webinar, numerous downloadable resources and access to the post webinar recording.