



Saint Matthew Catholic Church

December 8, 2019

2nd Sunday of
Advent

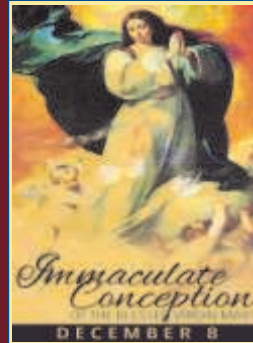
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Advent Prayer

Mother Mary, as you carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. **You said "Yes" to all that God asked** of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example. Amen



Celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9th

Since December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9th.

However, you are NOT obligated to attend Mass on Monday, December 9th.

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



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4



Expectant Hope

Bishop
William Patrick Callahan,
OFM Conv.



Advent greetings everybody. I don't think I have to remind you that Advent is my favorite liturgical season. It is, of course, the great season of expectation and anticipation. It is a time of wonder and a deep and abiding sense of the fulfillment of promise and the opening of a new age.

I think I have used these themes with you in different times over the years I have served as your Bishop, but I think the message, like Advent itself, bears repeating and these themes make it easy for us to think about this great season. There are three ways of considering Advent and the coming of Christ: *first, in History; second, in Mystery; and third, in Majesty.*

We remember Christ coming as the Babe of Bethlehem and the entire wondrous miracle of the Christmas story. All of this allows us to consider the Incarnation - the manifestation of God in human flesh in our human history.

The second coming of Christ is in the Mystery of the Eucharist - the living and Real Presence of the same Jesus - Son of God and Son of Mary - made manifest for us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Mysterious and Sacred Presence of Jesus until the end of time. Then, finally, the appearance of Christ in Majesty at the end of time. The liturgical season of Advent calls our attention to each of these **three "comings" of Christ and opens our minds, and hearts, and souls to the promises of God and the manifestations of Christ as the fulfillment of God's promises.**

Prayer is a joyful method of keeping us aware of the promises of future and realized glory as we make our way through the weeks of Advent. *Keep alert, maintain your vision in Christ. He will keep His promise, He is with us, and He will come again. Come, Lord Jesus!*

Blessed Advent to you all!



Bishop Callahan's Advent Prayer Request

Prayer is a joyful method of keeping us aware of the promises of future and realized glory as we make our way through the weeks of Advent. Remember you are in my daily prayers.

If you have a particular intention for which you would like me to pray at Christmas Mass, visit: diolc.org/pray or call 608-352-9565. Keep alert, maintain your vision in Christ. Blessed Advent to you all!



Best Advent Ever

Today we begin the new liturgical year in the Church with the 1st Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas. It is also a time for us to prepare to welcome Jesus more fully into our lives. The Dynamic Catholic organization has come up with a simple, free and enjoyable program to help us to do just that during this Advent. It is called "Best Advent Ever." Through short video reflections e-mailed to you each day, you can enter fully into this Advent season. More information on how to take advantage of this opportunity can be found at:

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>



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.

"Joy" Diocesan Annual Appeal 2019-2020

Target: \$71,505

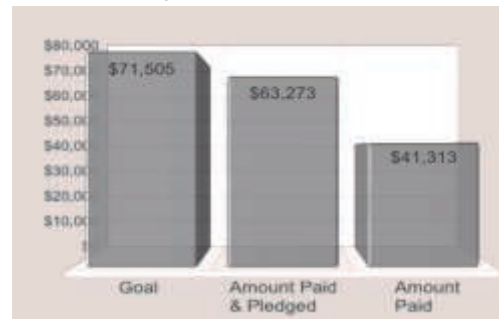


We have gotten this far with only 239 (out of 670) Envelope Holders participating in the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Any amount great or small from those **who haven't contributed yet, will easily enable us to meet our target and even go over \$71,505!** Any amount is appreciated. Please make your pledge as soon as possible.

Thank you and God bless your sacrificial hearts.

Campaign Status as of 11/21/2019

Pledges & Gifts Toward Goal



Goal:	\$71,505.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$63,273.00
Recurring Gift:	\$110.00
Recurring Received:	\$445.00
Amount Received:	\$41,312.50
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$8,232.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	88.49%
Percent of Goal Received:	57.78%
Average Gift Amount:	\$264.74
Number of Donors:	239



"Our Lady of Loreto"

added to the
Roman Calendar:
December 10th

Pope Francis has decreed that the feast of *Our Lady of Loreto* be included in the Roman

Calendar as an *optional memorial* on December 10th. **"This celebration", the decree notes, "will help all people, especially families, youth and religious to imitate the virtues of that perfect disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mother, who, in conceiving the Head of the Church also accepted us as her own."** You can read the decree here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-10/feast-of-our-lady-of-loreto-added-to-general-calendar.html>



Advent Candles and Wreaths

Available for purchase in the Angelorum.

\$5.00 - Advent Candles (1 box/set)

\$6.00 - Metal Wreath

Please place payment in the box on the table or in an envelope (with note for what money is for) and put in the Collection Basket.

Our 2nd collection is for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*



Support Aging Religious - Please be Generous
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.



Thank You from the Circle of Joy!

The donations you made during this Share Sunday weekend are used to help those that are in need and are greatly appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity!

ATTENTION CRAFT SHOPPERS



Will you be out crafting in the next few weeks – like a lot of us? We're always looking for new and unique crafters, so if you happen to find a "unique" crafter that you think would be a good addition to Holly Hall, please pick up their card and indicate what their craft is. Put the card in an envelope with my name on it and drop it into the collection basket.

Thanks much – Sharon Drefcinski



The Advent Spirit

In this season of Advent, consider that the "Advent spirit" is in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord. In the coming weeks before Christmas as we "prepare the way of the Lord" please remember those in need who are suffering and poor. At St Vincent de Paul, we seek to help the poor through our home mission, where Vincentians visit our neighbors and offer simple gifts of friendship and love, in addition to financial assistance if possible. For more information, please call 715-848-1046.



Knights for Life – Blood for Life

Thursday, December 12th from 2:30 - 7:00 pm
in Abts Hall at St Agnes's in Weston

The *Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council* serving St Mark, St Agnes and St Therese Parishes is sponsoring a Blood Drive.

The **Blood Bank's levels are low and are in need of blood for our community.** We are asking families and friends to help support this effort by donating blood to give life to those in need. You can go to the website of the "*Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin*" for more information regarding donating blood. <https://www.bcnwi.org/>

"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

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/>

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:

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March for Life!

Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020:

Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah. See www.diolc.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.diolc.org/yva/march-4-life-2020/

Here is the diocesan Facebook link for this event.

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

Give a Gift this Christmas to Mount View Care Center Residents



Many residents don't receive Christmas gifts. If you would like to donate a gift for someone this Christmas, contact North Central Health Care Volunteer Office at 715-848-4450 or email: volunteer@norcen.org for more information.

Gifts don't have to be wrapped and can be dropped off at Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall Street, Wausau.

Additional Events

- ✓ V Dec 13, Fri: 7:30 pm & Dec 14, Sat: 3 pm - "*Musica est Angeli: Celebrating the Nativity*" - Wausau Lyric Choir at 1st Presbyterian Church, Wausau
- ✓ V December 14, Saturday: 11 am - 2 pm - "**St Agnes Sweet Shoppe**" (St Agnes Parish, Abts Hall, 6101 Zinser St, Weston) Let Us Do Your Holiday Baking! Fancy Cookies & Candy Available by the Pound. Top Raffle Prize: \$750. Luncheon featuring homemade soups, sandwiches and pies.
- ✓ V December 14, Saturday: 9 am - Noon - "**Annual Christmas Cookie & Bake Sale**" (Sacred Heart of Jesus Church-Cassel) Items sold by the pound.
- ✓ V December 15, Sunday: 5 pm, Cocktails: 6 pm, Dinner & Show - "**Ye Olde Madrigal Feast**" (St James Catholic Church Amherst - Call Michelle for questions at 715-600-4145) **Featuring the Midwest's Merry Carolers Madrigal Troupe.** \$40/person (age 12 & under: \$25) To buy tickets call 715-572-3406
- ✓ V December 20, Friday: 6:30 pm - "**Come Let Us Adore**" - (St Mark Parish-602 Military Road, Rothschild 715-359-5206) The Nativity Story told through contemporary music. Featuring a choir & orchestra from area parishes. Tickets available at the door: \$8 Adults, \$5 Children 6-12 yrs, Free-under age 5
- ✓ V Ongoing Need: Marathon County Literacy Council needs volunteers to help teach reading, writing, and other subjects. Please contact Connie Heidemann at 715.679.6170, e-mail: mclitofausau.org.



This Week at Saint Matthew

Monday, December 9

Spanish Catechism Class - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Jubilee House Core Meeting - Parish Center Library: 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 10

Gospel of Matthew Study - Church - **Emily's Rm: 10:30 am** - Noon & 6:30-8 pm
Men's Club Christmas Party - School Cafeteria: 5 pm Social, 6 pm Dinner

Wednesday, December 11

That Man Is You! - Parish Center Patio Room: 6 am
Peacemaker Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm
Religious Education Classes & Reconciliation Service (Grades 3-10)
Holy Name: 6:15 - 7:30 pm
Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 12

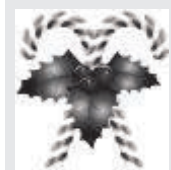
Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 15

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass
No RCIA
St Matthew Advent Communal Penance Service - Church: 6:30 pm

That Man is You! Dec 11-Week 12-"Battle Against the Dictatorship of Noise"

- Deafening Noise
- Silence is What a Man Needs
- Man Defined in Silence
- The Fruit of Silence
- Into Great Silence
- Make an Appointment with God



We are Thankful for our Advertisers! Please support them!



Thank you for generously supporting Saint Matthew Parish!

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly	\$9,612.00
Stewardship Last Weekend.....	\$7,036.00
SCRIP Last Weekend.....	\$1,305.00
Stewardship Weekend November 24.....	\$7,422.51
SCRIP Weekend November 24.....	\$4,445.00

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
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Pastoral Care - Dorothy Giallombardo
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Deadline Next Bulletin: 3 pm Monday



Mass Intentions

December 9 - 15, 2019



Pray for Us

Monday	8:00 am	- †Marlene Ptaszynski
Tuesday	12:05 pm	- †Ron Hinker
Wednesday	8:00 am	- †Richard Piaszak
Thursday	8:00 am	- †Sharon Seubert
Friday	8:00 am	- †William D Radtke
Saturday	8:00 am	- †Ralph Pernsteiner
	4:30 pm	- †Deceased Tanck & Krautkramer Families
Sunday	8:00 am	- †Jim Gierl
	10:00 am	- †Mary Alexejun
	12 noon	- Saint Matthew Parishioners

This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, Dec 9 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14

Weds, December 11 - Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:39-47

Friday, December 13 - Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, Dec 14 - St John of the Cross, Priest/Doctor of Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9, 10-13

Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday December 14 4:30 pm	Sunday December 15 8:00 am	Sunday December 15 10:00 am
Lectors		
E Schumann	Theresa Stubbe Henry Wanserski	Pat Loy
Eucharistic Ministers		
M Holm J Pederson K Teeters M Beattie E Schumann G PIASZAK* C VIRCKS*	J Zernicke G Koy D Lepak S Lepak J Peterson J LOW* S LOW*	P Loy B Holl J Holl K Miilu M Nichols D EVERT* L SANDERS*
Ushers and Greeters		
L Peek J Rolefson John Bocke	Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil Joel Stubbe	T Brzezinski J Kohn K Ellenbecker
Servers		
Bobbi Jo Zimick	A Schmitt T J Sondelski	The DeByle's Carolina B ergo
Musicians		
Bernie Riehle Annette Southworth	Marie Stubbe Sara Schmitt	N Losinski Dorothy G/Choir
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)		Jeannie Henaman



Advent Communal Penance Services

Several priests are available for individual confessions.



- Sunday, December 8: 3:30 pm (post-Packers) - Holy Name
- Tuesday, December 10: 6:00 pm - St Paul, Mosinee
- Wednesday, December 11: 1:00 pm - St Paul, Mosinee
5:00 - 6:00 pm - St Anne
- Sunday, December 15: 6:30 pm - St Matthew
- Tuesday, December 17: 6:30 pm - St Michael
- Wednesday, December 18: 5:00 - 6:00 pm - St Anne
- Saturday, December 21: 10:00 am - Resurrection
- Monday, December 23: 6:30 pm - St Therese

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 & Sympathy go to the Family & Friends of:



Mike Borneman
He died November 23, 2019
He is the Son of Bob and Lee Borneman

Jack Altenhofen
He died November 27, 2019
He is the Brother-in-Law of Lawrence Gassner and the Uncle of Theresa Stubbe, Jerome and Mark Gassner

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



Parish Christmas Breakfast Everyone is Invited!

Sunday, December 8th
9:00 - 11:30 am
School Cafeteria

Special Guest: St Nicholas

Our New Parishioners will be our honored guests. Please join us and welcome the newest members of our parish family.

We encourage families with children to come for breakfast as we will have a special guest just for the children, and the young of heart!

St Nicholas!!!

He will share his story with the children and give them a little treat!!

Come hungry, when Ken cooks breakfast you will enjoy a hearty breakfast and no one ever goes away hungry! Ken always has a couple surprises up his sleeve too, you don't want to miss it!

Free-will offering will be accepted.

Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Curtis & Tracie Barthel
Tyson & Theresa Cain
Benjamin Check
Joseph & Jennifer Gack
Edward & Marjorie Giallombardo

Sally Hawbaker
Terrance & Joann Hornung
Scott Jolly
Terry & Mary Kubsch
Vitula McMahan
David & Kimberly Wuthenow



New This Year - Does Your Family Like to Sing?

Something new for the children's Christmas Eve Mass. We are inviting families who would like to help lead the singing at the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass to join together in song.

One practice – Sunday, December 22 at 11:00 am in church. Please call the Parish Center at 842-3148 or Dorothy at 432-5519 if interested.



Buy **SCRIP Gift Cards** for Everyone this Christmas!!!
They make great gifts & help the parish!

SCRIP "Special Orders" need to be placed by December 15th, to receive them before Christmas!

(The SCRIP office is closed December 23rd - January 1st)

SCRIP is sold after weekend Masses in the Angelorum, can be bought at the Parish Center, and for special orders call the Parish Center: 715-842-3148. (If you can help sell SCRIP after weekend Masses, call the Parish Center.)

"Spotlighted SCRIP Businesses"

New Scrip Retailer: HuHot Mongolian Grill \$25 at 25% rebate

The following low denominations available for the Holiday Season, must be ordered by noon December 16th:

\$5 Cards: Barnes & Noble, Panera Bread, Starbucks, Taco Bell

\$10 Cards: Amazon, Applebee's, CVS, IHOP, Marcus Theatre, Walmart, Olive Garden, Home Depot

Thank you for buying SCRIP! Merry Christmas!

Buy St Matthew 2020 Calendar Raffle Tickets

Have you bought Raffle Tickets to win cash throughout the year of 2020 yet?

Ways to use St Matthew 2020 Calendar Raffle Tickets:

- Buy one or more for yourself
- Sell to your Hunting Camp Friends
- Give them as Christmas Gifts
- Buy some & resell them to relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc

Cash Prizes:

- \$150 Cash Prize drawn each week (you can win multiple times, up to 52 times!)
- **\$200 Cash Prize week of Mother's & Father's Day**
- **\$250 Cash Prize week of St Matthew's Feast Day**
- \$8,000 total to be awarded throughout 2020!!

Buy *St Matthew Calendar Raffle Tickets* now and give as Christmas Gifts! Tickets can be bought after weekend Masses or from the Parish Center.

Calendar Raffle Ticket Update

756 sold (50%) - 744 unsold (50%) - 4 weeks left to sell!

Thank you to all who have bought tickets and who are helping sell tickets! If you can help sell, please contact Sheila at 715-848-1106 or sheilay@charter.net. Thank you!

**Proceeds of the Calendar Raffle Tickets are used towards expenses of St Matthew Parish.



On Sunday, December 22nd at 1:15 pm

Mark Your Calendars and Join in the Fun!!!

Join us in decorating the Church and Angelorum for Christmas



Christmas Cantata - "Christmas Presence"

Sunday, December 15 at 12:00 noon in church

St Mary's Church in Marathon

A delightful telling of the Christmas Story in narration and song - lasts 40 minutes. Presented by the choir, musical instruments, and a narrator. Everyone is welcome to attend this free concert.

Donations for Advent and Christmas Candles & Flowers



To beautify the church and sanctuary and to honor the birth of Jesus you may donate a candle or flowers in memory of loved ones.



Place your donations in an envelope, include your name and the name of the person you are remembering and put in the collection basket at Mass or mail to:

St Matthew Parish Center
221 S. 28th Ave
Wausau, WI 54401

Thank You and May You have a Blessed Christmas Season!!!