



Saint Matthew Catholic Church

December 29, 2019

*The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

229 South 28th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401
715-842-3148

www.stmatthewausau.org



Holy Day of Obligation

“Mary, The Holy Mother of God”

Vigil Holy Day Mass - Tuesday, December, 31st - 5:30 pm

Holy Day Mass - Wednesday, January 1st - 9 am

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 HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,
for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20



Cherish & Proclaim the Family God's Masterpiece

By Chris Ruff, Director Ministries & Social Concerns

On this Feast of the Holy Family, I would like to recall a great champion of marriage and the family. I am talking about the late Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, who died on Sept. 6, 2017. He was the best teacher I ever had, and a man of great courage.

In 1981, Pope St John Paul II appointed then-Monsignor Caffarra president of his newly founded *Institute for Marriage and the Family* in Rome, where I would go on to study from 1986 to 1988. Msgr. Caffarra was brilliant, with a twinkle in his eye, a professor who loved his students and who taught with energy and enthusiasm. We were especially struck by his passion for the truth. He would remind us often: **"Our task is not to invent the truth, but to discover the truth and then venerate it."**

When it came to bearing witness to the truth, Cardinal Caffarra was a lion. In the spring of 2017, four months before he died, he gave a talk in which he identified **two truths that form the pillars of God's creation:**

- Every human person, from the moment of conception, is God's "dwelling place in creation", created in His image;
- God's design for marriage is the faithful covenant of one man with one woman, and God "celebrates the liturgy of His creative act in the holy temple of conjugal love", bringing new life into the world.

Cardinal Caffarra went on to say that the mission of Satan is to fabricate an "anti-creation", destroying these two pillars. He does so by proclaiming abortion not only permissible, but a fundamental human right, and by ennobling same-sex unions as equivalent to God's plan for marriage. Caffarra cited Jesus' words about Satan: "He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44).

Satan is a murderer, said Caffarra, especially in trying to kill the Truth in man's heart, in offering man an "alternative creation" in which he has the right to destroy the life of the innocent and to mock God's plan for man, woman and marriage.

Cardinal Caffarra went on to say that Satan is exerting his power over our world today in this ongoing destruction of the two pillars of God's creation, but in the end he will not triumph over Jesus, Who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." Caffarra recalled Jesus' words to Pilate when the governor asks Him if He is a king. "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. **Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice**" (John 18, 37).

At the conclusion of his talk, Cardinal Caffarra tells his audience that in the midst of the battle between the murderous lies of Satan and the life-giving Truth of Christ, we have only one option - to bear witness to the truth, even if we are persecuted for it. The alternative, says Caffarra is to be "like the soldier who flees from battle at the decisive moment. We are no longer witnesses, but deserters, if we do not speak openly and publicly."

In defending the splendor of the Truth, the sacred dignity and beauty of human life and God's plan for marriage, we must be ready to be disliked and denounced. Jesus told us to expect it: "If the world hates you, realize that it hated Me first" (John 15:18).

In this New Year, then, let us resolve to be courageous witnesses, testifying to the sanctity of human life and the truth and beauty of God's plan for marriage and the family. With God's help, motivated by love and recognizing that the devil and his lies are the enemy of love, let us stand up for God's Truth, bearing witness with our words and with the example of our lives.



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.



Are You Discerning a Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate?

If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, there will be a Diaconate Discernment Retreat on Saturday, April 4th.

The first step is to contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate. Email kray@dioc.org, or call 608.791.2665.

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.

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)

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Deadline Next Bulletin: 3 pm Monday



"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/>



Donations to Catholic Charities Needed

As 2019 comes to an end, Catholic Charities still needs your financial support. Won't you consider making a donation to help your neighbors in need?

In this giving season, please take a moment to thank God for everything He has given you out of His infinite Love. I'm certain that by opening our eyes and hearts we will see Christ in our brothers and sisters that need our help and offer our gifts to Christ who lives in them.

Our Mission at *Catholic Charities* is to help those in need, and we depend on your generous donation to carry forward "Christ's Gospel of Life and promote human dignity by alleviating poverty and strengthening individuals and families."

So far this year, with your support, Catholic Charities has finalized 52 adoptions, offered a warm place to stay to over 1100 homeless individuals, and provided almost \$420,000 in financial assistance with basic human needs across our diocese. We continue to offer help with pregnancy support, post adoption resources, and disaster recovery. We are here to serve!

Won't you please support us! Visit give online at cclse.org or call 888-212-4357 to make an end of the year, tax-deductible donation. Donations can also be mailed directly to Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 266, La Crosse, WI 54602-0266.

All of us who work at *Catholic Charities* wish you a Happy New Year, and we sincerely thank you for your generosity and support of our Mission.

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/>

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 For information or to register for the program, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/>

Fully confidential!

for eating, shopping, or filling your tank

Order Scrip Gift Cards!

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!

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack
February 21-22, 2020
Stevens Point

Through a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event at the Stevens Point Airport, Noel Hangar, on February 21-22, 2020, our community will provide 108,000 nutritious meals for God's starving children around the world. We invite you to join us! We need 545 volunteers to pack meals and help raise \$26,000 for this MobilePack event. Adults and children 5 years and older will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. Volunteer registration will open online in January. Event Coordinator Michelle Shulfer: 715-346-2780, mshulfer@uwsp.edu.

"Plugged In"

Wonder if a TV show or movie is family friendly? *Plugged In* reviews movies, videos, music, TV and games from a Christian perspective. Their website can be accessed in both English and Spanish. It rates today's entertainment and helps families make better entertainment choices. *Plugged In* is affiliated with Focus on the Family. Check out: www.pluggedin.com



This Week at Saint Matthew

Sunday, December 29

RCIA - Rectory: 6:30 pm

Monday, December 30

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

Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

Parish Center Offices Closed

5:30 pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation: "Mary, Mother of God"

Wednesday, January 1 - Holy Day of Obligation: "Mary, Mother of God"

9:00 am Mass for Holy Day of Obligation: "Mary, Mother of God"

Parish Center Offices Closed
No Eucharistic Adoration Today
No Religious Education Classes



Thursday, January 2

Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Meeting - Church, Emily's Rm: 6:00-7:30 pm

Sunday, January 5

RCIA - Rectory: 6:30 pm

"Joy" Diocesan Annual Appeal 2019-2020

Target: \$71,505



Not too late to reply to your pledge for the 2019-2020 Annual Appeal. A good resolution for the New Year. Give back to God for all His abundant blessings. We are \$6,832.00 (under) our target of \$71,505. A ways to go, but we've done it before and we can do it again. Our St Matthew family is "the best!" May the grace of God be yours. Thank you!



Thank you for generously supporting Saint Matthew Parish!

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly\$9,612.00

Stewardship Last Weekend.....To Be Announced



Mass Intentions

December 30, 2019 - January 5, 2020

Monday 8:00 am - †Jerry Kitzrow

Tuesday 12:05 pm - Intention of John Sorges

Vigil Mass - Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday 5:30 pm - †Chris Seubert & †Sharon Seubert

Mass - Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday 9:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

Thursday 8:00 am - †Jean Wisnewski

Friday 8:00 am - †Verna Behrendt

Saturday 8:00 am - †Carol (Dennee) Davidson

4:30 pm - †Mr. Lou Przesmicki

Sunday 8:00 am - †Carole Schurter

10:00 am - †Louis Kraus, Sr.

12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners



This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31 - Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

Weds, Jan 1 - Mary, Holy Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thurs, Jan 2 - St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen,

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28 Bishops/Doctors of Church

Friday, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday, January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42

Sunday, January 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



| Holy Day - Liturgical Ministers | | <p>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION JANUARY 1</p> <p>Mary, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</p> <p>THE EPIPHANY OF THE Lord</p> | Weekend - Liturgical Ministers | | |
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| Tuesday-Vigil Mass December 31 5:30 pm | Wednesday-Holy Day January 1 9:00 am | | Saturday January 4 4:30 pm | Sunday January 5 8:00 am | Sunday January 5 10:00 am |
| Lectors | | | Lectors | | |
| E Schumann | Mike Jilek | | E Schumann | Ron Lawrence Jim Low | Lee Peek |
| Eucharistic Ministers | | | Eucharistic Ministers | | |
| E Schumann S Crow J Low S Low C Bush K TEETERS* A SEUBERT* | M Jilek G Koy K Tierney M Beattie S Peterson G DEDERICH* J PEDERSON* | | D Baxter E Schumann M Beattie F Heil L Heil M BOURGUIGNON* N FELTY* | S Crow R Lawrence J Zernicke D Lepak S Lepak J LOW* S LOW* | P McDonald L Sanders K Tierney V Tierney J Witzeling P SLIWICKI* K SLIWICKI* |
| Ushers and Greeters | | | Ushers and Greeters | | |
| Don Baur Mary Baur Al Butalla | Dave Mosure Joy Mosure Steve Ostrowski | | D Mayer M Baxter Jay Rolefson | Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil Jody Babl | G Tapper D Whipple Justen Willemon |
| Servers | | | Servers | | |
| Alexis Barber | The Straub's | | The Hynes' | A Schmitt Kelly Huebsch | A Peek M Peek |
| Musicians | | Musicians | | | |
| Gordon Crow D Giallombardo | Jim Washebek Annette Southworth | Lynn Meyer Annette Southworth | Gordon Crow Sara Schmitt | N Losinski Dorothy G./Choir | |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) | | | Melissa Willemon | | |



Father Bob
Father Peter
and the Staff
at St Matthew Parish
Wish you
God's Blessings in the
New Year!



Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

December 29th is the Feast of the Holy Family

It is the day when families celebrate their ability to imitate the Holy Family (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) who showed us how to create a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect and faithfulness exist.

What will your family do to celebrate your feast day?

On the *Feast of the Holy Family*, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement.

They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God.

Happy New Year from Helping Hands



Thank you, dear parishioners for the wonderful support in the November Helping Hands church envelope.

Volunteers will be leaving for Kenya on January 6th and returning on February 4th. While there we will be working to improve the

lives of as many families as our funds will allow.

We will also be working with the Maasai tribe to expand their school through classroom 6. When we first started to help them with their school, they had 1 room with all grades in it. Our hope is to build classroom 7 and 8 during the 2020 trip to complete the primary school. There currently are 145 students.

Another project we have started with the Maasai tribe is the *Family to Family Program*. A family in the USA sponsors a Maasai family for one year to help support them with everyday living needs. The cost is \$30.00 per month, or \$360.00 for the year.

If you would like to sponsor a family for 2020, please contact [Tom](mailto:TomRoovers@helpinghands.org) or [Mary Pat Roovers](mailto:MaryPatRoovers@helpinghands.org) (715) 842-4270.

The Helping Hands volunteers have been busy getting the new storage/packing building organized. It is a large building (34'x180'), but it didn't take long for it to be brimming with items. The plan is to load and ship a 40' container to Kenya by the end of December, as well as a truck load of items for the *Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor* in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

A volunteer trip is planned for Jamaica from February 25th to March 12th. If you would be interested in this trip, please contact [Tom](mailto:TomRoovers@helpinghands.org) or [Mary Pat Roovers](mailto:MaryPatRoovers@helpinghands.org) (715) 842-4270 or tgroover@att.net.

Please keep all Helping Hands volunteers and supporters in your prayers.

Wishing each and all a Very Blessed New Year!



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. The \$6 cost will include participation in the webinar, numerous downloadable resources and access to the post webinar recording.

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 Daughters of the Americas, Court St Rose will meet Thursday, January 2nd 1:00 pm at St Therese Church.



Members may return sales of Wisconsin State Raffle tickets. Lynn Barr will demonstrate making cards.



FINAL WEEK TO BUY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKETS

Our Parish fundraiser is winding down. Only another week left to buy tickets.

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.

Calendar Raffle Ticket Update
887 SOLD with 613 To SELL

Only 1 weekend left to buy tickets!

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

Any questions, call Sheila at 715-848-1106 or Barb at the Parish Ed Center.

Proceeds from the Calendar Raffle Fundraiser will be used towards expenses of St. Matthew Parish.