

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

January 26, 2020

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time “Sunday of the Word of God”

“Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Mt 4:19



Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Weekends

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am

10:00 am

Español-Spanish:

12:00 noon

Weekdays

Monday: 8:00 am

Tuesday: 12:05 pm

Weds thru Sat: 8:00 am

Websites

Diocese of La Crosse:

www.dioc.org

St Matthew Parish:

www.stmatthewausau.org

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: 9 am - 12 noon



Pope Francis Institutes Day to Promote Knowledge and Love of Scripture

BY HANNAH BROCKHAUS

Vatican City, Sep 30, 2019

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Pope Francis Monday declared the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be the “Sunday of the Word of God”** in order to promote a closer relationship with holy scripture and its dissemination in the world. “A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord,” the pope wrote in an apostolic letter Sept 30. “For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness.” He said **“the Bible is not a collection of history books or a chronicle, but is aimed entirely at the integral salvation of the person.”**

Pope Francis instituted the special day for celebrating the *Word of God* in the Church with the promulgation *motu proprio* of the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*, published Sept 30, 2019, the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome’s death and his feast day. The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the Roman calendar, typically falls around the end of January.

In *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis said Catholics should keep in mind God’s teaching in the Book of Revelation: that the Lord is standing at the door and knocking. “Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear His voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then He will enter our lives and remain ever with us,” he said.

“The Bible,” he noted, “cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words. The Bible is the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people,” he stated. The pope also explained that there is an ecumenical value to the celebration of *Sunday of the Word of God*, since “the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.”

Each community can decide how to mark the *Sunday of the Word of God*, but it is important, he said, that sacred scripture be “enthroned.” He said one example of how to do this would be to highlight the “proclamation of the word of the Lord and to emphasize in the homily the honor that it is due.” Other examples he gave were for pastors to give out Bibles or a book of the Bible to encourage daily prayer with sacred scripture, such as *lectio divina*, or for bishops to celebrate the Rite of Installation of Lectors that day. He added that this is a good opportunity for parishes to renew their efforts to train lectors to be “genuine proclaimers of the word.”

Francis spoke about the role of pastors, who, he said, have the responsibility of explaining sacred scripture and helping their parishioners understand it, especially through the homily, which possesses, as it says in *Evangelii Gaudium*, “a quasi-sacramental character. Helping people to enter more deeply into the word of God through simple and suitable language,” he emphasized, “is a pastoral opportunity that should not be wasted!” For many Catholics, Francis said, this may be the only time they encounter the beauty of God’s word and see it applied to their lives, therefore the homily must be prepared carefully and with sufficient time: “A commentary on the sacred readings cannot be improvised.” He also advised against “long, pedantic homilies,” or wandering into unrelated topics: “When we take time to pray and meditate on the sacred text, we can speak from the heart and thus reach the hearts of those who hear us, conveying what is essential and capable of bearing fruit.”

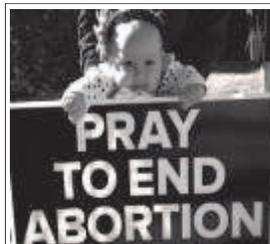
Catechists should also renew themselves and their ministry through personal study of sacred scripture, he added. The pope referenced at length the Second Vatican Council dogmatic constitution *Dei Verbum*. “The Constitution clearly expounds the nature of sacred Scripture, its transmission from generation to generation, its divine inspiration, embracing the Old & New Testaments, and the importance of Scripture for the life of the Church.”

Francis also noted Benedict XVI’s convocation, in 2008, of a synod of bishops on “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church,” and the pope emeritus’ apostolic exhortation *Verbum Domini*, “whose teaching remains fundamental for our communities.” *Verbum Domini* “emphasizes the Scriptures’ saving purpose, spiritual dimension and inherent incarnational principle,” he said. *Dei Verbum* says “we frequently risk separating sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition, without understanding that together they are the one source of Revelation,” Pope Francis commented.

“The written character of the former takes nothing away from its being fully a living word; in the same way, the Church’s living Tradition, which continually hands that word down over the centuries from one generation to the next, possesses that sacred book as the ‘supreme rule of her faith,’ ” he said.



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on the weekend of February 1st - 2nd. Please pray for all those in consecrated life, and for many more persons to answer **God’s call to this vocation.**



Recalling *Roe vs. Wade* January is the month of Pro-Life Prayer, Action and Penance For timely events, news, links and action items, visit the Diocesan Respect Life website at diolc.org/respect-life.



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 is due no later than January 31, 2020. For a copy of the itinerary & more details, contact Fr Janusz Kowalski via:

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



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 am snack & 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.



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.

"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/>



A Life of Simplicity

More and more today we are challenged to learn the value in simplicity. Magazines and books, TV, motivational speakers and social media are devoted to strategies in simplifying our family lives, our homes, our "stuff." At St Vincent de Paul, Vincentians

practice the virtue of simplicity through the grace of the home visit to our neighbors in need. In being open, honest and authentic, home visitors find their own hearts being filled with compassion and tender love for the poor of God. Face to face, Vincentians learn simple reverence for the poor, which leads to a love that is open to the faces of poverty and humility. For more information, please call 715-848-1046.



SPIRITUS is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 yrs of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats & parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community & travel to parishes & schools in Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance & a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. A unique opportunity to serve our Lord & help young Catholics grow in faith. For more information: www.spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113.

2020 Census - An Opportunity to be a Part of History



Census day is April 1, 2020. The Census determines the number of seats each state gets in the House of Representatives. On a local level, it sets the allocation of federal dollars flowing back into your community for roads, hospitals, schools and other federally funded organizations.

The Census Bureau is offering an opportunity to those who want to help their community and get paid for doing it. People of all ages (18+ when work starts) are eligible. Temporary employment with paid training, mileage reimbursement and weekly pay (\$19/hr). Work starts late Spring and extends into July. Flexible hours, you choose when and how much you want to work.

Applications are being taken now. Follow-up phone interviews will occur. For more information or to apply online visit:

www.2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020

Safe Haven Sunday – Year II

In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. To help you combat the pervasiveness of pornography, we will be recognizing Safe Haven Sunday on (February 23 or March 1). We all must respond by defending the dignity of each and every person and if needed, to heal ourselves from exposure to its snares. A thorough collection of resources for parents, pastors and parishes is available at: diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/

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
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DRE & Hispanic RE - Joy Orozco
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Deadline Next Bulletin:
3 pm Monday



Thank you for generously supporting Saint Matthew Parish!

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly\$9,612.00
Stewardship Last Weekend.....\$12,799.97
3rd Sunday Collection.....\$2,137.00
SCRIP Last Weekend.....\$2,715.00

Calendar Raffle Winners:
January 13: Brian Krause (Ticket # 702)
January 20: Colleen Knott (Ticket # 777)

"Joy" Diocesan Annual Appeal 2019-2020 Target: \$71,505



Parishioners, we are on the right track and picking up speed! Way to go! **Let's start the new year on the right foot**, by filling out your pledge card to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, if not already done so, and be a participating member of St Matthew Parish. Half of our parishioners have done their part and now we are waiting on the other half. Out of a census of approximately 650, only 280 parishioners have made a pledge. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Buy SCRIP Gift Cards after weekend Masses in Angelorum.



During the week, buy SCRIP at the Parish Center: 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 Best Buy, Walmart, Kwik Trip, 2510 Restaurant, Applebee's, County Market, Holiday Gas, etc.

Thank you for helping the parish & buying SCRIP!



The Word Among Us

"The Word Among Us" is a monthly booklet containing all of the daily Mass readings and insightful meditations. If you are interested in ordering a subscription through St Matthew Parish, starting with the Lent (Feb 26th) issue through December 2020, you will receive a substantial discounted price of \$12. You will be able to pick up these books in church, which will be labeled with your name.

Deadline for ordering is January 27th. Call the parish office at 842-3148 or Judy Pederson at 675-9215. Payment may be deposited in the weekly collection.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas' Salad Luncheon

Saturday, February 15th at St Michael's - Krasowski Hall
11:00 am until 1:00 pm \$9.00 Adults \$4.00 under 12



Also Raffle and Bake Sale
Raffle Drawing: March 5th

Proceeds used for Scholarships and Charitable Projects



Wausau West Side "Circle of Joy" Looking for Calendars
If anyone has 2020 calendars for which you have no use we are collecting them for area nursing homes and other housing facilities for elderly & disabled. Through the month of February, put them into the "blue tubs" used for food donations. The larger the calendar the better.

Thank you very much!



This Week at Saint Matthew

Monday, January 27 - Catholic Schools Week

Spanish Catechism Class - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - Rectory: 6:15 pm

Tuesday, January 28

Gospel of Matthew Study-Church-Emily's Rm: 10:30 am-Noon & 6:30-8 pm

Wednesday, January 29

That Man Is You! - Parish Center Patio Room: 6 am
Peacemaker Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm
Religious Education Classes - Holy Name School: 6:15 - 7:30 pm
Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 30

Mass with Bishop Callahan at Newman High School: 9:30 am
Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 2

RCIA - Rectory: 6:30 pm

Prayer at St Matthew Church

Vespers - Evening Prayer: Wednesdays - 5 pm

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Wednesdays - after 8 am Mass until 5 pm (Benediction at 4:50 pm)
1st Fridays - Benediction after 8 am Mass

Pray the Rosary

Daily before Mass & Wednesdays at 4:30 pm
Mon, Weds, Friday - with Prayer for Priests

Celebration of Sacraments

Confession

Saturday: 11 am - 12 noon or by Appointment

Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Class must be attended by the parents and the 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, March 9th at 6:30 pm in Church: Emily's 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.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with Fr Bob.

Anointing of the Sick

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.

In Need of Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you when you need extra prayer. Call Bonnie at 715-675-9876.

* You may also call the Parish Center at 715-842-3148



Mass Intentions

January 27 - February 2, 2020



Pray for Us

Monday 8:00 am - Maureen Kieffer
Tuesday 12:05 pm - †Mr. Lou Przesmicki
Wednesday 8:00 am - †Alice & †Kathie (Dennie) Barten
Thursday 8:00 am - Jim & Kay Washebek & Family
Friday 8:00 am - †H Barbara Schmoeckel
Saturday 8:00 am - Kay Washebek & Family
4:30 pm - †Ron Hinker
Sunday 8:00 am - †Albert Dullinger
10:00 am - †Lyle Aschebrook & daughter, †Denise
12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, January 27 - Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 28 - St Thomas Aquinas, Priest/Doctor of Church

2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19/Ps 24/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132/Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 31 - Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17/Ps 51/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, February 1

2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Ps 51/Mk 4:35-41

Sun, Feb 2 - Presentation of the Lord: World Day-Consecrated Life

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40



Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday February 1 4:30 pm	Sunday February 2 8:00 am	Sunday February 2 10:00 am
Lectors		
M Beattie Norm Howe	Patty Thomson	Pat Loy Bernie Dohr
Eucharistic Ministers		
M Beattie K Teeters D Baxter J Woelfle M Bourguignon J ALEXEJUN* N FELTY*	J Peterson G Dederich D Janssen C Janssen G Koy W THOMSON* P THOMSON*	P Loy K Miilu L Sanders P Sliwicki K Sliwicki P McDONALD* M NICHOLS*
Ushers and Greeters		
Dave Burish Marie Burish John Bocke	N Schmitt J Stubbe Al Seubert	G Tapper D Whipple Justen Willemon
Servers		
A Peek M Peek	A Schmitt Joey Huebsch	The Hynes'
Musicians		
Ellen Schumann Annette Southworth	Gordon Crow Sara Schmitt	N Losinski Dorothy G/Choir
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)		Melissa Willemon

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:



James "Jim" Nowack

He died January 9, 2020
He is the Brother-in-Law of
Lyn and Don Hieronimus

Felix D'Souza

He died January 17, 2020
He is the Father of Audrey (Dave) Kast

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

Scout Sunday

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts, Scout leaders,
current and former, and families are invited.
Scouts in attendance will receive a patch.

10 am Mass on Sunday, February 9th
St. Matthew Parish

Please wear your uniforms.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Saturday, February 8th at 10 am - St Matthew Angelorum
"Blessed is She Brunch"



We'd love all ladies of the parish to attend
and bring a friend.

**We'll have the coffee, bring a brunch item to
share.** Come meet new friends, munch yummy
brunch, and explore what God has new for you in
2020! RSVP to Natasha at 715-321-4565.

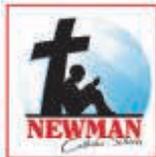


Dear Parishes Surrounding the Newman Community,

On behalf of the Newman students and families
during Catholic Schools' Week, I'd like to thank all of
the Wausau area parishes and their members for
**their many contributions to our Catholic education. Whether it's been
through educational support, monetary donations, prayers, or providing
Masses during the week, you've been a positive example for us. You
have shown us the kind of generous and caring people we strive to be,
now and in the future. Our Catholic education has been so vital in
shaping us to be the people we are today and has taught us valuable,
lifelong lessons that will help us to be good citizens, students, siblings,
disciples of Christ, and future leaders. Your parish support has enabled
us to continue to be part of a faith-centered environment with
innumerable benefits and advantages. Thank you from the bottom of our
hearts for the continual blessings you provide us with.**

Sincerest thanks and gratitude,

Julia Seidel
Newman Catholic Senior Class
Student Council President



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- E-mail: mkjilek@charter.net
- Call 715-355-2179, 715-843-5530, or 715-848-6120

PICK UP FRESH PUNCZKAS:

- **At St Matthew's School Gym**
- Saturday, February 22, 5:15 - 6:00 pm OR
- Sunday, February 23, 9:00 - Noon

PUNCZKA PROFITS BENEFIT:

- Buildings & Grounds Expenses, Deacons & Seminarians
- Mass Intentions, Holly Hall, Jubilee House, Helping Hands
- Circle of Joy, Wausau Warming Center, Habitat for Humanity

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Central Wisconsin

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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!



Fresh Egg Roll Sale February 2nd

Mary Mother of Good Help Parish

(Egg Roll Pick Up at St Anne's South Hall, 700 W Bridge St)

Preorder by Weds, Jan 29th

Pickup on Sun, Feb 2nd: 8 am - 2 pm

Walk-in's welcome but quantities may be limited and Veggie Eggrolls
& 32 oz bottles of Sweet Sauce are available as preorder item only.

- Cost: \$1.25/eggroll - Pork or Veggie Eggrolls - Complimentary Sweet Sauce
Order Forms available online: www.marymotherofgoodhelp.org

Contact: Xai Chang: 715-302-4448, Panyaia Thao: 715-370-6942,

Email: wau1116@gmail.com