

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

February 9, 2020

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Marriage Day

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” Mt 5:14



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.dioclc.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



How God Guides Us Relationship comes first!

By Ann Lankford, Office for Catechesis & Evangelization and Carol Lankford, consecrated virgin & spiritual director

Our high school students in the Diocese have been telling us through surveys and interviews over the last several years that they want to know how God guides them in everyday life. This is radically important for them, and for each one of us.

It is essential to know that God truly *desires* to lead us. We can be sure of this because God has revealed to us in the Scriptures that He will guide us in all things. Here are some Bible passages that point to this fact:

- "He guides me in right paths for His name's sake" (Psalm 23: 3).
- "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).
- "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths known" (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you" (James 1:5).
- "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9).

God offers us guidance in different ways. However, there is something that is foundational to our receiving it. The key is our relationship with God, knowing the Guide Himself. *Each of us must come to understand, through a special grace given by God, that we are loved deeply and uniquely by Him. Saint John says: "We love because God first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Whether we were blessed to realize this early in life, or whether we come to understand it later on, it profoundly affects a person to realize that I'm in this world because I'm loved – that I've been known and loved from all eternity –that I've been given life at a certain time, in a certain place and within a certain set of circumstances. I've also been given the choice to follow the Lord or reject Him.*

In order to receive this grace of a deeper experience of God's personal love, we need to ask for it. Our Lord will answer this prayer, and we need never stop asking for more of it - for more of Him. *When we know the truth of how much God loves us and that He wants to guide us, everything changes: we become more peaceful, confident and trusting.* As we grow in our relationship with Jesus, we become more aware of His guidance. And, as we follow His guidance, we will grow deeper in our trust and relationship with Him.

Guidance is a gift from God and our part is to dispose ourselves to receive it. The proper disposition involves being open, available and entails looking for and being ready to receive the gift of guidance when God gives it.

God desires what is best for us, even better than what we want for ourselves, or that anyone else wants for us. Based on this trust, we want to make ourselves available to what God desires. Even when this includes a certain amount of difficulty or suffering, God's guidance is always accompanied by a peace and joy deep down in our heart. He promised us that everything will work out together for good, in the end. (See Romans 8:28). If you would like to read two modern-day true stories of God's very real and practical guidance, they can be accessed at diolc.org/deeper, then click on Stories for Bulletin Insert 1.

How does one go about seeking guidance from God? How do we begin to learn to listen for God's guidance? How can we tell if we're just "talking to ourselves" or if we're listening to God? These questions will be answered in a series of bulletin inserts to follow, which will provide specific principles for understanding how God guides us and how to practice making personal application in our everyday life. There is nothing more exciting than knowing that God has a special path for us and that we can come to know the peace and joy that comes in following this adventure with Him!

National Marriage Week February 7-14

This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. All married couples are encouraged to spend a little time on a 7-day virtual retreat titled "Stories from the Domestic Church." This and other valuable resources are available for couples, pastors, and parishes at

www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/



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!



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.




Teaching the Way of Love

How Do We End Bullying and Develop Right Relationships?

On February 10th at 8 pm, Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen will hold a live webinar discussion on the topic of *Bullying and Right Relationships*. Register today to be part of this vital discussion.

Go to: www.twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar The cost is \$6 for the single session or \$25 for the full series. This webinar is part of the Necessary Conversations series which addresses important and pressing issues affecting the family in today's culture. For more information visit the TWL website at www.twl4parents.com



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@diolc.org, or call 608.791.2665.

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Thank you for generously supporting Saint Matthew Parish!

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly\$9,612.00
 Stewardship Last Weekend.....\$10,725.40
 Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development.....\$733.00
 SCRIP Last Weekend.....\$2,235.00

Calendar Raffle Winners:
February 3rd: Kathy Borchardt (Ticket #1201)

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



A gift from God is a giving heart! He is not asking much but only to do His work on earth. Helping our fellow man is doing just that.

Thank you for your generous heart towards the Diocesan Annual Appeal!



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.



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!

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 at St Therese Hall
Proceeds used for Scholarships and Charitable Projects



Vote in the Judicial Primary Tuesday, February 18



Three candidates are running in the February 18 primary for Wisconsin Supreme Court. You can learn their judicial philosophy at a number of sites, including www.ballotpedia.org and www.wifamilycouncil.org. For general

information on voting, visit www.wisconsinvote.org.

The courts have a vitally important role in our government. Be sure to exercise your right and responsibility to vote.



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.

St Matthew Parish is in need of individuals to cover Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays between 9 am and 5 pm. If you are able to spend an hour with Jesus, please call the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

Thank You!

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

Additional Events

- ❑ February 9, Sunday: 2 pm - **“Meeting of St James Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans”** St Michael Church (Krasowski Hall, Wausau) For more information call Lora: 715-845-8927. Guests are welcome.
- ❑ February 15, Sat: 2-5:30 pm & February 16, Sun: 8:30-11 am - **“Soup, Noodle and Bake Sale”** St Ladislaus Church Basement (173141 State Hwy 153, Hatley; 715-446-3060)
- ❑ February 20, Thursday: 2:30-7 pm - **“Knights for Life - Blood for Life”** St Agnes Abts Hall, Weston 715-359-5675 The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive. The Blood Bank’s levels are low and are in need of blood for our community.
- ❑ February 23, Sunday: 11 am-1 pm - **“Kapusta-Kielbasa, Golabki, Meatballs & Potato Dumpling Dinner”** Holy Family-St William Catholic Church (202 N Ellms St, Wittenberg) All you can eat! Adults: \$10, 6-12 yrs: \$5, 5 & under: Free Mass at 10 am
- ❑ March 5, Thursday: 7 pm - **“Passion - Music Concert”** Zion Lutheran Church (709 N 6th St, Wausau 715-848-7286) presented by nationally recognized University of South Dakota Chamber Singers
- ❑ March 7, Sat: 4 - 7 pm - **“Spaghetti Dinner”** Sacred Heart School (7375 Church St, Custer: 715-592-4221) \$8: 13 yrs and above, \$5: 6-12 yrs, Free: less than 6 yrs. All you can eat spaghetti!
- ❑ March 8, Sunday: 9:30 am - 3 pm - **“Pro-Life Chili Dinner & Raffle”** Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish-Cassel (222761 County Rd. S, Marathon) 715-301-5001 All you can eat! Adults: \$7, 6-12 yrs: \$3, 5 and under: Free Desserts available for extra cost.
- ❑ March 8, Sunday: Noon - **“BINGO”** St Adalbert Catholic School (3305 St Adalbert Rd, Rosholt, WI) Over \$600 in cash prizes. Concessions available. Bring a new baby item to donate & be entered in raffle to win \$20 gas card.
- ❑ March 8, Sunday: 8 am - 12 noon - **“Bevent Lions Porkie & Pancake Breakfast”** St Ladislaus Church Hall (173141 State Hwy 153, Hatley) 715-446-3060 \$8: 12 yrs and older, \$4: 6-12 yrs, under 6 yrs: Free
- ❑ March 14, Saturday: 5 pm - **“Holy Temptations Feast Night”** St Florian Church Basement (500 Church Lane – along Hwy 29, Hatley) Tickets: \$15 in Advance, \$20 at the Door Mass at 4 pm

This Week at Saint Matthew

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

Gospel of Matthew Study-Church **Emily's Rm: 10:30 am**-Noon & 6:30-8 pm
 Family Life Committee Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 12

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, February 13 - Feast Day of Blessed James Miller

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

Saturday, February 15

Pizza Party - School Cafeteria/Gym: 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 16

Parish Breakfast - School Cafeteria: 9 - 11 am
 Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass
 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.

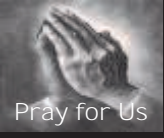
In Need of Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you when you need extra prayer. Call Bonnie at 715-675-9876.

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




Mass Intentions

February 10 - 16, 2020



Pray for Us

Monday	8:00 am	†Ronald Christian
Tuesday	12:05 pm	†John Bauer
Wednesday	8:00 am	†John "Jack" Ludkey
Thursday	8:00 am	Jim & Kay Washebek Family
Friday	8:00 am	†Mr. Lou Przesmicki
Saturday	8:00 am	Ralph Murkowski
	4:30 pm	†Mary Alexejun
Sunday	8:00 am	†John "Jack" Ludkey
	10:00 am	†Ellen Dennee
	12 noon	St Matthew Parishioners



This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, February 10 - Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 12

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 13 - Feast Day of Blessed James Miller

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106/Mk 7:24-30

Fri, Feb 14 - **St Cyril, Monk; St Methodius, Bishop; St Valentine's Day**

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 15

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 16 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37



Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday February 15 4:30 pm	Sunday February 16 8:00 am	Sunday February 16 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Theresa Stubbe Tom Roovers	Joel Hynes
Eucharistic Ministers		
J Alexejun G Piaszak J Woelfle C Vircks J Bocke D BURISH* K TEETERS*	T Roovers MP Roovers J Peterson S Peterson J Pritzl T HYNES* B HYNES*	K Tierney R Keen K Miilu M Nichols L Sanders B HOLL* J HOLL*
Ushers and Greeters		
K Chapman D Mayer Mike Lawrence	J Babi D Krause Tom Mullaley	B Charlier Sharon Charlier Tom Brzezinski
Servers		
Alexis Barber	A Schmitt	The Hynes'
Musicians		
Cindy Blair Annette Southworth	Marie Stubbe Sara Schmitt	N Losinski Dorothy G/Choir
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)		Melissa Willemon

Don't Miss St Matt's Men's Club

Post Super Bowl Punczka Production Day Party

Come Saturday, February 22nd
anytime between 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
to the School Cafeteria & Gym
and help us make our famous tasty "Punczka"

Come for an hour or as long as you want. You don't have to sign up.
Everyone is welcome young and old alike.

The Men's Club needs your help!

The more helpers the quicker the fun begins.
You'll have a Great Time! Great camaraderie!

"Free lunch, refreshments, and a whole lot of fun!"

No experience needed, the Men's Club will provide the instructions. Our trainers have over 20 years of experience!

Just bring an Apron and a Cap or Hat (hair restraint).

Men's Club provides everything else.

Don't Miss It, It Will Be a Great Time as Always!!



MENU

- Baked Eggs
- Hash Browns
- Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
- Fruit
- Coffee Cake
- Juice
- Coffee



Join us for our
Parish Breakfast
Sunday, February
16th
9 am - 11:30 am
School Cafeteria

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers: February 26 - April 8



Starting Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday during Lent, come to the School Cafeteria between 4:15 - 6:30 pm and enjoy our famous and delicious Soup Suppers! Meals include a variety of soups, sandwiches, salads, desserts, and a beverage!

Volunteers Needed

We will need help on Tuesdays to prepare soup starting about 1:30 pm and on **Wednesday's anytime between 3:00-6:30 pm.**

Sign up sheets in back of church or call: Faye (715-845-3302) or Ken (715-675-5568) for more information.

Soup Super Donations Needed:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Plastic Ice Cream Pails • Large & Small Plastic Containers (Cool Whip Bowls) • Noodles: Macaroni & Rotini • American Cheese Slices • Tuna • Mayo/Miracle Whip/Salad Dressing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Tomato Products • Chili & Kidney Beans • Crackers • Jello: Regular & Sugar Free • Coffee: Regular & Decaf • Desserts: Needed Every Wednesday |
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Bins are in the entrance to Church for your donations. Please drop off Desserts on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon in the school cafeteria. Thank You!

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:

Paul Schneider
He died January 4, 2020

He is the Husband of Florence Schneider
He is the Father of Gerald Schneider

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

That Man is You! February 12 - Week 16 - "The Prodigal Son"



- An Insulting Demand
- Isolated & Desperate Man
- Awakening of Grace
- A Radical Reunion
- Robed in Righteousness
- Never a Lost Cause
- From Legality to Freedom

St Matthew's Pizza Night!

Saturday, February 15th at 5:30 pm (or after 4:30 pm Mass)
at St Matthew School Cafeteria



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



Thank you for Freewill Offerings made to support this event.



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!



Today is "Coffee & Donuts Sunday"

After the 8 & 10 am Masses, join us in the Angelorum for fellowship, coffee, and delicious donuts!

Thank You from the Family Life Committee for



Official Beatification Portraits of Blessed James Miller Available

Fr Tom Lindner led a pilgrimage to Guatemala for the Dec 7, 2019 Beatification of Brother James Miller, the De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary who died a martyr on February 13, 1982, at the age of 37 as he was serving youth in Guatemala. Blessed James is a beloved son of our diocese, having been born and raised in Stevens Point. **Fr Lindner has available multiple 11"x17" copies of Blessed James' official beatification portrait, suitable for framing.** To request one, please contact Fr Lindner at St. Anne Parish in Wausau (715-849-3930).



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 (Feb 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. Resources for parents, pastors and parishes is available at: diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/