

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said,

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Lk 1:41-42





Christmas Mass Schedule

Holy Day of Obligation

Christmas Eve Mass Friday, December 24th

2:30 pm 4:30 pm 7:30 pm (Spanish) 10:00 pm

*Christmas Carols before 10 pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass Saturday, December 25th

8:00 am 10:00 am

"She will bear a son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." Mt 1:21

Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

**Mass live streamed on our website or YouTube

Weekends:

**Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am
Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

Weekdays:

**Monday, Wednesday - Saturday: 8 am

**Tuesday: 12:05 pm

Confessions This Week by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration 9 am - 5 pm Benediction at 4:50 pm

Monday in Emily's Room off Angelorum Wednesday in Church

NO Adoration Friday, Dec 24th

Internet Daily Mass: www.youtube.com
On YouTube, type in YouTube's search bar:
"Catholic Mass" and "St. Matthew Wausau" or
"La Crosse" or "EWTN" or "Relevant Radio" etc.

Televised Weekend Mass (La Crosse Diocese)

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Beautiful Quotes About the Celebration of Christmas

Pope Francis

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."

Mother Teresa

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."

Handel H. Brown

"To prepare our hearts for Christmas, we must cultivate the spirit of expectancy."

Corrie Ten Boom

"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."

Oren Arnold

"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."

Lysa TerKeurst

"Jesus is the answer to the problems placed on us and the problems found within us."

Max Lucado

"Christmas is best pondered, not with logic, but with imagination."

C. S. Lewis

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."

Charles Dickens

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself."

Max Lucado

"The story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us."

Karen Ehman

"If you want to bring yourself joy, then seek to give to others."

Mother Teresa

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you ... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

Suzie Eller

"Jesus exchanges our hurts for joy."

Max Lucado

"When Christ was born so was our hope."

John R. Rice

"You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father's face and tell Him you have received His Christmas gift."

C. S. Lewis

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."

Robert Flatt

"The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started the giving spree when He gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son."

Bill Crowder

"The great challenge left to us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season that has grown increasingly secular and commercial, and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas."

Pope Paul VI

"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice."

Robbie Robertson

"In a dream I heard a voice saying 'fear not, come rejoice.
It's the end of the beginning, praise the newborn King.""

Wilda English

"God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ."

David Jeremiah

"All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ."

Pope Francis

"Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace."

Hamilton Wright Mabie

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

Max Lucado

"Were it not for the shepherds, there would have been no reception.

And were it not for a group of stargazers, there would have been no gifts."

Fulton J. Sheen

"The simple shepherds heard the voice of an angel and found their lamb; the wise men saw the light of a star and found their wisdom."

Anonymous

"A little child, a shining star, a stable rude, the door ajar. Yet in that place, so crude, forlorn, the Hope of all the world was born."

Norman Vincent Peale

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

Gilbert K. Chesterton

"When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?"

Emily Matthews

"From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another. The warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other."

William Parks

"Christmas is not just a day, an event to be observed and speedily forgotten. It is a spirit which should permeate every part of our lives."

Alicia Bruxvoort

"The good news of great joy changed the course of every silent night to come."

Amy Grant

"Faith is salted and peppered through everything at Christmas. And I love at least one night by the Christmas tree to sing and feel the quiet holiness of that time that's set apart to celebrate love, friendship, and God's gift of the Christ child."

Helen Steiner Rice

"Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas everyday."

Rick Warren

"Peace with God, peace with others, and peace in your own heart."

Agnes M. Pharo

"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future."



Blessed Art Thou and Blessed is the Fruit of Thy Womb Jesus



I was deeply moved by the following sermon by Saint Anselm about the Blessed Virgin Mary. I listened and read in awe as I reflected on the incredible mystery of a God whose self-giving love and mercy inflames my heart with desire for Him and to be like Him.

From a Sermon by Saint Anselm, Bishop

Virgin Mary, all nature is blessed by you.

Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night everything that is subject to the power or use of man - rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace. All creatures were dead, as it were, useless for men or for the praise of God, who made them. The world, contrary to its true destiny, was corrupted and tainted by the acts of men who served idols. Now all creation has been restored to life and rejoices that it is controlled and given splendor by men who believe in God. The universe rejoices with new and indefinable loveliness. Not only does it feel the unseen presence of God Himself, its Creator, it sees Him openly, working and making it holy. These great blessings spring from the blessed fruit of Mary's womb.

Through the fullness of the grace that was given you, dead things rejoice in their freedom, and those in heaven are glad to be made new. Through the Son who was the glorious fruit of your virgin womb, just souls who died before His life-giving death rejoice as they are freed from captivity, and the angels are glad at the restoration of their shattered domain.

Lady, full and overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator Himself has been blessed by creation.

To Mary God gave His only-begotten Son, whom He loved as Himself. Through Mary God made Himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave Himself form through Mary, and thus He made His own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake His ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to Him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to Himself.

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Weekly Envelopes (December 5th)	\$5,891.00
Offertory	
Debt Reduction	\$355.00
All Saints Day	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$18.00
Christmas	\$120.00
November Scrip SalesTotal Sales: \$15,7	20.00Net Sales: \$754.66

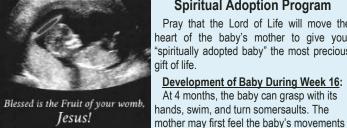
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- Mail (St Matthew Parish, 221 S 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401)
- Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer from your bank (to set up, contact Jerry at: 715-842-3148 or email: jerryg@stmatthewwausau.org).
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 - www.stmatthewwausau.org/donations (one-time donations)
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Retirement Fund for Religious Thanks You!

"Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us, says a Catholic sister regarding the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection!



Spiritual Adoption Program

Pray that the Lord of Life will move the heart of the baby's mother to give your 'spiritually adopted baby" the most precious aift of life.

Development of Baby During Week 16: At 4 months, the baby can grasp with its hands, swim, and turn somersaults. The

at this time. Bone marrow is beginning to form and the heart pumps 25 quarts of blood a day. Tooth enamel is forming. Bronchial tree in lungs is almost complete. The eyelashes are now present and rapid eye movements indicating dreaming can be recorded. The baby has hormonal stress response to invasive procedures. A very bright light shined on the mother's abdomen will cause the baby to slowly move its arms to cover its eyes. See www.babyolivia.com for more information.

Pray for the Dobbs case before the Supreme Court



Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health is a Supreme Court case that could affect the future of abortion in our country. The hearing began on December 1st and a ruling is expected in June 2022. Please

pray, fast, and offer sacrifices for our Supreme Court justices. John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Brett Kavanaugh, Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Stephen Breyer, that they will render a decision that protects the sanctity and dignity of the unborn from the moment of conception. Your prayers can make a difference.

For more information and resources, visit www.PrayforDobbs.com



This Week at Saint Matthew We Wish you a Merry Christmas!

Monday, December 20

Los Posadas - School Cafeteria: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, December 21

Los Posadas - School Cafeteria: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, December 22

Los Posadas - School Cafeteria: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Choir Practice - Emily's Room in Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 23

Los Posadas - School Cafeteria: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Parish Center Closed

NO Eucharistic Adoration Today

English Christmas Vigil Masses: 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, and 10 pm

Spanish Christmas Vigil Mass: 7:30 pm

Los Posadas - School Cafeteria: after 7:30 pm Mass

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 pm Mass

Saturday, December 25 - Merry Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation

May you have a Blessed Christmas Day! Christmas Mass: 8 am and 10 am

Sunday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 26 - Feast of the Holy Family

No RCIA Class





HELPING HANDS will be taking a group of volunteers to Kenya between January 12th and February 8th, with multiple date options and length of stay. If you would be interested in learning more about this experience contact **Tom or Mary Pat Roovers (715) 842-4270**

Bulletin Submission Deadlines Until January 2, 2022

If you have a bulletin announcement, please submit it by 2:00 pm according to the following holiday submission dates. Send announcements to: rosemarybulletin@stmatthewwausau.org

For Bulletin on: Deadline to Submit Announcements:

January 2nd - Wednesday, December 22nd

	Christma	s - Liturgical	Ministers		
Friday December 24 2:30 pm	Friday December 24 4:30 pm	Friday December 24 10:00 pm	Saturday December 25 8:00 am	Saturday December 25 10:00 am	
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Kay Washebek	Mary Holm	Mike Jilek	Peggy Bant	Pat Loy	
Ushers and Greeters					
John Bocke Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil	Dave Mayer Lee Peek Justen Willemon	Mike Lawrence Jay Rolefson Al Seubert	David Krause Steve Ostrowski Pat Ruesch	Tom Brzezinski Kevin Ellenbecker Randy Krueger	
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Jim Washebek	Todd McDonald Annette S.	Gaudete Choir	Cindy Blair Dorothy G.	Gordon Crow Sara Schmitt	



Mass Intentions December 20 - 26, 2021



Monday 8:00 am - †John Bauer

Tuesday12:05 pm - †Genny Behrendt

Kevin Kaiser

Wednesday 8:00 am - †Lorry, †Leesa & †Ted Dederich

Thursday 8:00 am - †Norman Chapman

†Joe Wiesman

Friday 8:00 am - Living & †Deceased Butzen & Beever Families

Christmas Eve – Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 2:30 pm - †Intentions of the Prinz Family

4:30 pm - †Edith Walters

Spanish 7:30 pm - †William and Margaret Butzen

10:00 pm - †Don Southworth

St Matthew Parishioners and Families

Christmas Day – Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday 8:00 am - †Mike Mosure

10:00 am - Living & †Deceased

Karlen & Hieronimus Families

Saturday 4:30 pm - †Deceased Members of Dennee Family Sunday 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners and Families

†William Butzen

10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners and Families

Spanish 12 noon - †Cipriano Pintor

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, December 20

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 21 - St Peter Canisius, Priest/Doctor of Church

Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday, December 23 - Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Sunday, December 26 - The Holy Family

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84/1 Jn 3:.1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers					
Saturday December 25 4:30 pm	Sunday December 26 8:00 am	Sunday December 26 10:00 am			
Lectors					
Jeanne Alexejun	Jim Low	Joel Hynes			
Ushers and Greeters					
Tom Mullaley Jay Rolefson Al Seubert	Jody Babl Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil	Kevin Malovrh Jack Reeves Nic Schmitt			
Musicians					
Ellen Schumann Dorothy Giallombardo	Carla MacDonald Annette Southworth	Gordon Crow Sara Schmitt			
Children's Liturgy of the	Kim				



Wishing you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.

We wish you a joyous Christmas and blessings in the coming New Year!

Father Bob, Father Juan Pedro and the Staff at St Matthew Parish

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 4, 2021

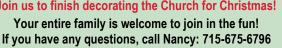
Amelia Christine Christiansen

Daughter of Lucas and Diana

Congratulations!

May Jesus be your dearest companion!

Final Christmas Decorating
Sunday, December 19th at 1:15 pm
Join us to finish decorating the Church for Christmas!





St Matthew's Family Christmas Tree



All families are invited to put one or more ornaments on the tree in the Angelorum with the sign:

"Family Christmas Tree".

Please bring non-breakable ornaments which can be bought or homemade!

This Christmas Shop at amazonsmile "AmazonSmile" You shop. Amazon gives St. Matthew Parish will get a 'donation gift" from AmazonSmile no extra cost to you. To sign up go to: www.smile.amazon.com In the search bar for choosing your 'charitable organization" type: St. Matthew Parish Wausau Then choose "St. Matthew Parish" as your charitable organization. AmazonSmile has the same products as Amazon. Merry Christmas Shopping!

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:



Marcie Will

She died Monday - November 29, 2021
She is the Sister of John (Dianne) Obermeyer

Sandra Demaster
She died Friday - December 10, 2021
She is the Mother of Noel Panske

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



The Story of the Nativity The Truth of Christmas

The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. This fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away

Widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin will be cleared away by top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the birth of Jesus. The *Story of the Nativity* includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story took place.

This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.

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- **1.** Go to: **www.formed.org/signup** and under "Create a New Account" to find your Parish or Organization type in the zip code "**54401**"
- 2. Click on "St. Matthew Parish", then click on "Next"
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