

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

June 19, 2022 - Happy Father's Day!

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes.
You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him,
but also to be your food and nourishment." *Saint John Chrysostom*



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

**Saturday: 11:00 am - 12 noon
or by Appointment**

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday

9 am - 2 pm (in Emily's Room)

2 pm - 5 pm (in Church)

Wednesday & Friday

9 am - 5 pm (in Church)

Benediction at 4:50 pm

Diocese Weekend Mass on TV in Wausau

6 pm Saturday & 9 am Sunday:

Public Access Channel 980

6:30 am Sunday:

Cable/Satellite Channel 12

Parish Center Office - Oficina

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)

221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

Office Hours - Oficina Horas

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm

Friday: closed through Labor Day

Website: www.stmatthewwausau.org

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today we observe the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches *is the source and summit of our Christian faith*. “For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself.” (CCC paragraph 1324)

The very word, Eucharist, means “*thanksgiving*” or “*gratitude*” and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God’s blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because ***it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.***

Today’s second reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ’s words at the very first Eucharistic celebration.



“The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after He had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘*This is My body that is for you.*’” In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can (in our own imperfect way) follow our Lord’s example by giving generously of ourselves to others. Our Gospel reading from Luke recounts the miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fishes when Jesus took the small offering of the five loaves and two fish and produced enough to satisfy the whole crowd with twelve baskets full of leftovers. This event is widely understood as a foreshadowing of the miracle that takes place at every Mass as the words of consecration are spoken by the celebrant and God transforms bread and wine into the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus.

And in contemplating this stunning show of Jesus’ power in feeding the crowd that evening, it is easy to overlook an important detail for us Christian stewards found in the brief statement our Lord makes just before performing the miracle. When the apostles suggest to Jesus that He should dismiss the hungry crowd so they could go and find some dinner, Jesus has another idea. “*Give them some food yourselves,*” He tells them. This is a seemingly impossible command. It would take work, effort, energy, and resources the Apostles simply did not have. But Jesus is not asking the impossible. He is asking us to give Him what we do have for the sake of others — and let Him do the impossible with it.

This is the way we can at least attempt to thank Him for all His gifts and goodness to us. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life. When we gratefully offer back to our Lord the gifts He has given to us, He takes those same gifts and multiplies them beyond our wildest imaginings. And yet another miracle occurs — this sharing of ourselves and our gifts does not leave us with less, but with more — the satisfaction of living as Christ’s own disciple and an instrument of His grace in the world.

As we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*, let us receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And let’s give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead to show our gratitude for this wondrous gift — *the gift of God Himself.*



A Deeper Understanding
of Scripture

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus went to those most in need. He forgave the sinner, ate with the outcast, defended, and fed those who were poor and hungry. He worked for true justice, risked being unpopular, willingly accepted suffering and death, and always stayed connected with His Abba, Father. Jesus also consistently reminded folks that God’s compassion, love, and mercy trump everything, even the law.

This is the Christ that the Eucharist calls us to be. As we look around our churches, our towns and cities, and our world, there are many people who need to see the face and body of Christ. Some of those most in need may be right within our families. But it is always in the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable that we find the greatest need. There are many who cannot function on their own. When the gift of the Eucharistic Christ takes root in our hearts, we can more readily see the face of Christ in others.

Many people are vulnerable. Highest on that list are the homeless. They show us the face of Christ. Whatever the cause, to have no place to go and no place to call home takes a toll on the human spirit. For Jesus when there were hungry people, they were fed. God asks us to do the same ... feed people. There are many who are hungry physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Gifted by the Eucharistic presence of Christ, we can bring them Christ. Who are the hungry around us and how can we feed them?

When someone is hurting, you comfort them. When someone is hungry, you feed them. When someone needs clothes, you provide them. When someone is cold, you warm them. When someone is in prison, you visit them. With over a million people who are homeless and over a quarter of them children, it is important to ask the question, “why?” and strategize for ways to lessen or alleviate the problem. Nevertheless, we are not off the hook for responding to the immediate needs that present themselves at our doors. Whether a person’s current station in life is self-imposed or the result of being victimized, they are sacred vessels. We cannot lock the door and send them away and still believe we bear the Eucharistic presence of Christ. It doesn’t work like that.

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Is God calling you
to be a priest?

You are *not*
alone.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart...
He will direct your path.”
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

Called to More?

What if there was more?

What if I could be more?

Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn’t anything more

that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more.

Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood?

To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me at **608.791.2667** or by mail:

Fr. Nate Kuhn,
Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse
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God bless you!

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Weekly Giving

**Weekly Minimum Amount Needed
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Debt Reduction.....	\$140.00
Helping Hands.....	\$25.00
Ascension.....	\$10.00
Chalice of Mercy.....	\$4,638.00
Candles.....	\$114.00

Parish Contributions: Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations. If you are not attending Mass in person, please consider sending your weekly donations by:

- **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@stmatthewausau.org).
- **Bill Pay through your Bank** (contact your bank to set up).
- **Online Giving:** (via credit card or direct debit)
 - www.stmatthewausau.org/donations (one-time donations)
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www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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to allow time for room reservations to be guaranteed.
Late registrations may be accepted if there is a cancelation.**



Good Movies for the Summer

If you are looking for a good movie for you and/or your children, check out a recommended list here:

www.dioc.org/evangelization/entertainment



Praying Together as a Family

An important component of summer is taking the time for your family to pray together each day. Check out the downloadable prayer card for each grade level. This simple process helps prayer to become more personal.

Visit www.dioc.org/prayer

"The family that prays together stays together."

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Please prayerfully consider helping out in this ministry.

For more information call Joy at (715)842-3148



Healing Conference: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World! with Dr. Mary Healy

Through the generous donation of a donor, this **Healing Conference is free**. Join us **Saturday, July 16, 2022** at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse for this Healing Conference.



Dr. Healy is professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, an international speaker and author. Most importantly, Mary speaks at a level that everyone can understand. All are welcome. This Healing Conference is hosted by Living Water! Prayer Community. For questions, contact Deacon Kent Jacobson at livingwaterprayercommunity@gmail.com.

When we, or a family member or friend, are faced with an injury or illness, physical or emotional, our thoughts turn to God in prayer for healing. We want to believe that God will grant healing, but we wonder. And if we as Catholics have doubts, what does this mean to a hurting world, also in need of healing? Dr. Mary Healy will answer such questions as:

- Is Jesus still healing people today?
- Are these healings real and do they last?
- How do we know if God wants us to pray for healing?
- Isn't God asking us to endure suffering and hardships instead of asking for healing?
- How can we pray for healing?
- Can my broken heart be healed as well as my body?



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Thursday, June 23

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

Men's Club Meeting - Cafeteria: 7:00 pm

Religious Freedom Week – June 22-29th



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Life and Dignity for All Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of St Thomas More and St John Fisher, the

USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. For reflections for each day, visit

www.diolc.org/religious-freedom

Roe v. Wade - What did it say, and how might Dobbs correct it?

Most people know that the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision made abortion legal in all 50 states. But for more detail, and to see how the Dobbs case may lead to that tragic decision being overturned, watch an excellent 5 minute video on the diocesan website at diolc.org/respect-life. On that page there is also a link for downloading a brochure featuring the names and photos of the nine Supreme Court justices and inviting you to pray for each of them.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, convert hearts and give the justices the strength to overturn Roe v. Wade!

Celebration of the Sacraments

Confession

Saturday: 11am - 12 noon or by Appointment


Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: Monday, July 11th: 6:30 pm

The Baptism Class must be attended by parents - Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

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** - Contact Fr Bob 6 months in advance for arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick and Home Communion Visits

To make arrangements, call Dorothy: 715-432-5519 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148

Notify Dorothy if you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

* *It's important to contact the care team or social worker at the hospital to request authorization to be visited by a priest.*

Anointing of the Sick - for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.

Communion Visits to the Homebound - notify us if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

In Need of Extra Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.



Mass Intentions June 20 – 26, 2022

Pray for Us

Mon, Jun 20 - 8:00 am - †Anton & †Theresa Schoenfuss & their †Family

Tue, Jun 21 - 12:05 pm - †Sylvester and †Helen Gajewski

Wed, Jun 22 - 8:00 am - †Chester Legenza

Thu, Jun 23 - 8:00 am - †Karen Olson

Fri, Jun 24 - 8:00 am - †Norbert & †Peggy Britten, & †Mary Donohoe

Sat, Jun 25 - 8:00 am - Judith Lundquist

4:30 pm - †Edith Walters

Sun, Jun 26 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - †Joy Kachel

Spanish - 12 noon - †Consuelo Maldonado Rodriguez

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, June 20

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15, 18/Ps 60/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 21 - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

2 Kgs 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36/Ps 48/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 22 - St Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; St John Fisher, Bishop and St Thomas More, Martyrs

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 23 - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6/Ps 139/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday, June 24 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23/Rom 5:5-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday, June 25 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74/Lk 2:41-51

Sunday, June 26 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21/Ps 16/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday June 25 4:30 pm	Sunday June 26 8:00 am	Sunday June 26 10:00 am
Lectors		
Mary Holm	Ron Lawrence	Joel Hynes
Ushers and Greeters		
Lee Peek Maren Peek Abigail Peek	Dave Mosure Joy Mosure Steve Ostrowski	Bob Charlier Sharon Charlier Jack Reeves
Musicians		
Todd McDonald Nancy Losinski	Jim Washebek Annette Southworth	Cindy Blair Sara Schmitt



Altar

**Did you know that
"social distancing pews" are available?**

Facing the Altar, pews located on the front left side of church are sectioned off for those preferring social distancing.
See white areas of diagram.

*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:



Connie Coulter

She died Friday - May 27, 2022

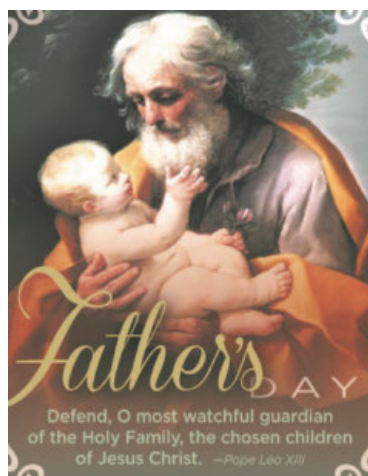
Address to Contact Family:

Nancy Challenger (Daughter)

1011 Hubbard Place

Winnetka, IL 60093

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



God Bless you Dad,
on this Father's Day.
God guide you always
on life's way.
And in His love
for you impart,
true happiness to fill
your heart!

Happy Father's Day!



**Happy Father's Day! Give your Dad a
Scrip Gift Card, or take him out to eat
with a Scrip Gift Card!!**

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**Call the Parish Center (715-842-3148) to check availability
and to purchase Scrip during the week.**

Have you checked out the "Amen" app yet?



This free Catholic app by Augustine Institute provides meditations, Scripture, and other prayers to enrich your daily conversation with God.



thank you

Driving into the parking lot the day of Father Bob's retirement party, you were met by Jay Rolfson's directional signs and guided to your parking spots in the rain by Men's Club members. The Hispanic Community decorated the reception area and refreshments were provided by Rogelio from El Tequila Salsa and his family, soda by the Hispanic Men's Club along with reception refreshments provided by members and families of St. Matthew's Parish Council, Sacred Worship Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee along with many parishioners who shared their baked goods. A miniature church created by a parishioner accented the gift table.

The room layout for dinner was designed by Jason Seliger and put together by the Men's Club. The Family Life Committee and parishioners decorated the tables. Kathy Stencil created all flower arrangements. A wonderful dinner was served by Wausau's Mint Café along with cake and ice cream served by Family Life members and their families. Parishioners hosted coffee and beverage stations. Knights of Columbus Honor Guard members escorted our guest of honor to his chair, and the evening began with the meal blessing by Anthony and Sam Hanneman. The emcee/DJ hosts, Bob and Jane Holl, and Gordon and Sandy Crow, parish members and owners of MassTransit, who recorded the day for Father Bob, made the entire affair extra special.

In March, the Family Life Committee's goal was to create an event that would please our 19+ year pastor, Father Bob Thorn. Through many meetings, much discussion, a little work, and some time, we believe we met our goal. And we only accomplished that goal by your willingness to help us anytime we asked or when you graciously volunteered. Thank you to all of you for being there when we needed you.

Family Life Committee - (Kathy Miilu, Paulette McDonald, Kitty Jilek: co-chairs), Deb Ruesch & Tracie Barthel
and

Parish Council reps - Marie Burish, Rogelio Romano & Jack Reeves.



Summer Flowers for the Sanctuary

We would love to have flowers from your garden for the sanctuary this summer, if you have any you'd like to share!

To make arrangements for drop-off or for questions please call:

Nancy at 715-675-6796



"When we see a beautiful object, a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object."

Saint Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



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