

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Jn 1:29



Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

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

Weekdays: Monday: **6:00 pm
Tuesday: **12:05 pm
Wednesday-Saturday: **8:00 am

****Live-Streamed Mass on YouTube:**

Go to our website: www.stmatthewausau.org

- Click on icon "YouTube-Recorded Masses"
 - Click on "Live" to see most recent Mass
- **In YouTube, subscribe to "St. Matthew Wausau"

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before every Mass
Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
(Wednesday 4:30 pm: Evening Prayer,
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction)

Diocese Weekend Mass on TV in Wausau

6:00 pm Saturday & 9:00 am Sunday:
Public Access Channel 980
6:30 am Sunday: Cable/Satellite Channel 12

Parish Center Office - Oficina

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)
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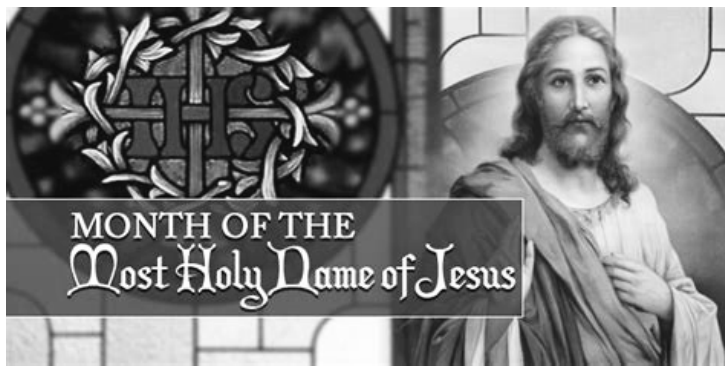
Office Hours - Oficina Horas

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 12 Noon

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The Most Holy Name of Jesus

By America Needs Fatima (May 12, 2020)

The Apostle St Paul was probably the first promoter of the name of Jesus, when he called it “a name which is above all names”. *Philippians 2:9*



Several saints honored the Holy Name of Jesus, but the devotion became widespread in the fifteenth century through St Bernardine of Siena who, when preaching, held in his hand a plaque with the logo “IHS” surrounded by rays. The monogram is taken from the first three letters of the Greek spelling of the name of Jesus: IHSOYS.

It is also customary though not historical to interpret “IHS” as *lesu Hominum Salvator, Jesus Savior of Mankind*.

St Bernardine worked countless miracles by blessing people with this logo as the visible manifestation of his faith and recommended that it be placed above the entrance of cities and homes; hence this symbol's prevalence throughout Europe.

The great preacher is also responsible for introducing the name of Jesus into the Hail Mary: **Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

Persons who had prominent roles in the history of salvation received their names from God. These names have a direct connection with whom they are and what their mission is. Thus: Adam means “**man of the earth**”; Eve means “**mother of the living**”; Peter means “**rock**”.

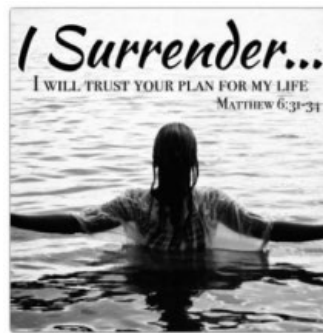
At the Annunciation, the Archangel Gabriel conveyed God's express will concerning the name which the divine Son of the Virgin Mary was to bear: “You shall call His name Jesus” – in Aramaic, Yeshua. *Matthew 1:21*

To St Joseph, the angel not only spoke the name of Jesus but explained its meaning: “...for He shall save His people from their sins”. *Matthew 1:21*

The feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus is also meant to impress upon us Christians the dignity of the Holy Name, this name before which, “every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth”. *Philippians 2:10*

Several Popes have attached indulgences to the mere pronunciation of the name of Jesus. Pope Benedict XIII granted an indulgence of 50 days as often as the name of Jesus is pronounced devoutly, and a plenary indulgence at the time of death provided the name of Jesus is piously invoked at least in thought.

Pope St Pius X attached a 300 days indulgence to the pious pronunciation of the names of Jesus and Mary.



How God Guides Us The Revelation of God's Guidance Follows Our Surrender

By Ann and Carol Lankford

Have you ever found yourself saying when making a decision, “*If God would just tell me what to do?*”? Actually, He is more than willing. Like

any parent that would want to guide their child in the best path forward, we know and come to experience that God wants to guide us, and that He wants what's best for us—both now and in the long run. It is reassuring to know that the Lord will guide us in all aspects of our life. For our part, we want to open our hearts and follow His direction as we come to understand the ways in which He normally guides us.

In considering a decision, and seeking God's guidance in this decision, we must initially do our part. It is good to undertake legitimate preparation, especially regarding big decisions: considering various possibilities, anticipating road blocks, weighing the pros and cons, etc. And all of this preparation needs to be done in the context of prayer.

Knowing that God wants what is best for us, there is a principle that is necessary to understand in order to receive God's guidance for the situation under consideration. The principle is: “*revelation follows surrender*”. In other words, when asking Jesus for guidance, we need to truly desire His will in the matter. We will not receive Our Lord's guidance until we come to Him “*without our mind already made up*” about the direction to take.

It is important that we don't discount the desires of our heart. If we already have a strong leaning as to what we want the outcome to be, we must be honest and tell this to Jesus. These longings are different from things we simply want out of selfishness. God has placed desires deep in our heart that He wants to fulfill. His direction, as we come to understand it and He confirms it, will help us know the difference between what we think we want and His true guidance. Remember that He really does want what is best and is good for us, *what we really do want* in the end!

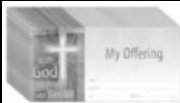
God's direction will come to us after we express our willingness to follow His guidance in any given area. Therefore, what is needed is our surrender to God. Surrender is not being irresponsible or lazy, or having an attitude that we “*don't care*,” or that we “*could care less*.”

Surrender in this context of seeking God's guidance means having examined the possibilities with responsibility and a willingness to place the outcome in His hands, and to trust Him. We will ultimately come to a place of relinquishment, where we can say to Jesus, “*I place this in Your hands, because I want what You want. I believe it is best for me.*”

We really aren't able to come to a place of surrender without first being convinced of God's goodness. In order to believe and trust God with a sure confidence in Him, we have to personally experience His benevolence, His perfect goodness. We open ourselves to identify and remember His goodness through times of quiet reflection, where Jesus gives us the grace to recognize how He has helped and guided us in the past, and His unchanging desire to faithfully protect and guide us now. With this, a firm conviction that He is truly worthy of our trust grows.

Having trust in God's goodness, and a willingness to surrender to Him, are necessary to receive Our Lord's guidance and follow Him. God will guide us. He cares about every detail in our lives. Ask the Lord to deepen your belief in His goodness and your desire to surrender to His guidance. Watch for the amazing effect it will have!

Remember the principle: *Revelation follows surrender.*



Church Envelopes

We will not receive "Collection Envelopes" until March, which will be for April, May, and June.

The Envelope Company will be sending blank envelopes which we will put in the back of church.

Please put **your name and envelope number on the envelope** when putting it in the collection. If you don't know your number, please call or email Jerry at:

715-842-3148 or jerryg@stmatthewausau.org

Thank you for your patience and help!

Weekly Giving

**Weekly Minimum Amount Needed
per Budget: \$9,612.00**

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Envelopes (January 8th).....	\$6,857.00
Offertory.....	\$1,467.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$125.00
Christmas.....	\$880.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$345.00
Helping Hands.....	\$25.00
Candles.....	\$144.00

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)
 - www.stmatthewausau.org/payments (recurring donations available)

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Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from:

- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Inc.**
540 South 3rd Avenue; Wausau, WI 54401 Phone: **715.849.3311**
Text: **715.600.6391** Email: info@cclse.org Website: cclse.org
Pregnancy Support page: cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant
- Hope Life Center**
605 24th Ave. S. Ste 20; Wausau, WI 54401 Phone: **715.843.4673**
Text: **715.843.4673** Email: info@hopewi.org Website: hopewi.org

For additional resources and locations, visit:
diolc.org/pregnancy-resources



Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

There are 2 cemetery plots available at Restlawn.
Call Cindy at 1-815-861-0841 if you are interested.

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus Jesus' name means "God saves"

The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matthew 1:21).

Jesus saves us from our sin by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

"Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift, Yourself in the Holy Eucharist."

This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1:18-25

GIVEN Retreat - Saturday January 28 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm



GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, adoration, prayer and reconciliation.

GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. This mini retreat will:

- * Encourage a greater devotion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist
- * Develop a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage through Theology of the Body
- * Provide couples the encouragement to live the vocation of marriage well in a culture that is increasingly more hostile to the sacrament. Married, Engaged & Seriously Dating Couples are invited to attend.

Location: St Joseph Catholic Church - 719 E Patten St. Boyd, WI
Contact Chris Rogers at: crogers@diolc.org or **608-791-2659**
Link to register: www.diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment
Cost: \$45 per couple



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CALIX - For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective

Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? *You can reach out to a member of CALIX.*

CALIX (www.calixsociety.org) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program.

You can make a confidential call to 612-383-8232 (Jim R) or 651-587-4668 (Jim B), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

US Bishops: Nine Days for Life Novena - January 19-27

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message. Visit: respectlife.org/9-days-signup.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, January 17

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting - Parish Center Patio Rm: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 18

That Man Is You! - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 am
Ray's Breakfast Club (all men) - Blue Willow Restaurant: 9:00 am
Marlene's Breakfast Club (all women) - IHOP Restaurant: 9 am
Confirmation Class - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 pm
Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 19

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm
Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group - Angelorum: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Baptism Class (English) - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 21

Scrip sold after 4:30 pm Mass
Pizza Night - Cafeteria: 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 22

Scrip sold after 8 am & 10 am Mass
Choir sings at 10 am Mass



Anointing Baptism Communion Confirmation Reconciliation Marriage Holy Orders

Celebration of the Sacraments

Confession

30 minutes before every Mass and Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: January 19, 2023 at 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 Sebastian 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Home Communion Visits

Call Dorothy: 715-432-5519 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148 for:

- * **Anointing of the Sick** - for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.
- * **Communion Visits to the Homebound** - if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.
- * **Visits at the Hospital** - If you are anticipating a hospital stay, call and let us know as we are not always notified by the hospital.

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



Mon, Jan 16 - 6:00 pm - †Marian Brebrick
 Tue, Jan 17 - 12:05 pm - †Felix de Souza
 Wed, Jan 18 - 8:00 am - †Marian Brebrick
 Thu, Jan 19 - 8:00 am - Line Family & †Infant Josie Zick
 Fri, Jan 20 - 8:00 am - †John & Rosie Bauer
 Sat, Jan 21 - 8:00 am - †Jeremy Visgar
 4:30 pm - †Father of Don Baur and
 †Parents of Mary Radtke-Baur
 Sun, Jan 22 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
 10:00 am - Helping Hands Volunteers Serving Poor in Kenya
 Spanish - 12 noon - Mariela Patino - her Birthday

Notice to Parishioners

Thursday, February 2nd the 8:00 am Mass will be cancelled.

Parishioners will have the option to attend Mass at another parish.

Below is a list of parishes that will be celebrating Mass on February 2nd:

Resurrection Parish: 12:10 pm

St Anne's Parish: 7:00 am

Holy Name Parish: 8:00 am

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, January 16

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 18 - (January 18-25: Prayer for Christian Unity)

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 19

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 20 - St Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St Sebastian, Martyr

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 21 - Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 22 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday January 21 4:30 pm	Sunday January 22 8:00 am	Sunday January 22 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Theresa Stubbe	Pat Loy
Ushers and Greeters		
Don Baur Mary Radtke-Baur Marie Burish	Dave Mosure Joy Mosure Tom Mullaley	Tom Brzezinski Kevin Ellenbecker Randy Krueger
Musicians		
Ellen Schumann Annette Southworth	Marie Stubbe Sara Schmitt	Choir Nancy Losinski
Children's Liturgy of the Word: John and Brooklyn		

Thank You, Barb Splinter, for your time and talent
in putting together the Epiphany Blessings for Homes
for the Feast of the Epiphany!

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Thank You!!

We are grateful to Ted and Kathie Stencil for the donation
of their refrigerator to St Matthew Parish Center!

Thank you very much, and may God bless you!

St Matthew's Pizza Night!

Saturday, January 21st 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: ttierney@diolclergy.org

Thank you for Freewill Offerings made to support this event.



Give Scrip for Valentines Day!



Valentine's Day is approaching. Think of buying Scrip for your dinner with your valentine, or presents for the kids. We currently have a supply of \$10 cards: McDonald's, Culver's and Briq's for your teens, and 6th Street Filling Station, Panera and Blue Willow for breakfast, and El Mezcal, Noodles, and La Taqueria for lunch or dinner. More are available with a special order, like Biggby Coffee, Mint Cafe, Bath and Body Works, Barnes & Nobels, etc. All for \$10.



Next Scrip Sale: January 21st & 22nd

In the Angelorum before and after Mass
(Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am)

You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Center.

Scrip lists can be picked up at the Parish Center
or in church on Scrip sale dates.

Marriage Enrichment and Parenting Resources

For Your Marriage Websites:

- * www.foryourmarriage.org - This website from the USCCB helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God's plan for happy, holy marriages.
- * www.diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment - This website from the diocese of La Crosse provides information on events, retreats, books, DVD's to enrich your marriage.

Parenting Website: Teaching the Way of Love

- * www.twl4parents.com - This website is full of encouragement and tips for parents to continue to be the primary educators of their children.

"All life is precious from conception to natural death."



Signature Ad Notice

Please participate in the
Pro-Life Signature Ad,
which will appear in City Pages
January 26, 2023



Your signature helps let our community know that you believe all
human life is precious and should continue to be protected in Wisconsin.

- Submit your names at church (January 15th in the Angelorum)
- Or sign up online at: www.give.classy.org/MarathonSignature23

Thank you for speaking out for the unborn!
Your donation will help pay the cost of the ad.

Ray's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on
**Wednesday, January 18th at 9 am at the
Blue Willow Restaurant.**

Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month
at various restaurants for good food and
good fellowship!



Marlene's Breakfast Club

All ladies are invited to join us for breakfast on
**Wednesday, January 18th at 9 am at the
IHOP Restaurant in Rib Mountain.**

Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month
at various restaurants for good food and
good fellowship!



Catholic Classical School Open House



*If you're interested in seeing a Catholic Classical
School open in Wausau, now is the time to let us
know! We will be making a final decision on how to
proceed in the near future.*

**Monday, January 16th
6:30 p.m.**

Holy Name of Jesus Church ~ 1104 S 9th Ave

- Hear about the potential timeline
- Meet other interested parents and families
- Q & A time after a brief presentation
- Tour the building

*Your attendance will help us gauge the viability
of this endeavor.*

Questions? Call Father Martin at (715) 842-4543
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