# Saint Matthew Catholic Church February 12, 2023 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." Mt 5:33



#### 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

#### \*\*This Mass will be "Live-Streamed" on YouTube

To view a Mass shortly after it was "live", go to our website: "www.stmatthewwausau.org" and click on icon "Today's Mass". For a Mass on a previous day, click on icon "YouTube-Recorded Masses".

#### **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)
221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

#### Office Hours - Oficina Horas

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

Website: www.stmatthewwausau.org
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# Imitation of the Holy Family

The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to

love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self" (Nov. 27, 2002).

We should ask ourselves if our own families model that of the Holy Family. We need to be open to God's grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes — and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. Recognizing this, children should trust their parents and never forget that parents want only what is best for them.

Which leads us to what may be the most important family virtue, forgiveness. Living so intimately within the family nucleus naturally gives rise to unpleasant situations where someone is apt to be offended. St. Paul knew this when he told us to "bear with and forgive one another." The health of our family may depend on how quickly we learn to forgive without harboring feelings of resentment.

No family can thrive and grow without constant work. Even the material details that take time and effort are essential to keeping the family strong. Everyone has to pull together for the good of the family, even to the point of putting ahead of our own needs and ambitions the happiness of other family members, setting aside our own selfish desires.

It is also important to pray as a family, especially the holy rosary. Prayer will help us to intensify our closeness with each other and to learn to forgive.

During this Year of the Eucharist it is essential to discover the relationship between the Eucharist and family life. Pope John Paul II wrote, "In the eucharistic gift of charity the Christian family finds the foundation and soul of its communion and its mission"

(Letter on the Family, No. 57). — Excerpted from *The Holy Family models what family life should be*, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.



#### February 13th - Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller

A native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary, Brother James Miller was gunned down while repairing a wall at the school where he worked in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on February 13, 1982.

He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on December 7, 2019. He stands

as an example of fidelity to the Gospel and humble and fearless service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable.

To learn more, visit diolc.org/blessed-brother-james-miller



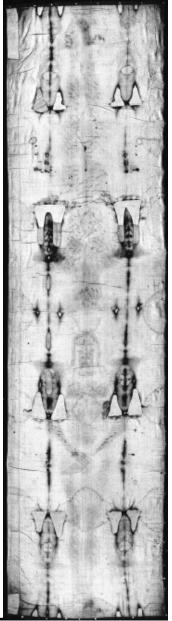
Special Event Here at St Matthew's Church

#### Fri, March 10th at 6:30pm Sat, March 11 after 4:30 pm Mass Sun, March 12 after 12:00 pm Mass

The Shroud of Turin is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a beaten and crucified man. A man that millions believe to be Jesus of Nazareth. Is it really the cloth that wrapped His crucified body, or is it a medieval forgery, a hoax perpetrated by some clever artist? Modern science has completed hundreds of thousands of hours of intense research on the Shroud. It is, in fact, the single most studied artifact in human history. We now know more about it than ever before.

Tony Cherniawski is an expert on the Shroud of Turin and has traveled the USA sharing his knowledge. Tony will give three presentations here at our parish on March 10 at 6:30 pm, on March 11 right after our 4:30 pm Mass, and on Sunday, March 12 immediately after the 12:00 pm Mass. You will be able to learn more about this precious relic and see an exact replica of the Shroud for yourself.

We hope you are able to join us for one of Tony's presentations.



# Stewardship: "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts regarding stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year? Simply ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us the freedom to make this choice. "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."

Stewardship helps us live out the fundamental choice to put God first. It is not meant to be a mere external exercise that we participate in on an occasional basis. Instead, it is intended to embrace a way of life, a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, "You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts but also for a genuine change of heart. This means seeing everything as a gift from Him for His glory and the good of others.

Let us examine the state of our hearts. Are we putting God first and embracing a way of life that involves a continuous conversion of heart? The choice is ours.













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: March 15, 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.



#### **VOTE: February 21 Wisconsin Supreme Court Election May Determine Abortion Law**

The Wisconsin spring primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 21st. The highest stakes are for a new seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and the outcome may well determine whether the current state statute that prohibits abortion will remain standing or be struck down. The Associated Press underscored this in a story titled, "Abortion front and center in Wisconsin Supreme Court race." To read that story and for links to learn more about the candidates for the State Supreme Court and other races, visit diolc.org/social-concerns.

#### Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from:

1. 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

2. 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



#### Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 608-860-6698.

#### Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

#### Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us.

Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images in our mind that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us.

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



"Jesus, help me to learn to be guiet and reveal to my heart the truth the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread & wine."

This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28:10-17)

#### Circle of Joy - Important Note



In the last few months we have received several anonymous donations of cash or SCRIP cards of various amounts. It is the donors right to remain anonymous, but

on behalf of the persons we've helped in various ways we want to publicly thank you for each and every dollar donated. We appreciate your generosity.

As all of us know and are feeling the results of inflation, it is doubly challenging for those on very low incomes. We continue to stretch dollars for the needy as far as we can. Thank you to all donors, anonymous & otherwise for all your donations which are all tax deductible.

NOTE: When submitting checks to us, please make them out to "WAUSAU WEST SIDE CIRCLE OF JOY" which is the official title of our Chapter of the Circle of Joy. There are 8 chapters in Marathon. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

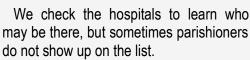
Questions regarding donations or anything else may be directed to Karen @ 715-642-3717 or Lou @ 715-848-4177.

WE ARE THE HANDS OF YOUR CHARITABLE HEARTS.

#### Parents: Equipping you to navigate conversations with your kids around today's issues.

Take a look at www.Axis.org, which is a faith-based organization dedicated to helping parents and kids have meaningful conversations about important topics. Parents and their teens live in the same home in the same zip code, but they are from different cultures because they come from different generations. At Axis, they try to help you speak the same language. No matter where you are on your parenting journey, the Axis community is a place for you. Whether you are facing a tough conversation with your child and don't have the words to begin, or you're getting a jumpstart on the teenage years ahead, Axis is for you. Join us as we parent together from elementary to high school and beyond.

#### Information regarding hospitalizations





PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE 715-842-3148 if you are admitted and/or if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before surgery.



# This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

#### Tuesday, February 14 - Happy Saint Valentines Day!!

Jubilee House Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 pm Men's Fellowship-Game Night - School Cafeteria: 6:00 - 9:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council - Rectory: 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, February 15

That Man Is You! - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 am Ray's Breakfast Club (all men) - Red Apple Restaurant: 9:00 am Marlene's Breakfast Club (all women) - Eagle's Nest Restaurant: 9 am Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

#### Thursday, February 16

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

#### Saturday, February 18

Scrip Sold after 4:30 pm Mass Soup Sale after 4:30 pm Mass

#### Sunday, February 19

Scrip Sold after 8 am and 10 am Masses Soup Sale after 8 am and 10 am Masses Choir Sings at 10:00 am Mass

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Weekly Goal: \$9,612.00

Received February 5th: \$8,973.52 Debt Reduction: \$100.00

**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
- Bill Pay through your Bank: contact your bank to set up.
- . Online Giving: via credit card or direct debit
  - www.stmatthewwausau.org/donations (one-time donations)
  - www.stmatthewwausau.org/payments (recurring donations available)
- 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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#### Mass Intentions February 13 - 19, 2023



Mon, Feb 13 - 6:00 pm - †John Bant

Tue, Feb 14 - 12:05 pm - †Carol Schultz (Birthday)

Wed, Feb 15 - 8:00 am - Special Intention JPR

Thu, Feb 16 - 8:00 am - †Paul Wiegert

Fri, Feb 17 - 8:00 am - †Michael Leder

Sat, Feb 18 - 8:00 am - †Vi McMahon

4:30 pm - Jack Shebuski (Happy 100th Birthday!)

Sun, Feb 19 - 8:00 am - † John and † Rosie Bauer

10:00 am - †Lillian Harter

Spanish - 12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

#### **Daily Mass Readings**

Monday, February 13

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50/Mk 8:11-13



Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 15

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 16

Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102/Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday, February 18

Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145/Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, February 19 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

| Weekend - Liturgical Ministers                   |   |   |
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| Saturday<br>February 18<br>4:30 pm               | Sunday<br>February 19<br>8:00 am              | Sunday<br>February 19<br>10:00 am                   |
| Lectors  |   |   |
| Mary Holm  | Jim Low                                       | Pat Loy   |
| Ushers and Greeters                              |   |   |
| Mike Lawrence<br>Dave Mayer<br>Jay Rolefson      | David Krause<br>Steve Ostrowski<br>Pat Ruesch | Tom Brzezinski<br>Kevin Ellenbecker<br>Chuck Miller |
| Musicians  |   |   |
| Lynn Meyer<br>Nancy Losinski                     | Carla MacDonald<br>Annette Southworth         | Choir<br>Nancy Losinski                             |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word: Maren and Andrea |   |   |



"Collection Envelopes" will be sent by the Envelope Company in March for April, May, and June. Until then you may use the "Blank Envelopes" which are available at each of the entrances of church.

Please include your name and envelope number on the envelope for the collection. If you don't know your envelope number, please call the Parish Center at 715-842-3148. Thank you!



#### 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 Brig's for your teens, and 6th Street Filling Station, Panera and Blue Willow for breakfast, and El Mezcal, Noodles, and La Tagueria 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: February 18th & 19th

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 available: brochure rack by cry room or Parish Center.



Men's Fellowship-Game Night sponsored by the Men's Club on the Second Tuesday of each month. All Adult Men of the Parish are Welcome!

The next Fellowship-Game Night will be February 14th from 6 - 9 pm in the School Cafeteria.

Everyone is asked to bring cards, games or whatever one wishes to play. Refreshments will be available. For any questions or concerns, contact Glen Yeager at 715-848-1106 or Pat Ruesch at 715-845-1160.



#### Marlene's Breakfast Club

All ladies are invited to join us for breakfast on Wednesday, February 15th at 9 am at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant in Rib Mountain.

No dues, no meetings, no agenda, just friendship offered! Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various restaurants for good food and good fellowship!

#### Ray's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on Wednesday, February 15th at 9 am at the Red Apple Restaurant.

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





On February 17th Jack Shebuski will be celebrating his 100th Birthday!

Birthday cards and greetings can be sent to Jack at:

> Jack Shebuski 27 Grouper Dr. Naples, FL 34112

May God Bless You, Jack On your special 100th Birthday!!!

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:



#### Fred "Fritz" Redman

He died Saturday - January 14, 2023 He is the Uncle of Shelia Garske

#### Gordon Gorski

He died Friday - February 3, 2023 He is the Husband of Sieglinde Gorski

Randolph "Randy" Patnode

He died Sunday - February 5, 2023 He is the Husband of Susan Patnode

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



# St Matthew Soup Sale

Saturday & Sunday February 18th & 19th



Our delicious homemade soups & tuna macaroni salad are available for purchase in the Angelorum after the 4:30 pm, 8 am, & 10 am Masses

#### Soups:

(\$7.00/Quart)

Chili

**Chicken Dumpling** Split Pea Soup with Ham Hamburger Vegetable with Barley Salad:

(\$5.00 for 1.5 lbs)

Tuna Macaroni Salad

If you are able to help prepare the soups a few days before the soup sale, call Ken Teeters at 715-574-4300.

The next soup sales will be March 4th & 5th and March 25th & 26th. Proceeds of sale to support St Matthew's Men's Club.



St Matthew's is looking for a Pastoral Care Assistant with a love for helping our elderly and homebound. The schedule is flexible, working with current staff, approximately 10 hours/week.

If interested, please call the parish at 715-842-3148 or Dorothy at 715-432-5519.



#### MAGNIFICAT yearly subscription is due with June issue.

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