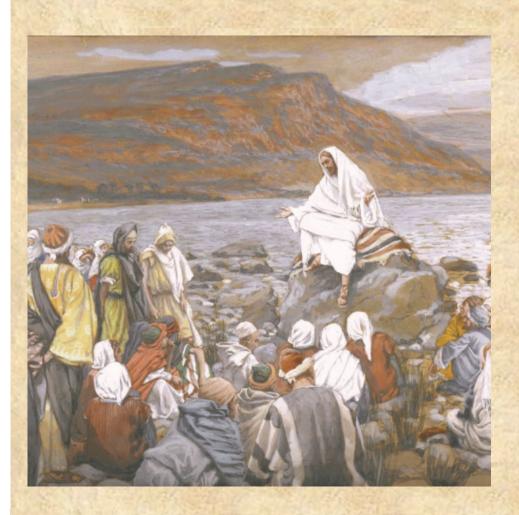
Saint Matthew Catholic Church February 19, 2023 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Mt 5:44





February 22nd Mass Times 8:00 am, 12:05 pm, 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

- ₱ Fridays after the 8 am Mass
- ♣ Spanish Stations: Fridays at 7 pm





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 Masses are currently unavailable due to technical difficulties. EWTN posts their daily Masses on YouTube that you can watch until we are able to resume videotaping of 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

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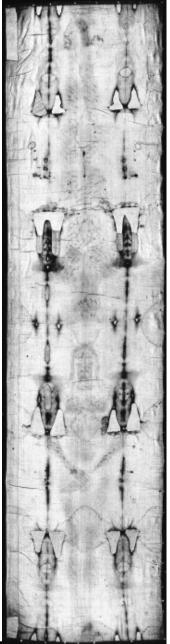
Special Event Here at St Matthew's Church

Friday, March 10th at 6:30pm Saturday, March 11th after the 4:30 pm Mass Sunday, March 12th after the 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses

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 Friday, March 10th at 6:30 pm, on Saturday, March 11th right after our 4:30 pm Mass, and on Sunday, March 12th immediately after the 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. 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.



Why Do We Put Ashes on Our Heads? By Thomas L. McDonald Used & edited with permission by the National Catholic Register

Ash Wednesday sends us into the desert of Lent marked with the sign of humility, penitence and mortality. ...

Biblical Sign - Ashes are a sign of mourning in the Bible, often associated with wearing sackcloth, a coarse material. ...Job "sat among the ashes" when he was stricken (Job 2:8). ... When Mordecai and the Jews learn of the order for their persecution, they put on sackcloth and ashes (Esther Chapter 4). Most famously, (Jonah 3:6), when the king of Nineveh is told to repent, "he arose from his throne, removed his robe and covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes."

The use of ashes, sometimes merely "dust", may have several origins. Ashes appear frequently in the Pentateuch as the result of the Temple sacrifice, so they were plentiful and symbolized what remained after an offering was burnt up. Ashes and dust are trodden under feet, and thus lowly and despised. Ashes are symbolic of the dead, and in the Babylonian "Descent of Ishtar," we learn they are the food of those in the underworld. In Matthew 10:14 (Luke 9:5), Jesus tells his apostles to "shake the dust from your feet" if they are unwelcome somewhere. Finally, there's the obvious connection between ashes and the dust of the earth from which man is formed (Genesis 2:7). Roman culture also used ashes, with mourners expected to dirty their faces and disorder their hair when grieving. The penitential use of ashes arises naturally from its link to mourning: we mourn for our sins.



The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, mother of Jesus and our mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



Ministry Scheduler Pro

We are pleased to announce St. Matthew will be using a new online scheduling system called **Ministry Scheduler Pro** that allows you to specify the times that do and do not work well for you to serve, check your schedule from anywhere and easily find a substitute when you can't make it. It will even allow you to sign up to serve as a family. The program is available online or as an app available in Apple and Android app stores. **We will begin using Ministry Scheduler Pro with our next schedule in March.**

Ellen Schumann is serving as the parish lead for this program, so if you have any questions, please reach out to her by email at ellenmschumann@gmail.com or by phone/text at 715-581-9908.

And don't worry if you don't use email or computers. We are still able to enroll you in this program. You just need to speak directly to Ellen to get set up.

All parishioners who were previously being scheduled as a lector, cantor, usher, altar server, or choir member and have a known email address should have received an email with instructions on how to access the program and update your contact information and ministry preferences. If you were being scheduled and did not have an email address, Ellen has reached out to you by phone or US mail. If you did not receive an email, phone call, or letter, please reach out to Ellen Schumann soon. All special requests for the 11 March - 28 May schedule must be made by 24 February at the latest.

If you received an email and are having trouble understanding how to use Ministry Scheduler Pro, please reach out to Ellen and she will help you. Once the schedule is ready, you will receive an email alerting you. Once the schedule is set, you will be able to access it at any time online or in the app.

And, if you are interested in volunteering for any of these ministries, please reach out to Ellen and she can help make that happen. We are in need of more volunteers in all our ministries, especially altar servers. The parish provides training for all these ministries. With *Ministry Scheduler Pro*, you will be in control of your availability. This is a prime time to answer the call to ministry in our parish. It would be a great faith-based action to consider for Lent.

Thanks so much. Please reach out with guestions.













Communion Confirmation Reconciliation

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.

Information Regarding Hospitalizations

We check the hospitals to learn who may be there, but sometimes parishioners do not show up on the list.



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.



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.

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

Jesus will help us believe what we cannot understand.

It is normal for us to have questions in regard to understanding this mystery. Uncertainty (doubt through lack of understanding) can be healthy and can lead to a deeper faith. When you are seeking understanding in prayer, hesitation in accepting the true Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist plays an important role because He always comes in, to strengthen our faith in response to our desire to believe.

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

"Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist."

This week, read how Jesus responds to those who are questioning the mystery of the Eucharist in John 6:52-59



 St Patrick's Parish. 136058 Halder Drive. Mosinee off Hwy 153 west of Mosinee - Fridays during Lent & Good Friday (Feb 24 - April 7) 4-8 pm - 715-693-2765







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.



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.



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.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, February 21

Family Life Committee Meeting - Parish Center Library: 6:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday - Fasting & Abstinence

That Man Is You! - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 am

Thursday, February 23

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm Men's Club Meeting - School Cafeteria: 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 25

Pizza Night - School Cafeteria: after 4:30 pm Mass



Weekly Goal: \$9,612.00

Received February 12th: \$7,092.86 Debt Reduction: \$5.00

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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Bulletin Deadline: 2 pm Monday

| Ash Wednesday - Liturgical Ministers | | |
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| Wednesday February 22 8:00 am | Wednesday February 22 12:05 pm | Wednesday February 22 6:00 pm |
| Lectors | | |
| Kay Washebek | Peggy Bant | Mary Holm |
| Ushers and Greeters | | |
| Tom Mullaley Pat Ruesch Al Seubert | Tom Brzezinski Randy Krueger Gary Tapper | Lee Peek Maren Peek Abigail Peek |
| Musicians | | |
| Barb Britten Annette Southworth | Lynn Meyer | Ellen Schumann |



Mass Intentions February 20 - 26, 2023



Mon, Feb 20 - 6:00 pm - †William and †Margaret Butzen (Anniversary)

Tue, Feb 21 - 12:05 pm - †Tom Fischer

Wed, Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday

Day of Fasting 8:00 am - Special Intention JB

And 12:05 pm - †John and †Rosie Bauer

Abstinence 6:00 pm - †Archie and †Cecelia Barland

Thu, Feb 23 - 8:00 am - †Donald Tinjum

Fri, Feb 24 - 8:00 am - †JoAnn Wachsmuth

Sat, Feb 25 - 8:00 am - †Vi McMahan

4:30 pm - †Lach Families

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

10:00 am - †Jacob Rechner

Spanish - 12 noon - †Maria Luisa Munoz Santoyo

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, February 20

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93/Mk 9:14-29



Tuesday, February 21 - St Peter Damian, Bishop/Doctor of Church Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37/Mk 9:30-37

Weds, February 22 - Ash Wednesday - Day of Abstinence & Fasting JI 2:12-18/Ps 51/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6. 16-18

Thursday, February 23 - Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 24

Is 58:1-9/Ps 51/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25

Is 58:9-14/Ps 86/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 26 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11



| Weekend - Liturgical Ministers | | | |
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| Saturday February 25 4:30 pm | Sunday February 26 8:00 am | Sunday February 26 10:00 am | |
| Lectors | | | |
| Ellen Schumann | Henry Wanserski | Lynn Meyer | |
| Ushers and Greeters | | | |
| John Bocke Marie Burish Mike Lawrence | Jody Babl Dennis Janssen Nic Schmitt | Tom Brzezinski Kevin Ellenbecker Chuck Miller | |
| Musicians | | | |
| Todd McDonald Annette Southworth | Joel Stubbe Sara Schmitt | Barb Britten Mary Lenard | |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word: Maren and Jeannie | | | |

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:



Tom Hynes

He died Tuesday - February 7, 2023 He is the Husband of Bernadine Hynes and the Father of Joel (Beth) Hynes

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



Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.



MAGNIFICAT yearly subscription is due with June issue.

Cost is \$39. Please call Judy Koy at 715-675-9215 for new subscription or renewals by 3/1/23.



Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who will have their Confirmation retreat on March 11. May their hearts and minds be open to the prompts of the Holy Spirit who wishes to fill each one with His presence.

We would greatly appreciate food donations to help keep our cost down. 12 packs of soda, bags of chips, cookies, bars, etc. would be much appreciated by our teens. Our group this year has 22 candidates!

You can drop off your donation at the Parish Center. THANK YOU!

St Matthew's Pizza Night!

Saturday, February 25th at 5:30 pm (after 4:30 pm Mass)

at St Matthew School Cafeteria



Come enjoy delicious homemade 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.



Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish

Next Scrip Sale: March 4th & 5th

In the Angelorum before and after Mass (Saturday: 4:30 pm, 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.

Keep Scrip in mind when budgeting for your pharmacy over the counter and prescription needs. Walgreens is back in stock! Also have on hand Walmart/Sam's, Target, and can special order CVS for your pharmacy needs.



Regulations for Fasting & Abstinence

During the Season of Lent:

- 1. Catholics age 14 and older are to "abstain from meat" on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
- 2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics in good health, ages 18 to 59, are to "fast" on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one full meal. Two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal is permitted, if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



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.

Blest Art Sale - in the Angelorum Saturday & Sunday, March 11th & 12th after Masses

Since the 4th century, Christians of Palestine have used Olive Wood and mother-of-pearl materials to carve masterpieces of art to commemorate Jesus Christ, who once lived among them. Today, less than 100 people in the Holy Land are Christians.

The funds raised by Blest Art work predominately to assist these remaining Christians who want to live in peace and support their families with a centuries-old trade and way of life. Your support for these craftsmen and hard-working Christian artists helps to ensure a

viable Christian presence in the land where the gospel was first preached.

Jeryes Qumseya, owner of Blest Arts religious goods company of Beloit, Wisconsin, is a native of Beit Sahour near Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ.





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