Saint Matthew Catholic Church March 5, 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

"This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him," Mt 17:5



Stations of the Cross

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









Next Sunday March 12th

Mass & Healing Service

Confessions 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Sunday Mass 3:30 pm (fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Healing Service to Follow Mass

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

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The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. As the head and protector of the Holy Family and a humble carpenter, Saint Joseph is the perfect role model for men as a father, husband and worker.

He is rightly venerated and loved for his deep faith and heroic virtues of pious humility and charity, perfect obedience and submission to the will of God and his chastity and holiness. As Patron of the Universal Church, he is also a role model for the interior life of priests and the religious.

All that we know about Saint Joseph and his role in the Holy Family has been revealed through the Gospels. Though the Gospels are silent on the remainder part of Saint Joseph's life, it is believed that he died peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus and Mary in Nazareth before Jesus began His ministry at the age of 30. Thus he became the patron of a happy death. (edited from: www.afcmmedia.org)



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.

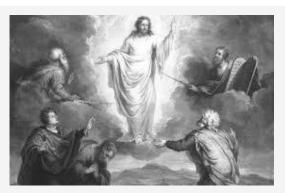
And don't worry if you don't use email or computers. We are still able to enroll you in this program. You just need to speak directly to Ellen to get set up.

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.



A Small Glimpse of Jesus' Great Glory

By Douglas Sousa, STL

Jesus provides us with moments of joy and consolation on our journey of faith to sustain us through the dark valleys.

In today's Gospel, Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain and reveals to them His glory as the only Son of the Father. They had already come to believe in Him because of His words and miracles. In the previous chapter of Matthew's gospel, Peter had made his profession of faith that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the Living God. This, now, was an opportunity to see for themselves the divine glory of Jesus hidden in His humanity.

There was a specific reason why Jesus did this. He wanted to give them a glimpse of His resurrection so they would desire it enough to endure His passion and death, and to endure the demands that ministry with Jesus would place on them.

Jesus was asking a lot of Peter, James, and John. He called them to leave their families and jobs. He required them to believe that He was the Son of God. And He sent them to proclaim that to others. In time, He would ask them to accompany Him through His suffering and death. Remember, it was Peter, James, and John who would also go up to the Mount of Olives with Jesus as He suffered the agony in the garden. For them to accomplish all this, they would need something to hold on to, a memory of Jesus' glory to sustain them along the way. And so, Jesus' transfiguration gives the apostles a taste of the future resurrection to help them accept the suffering and shame of the cross.

Paul encourages us in the second reading, "Bear your share of the hardships which the gospel entails." Jesus is asking a lot of us as well. Unlike the apostles, we have never seen Jesus, yet He expects us to accept Him as Savior and Lord. To each of us He has given a certain mission which He expects us to undertake. Whether our mission is to be a good parent, a good student, a good spouse or a good priest or deacon, we need help, especially when we encounter hardships. For us to be faithful to Jesus and to the mission He's called us to, we need small glimpses of His glory.

God is revealing to us His glory in the face of Christ so that our desire to know and love Him will be greater than any difficulty we may face on our journey of faith. Peter, James, and John were privileged to see for themselves Jesus transfigured in glory. We have to hold on to less dramatic manifestations of Jesus' presence in our lives as a small taste already on earth of the life that we will share with Jesus in heaven. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Eucharist. Bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ to give us on earth a taste of the intimacy we will have with God in heaven. Through the Eucharist, Jesus is really present among us and within us. We hold on to that small taste of future glory to sustain us during the hardships which come with living the gospel message of love. And we claim it as a promise that one day that glory will be ours with Jesus at the end of time.













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.



Easter Flowers and Candles Donations

Easter flowers or candles can be donated to honor our loved ones (living or deceased). Donations made will be listed in a future bulletin.



Candles and flowers add beauty and meaning to the Easter Liturgical Celebration.

The "Easter Lilv" is a symbol of Christ's resurrection, because it rises from a single bulb representing Christ rising from the tomb. An ancient belief was that white lilies appeared where drops of blood fell from Christ's body after the

Lighted candles take away darkness & are symbolic of Jesus, "the Light of the world". He brought us new hope when He rose from the dead!!

Donations can be put in the Sunday Collection or dropped off or mailed to the Parish Center.

Please include the following information with your donation:

- your name
- the name of the person you are honoring
- indicate if you are donating a flower or candle
- place this information in an envelope along with a donation
- on the outside of the envelope write: "Easter Decorations"

You can also donate a flowering plant (in pastel spring colors) and bring to church before 3 pm on Good Friday.

Thank you for your donations!

Resurrection Church Lenten Soup Meals in Brennan Hall Wednesdays, March 1st - April 5th - 11:00 am to1:00 pm



Soup and Fresh Bread will be served. Donations are accepted.

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last 2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our "yes, I choose to believe") involves our commitment to persistence in prayer and study of Scripture in asking Jesus for a deeper understanding.

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

"Lord Jesus, I believe; please help my unbelief."

This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in Mark 9:20-27.



Msgr. Hirsch presents "Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist

Again and again, Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. Our faith comes alive as we understand better that Jesus gives us His Real Presence in the Eucharist. Join Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, Director: Casa

Hogar Juan Pablo II Orphanage, Lurin, Peru as he presents Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. (48 min.) Visit diolc.org/catechesis.

Excellent Resources to Accompany Your Lenten Journey

- * Real Life Catholic with Chris Stefanick reallifecatholic.com Fearless - a free, 7-week video series on fear.
- * Dynamic Catholic with Matthew Kelly dynamiccatholic.com/lent -Discover the real you: Sign up to receive two free videos each day.
- * Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron wordonfire.org/calendar/lent Receive daily Gospel Reflections.
- * The Ultimate Guide to Lent with Fr. Mike Schmitz media.ascensionpress.com/2023 -
 - Short videos to better understand Lent.
- * Lenten Resources from the US Bishops usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent - Readings for the day; articles; prayers and devotions





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.



- St Anne's Wausau, corner of Bridge St and 6th Ave Fridays of Lent (Feb 24 - March 31) 4:00-7:00 pm -715-849-3930 Ext 6
- St Patrick's Parish, 136058 Halder Drive, Mosinee off Hwy 153 west of Mosinee - Fridays during Lent & Good Friday (Feb 24 - April 7) 4:00-8:00 pm 715-693-2765
- St John the Baptist Parish, 117 N 4th Ave, Edgar Fridays during Lent & Good Friday (Feb 24 - April 7) 4:00-7:30 pm - 715-352-3111



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, March 7

Finance Council Meeting: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 8

That Man Is You! - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 am **Confirmation Class** - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 9

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Friday, March 10

Shroud of Turin Presentation - Church: 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 11

Confirmation Retreat: 8:30 am Blest Art sold after 4:30 pm Mass

Shroud of Turin Presentation - Church: after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Saving Time - Turn Clocks 1 hr Ahead

Girl Scout Sunday

Blest Art sold after 8 am and 10 am Masses

Shroud of Turin Presentation - Church: after 10 am and 12 pm Masses

Coffee and Donuts after 8 am and 10 am Masses

Confessions: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Mass Followed by Healing Service: 3:30 pm (fulfills Sunday obligation)



Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish Next Scrip Sale: March 18th & 19th

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 available in back of church by cry room and the Parish Center.



Weekly Goal: \$9,612.00

Received February 26th: \$10,333.21 Debt Reduction: \$510.00 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



Mass Intentions March 6 - 12, 2023



Mon, Mar 6 - 6:00 pm - †Vi McMahan

Tue, Mar 7 - 12:05 pm - Special Intention RT Wed, Mar 8 - 8:00 am - Special Intention C & D

Thu, Mar 9 - 8:00 am - †Deceased Tanck & Krautkramer Families

Fri, Mar 10 - 8:00 am - †Rita Woelfel

Sat, Mar 11 - 8:00 am - †Kathie Toldstein

4:30 pm - †Donna Zettler

Sun, Mar 12 - 8:00 am - † John Bant

10:00 am - †Don Tinjum

Spanish - 12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, March 6

Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79/Lk 6:36-38



Tuesday, March 7 - Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity, Martyrs Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 8 - Saint John of God, Religious

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 9 - Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 10

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Ps 105/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 11

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 12 - 3rd Sunday of Lent-Daylight Saving Time Begins Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers Saturday Sunday Sunday March 12 March 12 March 11 4:30 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am Lectors Jeanne Alexjun Peggy Bant Joe Calderaro Musicians Carla MacDonald Ellen Schumann Barb Britten Annette Southworth Sara Schmitt Mary Lenard **Ushers and Greeters** Mike Lawrence Nic Schmitt Kevin Ellenbecker John Bocke Pat Ruesch **Bob Charlier Sharon Charlier** Dave Mayer Tom Mullaley

Altar Servers

Yonathan Ramirez

Adalyn Schmitt
Everly Schmitt

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Kim & Julia





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 <u>Ash Wednesday & Good Friday</u>. 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.



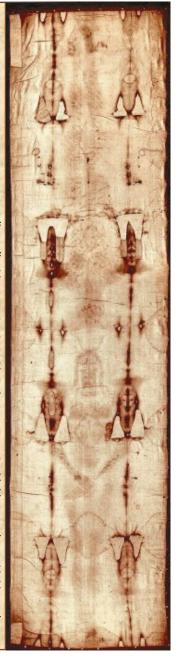
Special
Event Here
at
St Matthew's
Church

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.





Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

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



St Matthew Soup Sale Saturday & Sunday March 4th & 5th



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

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

The last soup sale will be March 25th & 26th.

Soups

(\$7.00/Quart)

Chicken Dumpling
Beef Noodle
Tomato Basil
Cream of Broccoli
Bean Soup with Ham

Salad

(\$5.00 for 1.5 lbs)

Tuna Macaroni Salad

Thanks to all who helped make the Soup Sale sponsored by the Men's Club successful!

A special thank you to those who made the soups and those who purchased the soups!

** If you have quart jars with lids, please put them in the marked plastic bins in the Angelorum or call Ken for pick up. Thank You!



Join us for Coffee and donuts



Next Sunday - "Coffee & Donuts Sunday"

After the 8 & 10 am Masses, join us in the Angelorum for fellowship, coffee, and delicious donuts!

The Family Life Committee



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!

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

Blest Art has hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and other olive wood art. Please consider purchasing a piece of art made by the Christians in and around Bethlehem who earn their living by carving these beautiful olive wood pieces of art.

The funds raised by Blest Art assist these remaining Christians (<1% of the population in the Holy Land) who want to live in peace and support their families with a centuries-old trade and way of life.



Blest Art gladly accepts cash, checks, and all major credit cards. We do not ask for nor do we accept any donations.

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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