Saint Matthew Catholic Church

May 21, 2023 - 7th Sunday of Easter The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023 - Confirmation at Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Fr Samuel Martin confirmed teens from the following parishes: St Matthew, Holy Name of Jesus, St Agnes, St Mark, and St Florian.

May the power of the Holy Spirit guide them as they become strong disciples of Christ and joy-filled members of His Church.



Congratulations to the following teens of St Matthew Parish who received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

- Michael Barber
- Tyler Foster
- Cole Hopperdietzel 🦓 Iris Sandoval
- **Kaylie Koch**
- Samantha Kohn
- Pedro Lira
- & Brooklyn Marthaler & Travis Sondelski
- Charle Martin
- Allison McDonald
- Maren Peek

- **Owen Reeves**
- > Julio Rodriguez
- **Luis Sandoval**
- Relia Sinz
- **Sophia Sinz**
- Lilly Witwer
- **Erick Zayas**

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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Confirmation Unites Us To Christ

By Brian Pizzalato (Used with permission from Catholic News Agency)

In the Old Testament, the Father sent forth a special anointing of the Holy Spirit on

particular people to help them fulfill a special mission. This can be seen in relation to priests, prophets and kings.

Throughout the Old Testament, the Father promised to send forth the Spirit upon the long-awaited redeemer, thus making Him the Messiah (anointed one). God the Father fulfilled this promise by sending the Son and anointing Him with the promised Spirit.

Jesus, the Messiah, promised to send forth the Spirit upon the people of God. He does so through baptism and then through a special anointing with the Holy Spirit in confirmation. He does this so that we might fulfill a special mission by sharing intimately in His priestly, prophetic and kingly ministry.

What else happens when someone is confirmed? What do the outward signs of anointing with oil, laying on of hands and the bishop or priest saying "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit" signify? What are some of the other interior effects of confirmation?

"It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost" ("Catechism of the Catholic Church," 1302). On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was "...manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of His fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance" (CCC, 731). So, confirmation is a continuance of Pentecost.

On Pentecost the Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit, in form of fire, to rest upon those gathered in the upper room. With this anointing of the Holy Spirit, the Church is thus definitively established to share in the life and mission of the persons of the Trinity. "The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 737).

Confirmation strengthens, deepens, increases and matures baptismal grace in the very depths of a person's being and existence. Baptism allows us a share in Trinitarian life. Through baptism we become adopted sons and daughters of the heavenly Father.

Confirmation "roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, 'Abba! Father!" (CCC 1303, cf. Romans 8:15). It also "unites us more firmly to Christ..." and "it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us" (CCC 1303).

From this we see that the effects of confirmation are very Trinitarian. First, our relationship as sons and daughters of the Father is more deeply rooted in us. Second, our unity with the Son/Messiah is made more firm in us. Third, the Holy Spirit, whose temple we are, increases His gifts in us.

In relation to this we must understand that confirmation "...renders our bond with the Church more perfect" (CCC, 1303). So, confirmation roots us more deeply in our relationship with the persons of the Trinity, but it also renders our bond with the church Christ established more perfect. This means we too share in the life and mission of the Church, who is the body of Christ.

From the event of Pentecost we can understand what this means. What did the disciples do upon the reception of the Holy Spirit? They went forth and boldly proclaimed the Gospel, which led people to repentance, to baptism, "... to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" Acts 2:42.

So confirmation, "...gives us (as it did the apostles) a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ more boldly, and never be ashamed of the Cross" (CCC, 1303).

After confirmation we have a duty, out of love for Christ, the Church and all of humanity, "to spread and defend the faith by word and action." The grace of the sacrament does not necessarily make it easy, but it does make it possible.

Many are under the mistaken notion that they should keep the faith to themselves. However, Christ tells us something very different when He says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Unfortunately, we live in a culture that is often hostile to Christianity, one that tells us religion should be a purely private affair. The challenge for us is whether we are going to obey Christ or the culture. Do we love Christ, and the men and women we come into contact with everyday, enough to share with them what the second person of the Trinity died to give them and us? Are we willing to imitate Christ in His suffering and death as a result of His proclamation of the Good News? Remember, Christ also faced a culture which was hostile.

During the first few centuries of the Church, many holy men and women lived and proclaimed the Gospel in a hostile culture. Many, more than can be numbered, offered their lives so that we might one day know and love Christ. Many died by crucifixion, burning or by being torn apart by beasts in the Roman arenas, for boldly professing their faith and not worshipping the false gods of Roman culture. Are we willing to die for Christ? Are we willing to boldly profess the faith and not worship the false gods of money, sex, power, convenience and comfort?

If we have learned anything from Christ, we must recognize that He taught us that love means sacrifice. We also know that Christ doesn't command us to do anything without also giving us the help to accomplish what He commands. In this case He provides us with none other than one of the seven sacraments He sacrificed His life to give us.

Prayer for the 3 Theological Virtues & the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into Heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, please grant the same Holy Spirit to me, to perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me the supernatural <u>Gift of Faith</u>, that I may truly believe in God and make my response by developing a relationship with Him.

The **Gift of Hope**, that I may trust in God through difficult circumstances and know that He loves me infinitely.

The Gift of Charity, that I may receive God's love and give God's love.

The <u>Gift of Knowledge</u>, that I may understand that there is a space reserved within me solely for the Holy Spirit. No thing or person can fill this space. God created me for Himself alone.

The <u>Gift of Piety</u>, that I know and love God as a son or daughter truly would. As members of the Family of God, we are brothers and sisters in Christ and therefore we must treat each other with deep respect.

The <u>Gift of Fortitude</u>, that I may have the courage and strength to overcome the obstacles that would harm my relationship with Jesus.

The <u>Gift of Understanding</u>, that I may realize that sin separates me from my friendship with Jesus. My heart is led to respond by repenting of my sin and receiving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession.

The <u>Gift of Wisdom</u>, that I may be inspired to worship God and to love Him as my Heavenly Father. His love leads me to want to know and do what is right and good.

The <u>Gift of Fear of the Lord</u>, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may avoid anything that may displease Him.

The <u>Gift of Counsel</u>, that I may be able to make correct decisions about God's will for my life. Mark us dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate us in all things with Your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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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: July 12, 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.

<u>Bautismo</u>

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.

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.

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

Receiving the Eucharist: Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth

The Mass is a re-presentation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time and space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we receive Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him through serving others, most especially those in need.



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

'Jesus, thank you for the profound Gift of the Holy Eucharist."

This week read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58.



Dear St. Matthew Parishioners.

Below is what was accomplished in Kenya during the year 2022. It was only possible because of your continued support, not only financial but spiritual and moral as well. Helping Hands works very hard to be good stewards of the donations you give throughout the year. God bless you for your giving hearts.

Helping Hands - Kenya - Year 2022

- Constructed six (6) new houses including beds, mattresses, blankets, home kit, coffee table and clothing for each family as well as a new pit latrine.
- Eight (8) water tanks for needy families.
- Supported the school lunch program at the SEMADEP Primary School & the Morning Star Academy Primary School - feeding about 300 children.
- Distributed reusable sanitary pads (made by Helping Hands) volunteers) to the girls in class 5, 6, 7 and 8 at eight (8) Primary Schools – approximately 600 girls.
- Provided Tuition support for 12 students at the SEMADEP Primary School and 14 at the Morning Star Primary School Academy.
- ➤ Delivered a "Hand Peddled" three-wheel bike to Ruben the young man who has no legs and lives in the town of Mia Mahui.
- Paid Tuition Fees for 6 College/University/Technical School students and 6 Secondary School (High School) Students.
- ➤ Constructed Three 2 stall pit latrines / and Four 3 stall bathing rooms at the Samuro village.
- Distribution of school materials and craft supplies to 12 primary schools.
- Constructed a new classroom for the Morning Star Academy in the village of Olokurto.
- Sea Shell Craft project in three primary schools.
- Volunteers had craft projects with the second grade class in four schools.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, May 23

Taco Tuesday - Outside South Church Entrance: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - Rectory: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 24

Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 25

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 - Cafeteria: 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost

Choir Sings at 10:00 am Mass



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

Envelopes (May 14th)	\$5,644.50
Offertory	\$985.80
Ascension	\$195.00
Debt Reduction	\$405.00
Candles	\$134.00
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Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish Next Scrip Sale: June 3rd & 4th

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.

Important changes coming to Kohl's Gift Cards. Our current Kohl's Cares Fundraising Gift Card is being discontinued.

After June 25th, you will no longer be able to pay for your credit card bill from Kohls with a gift card. New Kohl's cards will be available shortly, but will be used like the rest of the cards, at the time of purchase.



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**.



Prayer

The most powerful weapon against trials. The most effective medicine against sickness. The most valuable gift to someone you love.

Please pray for the members of Saint Matthew Parish:

"Dear Jesus, please help and heal all parishioners who are homebound, lonely, depressed, grieving, sick, in the hospital, those who are terminally ill and those who have died. Amen



Mass Intentions

May 22 - 28, 2023



Mon, May 22 - 6:00 pm - †Tom Hynes

Tue, May 23 - 12:05 pm - †Norm Chapman

Wed, May 24 - 8:00 am - †Vi McMahan

Thu, May 25 - 8:00 am - †Don Southworth

Fri, May 26 - 8:00 am - †Marge Rosnostick

Sat, May 27 - 8:00 am - †Rita Woelfel

4:30 pm - †In Memory of William "Bill" Radtke

Sun, May 28 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - †Lisa "Gizmo" Holeton

Spanish - 12 noon - †Maria Luisa Munoz Santoyo

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 23

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68/Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday, May 24

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68/Jn 17:11-19



Thursday, May 25 - St Bede the Venerable, Priest/Doctor of Church; St Gregory VII, Pope; St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 26 - Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 27 - Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
May 27	May 28	May 28
4:30 pm	8:00 am	10:00 am
Lectors		
Mary Holm	Henry Wanserski	Lee Peek
Musicians		
Joanna Boornazian	Marie Stubbe	Gaudete Choir
Nancy Losinski	Sara Schmitt	Nancy Losinski
Ushers and Greeters	A. P. C.	List
Mike Lawrence	Nic Schmitt	Kevin Malovrh
Marie Burish	Steve Ostrowski	Chuck Miller
John Bocke	Jody Babl	Randy Krueger
Altar Servers		S
Variables Danilar	Adalyn Schmitt	Matthew Meyer
Yonathan Ramirez	Everly Schmitt	Lukas Willemor





St Matthew Parish Summer Help Needed

Jason, our Custodian, is in need of a summer helper. This opportunity is for a student 16 years of age or older or an adult. Must be able to lift 50 lbs and use a riding lawnmower.

This position starts **June 5th, Monday through Friday: 7 am - 3 pm.**To get an application form stop by the Parish Center or to have an application form emailed to you, call the Parish Center: **715-842-3148.**



What Are You Looking For?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after

Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are YOU looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!



Join us for Breakfast to Welcome New Parish Members!

Sunday, May 21st





Menu

Pancakes
Baked Eggs
Sausage
Fruit
Coffee Cake
Juice & Coffee

Please call Ken at: 715-574-4300 If you can help on Saturday evening and or Sunday.

All parishioners are welcome to join the Family Life Committee in the school cafeteria after the Sunday 8 am and 10 am Masses for a breakfast welcoming new parish members beginning in December 2022 to the present.

Please join us and meet our new parish friends!



Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.



Thanks for your Prayers For Jack Shebuski

Jack is out of the hospital in Florida and is staying with his son. Jack is hoping to be

able to come home to Wausau within the next two weeks.

Your prayers for Jack are greatly appreciated!!! Thank You!!!



Fun-Filled Days of Catholic Kidz Camp

June 26th – 30th
8:00 am – 12:00 Noon
St Matthew Parish
All children K– 5th grade
To register call the parish center
(715) 842-3148

St Matthew Church

Catholic Books and Media for All Ages

Saturday, May 20th through Monday, June 5th
Browse 7 days a week: 9 am - 1 pm
Come to St Matthew Church Entrance Hall "Angelorum"

(Tables with books & media are by the stained glass angels windows.)

Books & Media are Free or Make a Free-Will Donation

(Put any donations in "Donation Box" on table. Checks may be written to: "St Matthew Parish".)

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