

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

While He was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." Mt 17:5



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**

Go to our website: www.StMatthewWausau.org, click on icon "Today's Mass" for direct link. For other Masses click on icon "YouTube-Recorded Masses". Or go directly to YouTube: "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)

TV Sunday Mass

- Channel 7.4 WSAW - Sunday 9 am
- Channel 12 - Sunday 6:30 am
- Ch 980 Public Access - Sat 6 pm & Sun 9 am

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: closed until after Labor Day

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August - The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
www.rosary-center.org (edited)

"Consecration to the Mother of God," says Pope Pius XII, "is a total gift of self, for the whole of life and for all eternity; and a gift which is not a mere formality or sentimentality, but effectual, comprising the full intensity of the Christian life - Marian life." This consecration, the Pope explained, "tends essentially to union with Jesus, under the guidance of Mary."

By our consecration we promise to become dependent on Mary in all things: to offer all our prayers and oblations to God through Mary, and to seek every gift from God through Mary. And we do this with the greatest confidence. Since she is our mother, she knows our needs better than we; and since she is Queen of Heaven, she has immediate access to the infinite treasury of graces in the Kingdom of her Divine Son.

Mary is not only the Mother of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father; she is also Mother of all the Father's adopted children. As their Mother, she has been given the role of molding them into the likeness of Jesus. Every work of grace, every increase of grace, is a work of the Holy Spirit; but as in the Incarnation of the Divine Word, God used human instruments, so does He in the sanctification of each individual soul. As He chose Mary as the instrument through whom He would come to us, so He chose Mary as the instrument through whom we should go to Him. And both the mystery of God coming to us through Mary, and our being led to God through Mary, is a work of the Holy Spirit. So when we speak of Mary's unique role in our sanctification, she is but the instrument the Holy Spirit uses in sharing with us the divine life of grace. It is in this sense that Mary fashions us into the likeness of Christ.

That this transformation - through Mary's help - be accomplished in a notable degree, there must be an awareness of her role in our sanctification, a confidence in her maternal concern and in her power under God, a surrender of oneself into her hands, and a fervent, frequent and confident seeking of her aid. This usually comes through some form of consecration to the Mother of God. At Fatima Our Lady asked for consecration to her Immaculate Heart, a consecration which calls for the devotion of the Five First Saturdays, which includes the Rosary, meditation and Communions of reparation - all done in reparation to her Immaculate Heart. It involves a striving to fulfill her requests for prayer and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for offenses against the Divine Majesty. It involves a striving to fulfill all that she asked for at Fatima and trying to bring others to heed her requests.

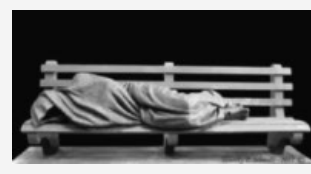
Living that consecration means becoming an apostle of Mary, striving to imitate her virtues, and to place in her hands the flowers of little sacrifices of reparation for the salvation of souls, so that we might strengthen her hand against the attacks of the Evil One, and hasten the day of the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. To everyone who makes that consecration and sincerely tries to live it, the words of Our Lady to the child Lucia at Fatima would also apply: "I will never leave you; my Immaculate Heart will be your refuge, and the way that will lead you to God." If consecration to Mary "tends essentially to union with Jesus, under the guidance of Mary," as Pope Pius XII said, we must remember that any gradual transformation into Christ requires a gradual loving acceptance of a greater share in His redeeming Cross. When we offer ourselves to Mary to lead us, to form us into the likeness of her Son, we are offering to let her lead us along the way of the Cross.

Our Blessed Mother's great concern is the salvation of the souls of her children, many of whom are being lost. She looks for generous souls among her children, who are willing to share more fully in her Son's redemptive mission, filling up what is wanting in other members of the Body of Christ. Little by little they are transformed to see as Christ sees, and to desire what He desires. God wants to draw us closer to Himself, sharing more fully His Divine life.

In the Rosary, we contemplate Mary in Heaven in the **Glorious Mysteries**, because she had so unique a role on earth in the **Sorrowful Mysteries**. This is the pattern that is offered to each of us, and of which we are reminded each time we pray the Rosary.

Consecration to Mary, then, requires a childlike simplicity and confidence, letting her lead one by the hand, trusting - regardless of what lies ahead - that she knows better than we what contributes most to God's glory, our sanctification and the salvation of souls.

Catholic Charities and the Homeless of Wausau Need Your Help!



Catholic Charities operates a no barrier emergency shelter in the City of Wausau. The shelter used to be known as the *Warming Center*. It has been renamed the **Good Shepherd Shelter**. Our mission at the *Good Shepherd Shelter* is to show the homeless and those living in poverty the tremendous and abundant love of God through Jesus Christ!

In the past, the shelter has only been open during the winter months. The shelter is now open 365 days a year. So far this year we have served over 287 different people! That means that we are on pace to serve over 500 new people this year who are experiencing emergency shelter needs.

Currently our shelter capacity is 30 people per night, with an emergency overflow of 40. This year we have been full to capacity almost every night. Our shelter guests consist of the chronically homeless, people experiencing homelessness for the first time due to a life crisis, as well as many people working full time.

We provide our guests with a hot meal, a shower, and a safe and warm place to sleep. We also launder their clothing while they stay with us for the night.

While they are staying at the shelter we connect them with several different services with the end goal of getting them off of the street, into permanent housing, and in a relationship with our Lord!

HELP NEEDED

- Volunteers to cook a meal for 30+ guests
- Volunteers to serve the meal to the guests
- Volunteers to staff the intake process each night
- Volunteers to preach the Gospel in action and by words when the opportunity arises. We are also in need of religious art, books, and other items that will draw our guests hearts and minds toward our Lord!
- Most importantly we are in need of parishioners to pray for our guests!

If you would like more information on the shelter or would like to volunteer or donate items please contact :

Jeff Hancock at jhancock@cclse.org and/or 715-301-3339

Open Monday-Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm
Mondays 9 am - 3 pm: - Walk-in's for Financial Aid and Counseling

We offer Pregnancy Counseling, Pre and Post Adoption Services, Immigration Services, and our Project Step-up and Beyond Shelter programs. Please call for details, 715-849-3311.

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Bulletin Deadline: 2 pm Monday



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: September 13, 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.

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

The Eucharist is Called the Holy Sacrifice



A sacrifice is an offering of love for someone. Jesus rescued us and set us free from the bondage of sin by offering Himself through His painful sacrifice on the Cross. At each Mass, Jesus offers Himself to the Father for love of us. Jesus is not being "re-sacrificed" but the sacrifice of Calvary is being made present at each Mass. To express our gratitude and to open our hearts more deeply to Him, we can show our love by offering small sacrifices to Him: our willingness to forgive after being hurt by someone, cutting our time short with TV to take time for prayer, visiting someone who is sick etc.

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

"Thank You, Jesus, for loving me so much that You were willing to die in order to save me and set me free from the bondage of sin."

This week read: how we are to imitate Jesus by walking in the way of love in Ephesians 5:2. "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved me and gave Himself up for me as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

Thank You To All Our Catechists!



Thank you so very much to all the generous people who will be our catechists for next year.

We are very grateful for your commitment!

We would greatly appreciate having subs we can call when one of our catechists cannot make it to class.

For more information please call Joy at 715.842.3148.

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25



Registration for 2023 - 2024 Religious Education is open on our website.



The sooner you register the better we can plan for the year.

Visit our website to register: **StMatthewWausau.org** There is no cost to attend the program for the catechist's children.

For more information call Joy at 715.842.3148.



Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference

The Eucharist: At the Heart of the Scriptures

Monday, August 21st

Presentation: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Cost is \$10

Register: diolc.org/witness

Mark's humor and his passion for Scripture has helped young and old, begin to read and study the Bible in engaging and relevant ways.



MARK HART (the renowned "Bible Geek")



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, August 8

Consecration to Jesus through Mary - Emily's Room: after 12:05 pm Mass
Men's Fellowship Game Night - School Cafeteria: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Jubilee House Core Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 10

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



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

Envelopes (July 30th).....	\$6,673.00
Offertory.....	\$956.62
Debt Reduction.....	\$200.00
Easter.....	\$40.00
Candles.....	\$123.00



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

Thank you to our Advertisers!

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday August 12 4:30 pm	Sunday August 13 8:00 am	Sunday August 13 10:00 am
Lectors		
Lynn Meyer	Bernie Dohr	Lee Peek
Musicians		
Joanna Boornazian Nancy Losinski	Bill Dohr Sara Schmitt	Jim Washebek Dorothy Giallombardo
Ushers and Greeters		
Marie Burish Dave Mayer Jay Rolefson	Nic Schmitt Al Seubert Tom Mullaley	Jack Reeves Randy Krueger Kevin Ellenbecker
Altar Servers		
Yonathan Ramirez Luke Riehle	Adalyn Schmitt Everly Schmitt	Matthew Meyer



Mon, Aug 7 - 6:00 pm - †Rick Henrichs
Tue, Aug 8 - 12:05 pm - †Deceased Covarrubias & Funk Families
Wed, Aug 9 - 8:00 am - Special Intention
Thu, Aug 10 - 8:00 am - Al & †Sharon Seubert (66th Anniversary)
Fri, Aug 11 - 8:00 am - Living & †Deceased Covarrubias Family
Sat, Aug 12 - 8:00 am - †Glenn and †Dorothy Schmitz
4:30 pm - St Matthew Parishioners
Sun, Aug 13 - 8:00 am - Bernie Hynes
10:00 am - †Shirley Sackmann
Spanish - 12 noon - †Omar Rodriguez

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, August 7 - Saint Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81/Mt 14:13-21



Tuesday, August 8 - Saint Dominic, Priest

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51/Mt 14:22-36

Weds, August 9 - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin/Martyr

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29, 34-35/Ps 106/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 10 - Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112/Jn 12:24-26

Friday, August 11 - Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 12 - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 13 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13/Ps 85/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



Holy Day - Assumption of Mary - Liturgical Ministers		
Monday August 14 6:00 pm	Tuesday August 15 8:00 am	Tuesday August 15 12:05 pm
Lectors		
Mike Jilek	Jim Low	Peggy Bant
Musicians		
Joel Stubbe Nancy Losinski	Bill Dohr Annette Southworth	Lynn Meyer Dorothy Giallombardo
Ushers and Greeters		
Kathie Stencil Ted Stencil	Dale Evert Dennis Janssen	Al Seubert Gary Tapper
Altar Servers		
Natalie Bergo Carolina Bergo	Joey Huebsch TJ Sondelski	Sam Hanneman Anthony Hanneman

Thank You!

Dear St Matthew's Parish Family,

Thank you for all your thoughtful cards, letters, and prayers sent to help me celebrate my 100th Birthday. I especially want to thank the Men's Club. You truly made it a very special celebration.

I also want to thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits during my recent illness. I know they were instrumental in my recovery. I feel blessed to be part of this family.

Sincerely,
Jack Shebuski

HELPING HANDS UPDATE

Helping Hands will be collecting school supplies for Kenya.

Some of the supplies needed are:

- pens - pencils - crayons - markers
- colored construction paper - chalk
- flash cards - chalkboard erasers

Please drop off your donation at the parish office – THANK YOU!

Helping Hands will be taking a group of volunteers to Kenya to help those in need.



There will be two trips:

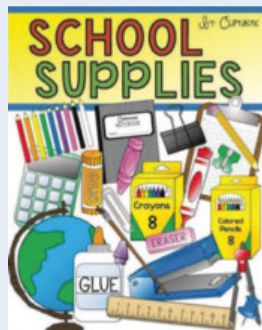
1st Trip: January 9th – 25th

2nd Trip: January 24th to February 8th

OR

3rd Option: January 9th to February 8th

If you are interested and would like to know more about the trips, contact Tom or Mary Pat Roovers (715) 842-4270.



Consecration to Jesus through Mary
Coming August 8th through September 12th
Tuesdays after the noon Mass
in Emily's Room (in church Angelorum)
Call Kay W. for questions at 715-697-1680
Book and workbook required.



Bible Timeline Bible Study

Who were the Samaritans?

What three things were inside the Ark of the Covenant?



Who led the Israelites into the Promised Land?

Join us as we explore the history of the Jewish people and early Christians through **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation** by Ascension Press.

This 24-week course gives an overview of the history of the Jews and Christians from Genesis through Acts.

We are offering two sessions starting September 20th & 21st:

- **Wednesdays at 6 am** (for Men's Morning Group)
- **Thursdays at 9 am** (Open to All)

Bible Study will be in "Emily's Room" in church Angelorum.

Materials Needed

- One Study Set required for each person (may be shared by a couple) - Study Set (\$40) can be bought at: www.ascensionpress.com
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- One of these versions of the Bible:
 - Revised Standard Version-Catholic Edition (RSV-CE)
 - New American Bible (NAB)



If you are interested contact: Jay Rolefson at 715-843-5530 or rolefson1@frontier.com by August 31st.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 2023

FROM 9 AM - 5 PM AT ST MATTHEW'S SCHOOL WAUSAU

We will have speakers, interactive workshops, and a huge used curriculum sale! For information: wicatholichomeschool.com

Please contact Jade (717)307-5958 with questions.



Attention
High
School
Students



The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will take place
November 16-19, 2023 in Indianapolis, Indiana

The NCYC is the premier biennial celebration for Catholic teenagers, bringing over 25,000 people together for this amazing four day experience.

Who can go?

Teens entering 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2023.

Wausau area parishes will travel together by bus and room together at the conference.

Estimated cost is \$700 per teen.

Additional information can be found at:

diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/ncychome

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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Healing Your Marriage - Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. The next program in Central Wisconsin begins with a weekend stay, **August 25th-27th in the Wausau area.**

For more information or to register, call 1.877.922.HOPE (4673) or visit website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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