

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

August 20, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. Mt 15:28



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

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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

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

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

The Private Heavenly Apparitions of Sister Lucia of Fatima: 1925-1952

(edited: www.sspcx.org/en/news-events/news/private-heavenly-apparitions-sister-lucia-fatima-1925-1952)

The Spreading of the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

On December 10, 1925, Sister Lucia was then a postulant of the Dorothean Convent in Pontevedra, the Most Holy Virgin appeared to her, and by Her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was the Child Jesus. The Most Holy Virgin rested her hand on her shoulder, and as she did so, she showed her a Heart encircled by thorns, which she was holding in her other hand. At the same time, the Child Jesus said:



"Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of Reparation to remove them."

Immediately the Most Blessed Virgin added:

"Look my daughter, at my heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and announce in my name that I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Why this Heavenly desire to ask for the communion of reparation of the first five Saturdays of the month? Our Lord told Sister Lucia on May 29, 1930, when she was in Tuy: *"The reason for the five Saturdays of the month is simple, it is because there are five types of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:*

1. *Blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception*
2. *Blasphemies against her Perpetual Virginity*
3. *Blasphemies against her Divine Maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men*
4. *Blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn, or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother; the offenses of those who outrage her directly in her holy images."*

Several times, Our Lord returned to express to Sister Lucia His ardent desire of establishing in the world the devotion of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of His most Blessed Mother. He did so in March 1939, in Tuy: *"Ask that the devotion of the first Saturdays of the month in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary be recommended. The time is near when the rigor of My justice will punish the crime of many nations."*

Similarly, in May 1943, also in Tuy: *"I desire most ardently the propagation of the cult of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, because the love of this Heart attracts souls to Me; it is the center from which the rays of My light and My love go through all the earth, and the unquenchable fountain from which the living water of My mercy flows into the earth."*



Gospel Reflection

Our Gospel today from Matthew reminds us to trust in Him even when He is not answering our prayers.

God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, the woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith.

And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that period], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Indeed there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us.

So we must accept the difficulties that come with the Christian way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let's embrace the hard days during these difficult times. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be worth it.

But when we embrace the Christian way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

August 22nd - Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



"Just as Mary surpassed in grace all others on earth, so also in heaven is her glory unique. If eye has not seen or ear heard or the human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9), who can express what He has prepared for the woman who gave Him birth and who loved Him, as everyone knows, more than anyone else?" Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus. Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We also recall in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

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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.

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

At Mass, We Want to Focus on God

When we go to Mass, we want to think about God. This is our time set-aside with Jesus and we are to speak with and listen to Him because the Mass is the official public worship of God by the Church. This is the way that God invites us to worship Him as laid out in the Bible. Jesus wants us to sincerely focus on Him and what is happening at the altar. When we get distracted: don't get upset, but say a little prayer – ever so simple – and turn your thoughts gently and peacefully back to the Mass.

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

"Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is happening at Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening)."

This week, read how we are to give thanks to the Lord in Psalm 95:1-6.



St Matthew Parish is planning a **Ministry Fair in late September** to invite parishioners to participate in the many areas of service available in the parish.

As we seek to grow as a community of faith we will share information on how to become more involved. More information will be provided as planning progresses.

Please call the parish at 715-842-3148 with any questions.

Catholic Life Wants Writers of Faith Stories of Parishioners



Our diocesan magazine, Catholic Life, needs writers from across our diocese who can help tell the vibrant Faith stories of our parishioners in our parishes and communities. Catholic Life reaches 55,000 registered families and writers have a tremendous ability to help spread the Good News. Please prayerfully consider joining our pool of writers and reach out to Pam at pwiller@diolc.org if interested.

Last Call for Enrollment in the Lay Formation Institute (LFI)!

Registration is closing for the new Lay Formation Institute class that starts in September, so this is the last call! Watch short videos of what the most recent graduates are saying about their Lay Formation experience, how it has deepened their relationship with Christ and their Faith! For these video clips and more information, visit

diolc.org/lay-formation

Discuss enrollment with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call **608.791.0161**.



Praying Together as a Family

An important component of summer is taking the time for your family to pray together each day.

Check out the downloadable prayer card for each grade level. This simple process helps prayer to become more personal. Visit **diolc.org/prayer**

"The family that prays together stays together."



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Monday, August 21

1st Reconciliation & Communion Parent Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room
English: 6:00 - 7:00 pm; Spanish: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, August 22

Consecration to Jesus through Mary - Emily's Room: after 12:05 pm Mass

Thursday, August 24

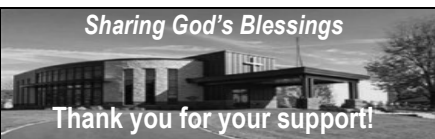
Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm

Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Confirmation Parent Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room

English: 6:00 - 7:00 pm; Spanish: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Men's Club Meeting - School Cafeteria: 7:00 pm



**Weekly Minimum Amount
Needed per Budget:**
\$12,217.00

Envelopes (August 13th).....	\$7,458.00
Offertory.....	\$705.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$100.00
Assumption.....	\$105.00
Mission Coop.....	\$993.00
Candles.....	\$98.00

Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish



Next Scrip Sale: September 2nd & 3rd

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.

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential Help is Available From:



* Catholic Charities - 360 Grand Avenue #800, Wausau

Phone: 715.849.3311 Text: 715.600.6391

Email: info@cclse.org Website: cclse.org and

Pregnancy Support: www.cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant

* Hope Life Center - 605 24th Ave. S. Ste 20, Wausau

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**

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



Mon, Aug 21 - 6:00 pm - †Deceased Kaminski Family

Tue, Aug 22 - 12:05 pm - Father Isaac Pecha

Wed, Aug 23 - 8:00 am - †Paul Ott

Thu, Aug 24 - 8:00 am - †Jim Luterbach

Fri, Aug 25 - 8:00 am - †Patricia Kloss

Sat, Aug 26 - 8:00 am - Fr Charlie Hoffmann
(60th Anniversary of Ordination)

4:30 pm - †Jay Spiegel

Sun, Aug 27 - 8:00 am - †Bill & †Mary Luterbach

10:00 am - †Memory of Margaret Shebuski

Spanish - 12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, August 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jgs 6:11-24/Ps 85/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 23 - Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145/Jn 1:45-51

Friday, August 25 - Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22/Ps 146/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 26

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday August 26 4:30 pm	Sunday August 27 8:00 am	Sunday August 27 10:00 am
Lectors		
Joe Calderaro	Mike Jilek	Pat Loy
Musicians		
Joanna Boornazian Anne Paul	Joel Stubbe Annette Southworth	Phillip Wyman Dorothy Giallombardo
Ushers and Greeters		
Maren Peek Lee Peek Abigail Peek	David Krause Kathie Stencil Ted Stencil	Chuck Miller Kevin Malovrh Kevin Ellenbecker
Altar Servers		
Luke Riehle Yonathan Ramirez	TJ Sondelski	Sam Hanneman Anthony Hanneman

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Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 pm
in the school cafeteria.



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:

- Wednesday at 6 am (Men's Morning Group)
- Thursday at 9 am (open to all Parishioners)

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)
- 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.



Do You Want to Protect the Innocence of Your Children?

Monday, August 21st at 12-Noon
Please come to the
Wausau Library Board Meeting

Library controversy - Concerns have been expressed by local parents about harmful reading material that is currently available to young children at the Marathon County Public Library.

The request to the library board that books of concern be labeled according to a rating system so parents have the information they need to protect their children, was voted against, 4-2 by the library board.

This proposal will be discussed again at the next meeting, Monday, August 21 at 12:00 noon at the Wausau Library location.

We need a large attendance to show support for protecting the innocence of our children. If you have questions, please call Dorothy - 715 432-5519.



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.

RETRouvaille

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

Fully confidential and affordable. Space is limited. Register early.



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.



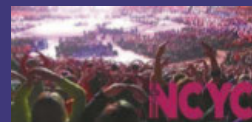
Saint Matthew's Feast Day Thursday, September 21st

Celebrate our patron saint's feast day by attending Mass at 8:00 am.

Join us after the 8:00 am Mass, for a "Dutch Treat Breakfast" at 2510 Restaurant Deli (2510 Stewart Avenue)



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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