

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

October 22, 2023 - World Mission Sunday

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed Him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that He said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Mt 22:19-21



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**

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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

- 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)
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Office Hours - Oficina Horas

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 12 noon

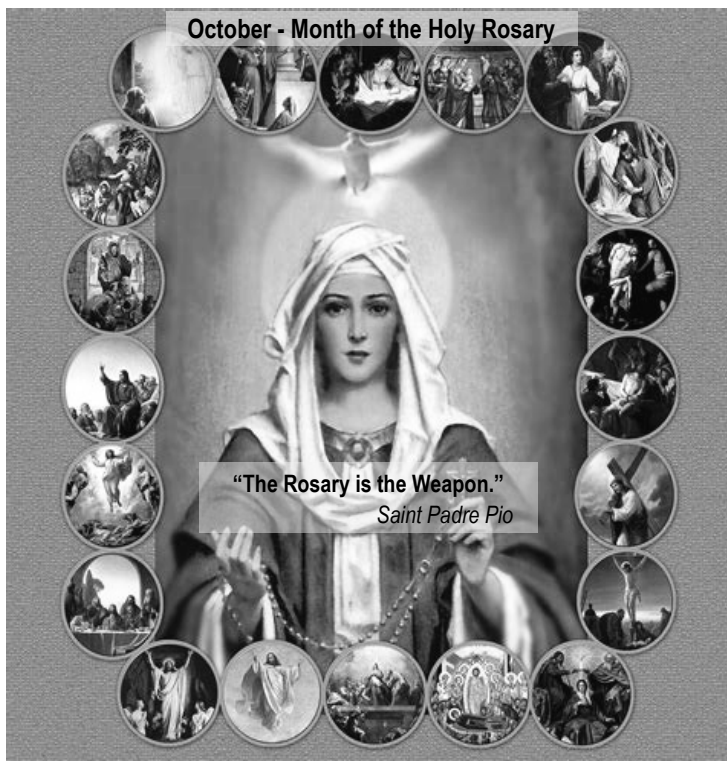
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				October 22nd - Feast Day Saint Pope John Paul II May 18, 1920 - April 2, 2005			
<p>"The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish."</p>	<p>"Forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil."</p>	<p>"Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history."</p>		<p>"For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread. Through His own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, He offers life to men."</p>	<p>"Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart toward the Lord. If we look only at ourselves, with our own limitations and sins, we quickly give way to sadness and discouragement."</p>		


October - Month of the Holy Rosary



"The Rosary is the Weapon."
Saint Padre Pio


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Catholic Relief Services, in conjunction with Caritas partners, are working to meet the desperate humanitarian needs caused by the terrorism and fighting in the Holy Land. To learn how you can help, visit www.crs.org



**Gospel Meditation
A Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?



Father of All Mercies

Father of all mercies, we pray for the families who have fled their homes in fear. We lift up the mothers and fathers who have escaped with only their children, leaving everything else behind. Their country has changed, their lives will never be the same and they are afraid of the future.

Lord, you are the God who heals. Please bring your comfort and healing to those who are hurting.

We lift up the communities who have taken in refugees and displaced people, even though they may be struggling themselves. We thank you for their generosity and compassion towards those in distress.

Lord, you are the God who provides. We pray that timely help and support will reach all who are in need.

Father, there is so much pain and conflict across the Middle East. We pray for leaders throughout the region and ask you to turn their hearts towards peace. As our leaders and those around the world consider how to respond, please grant them wisdom and insight.

Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. We pray for an end to the violence and bloodshed, and ask you to bring a new dawn of peace across the Middle East.

Amen

This weeks' gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, **"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."** This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930's and 40's. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, *Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar*. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

Father John Muir ©LPi

"Those who believe that politics and religion do not mix, understand neither."
Albert Einstein

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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: November 15th, 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.

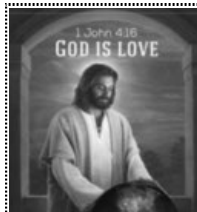
Marriage - Contact Fr Sebastian 6 months in advance.

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

God is Love

It's so important to remember that God is not just loving but He is LOVE itself. Our Heavenly Father reveals – shows us – that He is love and that He desires to share His love by creating us. He created each one of us out of love. Our Heavenly Father only wants to love us. We are able to recognize His love in that Our Father sent His only Son to give Himself to us in the Eucharist and to give His life for us on the Cross.

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

"Heavenly Father, thank you for Your love for me."

This week, read how St John the Evangelist explains how we know that God is love: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us" (1 John 4: 7-12).

Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish



Remember Scrip when buying for your four-legged family members. We have Ace Hardware and Pet Smart as special orders but have County Market, Fleet Farm, PickNSave, Festival, Target and Walmart on hand. Remember Scrip when writing out your shopping lists!

Next Scrip Sale: November 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 available in back of church by cry room and the Parish Center.



Knights of Columbus Collection for the Neighbor's Place: "Baby Place"

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Any Baby Hygiene Products

Please put these items in boxes located in the back of church from October 13th through October 23rd! Thank you for your help!!



Wednesdays at 1 pm in the Gathering Space at The Church of the Resurrection

People grieving the death of a spouse, a family member or close friend are invited to participate in GriefShare, a program offered over 14 weeks in which a friendly, caring group of people offer guidance and encouragement to those dealing with one of life's most challenging experiences.

The gatherings use a nationally recognized and highly regarded program with presentations and discussion.

If you have questions or would like to register, contact
Grant Johnson at St Anne's Parish: osdad.johnson2@gmail.com



Post-Abortion Healing Retreats - Rachel's Vineyard Encounter God's Mercy

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat to help anyone who has struggled with the aftermath of abortion to begin healing through a supportive, trauma-sensitive approach. Each weekend is run by a team of trained volunteers (counselor, priest, and lay people), who care deeply for your needs. Many team members have suffered the same loss. It is understood that your loss may be something you have never shared with another person, even those who are closest to you. All interactions are completely confidential. These retreats will be offered in the Diocese of Madison on Nov 10-12, 2023, March 15-17, 2024, and Nov 8-10, 2024.

For more information, visit: www.madisondiocese.org/rachel



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Wednesday, October 25

Men's Morning Group: Bible Timeline - Emily's Room: 6 am

Thursday, October 26

Bible Timeline - Emily's Room: 9 am

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

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

Men's Club Steak Feed Stag Night - School Gym: 5 pm Social, 6 pm Dinner

Saturday, October 28

Pizza Night - School Cafeteria: 5:30 pm - after the 4:30 pm Mass

Holiday Bulletin Submission Dates

Bulletin submission dates change during the upcoming holidays. Please refer to the schedule below for submitting announcements for the bulletin. Please submit announcements by 11 am on the deadline date or on the day before to Rosemary at:

rosemarybulletin@stmatthewwausau.org or call 715-842-3148

For Bulletin on: Submission Deadline:

November 19 - Friday, November 10
November 26 - Thursday, November 16
December 3 - Tuesday, November 28
December 10 - Monday, December 4
December 17 - Friday, December 8
December 24 - Thursday, December 14
December 31 - Friday, December 22
January 7 - Tuesday, January 2

Sharing God's Blessings



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

Envelopes (October 15th).....	\$7,191.00
Offertory.....	\$980.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$180.00
Catholic Times.....	\$20.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$181.00
Candles.....	\$158.25

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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 October 23 - 29, 2023

Pray for Us

Mon, Oct 23 - 6:00 pm - Msgr "Father" Bernard McGarty

Tue, Oct 24 - 12:05 pm - †Bob Fergot

- Special Intention

Wed, Oct 25 - 8:00 am - †Robert Arlen

- †Jim Low and Family

Thu, Oct 26 - 8:00 am - †Jim Low

- †Marian Brebrick, †Katie Brebrick Goldstein

Fri, Oct 27 - 8:00 am - †Bob & Joyce Fergot - Anniversary

Sat, Oct 28 - 8:00 am - †Myrtes Burlingame

4:30 pm - †Sandy Prinz and son †Brian Prinz

Sun, Oct 29 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - †Dorothy Rueter

Spanish - 12 noon - †Omar Rodriguez

*Two Mass Intentions are available when 2 priests concelebrate a Mass.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, October 23 - Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 24 - St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21/Ps 40/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 25

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 26

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1/Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 27

Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 28 - Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19/Lk 6:12-16

Sunday, October 29 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18/1 Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

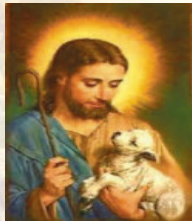


Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday October 28 4:30 pm	Sunday October 29 8:00 am	Sunday October 29 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Henry Wanserski	Pat Loy
Musicians		
Joanna Boornazian Emalyn Nikstad	Ellen Schumann Annette Southworth	Phillip Wyman Annette Southworth
Ushers and Greeters		
Dave Mayer Mike Lawrence Jay Rolefson	Kathie Stencil Ted Stencil David Krause	Jack Reeves Randy Krueger Kevin Malovrh
Altar Servers		
Yonathan Ramirez	Joey Huebsch TJ Sondelski	Sam Hanneman Anthony Hanneman
Children's Liturgy of the Word:		
		Kim and Zach

*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:



Dale Quednow

He died Saturday - October 14, 2023
He is the Brother of Kathy Miilu & Joyce Peterson

Marcie Ludkey

She died Saturday - October 14, 2023

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



Sunday, November 5th at 4:00 pm

This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

We invite you to join us in remembering our loved ones who have died this past year, in the celebration of a **"Mass of Remembrance"**.

A candle will be lit in the memory of our loved ones and their names will be read during a candle procession to begin our liturgical celebration.

Refreshments will be served following the Mass.

If you would like to provide a picture of your loved one, it will be displayed on a table in the Angelorum during the month of November.



"The Book of the Dead"

On November 1st, *"The Book of the Dead"* will be placed near the banner with the names of our deceased parishioners. We invite you to add the names of family or friends who have died in the book, especially those who have died in this past year.

Thanksgiving Meals

The **"Wausau West Side Circle of Joy"** will, as in the past 50+ years, again be helping needy households enjoy a nice Thanksgiving dinner.



Many of the government programs families received have been cut or eliminated altogether. Those who receive S.N.A.P. cards are not able to



stretch the amount they receive for an entire month. Food costs keep rising. FARMERS MARKETS are done for the season. Calls to us for all types of assistance have increased.

Due to continued Covid precautions, we will be handing out gift cards from local grocers & Kwik Trip to households depending on their size. **This year - in addition - we are collecting personal and paper products, soap, laundry detergent, etc. to put together in a basket along with the gift cards.** The large blue bins are set up in the Angelorum for those collections. If you are so moved, please purchase SCRIPT CARDS and/or PERSONAL PRODUCTS to help us in this endeavor.

More info will be made available in future bulletins. All donations are tax deductible AND are distributed in the local area.

WE ARE THE HANDS OF YOUR CHARITABLE HEARTS.

Questions?? Call Lou @ 715-848-4177

**Men's Club Steak Feed
Stag Night**



Date: Thursday, October 26, 2023

Who: Member and Male Guest only

Where: St Matthew's Gym

When: 5:00 pm Social 6:00 pm Meal

Cost: \$18.00 per person (includes \$1 for 50/50)

Meal: Steak, Potato, Salad Bar, Dinner Rolls
Dessert & Refreshments

Please RSVP by Sunday October 22nd to:

Glen Yeager 715-848-1106 or sheilay@charter.net

Pat Rausch 715-845-1160 or rue04of15@gmail.com

Don Gallenberg 715-675-3616 or dgallenberg@live.com

St Matthew's Pizza Night!

Saturday, October 28th at 5:30 pm (or after 4:30 pm Mass)
at St Matthew School Cafeteria



Come enjoy delicious 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 contact **Deacon Tom** at his email:

ttierney@diolclergy.org

Thank you for Freewill Offerings made to support this event.




HELPING HANDS KENYA TRIPS



Helping Hands has two openings for their volunteer trips to Kenya. **The dates are January 9th to 24th, or January 23rd to February 8th, 2024.**

(two openings each trip)

If you are interested in helping to improve the lives of those who struggle from day to day to survive, please contact **Tom or Mary Pat Roovers (715) 842-4270.**



**The Peacemakers Quilters
Quilt Sale**

November 18th & 19th


In the Angelorum after the following Masses:


- * **Saturday 4:30 pm**
- * **Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am**

The money received will be used for supplies and the remainder given to St Matthew Parish.

Throughout the year, quilts are donated to the Woman's Community, Hospice House and to Rebecca's Closet.

**Our quilts make nice
Christmas gifts for all ages!**





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