Saint Matthew Catholic Church

November 5, 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi'. You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." Mt 23:8-11





Mass of Remembrance Sunday, November 5th at 4:00 pm

A Mass of Remembrance to honor our parishioners who have died in this past year begins with a special candle procession in their memory.

Join us for this beautiful liturgy to pray for our deceased loved ones!

This Mass fulfills your Sunday Obligation.

Refreshments served after Mass.

You may display photos of your deceased loved ones in the Angelorum.

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 Cable TV
- 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: 8:00 am - 12 noon

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20 Ways to Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory



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The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During this entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved.

Church Teaching on Purgatory

The souls in purgatory died in the mercy of God, this is why they are called holy; however, because they still had attachment to sin at the time of their death, they must undergo a spiritual purification of their souls before they are able to fully love God with their whole heart, mind, and soul for all eternity. The holy souls are "saved souls", they will enjoy the reward of heaven, but during their lives they were not the perfect souls that Christ commanded them to be (Mt 5:48), and for which He provided every grace

and means for them to become (2 Pt 1:3). ... Those who die in the love of God but fall short of holiness due to habitual sinful clingings, must be pure before being admitted to the beatific vision... the vision of God that the saints in heaven enjoy for all eternity. For more information, read "What Do Catholics Really Believe About Purgatory?"

Those in purgatory cannot pray for themselves, this is why they are also called "poor" souls. They can no longer merit anything for themselves (their opportunity for increasing in merit was during their earthly lives) and they must rely entirely on others to pray and make sacrifices on their behalf. As they are nevertheless part of the *Communion of Saints*, they depend upon us to help ease their suffering and quickly advance them through their purification so that they can join the saints in heaven.

Prayers for the faithful departed pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls that He loves. It is an act of charity that we can give for those we have known and loved, for our ancestors who gave us life, for those who were our benefactors, for those whose memory is lost, and for those who have no one else to pray for them.

Here are 20 ideas for praying for these suffering (often neglected) souls, especially during the month of November dedicated to their memory:

20 Ways to Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

- 1. Pray the "Novena to the Holy Souls".
- **2.** Offer up your *Holy Communions* for the souls in purgatory.
- 3. Have Masses said for your departed loved ones, especially on the anniversary of his or her death.
- **4.** Pray "The Way of the Cross" for Souls in Purgatory.
- 5. Pray the special "Holy Souls Rosary". After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Holy Rosary is the most powerful prayer.
- **6.** Obtain *Indulgences*: Indulgences reduce or cancel the temporal punishment that we incur through sin. There are many ways to obtain indulgences through pious actions, and we can apply their merits to the dead. If you visit a church or oratory on *All Souls Day* and there recite the *Lord's Prayer* and the *Apostle's Creed*, you can earn a *plenary (full) indulgence* applicable only to the *souls in purgatory* (under the usual conditions).
- 7. Give Alms: The giving of material assistance to the poor has always been considered a penance that can be offered for the Holy Souls. "For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin" (Tobit 12:9).
- 8. Pray the "Divine Mercy Chaplet" for the intention of the Holy Souls.
- **9.** "Prayer of St Gertrude for the Holy Souls": this prayer is attributed to St Gertrude the Great and was the prayer by which she obtained the release of many souls from purgatory.
- **10.** Sprinkle "holy water" on the ground: St John Macias, a great friend of those in purgatory, would often sprinkle holy water on the ground for the spiritual benefit of the suffering souls.
- 11. When passing by a cemetery, pray the short "Eternal Rest" prayer. This prayer carries a partial indulgence applicable to the poor souls: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."
- 12. Practice the tradition of praying the *Eternal Rest* prayer (above) before and after your meals as an easy way to remember to pray for the holy souls every day. You can also pray the prayer between the decades of your daily rosary.
- 13. Visit a cemetery: Pray over the graves of your departed loved ones, or visit a random graveyard and pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. Simply doing this gains a partial indulgence for those in purgatory. While you're there, sprinkle holy water on the graves. If you make this visit during the first eight days of the month dedicated to the Holy Souls (November 1-8) you can gain a plenary indulgence applicable to the souls in purgatory.
- 14. Eucharistic Adoration: visit the Blessed Sacrament to make acts of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on behalf of those in purgatory.
- 15. Sacrifices: practice small acts of self-denial throughout your day and offer these penances up for the poor souls.
- 16. Pray the "Office of the Dead". You can find this in your volume of the Liturgy of the Hours or online.
- 17. Ask for the *intercession of saints* who were known to be great friends of the *Holy Souls* during their lifetime to join you in prayer for the faithful departed: St Nicholas of Tolentino, St Gertrude the Great, St Catherine of Genoa, St Padre Pio, St Philip Neri, St John Macías, St Faustina Kowalska, St Joseph, Our Lady, and others.
- **18.** Special prayers: Throughout your day, offer up short and spontaneous prayers (*ejaculatory prayers*) for the *holy souls*. Consider buying books on purgatory with more prayers and special devotions for the *Holy Souls*.
- 19. Repent of your offenses against God and go to confession: Confessing your own sins makes your prayers for the souls of others more effective.
- **20.** Spread devotion to the Holy Souls: Make others aware of the great need these suffering souls have for our prayers. As you pray for the Holy Souls, don't forget to ask them to pray for you... They will be happy to do so, as they will be most grateful for your prayers and sacrifices on their behalf. This is the beauty of the Communion of Saints! Death does not separate those bonded to one another in Christ!

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Celebration of the Sacraments

Confession

30 minutes before every Mass and Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

<u> Baptism</u>

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.



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 are 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



Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

God Wants You To Spend Eternity With Him

Our destiny (goal) is to spend eternity in Heaven with the Blessed Trinity (Father, Son

and Holy Spirit). Jesus was willing to die for us so that we may be with Him in Heaven forever. Jesus came on this rescue mission to save His children so that we can spend eternity with Him.

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

"Jesus, help me to receive Your love. I am so **thankful** for You and that You want me to be with You forever."

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



"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.



Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its <u>policies and</u> <u>procedures</u>, 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. 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 hepople, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or thrown@diolc.org.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, November 7

Bulletin submissions due for Sunday, November 12th

Wednesday, November 8

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

Family Formation & Grades 7, 8, 9: 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 9

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

Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - Rectory: 6:00 pm

Friday, November 10

Bulletin submissions due for Sunday, November 19th

Saturday, November 11

Scrip sold after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, November 12

Scrip sold after 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses

Coffee and Donuts - Angelorum: after 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses

KC Spare Rib & Sauerkraut Dinner - School Cafeteria: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 is date or on the day before to Rosemary at:

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

Submission Deadline: For Bulletin on:

Tuesday, November 7 - November 12, Sunday

Friday, November 10 - November 19, Sunday

Thursday, November 16 - November 26, Sunday

Tuesday, November 28 - December 3, Sunday

Monday, December 4 - December 10, Sunday

Friday, December 8 - December 17, Sunday

Thursday, December 14 - December 24, Sunday

Friday, December 22 - December 31, Sunday

Tuesday, January 2 - January 7, Sunday



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

Envelopes (October 29th)......To Be Announced



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 November 6 - 12, 2023



Mon, Nov 6 - 6:00 pm - Father Isaac Pecha

Tue, Nov 7 - 12:05 pm - †Shirley Sackmann

Wed, Nov 8 - 8:00 am - †Mark Bradley

- †Jim Low

Thu, Nov 9 - 8:00 am - †Betty Schuster

- †Javier Patino

Fri, Nov 10 - 8:00 am - †Baltazar Maquilan

Sat, Nov 11 - 8:00 am - †Mark Gassner

4:30 pm - †Glenn and †Dorothy Schmitz

Sun, Nov 12 - 8:00 am - † Jay Spiegel

10:00 am - Jack & †Margaret Shebuski (Anniversary)

Spanish - 12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, November 6

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 7

Rom 12:5-16/Ps 131/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 8

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday, November 10 - St Leo the Great, Pope/Doctor of the Church

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 12 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday November 11 4:30 pm	Sunday November 12 8:00 am	Sunday November 12 10:00 am
Lectors		
Nancy Oestreich	Bernie Dohr	Mike Jilek
Musicians		
Cindy Blair Dorothy Giallombardo	Bill Dohr Annette Southworth	Barb Britten Mary Lenard
Ushers and Greeters		
Jay Rolefson Dave Mayer Marie Burish	Steve Ostrowski Tom Mullaley Al Seubert	Kevin Ellenbecker Gary Butler Tom Brzezinski
Altar Servers		
Yonathan Ramirez	Adalyn Schmitt Everly Schmitt	Matthew Meyer Sam Meyer
Children's Liturgy of the Word:		
		Jeannie



4th Degree Knights of Columbus Annual Spare Rib & Sauerkraut Fund Raising Dinner Come enjoy a wonderful homemade meal!

Sunday, November 12th: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm St Matthew School Cafeteria - \$13.00 per Ticket

Tickets are available at the door.

Menu

Country Style Spare Ribs
Sauerkraut
Little Red Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Rolls
Coffee or Milk
Dessert

Dinner served by 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Pere' Rene Menard Assembly & St Matthew's Men's Club A portion of the proceeds are given to sponsor veterans on the "Never Forgotten Honor Flight", Catholic Charities "Warming Center" in Wausau, other charitable needs, and St Matthew Men's Club.

This year we are soliciting table sponsors for this event.

There are information forms in the back of church, should you be interested in helping our efforts for these worthy charities.

See you at the dinner! Come hungry!



Buy SCRIP Gift Cards for Everyone this Christmas!!!

They make great gifts & help the parish!

Next Scrip Sales: November 11th & 12th
You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Center.

Scrip lists available in back of church by the cry room.

Beginning with November, we will be selling Scrip every weekend in the Angelorum before and after the 4:30 pm Saturday and the 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses. Please put Scrip on your shopping list, for daily needs like gas and food, as well as special gifts, no matter what the season.

Thank you for buying SCRIP! Merry Christmas!





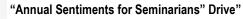




Next Sunday - "Coffee & Donuts Sunday"

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

Knights of Columbus Collection





The Knights will be collecting:

- Cash/Checks
- Gift Cards (prepaid Visa, Mastercard, Gas, Amazon cards.

Drop in collection basket in an envelope marked "Sentiments for Seminarians" 11/3 through 11/18. Thanks for your support.



Moving Soon to the Back of the Church: Magic Paper Box & Container for Tin Cans

Thank you for helping your Parish by bringing in your recyclable paper and aluminum cans!

Remember when putting paper in the "Magic Paper Box" to only put "paper" in it! Please DO NOT put in Cardboard or Plastic Bags.

We appreciate your contributions! Thank you!



Children's & Family Christmas Choir

Do you like to sing? We would like to invite your family or your children to sing joyful Christmas songs to celebrate the *Birthday of Jesus* at the 5 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If you are interested, please email Joanna at **Jboornazian@gmail.com**

"I am convinced that music really is the universal language of beauty which can bring together all people of good will on earth." Pope Benedict XVI

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. There are 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**.





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