Saint Matthew Catholic Church

November 19, 2023 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

" 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master's joy.' " Mt 25:20-21



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

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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
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- 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

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

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Thanksgiving Life to the Fullest

By Bishop Arthur Serratelli (Nov 23, 2017)

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Like the pilgrims who gathered with their neighbors at Plymouth Rock after their first successful harvest in 1621, the early American colonists celebrated days of thanksgiving. When a drought ended or a war won, they would set aside a day to give thanks for the favorable outcome. After the victory over British forces in the Battle of Saratoga in 1777, the Continental Congress declared a Thanksgiving holiday. The thirteen original colonies stopped their ordinary routine in order "to acknowledge with gratitude their obligation to [Almighty God] for benefits received, and to implore ...farther blessings..."

Two years after the signing of the Constitution of the United States, on September 28, 1789, Congress asked President George Washington to name a national day of thanksgiving. Elias Boudinot, a statesman from New Jersey, introduced the resolution for this first national Thanksgiving Day. It was to be observed as a day of prayer.

Wasting no time, five days after receiving Congress' resolution, Washington designated Thursday, November 26, 1789 as that day of thanks for the blessings which God bestowed on our country. The tradition of celebrating such a day of thanks continued after that first national holiday. But not all states observed their Thanksgiving on the same day.

In the midst of the bloodshed of the civil war, President Lincoln harkened back to the example of the nation's first president. However, he declared not one, but two Thanksgiving celebrations. The first was on Thursday, August 6, 1863 to commemorate the Union's victory at Gettysburg. The second was a nationwide holiday, to be observed on the last Thursday of every November "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." Eventually, President Roosevelt standardized the celebration of Thanksgiving. On December 26, 1941, he established the fourth Thursday in November as the Thanksgiving Day holiday for the entire country.

Thanksgiving is in the life blood of America. From the very birth of our nation until today, Americans have set aside a day to express their gratitude to God for his goodness to us. As our first President so wisely proclaimed, "... it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor..."

On a natural level, an attitude of gratitude contributes to our mental health. Our consumer culture fosters the illusion that the more things we possess, the greater will be our happiness. But, the drive to have more and more things only makes us restless. It cannot make us happy. However, gratitude for what we do have, actually improves our well-being. It helps us enjoy our lives and form strong relationships with others. If we are not grateful, then, no matter how much we have, we will not be happy.

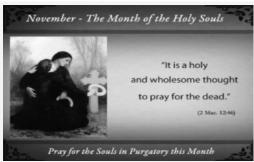
There is nothing that we possess that has not come from the generous hands of God. ... When we thank God for His blessings, we acknowledge Him as the source of all that is good. Such gratitude places us in the right relationship with God. ... "Those who offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving honor Me" (Ps 50:23).

Each year we pause as a nation to celebrate Thanksgiving. We take count of our many blessings: freedom, family, friends, and faith. Sorrows and hardships touch all our lives. Yet, each of us has many reasons to be thankful. As followers of Jesus, we heed the encouragement of St Paul to "pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances..." (1 Th 5:16-17). For a grateful heart turns even the simplest meal into a feast and makes us live in peace with our neighbors. Thanksgiving is not just a day. It is the way to live life to the fullest.

Four Reasons to be Thankful



- Those who cultivate the habit of thankfulness experience true Christian joy. And isn't this something that we desire? When we count our many blessings, our attitude can turn away from any discouragement and lead us to be more generous with others.
- 2. The more we hear "thank you" come from our mouth, the more we notice what people are doing for us and it can help to shift an attitude of discouragement as well. Consider a person in your family you need to verbally thank for something specific; or thank a family member for who they are and what they mean to you. Growing in the habit of being thankful to God and others is well worth the effort.
- 3. We have every reason to be thankful. Jesus gave His life for us, experiencing the worst possible pain on the Cross, so that we can have eternal life with Him forever. And the Cross is in the shape of the letter "t" which reminds us of the word "thanksgiving." Giving thanks to Jesus will foster greater humility as we recognize His incredible love for us
- 4. Being thankful leads to peace and calm, which keeps us healthy. When we focus on what we do have, rather than what we don't have, stress diminishes, our shoulders relax and we can function better in so many ways.



Can my prayers really help someone who has died?

During the month of November the Church remembers the faithful departed. Why? Because once you are baptized,

you are a member of the Church for eternity; and even though our body dies, our soul lives forever.

On many occasions, Jesus spoke to us about heaven and hell. The Church has taken Our Lord's words seriously and teaches us that if we wish to go to heaven, we need to be in the state of grace when we die. However, a person may be in the state of grace when he or she dies, but may not have a completely pure soul, and only those souls that are completely pure enter heaven. As the Bible says, "nothing unclean can enter" heaven (Rev. 21:27). That's the purpose of purgatory: to purify our souls.

When a loved one dies, we often have unspoken regrets and wish we could have said "thank you" more often to them during life, or could have shown them greater love. By praying for the souls in purgatory, we can help them now and show our love. It is never too late.

Because souls in purgatory cannot pray for themselves, they need the faithful on earth to pray for them so they can enter into heaven more quickly. If you truly love your family and friends who have died, you should pray for them at Mass, in the Rosary, and other opportunities you have for prayer. During the month of November, try to gain a plenary indulgence for the faithful departed.

The Mass is the single most powerful prayer we can offer for a soul in purgatory. For that reason, since time immemorial, the Church allows a priest to celebrate three Masses on All Souls Day. Normally, the priest is allowed to celebrate only one Mass a day, but the needs of the souls in purgatory are so great, that on November 2nd, a priest can celebrate the Mass two more times.

So yes, your prayers, by God's grace, can really help someone who has died.

With prayers and best wishes,



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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

Submission Deadline: For Bulletin on:

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















Anointing

Baptism

Communion Confirmation Reconciliation Marriage

Celebration of the Sacraments

Confession

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

⊗ Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: January 2024 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 lunes de cada mes a las 6:00 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.

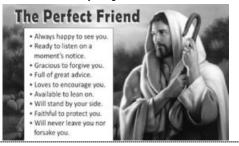
In Need of Extra Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876 or Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus Jesus is Our Greatest Friend

Jesus loves each one of us and desires to be with us always. Jesus gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, so that He can live in our heart. The Holy Eucharist is Christ's Body and Blood. We know that Jesus is our greatest Friend because He gives Himself to us completely in the Holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving.

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

"God, help me not to prefer anything more than You, nor to substitute anything for You. Thank You for the grace that will always strengthen me to choose You above everything."





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.

The following requested items are not available with S.N.A.P. cards. We would like to add these items to our Thanksgiving baskets:

- Personal Products
- Cleaning Supplies
- Soap

- Paper Products Paper Towels
- · Laundry Detergent Shampoo
- Face Soap Tooth Paste

- Toilet Paper
- Shower Gel
- Hand Lotion

*If anyone has leftover Halloween candy they would like to donate, we'll take it!

The large blue bins are set up in the Angelorum for those collections. If you are so moved, please purchase SCRIP CARDS and/or PERSONAL PRODUCTS to help us in this endeavor.

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



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 or (715) 203-7433

"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



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Wednesday, November 22

NO Men's Morning Group: Bible Timeline

Thursday, November 23 - Happy Thanksgiving

NO Bible Timeline

NO Peacemakers Quilters

NO Jubilee House Free Community Meal

NO Men's Club Meeting

Saturday, November 25

Scrip Sold after 4:30 pm Mass in Angelorum

Sunday, November 26

Scrip Sold after 8 am & 10 am Masses in Angelorum



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

Envelopes (November 12th)......To Be Announced

Buy SCRIP Gift Cards for Everyone this Christmas!!!



They make great gifts & help the parish! Next Scrip Sales: November 25th & 26th You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Center. Scrip lists available in back of church by the cry room.

We are now stocking \$25 Starbucks Gift Cards!

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.

> Please have your Christmas Present Orders to us by December 4th to ensure their delivery.

Thank you for buying SCRIP! Merry Christmas!



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!



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 20 - 26, 2023



Mon, Nov 20 - 6:00 pm - †Souls in Purgatory

Tue, Nov 21 - 12:05 pm - Helping Hands Volunteers & Supporters

Wed, Nov 22 - 8:00 am - †William Duginske, †Leon & †Leona Babl

Thu, Nov 23 - 8:00 am - †Lottie, †Robert, †Richard Gustafson and †Patrick McDonald

Fri, Nov 24 - 8:00 am - †Carl & †Mary Jo Borowczyk

Sat, Nov 25 - 8:00 am - †Paul Ott

4:30 pm - †Deceased Family of Carol Adler

Sun, Nov 26 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - †Lillian Harter

Spanish - 12 noon - †Souls in Purgatory

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

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22 - Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov 23 - Thanksgiving - St Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St Columban, Abbot; Bl Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr Sir 50:22-24/Ps 113/1Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19

Friday, November 24 - St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions,

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10-12/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 25 - Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin/Martyr 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday November 25 4:30 pm	Sunday November 26 8:00 am	Sunday November 26 10:00 am
Lectors		
Nancy Oestreich	Peggy Bant	Pat Loy
Musicians		
Joanna Boornazian Anne Paul	Carla MacDonald Sara Schmitt	Lynn Meyer Annette Southworth
Ushers and Greeters		
Abigail Peek Lee Peek Maren Peek	Nic Schmitt Jody Babl Ted Stencil	Bob Charlier Sharon Charlier Chuck Miller
Altar Servers		
Yonathan Ramirez Luke Riehle	Adalyn Schmitt Everly Schmitt	Sam Hanneman Anthony Hanneman
Children's Liturgy of the Word:		
		Andria



We Wish You and Your Families a Blessed Thanksgiving Day and many Blessings Everyday of the Year!

> Fr Sebastian, Fr Isaac and the Saint Matthew Parish Staff



Family Advent Night December 2nd



As part of your young family's preparation for Christmas, please consider participating in our Family Advent Night on December 2nd following the 4:30 pm Mass. We will have crafts, snacks, games and activities for young ones led by our Confirmation candidates. All will be geared

toward understanding what Advent is all about. We will meet in the school's cafeteria. Please call Joy to let her know if you can come so we have enough supplies for everyone.

Joy would greatly appreciate help with the following supplies:

Christmas cutout cookies Sprinkles or colored sugar Frosting Plastic knives

Knights of Columbus Invitation "Join us for our Annual Stew Feed"



Please join us and learn more about the Knights of Columbus.

Free meal for prospective members and guest.

Simmons Hall at Holy Name:

December 4th: 5:00 pm Social, 6:00 pm Meal

RSVP: jasonseliger0612@gmail.com or 715-848-8100 by December 1st



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St Nicholas Breakfast

Everyone is Invited!
We will welcome our "New Parishioners"!

Sunday December 3rd

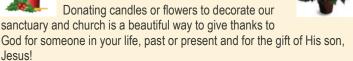
9:00 - 11:30 am School Cafeteria

Free-will offering accepted.

Menu

Baked Eggs & Cheese Sausage Blueberry & Plain Pancakes Coffee Cake Fruit Juice & Coffee

Donations for Advent and Christmas Candles and Flowers



Put your donations in an envelope along with the following information:

- * Your Name
- * Name of the Person & if it is "in memory of" or "in honor of"
- Put in the Collection Basket or Mail to:
 St Matthew Parish Center, 221 S. 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

Thank You and May You have a Blessed Christmas Season!!!



St Matthew's Men's Club Christmas Dinner Party Members, Wives, Widows, Guests

Tuesday, December 12th
School Cafeteria
5:00 pm Social - 6:00 pm Dinner

\$20 per person, includes 50/50 Raffle



Menu

Chicken - Beef Tips Mashed Potatoes & Gravy California Blend - Coleslaw Dinner Rolls - Dessert Refreshments

RSVP by Tuesday, December 5th to:

Glen Yeager: sheilay@charter.net - 715-848-1106
Pat Ruesch: Rue04of15@gmail.com 715-845-1160
Don Gallenberg: dgallenberg@live.com 715-675-3616
Membership Dues for 2024 are \$20.00

All men of St Matthew Parish are always welcome to attend.





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