

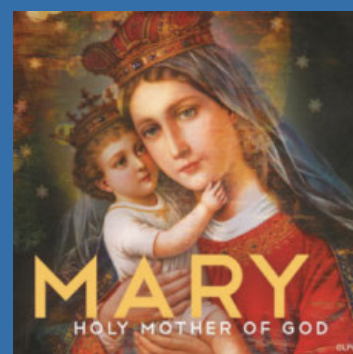
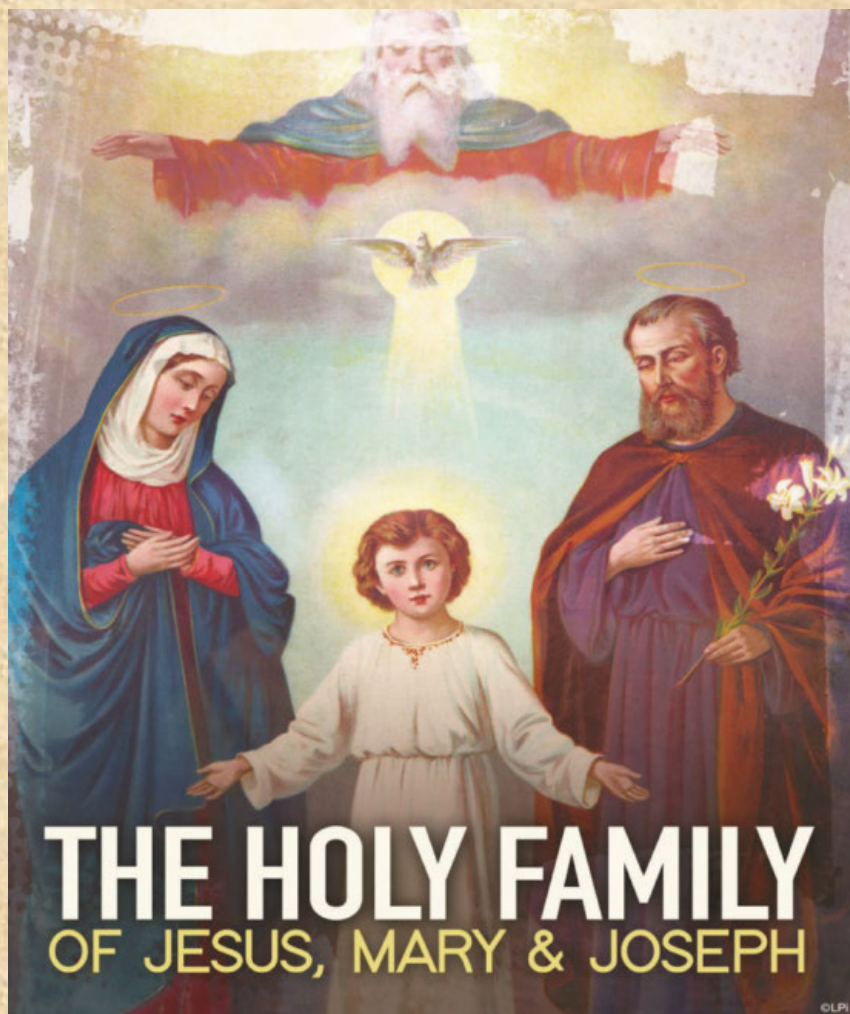
Saint Matthew Catholic Church

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted, and you yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Lk 2:34-35



Monday, January 1st

Solemnity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God

Not a Holy Day of Obligation
this year

Masses:

8:00 am

10:00 am

No Mass at 6:00 pm today.

Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Weekends: Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: **8:00 am, 10:00 am
Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

Weekdays: 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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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

St Paul calls us to put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." Let us "give thanks to God the Father" by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesied what would come, Jesus' parents were "amazed at what was said about Him." We can imagine that these words would shock two parents! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

God's plan will fulfill our hearts more than ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we must trust, surrender, and be attentive to God's voice.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You.

Amen

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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Every January 3rd, the Church celebrates the *Most Holy Name of Jesus*. "This is that most holy name longed for by the patriarchs, anxiously awaited, called upon amid cries of suffering, invoked with sighs, implored with tears, given when the fullness of grace arrives." (St Bernardine of Siena)

The Lord's Name

The name "Jesus" comes from the Latin form of the Greek "Iesous", which in turn is the transliteration of the Hebrew "Yeshua" or "Yehoshua" or, in its contracted form, "Joshua," which means "Yahweh is salvation."

Spiritual Aids

Invoking the holy name of Jesus with faith brings help in bodily needs, according to the promise of Christ: "In My name they shall take up serpents; and if they shall drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: they shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16:17-18) In the name of Jesus, the Apostles gave strength to the lame (Acts 3:6; 9:34) and life to the dead. (Acts 9:40) It gives consolation in spiritual trials. ... It protects us against Satan and his wiles, for the devil fears the name of Jesus, who has conquered him on the cross.

In the name of Jesus we obtain every blessing and grace for time and eternity, for Christ has said: "If you ask the Father anything in my name He will give it to you" (John 16:23). Therefore the Church concludes all her prayers by the words: "Through Our Lord Jesus Christ," etc.



*Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!*

Starting the New Year

Office for Catechesis &
Evangelization
Diocese of La Crosse

At the beginning of 2024, we have a list of opportunities to grow our relationship with Jesus. Choose one that works best for you.

Our goal is to strengthen our friendship with Christ, bringing greater peace, joy, and security.

Strengthening Your Relationship with Jesus

Choose One

- **The Word Among Us – wau.org/subscribe**

The Word Among Us contains the Mass readings with meditations, inspirational essays, testimonies and stories of the saints and other Christian heroes along with the daily Mass Readings in one convenient and easy to use resource for every day of the year.

- **Chris Stefanick weekly video: Real Life Catholic**
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- **Receive Bishop Barron's daily Gospel reflections from Word on Fire: www.wordonfire.org/reflections**

- **Read or listen to the Scripture Readings from Mass each day of the week – US Bishop's Website: bible.usccb.org**

- **Choose one prayer that you know and be guided to pray it more personally: diolc.org/deeper.**

- **Praying with Scripture: four different sets of Scriptures provided on a downloadable prayer card: diolc.org/deeper**

- **Reading the Bible in a Year with Fr Mike Schmitz – Ascension Press:**
media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear

Simple directions to register: Get the Reading Plan Fr Mike Schmitz will be using for the podcast. Enter your Name and Email Address, then click "Sign Up"

- **Reading the Catechism in a Year with Fr Mike Schmitz - Ascension Press:**
media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/catechisminayear

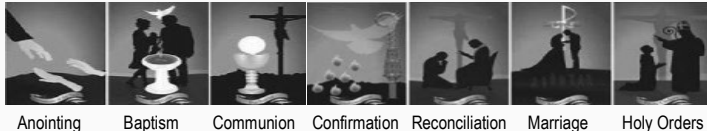
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- **Augustine Institute – prayer app:**
augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen

The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. It can be downloaded on both the App Store and GooglePlay

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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: Weds, January 17, 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.



Prayer Group

Bonnie Jelinek will be unavailable from December 12 to mid January to take calls requesting prayers. For that month, people should leave prayer requests at the parish office.



Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

There are 2 cemetery plots available at Restlawn.
Call Cindy at 1-815-861-0841
if you are interested.



Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

Jesus Came To Earth As An Infant, Born of Mary

Mary was prepared to be the Mother of our Savior; by God's favor she was created "full of grace" and free of sin. The Savior, Jesus, was to be called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us". Jesus will remain with us throughout our life as we receive Him in the Eucharist.

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

"Jesus, thank You for the gift of Mary, Your Mother, through whom the world received You as our Savior."

This week, read how this glorious news was revealed to the Shepherds in Luke 2:8-20.



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



WINTER PROJECT

"New Beginnings" (the public organization helping resettle refugees arriving in the Wausau area) is collecting for the refugees: **new or like new winter clothing, furniture, personal products, bus tokens, bedding, boots, shoes, and most anything.** For our parishioners convenience, the *Wausau West Side Circle of Joy* is assisting them by accepting items in our large **Blue Buckets** in the **west entrances of the church** which we'll deliver to *New Beginnings* closet downtown.

NOTE:--All donations are tax deductible! If you desire a receipt, please indicate that with your donation to **"New Beginnings"**. For more info or if you have questions please contact **Lou at 715-848-4177.**

Thank you!

"WE ARE THE HANDS OF YOUR CHARITABLE HEARTS"
The Wausau West Side Chapter of the Circle of Joy.



What does your future hold?

When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world.

Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, please contact me at:

Fr Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. **God bless you!**



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Monday, January 1 - Happy New Years!!

Masses: 8:00 am & 10:00 am - **NO 6:00 pm Mass**
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
NOT a HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION this year.

Parish Center Closed

Wednesday, January 3

Men's Morning Group: Bible Timeline - Emily's Room: 6 am
Family Formation & Grades 7, 8, 9
Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 4

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
Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group - Angelorum: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 6

Scrip Sold after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Scrip Sold after 8:00 am & 10 am Masses
 Coffee and Donuts after 8 am & 10 am Masses
 Choir sings at 10 am Mass



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

Envelopes (December 17).....	\$13,813.00
Offertory.....	\$1,094.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$75.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$20.00
Christmas.....	\$1,095.00
Candles.....	\$137.00
Helping Hands.....	\$30.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$475.00



Mon, Jan 1 - 8:00 am - Special Intentions
 10:00 am - †Poor Souls in Purgatory
 Tue, Jan 2 - 12:05 pm - †Paul Wiegert
 Wed, Jan 3 - 8:00 am - †Judy Flashinski
 - †Anna Marie Gray
 Thu, Jan 4 - 8:00 am - Intention of Sister Joanne Wachowiak
 Fri, Jan 5 - 8:00 am - Election in Argentina
 Sat, Jan 6 - 8:00 am - †Deceased Krautkramer & Kraft Families
 4:30 pm - †Norm Chapman
 Sun, Jan 7 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
 10:00 am - †Shirley Sackmann
 Spanish - 12 noon - †Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, January 1 - Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day
 Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2 - St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen,
 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28 **Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

Wednesday, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5 - Saint John Neumann, Bishop
 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6 - Saint André Bessette, Religious
 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/ Lk 3:23-38

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday December 30 4:30 pm	Sunday December 31 New Year's Eve 8:00 am	Sunday December 31 New Year's Eve 10:00 am	Mary, Mother of God Monday, January 1 New Year's Day 8:00 am	Mary, Mother of God Monday, January 1 New Year's Day 10:00 am	Saturday January 6 4:30 pm	Sunday January 7 8:00 am	Sunday January 7 10:00 am
Lectors							
Nancy Oestreich	Theresa Stubbe	Kay Washebek			Jeanne Alexejun	Joel Stroup	Pat Loy
Musicians							
Lynn Meyer Dorothy G	Carla MacDonald Sara Schmitt	Cindy Blair Annette Southworth	Lynn Meyer Annette Southworth	Joanna Boomazian Emalyn Nikstad	Phillip Wyman Emalyn Nikstad	Joel Stubbe Annette S	Choir Nancy Losinski
Ushers and Greeters							
Ryan Oestreich Scott Oestreich Marie Burish	Nic Schmitt Tom Mullaley Dennis Janssen	Gary Butler Kevin Ellenbecker Kevin Malovrh			Marie Burish Mike Lawrence John Bocke	Steve Ostrowski Jody Babl David Krause	Gary Tapper Jack Reeves Chuck Miller
Altar Servers							
Yonathan Ramirez Luke Riehle	Adalyn Schmitt Everly Schmitt	Natalie Bergo Carolina Bergo			Yonathan R Gary Koy	Matthew Meyer Sam Meyer	Anthony H Sam Hanneman
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Kim					Jeannie
SCRIP Ann Line	Kathy Miilu	Sharon Charlier			Judy Koy	Dottie Baxter	Vicki Tierney



*Father Sebastian, Father Isaac
and the Staff
at St Matthew Parish
Wish you God's Blessings
in the New Year!*



**Knights of Columbus
Corporate Communion Mass
Sunday, December 31st
8:00 am Mass at St Matthew Parish**



Members of the Wausau Knights of Columbus and their wives are invited to the 8:00 am Corporate Mass at St Matthew Parish. There will be a breakfast following the Mass at Trails End Restaurant.



Next Sunday - "Coffee & Donuts Sunday"
After the 8 & 10 am Masses, join us in the Angelorum for fellowship, coffee, and delicious donuts!

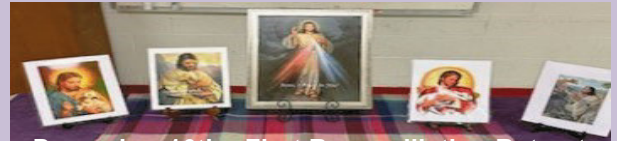


**Gracious Ladies
special guest speakers,
Matt & Rachel Sheils
(Tom & Mary Slagowski's daughter)
will share their journey
to the Catholic Faith.**

**Saturday, January 13th
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
in the Angelorum**

All ladies of the parish and a guest are welcome.
Bring a dish to share.

We will pass the hat to help them as they start their new ministry.
RSVP to Kay: 715-697-1680 or Email: kwash@pcpros.net



December 16th - First Reconciliation Retreat

We had our Reconciliation Retreat Saturday morning. The children worked on crafts that helped them think about all the great things that happen when we approach Jesus in the confessional. Not only are we filled with grace but we are strengthened and encouraged to keep fighting the good fight to one day get to Heaven and be the saint God has created us to be.



Quinceañeras Classes

Classes for young ladies wishing to celebrate their **Quinceañera Mass of Thanksgiving** will begin on **January 22nd**.
For more information and to register, please call Joy (715-842-3148).



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from the students and staff at
Newman Catholic Schools.*



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Next Scrip Sale: January 6th & 7th

In the Angelorum before and after Mass
(Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am)

You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Center.

Happy New Year!

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