

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."
The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jn 1:35-37



Sunday, January 14th
Mass & Healing Service

Confessions: 2:00 - 3:15 pm

Sunday Mass: 3:30 pm
(fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Healing Service
to Follow Mass

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.
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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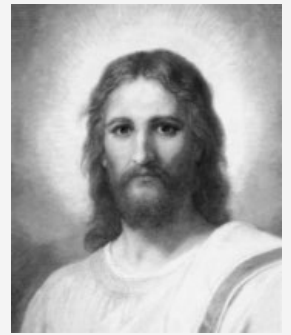
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www.simplycatholic.com/why-we-celebrate-the-holy-name-of-jesus

Why We Celebrate The Holy Name of Jesus

By Father Edward Looney



In the commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai, and handed down to us, we are told to honor the name of God. It is a name used in prayer and as a blessing, but it is, unfortunately, all too often these days used in vain or as a curse. Nowadays we hear not only the word "God" invoked in negative ways, but also the name of Jesus, the name of God born of the Virgin Mary.

While most of our liturgical celebrations throughout the year focus on biblical events or the lives of the saints, on January 3 is honored the name of Jesus and observed as an optional memorial. Why should we celebrate and honor the name of Jesus with a feast? Here are a few reasons:

1. A Name Reverenced By All

St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Philippians, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (2:10). The name of Jesus was first spoken by an angel and is the cause of adoration by the heavenly court. It is a name revered especially during the Mass, as the General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs the priest to bow his head at the mention of Jesus' name (see No. 275). It is a name that evil fears, and when invoked can cast out demons. We honor and celebrate the name of Jesus because the name of God deserves reverence. By celebrating this feast, we seek to make reparation for the irreverent use of God's name and restore it to proper dignity.

2. It Is The Name By Which We Are Saved

The angel tells St. Joseph to name the child Jesus because He will save us from our sins (see Mt 1:21). By His incarnation, God made man takes on a name indicating He comes to save us. Jesus becomes the source of our salvation. Since apostolic times, the name of Jesus has been preached and proclaimed. First, by the apostles as they sojourned on their missionary efforts, then by their successors who sought to evangelize, by various missionaries who brought the name of Jesus to the New World, and by teachers of the Faith who sought to combat heresy. We celebrate a feast in honor of Jesus' holy name because it has been spoken throughout the world, and when proclaimed to those who have never heard His name, lives are changed.

3. Many Have Died Pronouncing The Name of Christ

Those who have worked as missionaries to spread the name of Jesus have often suffered because of His name. In the beatitudes, Jesus foretold that some would be persecuted for His sake (see Mt 5:10). Throughout the history of Christianity, many have shed their blood and died a martyr's death, some even have professed the name of Jesus on their lips as they breathed their last. Celebrating the Holy Name of Jesus reminds us of these ancestors in the Faith and hopefully encourages us to want Jesus' name to be our last word.

4. There Is Power In His Name

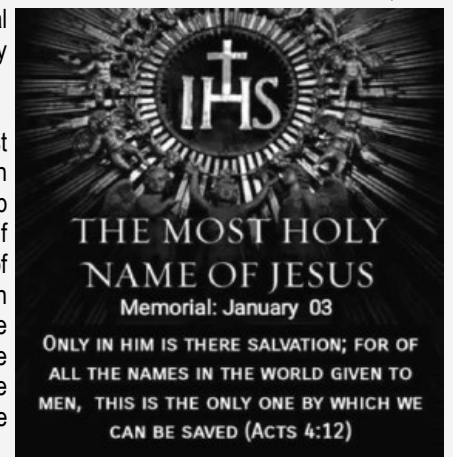
Jesus powerfully taught that where two or three are gathered in His name, He would be in their midst (see Mt 18:20). People also called upon Jesus by name when asking for a miracle. The blind man cried out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" (Lk 18:38), and with that invocation and further conversation his sight was restored. Demons were cast out of the possessed by Jesus' name (Acts 16:18; 19:16). Celebrating the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus reminds us that we should pray the name of Jesus in our struggles or when we are anxious, because His name is powerful for those who call upon Him.

5. Many Have Been Devoted To The Holy Name For Centuries

The name of Jesus has been a source of devotion for centuries. In 1274, the Council of Lyons recommended that all the faithful should foster a devotion to the name of Jesus. Many saints also have recommended the devotion, most notably, St. Bernadine of Siena. Fr. Paul O'Sullivan's book "The Wonders of the Holy Name" gives an exhaustive overview of the countless saints, known and unknown, who promoted devotion to the name of Jesus.

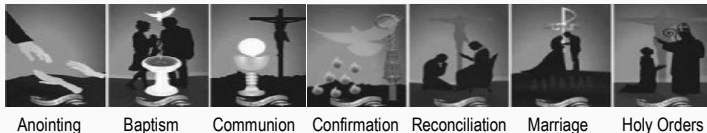
One of the most public displays of devotion to Jesus' holy name arose out of societies and confraternities dedicated to the Holy Name. While no longer as popular as in days gone by, there are many ways people can foster a devotion today to the name of Jesus. The Eastern Church's practice of the Jesus Prayer ("Lord, Jesus Christ, son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner") recited many times connects the name of Jesus and invocation for His mercy. The Hail Mary, when split in two parts, hinges on the name of Jesus. St. Louis de Montfort, in "The Secret of the Rosary" encouraged people to add a short phrase there to focus one's meditation (for example, "thy womb Jesus, born in poverty, Holy Mary ..."). I developed de Montfort's suggestion in my Rosary devotional "A Rosary Litany." There is also a Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, and many songs such as "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" or "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," in addition to several contemporary Christian songs.

We celebrate the feast of Jesus' holy name in order to foster a deep love for His name. If we pray the name of Jesus continually in this life, then it will be His name that we pronounce when we meet our Savior face to face.



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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.



Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love.

Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 608-860-6698.



Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus Jesus' Name Means "God Saves"

The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin". (Matthew 1: 21) *Jesus saves us* from our sin by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

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

"Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift - Yourself in the Holy Eucharist."

This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1:18-25



"Behold: God is With Us" Young Adult Retreat January 27, 2024

The world needs Jesus. Our souls need Jesus. Out of God's abundant love for us, He became man: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Jesus is the answer to the longings of our heart, and He is our way to eternal life.

Knowing He would ascend into heaven, Jesus leaves us Himself - body, blood, soul, and divinity - under the guise of simple bread and simple wine. Why? So that our intimate love and union with Him (flesh to flesh) may continue in this life as we await the perfection of His love and union in the next. "Behold: God is With Us" or "Behold", for short, is an opportunity for you to retreat from the busyness and stresses of this world and find rest and consolation in Jesus and other young adults like you.

All 18-35-year-olds are welcome to join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, adoration, confession, and Mass. Most importantly, learn how to remain connected post-retreat to a lively community of young adults striving for Sainthood.

This day-long retreat is at *Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, WI*. Check-ins will begin at 8:30 am and the retreat will conclude after the 4:30 pm vigil Mass. An optional after party will follow! Breastfeeding babies are welcome! Lunch will be provided! All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Let us behold the Lord together! Register here:

<https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/frmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=4042>



Plan Ahead for Your Children to go to the Catholic Summer Camp in 2024

Dates: July 7-12, 2024 Ages: 6th to 12th grade
Cost: ~\$420 per person

Adventure Camp a Catholic Summer Camp put on by the Diocese of La Crosse takes place up north near Mason, WI. The Wausau group is being coordinated by Fr Eric Mashak and Fr Isaac Pecha.

What to expect: Adventures with God (Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration), speakers, great fellowship, friendship and adventures in nature (rock climbing, kayaking, high ropes/zip line, water wars, Adventure Olympics, mountain biking, archery, etc.).

To sign up or learn more, ask Fr Isaac, or email him at :

frisaac@stmatthewausau.org

CrossWoods Adventure Camp - 15010 Black Bear Road, Mason, WI
www.crosswoods.camp



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, January 16

Buildings & Grounds Meeting - Church, Emily's Room: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 17

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

Ray's Breakfast Club (all men) - Red Apple Restaurant: 9 am

Marlene's Breakfast Club (all women) - Breakfast Bear Restaurant: 9 am

English Baptism Class - Parish Center Library: 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 18

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 pm

Saturday, January 20

Scrip Sold after 4:30 pm Mass

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

Sunday, January 21

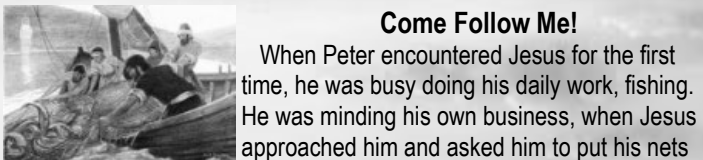
Scrip Sold after 8:00 am & 10 am Masses

Sharing God's Blessings

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

Thank you for your support!

Envelopes (January 7th).....To Be Announced



Come Follow Me!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him.

To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: 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!

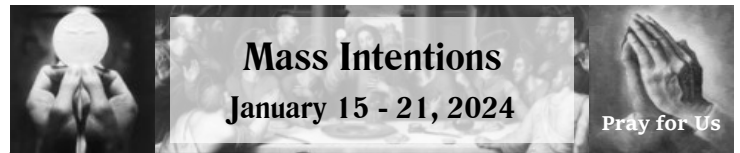


Prayer

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 January 15 - 21, 2024

Pray for Us

Mon, Jan 15 - 6:00 pm - †Jay Spiegel

Tue, Jan 16 - 12:05 pm - †Tom Hynes

Wed, Jan 17 - 8:00 am - †Deceased Bourguignon & Schauer Families

Thu, Jan 18 - 8:00 am - †Marian Brebrick & †Katie Brebrick Goldstein

Fri, Jan 19 - 8:00 am - Intention of Sister Joanne Wachowiak

Sat, Jan 20 - 8:00 am - †John & †Rosemary "Rosie" Bauer

4:30 pm - †John & †Rosemary "Rosie" Bauer

Sun, Jan 21 - 8:00 am - †Albert Kunze

10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

Spanish - 12 noon - Mariela Patino

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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, January 15

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20 - St Fabian, Pope/Martyr; St Sebastian, Martyr


2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 21 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday January 20 4:30 pm	Sunday January 21 8:00 am	Sunday January 21 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Henry Wanserski	Bernie Dohr
Musicians		
Phillip Wyman Emalyn Nikstad	Brittany Kavajecz Sara Schmitt	Choir Nancy Losinski
Ushers and Greeters		
Maren Peek Abigail Peek Lee Peek	Nic Schmitt Al Seubert Dennis Janssen	Kevin Malovrh Chuck Miller Kevin Ellenbecker
Altar Servers		
Yonathan Ramirez Gary Koy	Adalyn Schmitt Everly Schmitt	Anthony Hanneman Sam Hanneman
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Jeannie
SCRIP: Judy Koy	Josie Ollhoff	Dottie Baxter



AED TRAINING

Thursday, January 18th at 6pm
New Fire Station at 3017 Seymour Lane
DO NOT ENTER VIA THEIR EXIT DRIVEWAY



St Matthew's Pizza Night!

Saturday, January 20th at 5:30 pm (after 4:30 pm Mass)
in the School Cafeteria

Come enjoy delicious homemade Pizza
and get to know other members of the parish family.


Enjoy the Live Music provided by
Jim Washebek and Friends

Have fun!! Bring the whole family!

If you would like to help or have questions contact
Deacon Tom at: ttierney@diolclergy.org

Thank you for Freewill Offerings made to support this event.





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).



Pro-Life Signature Ad Notice


Add your name to the
Pro-Life Signature Ad
To appear in the *City Pages*
January 25, 2024

Join thousands of others in our community to say unborn lives are
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Next Scrip Sale in the Angelorum: January 20th & 21st
Before and after Mass Saturday: 4:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Center.



Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

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

*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 and Sympathy go to
the Family and Friends of:

William "Bill" Bretl
He died Tuesday - December 19, 2023

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

Ray's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on
Wednesday, January 17th at 9 am
at the Red Apple Restaurant


Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various
restaurants for good food and good fellowship!



Marlene's Breakfast Club

All ladies are invited to join us for breakfast on
Wednesday, January 17th at 9 am
at the Breakfast Bear Restaurant

No dues, no meetings, no agenda, just friendship
offered! Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at
various restaurants for good food and good fellowship!



You're invited to learn more about Newman Catholic Schools

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year
begins February 1!
www.newmancatholicschools.com/enrollment

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Informational Mtg. at 6pm
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6th Grade Mtg. at 6:30pm
(715) 845-8274

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

NC Early Childhood Center:
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Open House 8am-4pm
Informational Mtg. at 6pm
(715) 355-5254

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

NC Elementary School:
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Informational Mtg. at 6pm
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MONDAY, JANUARY 29

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