

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also.
For this purpose have I come." Mk 1:38



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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Imitation of the Holy Family

The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to

love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self" (Nov. 27, 2002).

We should ask ourselves if our own families model that of the Holy Family. We need to be open to God's grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes — and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. Recognizing this, children should trust their parents and never forget that parents want only what is best for them.

Which leads us to what may be the most important family virtue, forgiveness. Living so intimately within the family nucleus naturally gives rise to unpleasant situations where someone is apt to be offended. St. Paul knew this when he told us to "bear with and forgive one another." The health of our family may depend on how quickly we learn to forgive without harboring feelings of resentment.

No family can thrive and grow without constant work. Even the material details that take time and effort are essential to keeping the family strong. Everyone has to pull together for the good of the family, even to the point of putting ahead of our own needs and ambitions the happiness of other family members, setting aside our own selfish desires.

It is also important to pray as a family, especially the holy rosary. Prayer will help us to intensify our closeness with each other and to learn to forgive.

During this Year of the Eucharist it is essential to discover the relationship between the Eucharist and family life. Pope John Paul II wrote, "In the eucharistic gift of charity the Christian family finds the foundation and soul of its communion and its mission"

(*Letter on the Family*, No. 57) Excerpted from *The Holy Family models what family life should be*, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

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Reflections on Today's Readings

by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. The focus of Jesus' entire life was on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission, the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Instead, He responded, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

Christian stewards are humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. Our practice of stewardship begins right here in our home, parish, and community. He calls us to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus decided to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to



pray. Through prayer, Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, 'Make me humble, Lord.'

Question: Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the 8th Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the revealing of "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ©LPi

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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: Wednesday, March 20th 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.



St Vincent de Paul's Wausau Thrift Store provides help to our neighbors in need in Marathon County.

Through your generous donations of new or used furniture, clothing, accessories and all household items we can continue this much needed work. Winter is especially hard for some and with your help we can provide that assistance through our Home Visit process and our store. We have full time donation attendants at our drive up, at the **131 W Thomas Street** location, and we offer free pickup of larger items. For more information on our pick-up and donation services, times, and to request a pick up, please visit our website

www.svdpwausau.org/donate-goods or contact us directly at **715-298-3028 and DONATE TODAY!**



Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

Jesus Is Truly Present In The Holy Eucharist

When we look at the consecrated Host at Mass, our eyes see only bread, but the reality is we are looking at Jesus truly present. "Jesus, grant me the grace to believe this truth, that though 'hidden', You are truly present in Holy Communion." It is important to remember that what we are not able to see with our eyes, we grasp by choosing to believe - with faith's consent.

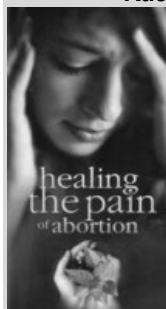
Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

"Lord, I want to believe. Please help me to believe that what You say is true, especially helping the part of me that sometimes questions."

This week, read about the father of a sick boy who asked Jesus to help him believe what seemed impossible in Mark 9:20-27.

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 March 15-17, 2024, and Nov 8-10, 2024.

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



Catholic Daughters Court St Rose #1062 Salad Luncheon on Saturday February 10th 11 am to 1 pm

**St Michaels Parish Krasowski Hall
611 Stark St. Wausau**

Cost is \$10/adult, \$5/children under 12. Also raffle and bake sale.

Raffle drawing March 7th at St Therese church hall, Rothschild.

Proceeds used for scholarships and charitable projects.



Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, 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/safe-environment/reporting. **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 *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, February 6

Parish Council Meeting - Rectory: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

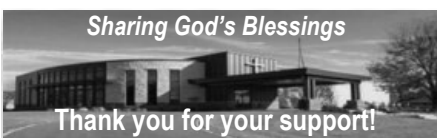
Bible Timeline - Emily's Room: 9 am
Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm
Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 10

Gracious Ladies Meeting - Angelorum: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Scrip Sold after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, February 11

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



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

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| Envelopes (January 28th)..... | \$7,725.00 |
| Youth Envelopes..... | \$1.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$806.10 |
| Solemnity of Mary..... | \$15.00 |
| Catholic Life..... | \$40.00 |
| Candles..... | \$74.00 |



Plan Ahead for Your Children to go to the Catholic Summer Camp July 7-12, 2024

Ages: 6th to 12th grade

Cost: ~\$420 per person

Adventure Camp is a Catholic Summer Camp put on by the Diocese of La Crosse which 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



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



Mon, Feb 5 - 6:00 pm - Alonzo Sanchez and Heidi Roberts

Tue, Feb 6 - 12:05 pm - †Tom Hynes

Wed, Feb 7 - 8:00 am - Father Jesse Burish

Thu, Feb 8 - 8:00 am - †Paul Wiegert
- †Jim McIntyre

Fri, Feb 9 - 8:00 am - †George & †Florence Koy

Sat, Feb 10 - 8:00 am - Elections in Argentina
4:30 pm - St Matthew Parishioners

Sun, Feb 11 - 8:00 am - †Jim Low

10:00 am - †Marcie Ludkey

Spanish - 12 noon - †Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, February 5 - Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6 - Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, Feb 8 - St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 9

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10 - Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 11 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

| Liturgical Ministers | | |
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| Saturday February 10 4:30 pm | Sunday February 11 8:00 am | Sunday February 11 10:00 am |
| Lectors | | |
| Mary Holm | Kay Washebek | Lynn Meyer |
| Musicians | | |
| Cindy Blair Anne Paul | Jim Washebek Annette Southworth | Barb Britten Mary Lenard |
| Ushers and Greeters | | |
| Marie Burish Dave Mayer Jay Rolefson | David Krause Tom Mullaley Al Seubert | Chuck Miller Kevin Malovrh Tom Brzezinski |
| Altar Servers | | |
| Yonathan Ramirez Mike Bourguignon | TJ Sondelski Joey Huebsch | Natalie Bergo Carolina Bergo |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word | | Jeannie |
| SCRIP: Ann Line | Josie Ollhoff | Jeannie Henaman |



Gracious Ladies St Matthew's Women's Group Meeting

Saturday, February 10th
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
in the Angelorum

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

RSVP to Kay: 715-697-1680 or Email: kwash@pcpros.net



Next Sunday - "Coffee & Donuts Sunday"

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



Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish

Great news! Our rebate for Scrip, which reduces
our assessment to Newman Catholic School, for
the months of Oct-Dec 2023 totaled \$3,417.46!!!

Thank you Buyers and Sellers!!

Next Scrip Sale in the Angelorum: February 10th & 11th

Before and after Mass on:
Saturday: 4:30 pm and Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

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click on "Next"
4. Create a New Account by typing in "Your Name" and "Your email
address" then click "Sign Up"



St Matthew Soup Sale

Saturday & Sunday
February 17th & 18th



Our delicious homemade soups & tuna macaroni salad are
available for purchase in the Angelorum after the
4:30 pm, 8:00 am, & 10:00 am Masses

Soups

Chili
Chicken Dumpling
Split Pea with Ham
Hamburger Vegetable with Barley
\$7.00 per quart

Tuna Macaroni Salad

\$4.00 per lb
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If you are able to help prepare the soups a few days before the
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The next weekend program begins on
February 16th-18th in the Wausau area.

Holy Name Fundraiser for Newman Catholic Classical School Raffle for Italy Pilgrimage - August 2025 \$20 a ticket or 3 for \$50

Grand Prize: Italy Pilgrimage for 2 with Fr Martin
2nd Prize: \$1,000 Cash - 3rd Prize: \$500 Cash



To purchase a raffle ticket or for more information call
the Parish Center: 715-842-3148 - Drawing Saturday, February 10th

Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle To buy tickets, contact Jason at: 715-581-2005



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