

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent



"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" Luke 13:7



LENT

Return to the Lord
Jeremiah 2:1-13



Stations of the Cross
after Mass on Fridays during Lent

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-Friday: **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: 3:00 pm - 4:20 pm

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
- Channel 12 - Sunday 6:30 am
- Ch 980 Public Access - Sat 6 pm & Sun 9 am

Parish Office - Oficina

227 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

Office Hours - Oficina Horas

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: closed

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Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Although St Joseph never spoke a word in Scripture, his silent example of faithfulness, obedience and care for the Holy Family during Jesus' formative years made him one of the most beloved saints of Christianity.

It is estimated that devotion to Jesus' adoptive father began in the 3rd or 4th century. But according to the Pietà prayer book, there is a prayer to Saint Joseph that dates from the year 50:

O St Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O St Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord, so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St Joseph, Patron of departing souls – Pray for me.



Reflection on Today's Readings

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that, a gift. Let's take a moment to reflect on this profound truth. None of us knows how much time we have, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to illustrate this truth further. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree, hoping it will bear fruit. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on how we spend our time. Do we make God our priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or misplaced priorities on our use of time.

Remember, God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time, knowing that our potential for spiritual growth is limitless with His grace.



CALIX: A Catholic Substance Abuse Recovery Support Group:

Calix is an association of Catholics wanting to live free of addiction to alcohol or drugs, and it is also for affected family members. It is not a substitute for AA or Al-Anon, which are strongly recommended, but it provides a Catholic perspective for these 12-step programs. "Calix" is Latin for "chalice," and it was founded in Minneapolis in 1947 by a group of five men, all recovering alcoholics, who saw their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. If you wish to learn about the Calix group that has formed in the Diocese of La Crosse, email Christine at healthandharmonywi@gmail.com.

The next meetings, via Zoom, are planned for March 25 and April 1.



VOTE in the April 1 Elections for a Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justice, etc.



On April 1, Wisconsinites will vote to elect a State Supreme Court Justice, as well as a number of other judges (district and county), the State Superintendent of Public Education, and candidates for other public office. Millions of dollars are being spent on the State Supreme Court election between Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Brad Schimel and Dane County Circuit Court Judge Susan Crawford.

Though officially non-partisan, this election is widely viewed as determining the conservative-liberal balance of the State Supreme Court. To learn about the candidates, visit diolc.org/social-concerns for a number of sources or scan the QR code above. There, you can also access information on the State Superintendent of Public Education race, as well as details on how and where to vote.

**You will find printed copies of these articles in the Angelorum on a table, for your convenience

Resurrection Church Lenten Soup Meals in Brennan Hall

Wednesdays of Lent until April 16th - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm



Soup and Fresh Bread will be served.

Donations are accepted.



"Walk to Mary"

Join us on Saturday, May 3rd

The Walk to Mary has become a pilgrimage like no other in the world. We start with St Joseph (at the National Shrine of St Joseph) and walk to Mary (at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion) to get to Jesus. Our annual pilgrimage has impacted lives and filled hearts with many blessings from the Holy Family. "This pilgrimage is a blessing whether you walk a few blocks at the National Shrine or walk 1.7, 7, 14 or 22 miles."

The 22 mile walk spiritually prepares us for our destination, America's only Church-approved Marian apparition site, where in 1859, the Blessed Mother appeared to Adele Brise on the site of the **National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion** in Champion, Wisconsin.

Schedule:

4:15 am - Arrive at St Matthew South Parking Lot for Bus departure

7:00 am - Prayer Service and Walk begins at Old St Joseph Church

5:15 pm - Holy Mass

9:00 pm - Arrive back in Wausau at St Matthew Parish

Cost:

Adult \$25 • Student \$10 • Children under 4 Free

Walk with the Children (1.7 mile walk) \$25 for the entire family

Every pilgrim has to register to participate & pay the above cost at: www.walktomary.com

Cost to ride on the bus is \$20 per person.

For more information & to reserve your bus seat, call the Parish Office at 715-842-3148.

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Anointing Baptism Communion Confirmation Reconciliation Marriage Holy Orders

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Call the Parish Office (715-842-3148) to make arrangements for:

✠ **Confession** - by appointment outside of scheduled Confession times.

✠ **Baptism** - Baptisms take place the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Baptism Preparation Class: Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm.

The Baptism Class must be attended by parents. Godparents are encouraged to attend. **You must register at least one week before the class by calling the Parish Office.**

✠ **Bautismo** - Los bautizos se llevan a cabo el segundo domingo del mes.

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**

- * **Anointing of the Sick** - for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.
- * **Holy Communion Visits to the Homebound** - for those at home, a rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.
- * **Hospital Visits** - If you are anticipating a hospital stay, call and let us know. The hospital doesn't always inform us.
- * **In Need of Extra Prayer?** - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876.



St Matthew Youth Choir

The St Matthew Youth Choir is looking for students grades 2nd-12th who like to sing or play instruments to join the group!

We will sing for Mass the **fourth Sunday of the month at 10 am** and **rehearse the third Sunday at 11 am** in the church.

Please email **Andrea Huebner** if you are interested:

azinkgraf33@gmail.com

Share your gifts!

When you approach the Tabernacle, remember that He has been awaiting you for over 20 centuries!



Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

Spend Time In Jesus' Presence And You Will Gradually Come To Know That Jesus Is Indeed There

The desire to strengthen your faith requires some action on your part. It helps to go to the Church and spend time, with the mindset that Jesus is there. Take your problems and speak with Jesus. Even if you leave without anything seemingly having happened, you will gradually come to know Jesus *is* indeed there.

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

"Lord, help me to spend a few minutes in Church and talk with You."

This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God". John 20:19-29

During Lent the Church asks that we prepare for the joy Easter brings by doing more of:

- * **Sacrifice** - giving something we enjoy up so we can hunger and thirst for Jesus instead.
- * **Pray more**
- * **Share** - our coins, time, and talents to help others around us.



Family Lent Project

By the end of Lent we will be a little more like Christ Himself who sacrificed perfectly for each of us, is always eager to hear us in prayer, and never failed to help those who needed Him.

These concepts can sometimes be difficult for children to comprehend. Our Family Life Committee has put together a Lent project in which your child takes home a bag of yarn found by our display table in the Angelorum. Each time your child completes a Lent action he/she saves the piece to bring back to church on Sunday and place it in the bowl. We have 40 days to fill that bowl!!! On Easter Sunday... a big surprise will be found on the table.

If you need more ideas to help your child, or yourself, live a holy and fruitful Lent which will in turn lead to a joyful Easter, please call Joy in the office.

FASTING
AND
Feasting



Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- † Fast from facts that depress; feast on truths from Sacred Scripture that uplift.
- † Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
- † Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on God's promises that inspire.
- † Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- † Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- † Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that strengthens.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Wednesday, March 26

Last Men's Morning Bible Study - Fellowship Hall: 6:00 am
Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 27 - **NO 8 am MASS today

Last Bible Study - Fellowship Hall: 9:00 am
Men's Club Meeting - Fellowship Hall: 6 pm

Sunday, March 30—Laetare Sunday

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass

NO MASS on Thursday, March 27th
The Mass Intention for †Mark Kalbes will be rescheduled.

Sharing God's Blessings

Thank you for your support!

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

Envelopes (March 9).....	\$8,675.00
Offertory.....	\$1,602.64
Ash Wednesday.....	\$2,502.00
Candles.....	\$133.00
Envelopes (March 16).....	\$6,638.50
Offertory.....	\$1,086.07
Ash Wednesday.....	\$30.00
Candles.....	\$95.00



March 29th & 30th - Next Scrip Sale in Angelorum after weekend Masses

You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Office.

In the calendar year 2024, Scrip earned \$9,344.97 in rebates, which was used to pay a portion of our Newman Catholic School assessment.

Thank you for those responsible for that total, buyers and sellers. All are welcome to join in on this fundraiser. You will receive gift cards equal to the dollar amount you give us. Lists of Participating Retailers are available before and after weekend Masses at our sales table and at the Parish Office.

Please support the retailers that help support your Parish.



Prayer For The Pope

"Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Your servant, Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Your loving kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, of Your gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto You and may accomplish it with all his might through Christ our Lord. Restore the health of Pope Francis, healing him in all the ways he needs to be healed. Amen."



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, Mar 24 - 6:00 pm - Wedding Anniversary †Mike & Sandy Mosure
Tue, Mar 25 - 12:05 pm - †Adam Wanta & †David Woyak, Sr.
Wed, Mar 26 - 8:00 am - †Deb Schmitt
Thu, Mar 27 - 8:00 am - NO MASS - Intention to be rescheduled.
Fri, Mar 28 - 8:00 am - †Maximo y †Maria Guadalupe Patino
Sat, Mar 29 - 4:30 pm - †Fidel y †Petronila Leon
Sun, Mar 30 - 8:00 am - †Judy M. Koy
10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
Spanish - 12 noon - Almas del Purgatorio

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, March 24

2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 26

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 27

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 28

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 29

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 30 - 4th Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9, 10-12/Ps 34/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/Ps 23/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 29 4:30 pm	Sunday, March 30 8:00 am	Sunday, March 30 10:00 am
Lectors		
Joy Orozco	Justin Lowe	Pat Loy
Musicians		
Andrea Huebner	Joel Stubbe Annette Southworth	Gaudete Choir Nancy Losinski
Ushers and Greeters		
Tom Line Dave Mayer	Nic Schmitt Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil	Jack Reeves Kevin Ellenbecker Randy Krueger
Altar Servers		
Gary Koy Yonathan Ramirez	Adalyn Schmitt Everly Schmitt	Eli Lieders Tom Brzezinski
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Judy Koy	Al Seubert	Bob Holl
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Jeannie
SCRIP: Cheryl Vircks	Dottie Baxter	Sharon Charlier



Regulations for Fasting & Abstinence

During the Season of Lent:

1. Catholics age 14 and older are to "abstain from meat" on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics in good health, ages 18 to 59, are to "fast" on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one full meal. Two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal is permitted, if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



Easter Flowers and Candles Donations

Candles and flowers add beauty and meaning to the Easter Liturgical Celebration and you can donate them in honor of a living or deceased loved one.



The "Easter Lily" a symbol of Christ's resurrection, rises from a single bulb representing Christ rising from the tomb. An ancient belief was that white lilies appeared where drops of blood fell from Christ's body after the crucifixion.

Lighted candles take away darkness and are symbolic of Jesus, "the Light of the world". He brought us hope when He rose from the dead!!

To donate Flowers or Candles, provide the following information:

- your name
- the name of the person you are honoring
- indicate if you are donating a flower or candle
- place this information in an envelope along with a donation
- on the outside of the envelope write: "Easter Decorations"
- put envelope in weekend collection, mail or take to Parish Office

Thank you for your donations!



➡ **St Anne's Fish Fry** - Every Friday in Lent until April 11th. Dining In: 4-7 pm - For take-outs & home deliveries (for a fee in Wausau only) call Fri 1-6 pm: 715-849-3930 Ext 6 or order online: www.stannesausau.org

➡ **St Anthony's Friday Fish Dinners, Athens - School Hall**
April 4: 4:30-7:00 pm - Dine-in
Call: 715-257-7541 Ext 2004, for take-outs between 3:30-6:30 pm

➡ **St Patrick's Parish Fish Fry**, 136058 Halder Drive, Mosinee
Dine-in every Friday during Lent: 4:00-7:30 pm - or for carryout's call: 715-693-2765 after 12 noon on Friday to place an order.



MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION

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Men's Club Meeting
Thursday, March 27th at 6:00 pm
in the Church Fellowship Hall.



Please keep the back pew available for ushers as they need to get up and move about during the Mass.

PARISH PICNIC!

AUGUST 17th

We are looking for a Chairperson for our Summer Picnic!

Please contact the Parish Office, 715-842-3148, if you are interested in helping!! **Thank You!**

Wausau Lyric Choir and Wausau Symphony & Band

present

"Lamb of God"

Saturday, April 19 at 3:00 pm
at the Grand Theater in Wausau

"Lamb of God" is a sacred work for choir, orchestra and soloists and is a musical portrayal of the final days of the life of Jesus. From the foreshadowing raising of Lazarus, to the devastating arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, and finally to His glorious resurrection, composer Rob Gardner tells the story of Jesus through the perspective of those who loved and walked with Him.

St Matthew church member, Lynn Meyer, is a member of Wausau Lyric Choir.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students.

Tickets can be purchased at the Grand Theater office either online via phone or in person. Note that additional ticket fees will be charged for phone and online ticket purchases.

Time To Cast Your Final Vote For Naming the New Fellowship Hall

If you aren't able to cast your vote for the new church hall name, at church, then please call Joy at the office: **715-842-3148** to cast your vote for one of the following favorites from last week's vote:

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Fatima Hall | 4. McGarty Hall |
| 2. Flame of Love Hall | 5. Mercy Hall |
| 3. Guadalupe Hall | |



St Vincent de Paul Scholarship

St Vincent de Paul Cabrini Conference, Wausau, is offering a **\$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior** who meets the eligibility criteria.

For details and to apply, visit our website at www.svdpwausau.org and navigate to "Get Help" → "High School Scholarship Application".
The application deadline is April 4, 2025.
For questions, please contact vanderson@svdpwausau.org.

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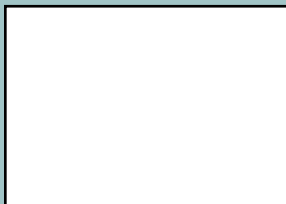
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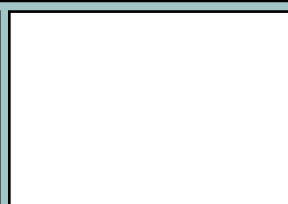
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