

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

March 30, 2025 - 4th Sunday of Lent



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.' "

Luke 15:21-24



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
- **Cable TV**
- 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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Reflection on Today's Gospel

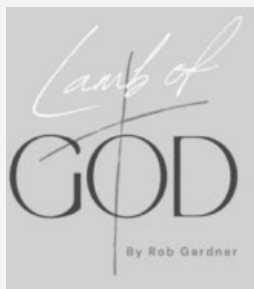
For too many of us, we mistakenly see Lent as a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "measuring up" in our spiritual lives. But this is a misconception. Lent is a season of profound transformation, refreshment, love, awakening and rebirth.

The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is a powerful illustration of this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this fantastic story, the bratty younger son who dares to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that precisely what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

Desperate from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally "comes to his senses", awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father, and returns home. His contrition is faltering, imperfect, and primarily motivated by his growling stomach, but it is enough for the loving father. As soon as the father catches sight of his son, he is "filled with compassion for him" and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for him. The father's actions are an extravagant display of love!

Jesus gives us a beautiful picture of our Father's love and mercy, a love that is unconditional and unwavering. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father! And how it should inspire us, with just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning", we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and feasting in His presence. This opportunity is what Lent presents us: a chance for spiritual growth and renewal in our Father's love. That is what Lent is all about.



**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.



Family Prayer During Lent

Lent is an appropriate time to set aside a bit more time for prayer. Parents are invited to download a one-page prayer card for their children. The prayer card is more than reciting a prayer, and allows prayer to be more personal. Go to diolc.org/prayer and choose a specific grade level.



"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.**



"Managing Caregiver Stress"

Tuesday, April 8th: 5-6 pm

A one hour workshop for caregivers. Providing care for a loved one can be rewarding, but caregivers can also experience stress, guilt, and frustration. * **Pre-registration is required, call 888-486-9545**

"Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class"

**6 consecutive Wednesdays: April 23rd - May 28th
10:00-11:45 am**

at the ADRC: 1100 Lake View Drive, Suite 600; Wausau

Caregivers are expected to attend all 6 sessions, as each session builds off the previous session. The class focuses on helping caregivers manage the stress, difficult emotions and decisions they have to make, as well as finding ways to build self care into their journey.

Caregivers are required to register in advance. For more information or to register, please encourage caregivers to call: **ADRC at 888-486-9545.**



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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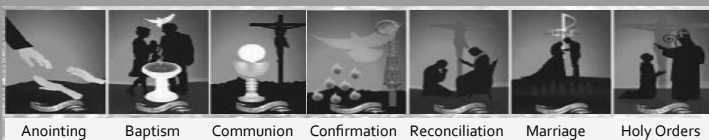
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Bulletin Submission Deadline: 2 pm Monday for the next Bulletin



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!

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

Our Response Is Thanksgiving



When we receive Jesus, we want to thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us. This Gift of the Eucharist empowers us to live our lives with thankful hearts as we follow Him with trust and commitment.

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

We have a Heavenly Father who loves each one of us, in an absolutely unique way as expressed in Scripture: *"Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow caused by change."* (James 1:17)

In thanksgiving, let us pray the *Our Father* prayer, remembering both our Heavenly Father and our earthly father.

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.



**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



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This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Wednesday, April 2

Family Formation & Grades 7, 8, 9

Thursday, April 3

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

Early Bulletin Submission Dates

Palm Sunday (April 13th) Bulletin Submissions
will be due **Monday, April 7th.**

Easter Sunday (April 20th) Bulletin Submissions
will be due **Friday, April 11th.**



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

Envelopes (March 23).....	\$11,908.50
Offertory.....	\$1,248.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$10.00
Candles.....	\$79.00

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.

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!**



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 31 - 6:00 pm - †Evelyn Nowack

Tue, Apr 1 - 12:05 pm - †Guadalupe Patiño Rosas

Wed, Apr 2 - 8:00 am - †Jim Low

Thu, Apr 3 - 8:00 am - †Judy Flashinski

Fri, Apr 4 - 8:00 am - †Linus Schmitt

Sat, Apr 5 - 4:30 pm - †Juanita Kraimer

Sun, Apr 6 - 8:00 am - †Paul Wiegert

10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

Spanish - 12 noon - †Roberto y †Velia Aguilera

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, March 31

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 1

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, April 2 - Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, April 3

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, April 4 - Saint Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Wis 2:1, 12-22/Ps 34/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 5 - Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, April 6 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 5 4:30 pm	Sunday, April 6 8:00 am	Sunday, April 6 10:00 am
Lectors		
Mary Holm	Henry Wanserski	Kay Washebek
Musicians		
Eben Soper Dorothy Giallombardo	Phillip Wyman Annette Southworth	Barb Britten Mary Lenard
Ushers and Greeters		
Dave Mayer John Bocke Marie Burish	Steve Ostrowski Jody Babl David Krause	Gary Tapper Chuck Miller Tim Kimball
Altar Servers		
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Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Joy Orozco	Al Seubert	Paul Sliwicki
Children's Liturgy of the Word		
Jeannie		
SCRIP: Dave Burish	Kitty Jilek	Kathy Miilu



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!



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April 5th & 6th

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**Saturday
April 12th
10:00 am**

**St Matthew Church
South Entrance**

Meet in the Angelorum

**Parishioners, bring your
children and
grandchildren
ages up to 10 years old
and join in the fun!**



➡ **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.stanneswausau.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.

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Name of Jesus Parish April 27th, 1:00-3:00



**Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
(3 priests available) 1:00-3:00**

**Dominic Carstens will speak at 1:30 and share
his experience on last summer's Eucharistic
Pilgrimage.**

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 2:30
followed by Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament.**

All are welcome to attend.

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