

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

May 25, 2025
6th Sunday of Easter

[Jesus said to His disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Jn 14:26-27



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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www.parishesonline.com

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May is the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"To succeed in your intentions, entrust yourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary always, but especially in moments of difficulty and darkness. From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God...Learn from her to be always faithful, to trust that God's Word to you will be fulfilled, and that nothing is impossible with God."

Pope Saint John Paul II



33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat

Tuesdays: May 27th - June 24th at 6:30 pm in McGarty Hall

Consecration on Saturday, June 28th

Join us for "33 Days to Morning Glory" a 6-week retreat and learn the "quickest, surest, easiest way" to sainthood! This retreat leads us to formally entrust ourselves to Mary, the way Christ did at the Annunciation and as He willed for us at the foot of the Cross.

For information & to Register, contact Kay at:
715-697-1680 or Email: kwash@pcpros.net

Please obtain this book/workbook prior to class:

"33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecration" by Michael E. Gaitley



Reflection on Today's Gospel

The concept of hospitality, which is warm and inclusive, is fundamental to a Christian way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering newcomers in our parish a sincere and warm welcome. We picture inviting them in and helping them feel at home and at ease in our presence, conveying that they are highly valued.

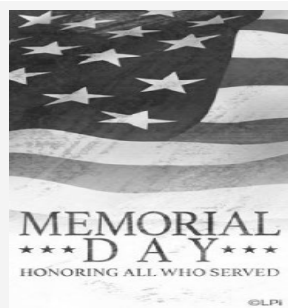
Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to consider hospitality in a slightly different light. In it, we hear Jesus saying this to His disciples: "Whoever loves Me will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him." This passage is not just about love and obedience; it also reflects the hospitality of the heart, inviting God to dwell within us.

Jesus invites us to welcome the Blessed Trinity to dwell within us. This extraordinary request reminds us that our highest and most cherished form of hospitality should be directed toward God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: We are to keep His word and follow His teachings.

We must know His word to keep it. This requires discipline and effort. We must prioritize studying Scripture and Church teachings in our daily lives; through this study, we gain a deeper understanding of God's word and His teachings, which inspire and motivate us to live Christian lives.

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must ensure that our hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles, words, greetings, and ministries, each an integral part of our parish community, will radiate with the warmth of God's love. This way, our parish family will become something like Heaven on Earth, and we will all share this larger purpose. This embodies the simplicity and glory of a Christian way of life.

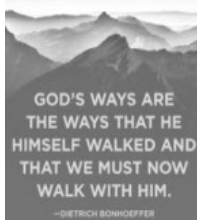


"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Christians are no strangers to sacrifice. Jesus lays down His life for our redemption, martyrs remain faithful to the end, and every believer faces "deaths" in the spiritual life when love requires a re-ordering of preference and priority."

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!



One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way - in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. **Loving your neighbor is loving God!** Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can - and should - let our faith animate our lives!



June 23-27
Vacation Bible School
Children Grades K-5th
Registration forms are on our website.
www.stmatthewausau.org/summer-program

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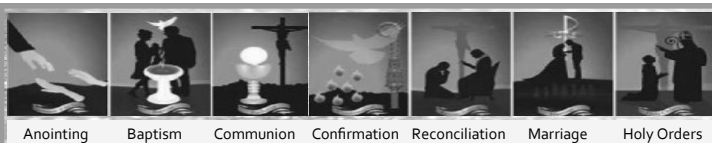
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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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, July 16th 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.**

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

Eucharist Means Thanksgiving



When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us - the greatest Gift possible. When receiving Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Jesus Christ and then we give heartfelt thanks to God for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives us the gift of eternal life with Himself in Heaven.

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

"Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart, most especially to our Heavenly Father, to You, and to the Holy Spirit."

This week, read how St Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1: 3-9



Join us in Reclaiming the Month of June for Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart!

For the 3rd year in a row, the Catholic laity will be sponsoring 3 billboards in the Wausau area.

The billboards will be displayed from May 12th to July 6th.

Please let your family and friends know about our campaign and billboard.

If you are interested in reclaiming the month of June for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we would greatly appreciate your help in getting the word out and any donations, no matter how small or big!

In addition, Yard Signs and Car Magnet Bumper Stickers may be available, if interested ask Jo Ann.

Last year was a HUGE success. I'm certain this year will be as well.

Send donations (checks) to:

Jo Ann Egelkrout; 529 Porter St; Wausau WI 54401

For more information, contact Jo Ann at:

715.722.9433 (call or text) or E-Mail: jaekrout@gmail.com

Monday, June 16th – Wednesday, June 18th St Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary, WI



Calling all current middle school boys! Bring yourself and a friend to St Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary, WI for three days of field olympics, games, team building, and prayer.

You're sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, and making new friends! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Transportation is available from select cities throughout the state.

Register at www.stlawrence.edu/retreats



Novena to the Holy Spirit

May 30 - June 7, 2025

A nine-day Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost is available for download here:

diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

The focus of each day of the Novena is to pray for an increase of one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These supernatural gifts are necessary to live the Christian life.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

God Bless All Who Have Served & Are Serving to Protect Our Country
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

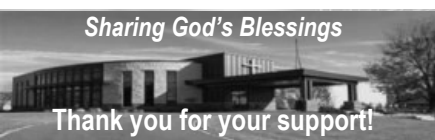
1st Class: 33 Days to Morning Glory - McGarty Hall: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 28

Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Sunday, June 1 - The Ascension of the Lord

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass



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

Envelopes (May 18th).....	\$8,726.00
Offertory.....	\$1,325.98
Ascension.....	\$35.00
Helping Hands.....	\$205.00
Candles.....	\$53.00



Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish

Scrip will be sold in the Angelorum in summer on the first and third weekends of June, July and August. Please plan ahead and mark your calendars:

June 7th & 8th, 21st & 22nd

July 5th & 6th, 19th & 20th

August 2nd & 3rd, 16th & 17th

Back to weekly in September. It will be for sale in the Parish Office (Monday-Thursday) all summer but watch for closure dates in the bulletin. A reduced Newman Catholic School bill is still needed monthly. Scrip is the answer!

Please support the businesses that help support us!

Next Scrip Sale in the Angelorum: June 7th & 8th
Before and After Weekend Masses



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, May 26 - 6:00 pm - †Lisa (Gizmo) Holeton
Tue, May 27 - 12:05 pm - †William "Bill" Radtke
Wed, May 28 - 8:00 am - The Intentions of Pope Leo XIV
Thu, May 29 - 8:00 am - †Pope Francis
Fri, May 30 - 8:00 am - Living & †Deceased Kraft & Albrecht Families
Sat, May 31 - 4:30 pm - †Deceased Strehlow & Larson Families
Sun, June 1 - 8:00 am - Randy and Nancy Sondelski
10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
Spanish - 12 noon - Maria de Jesus Rosales Monte

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, May 26 - Saint Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial Day

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149/Jn 15:26—16:4

Tuesday, May 27 - Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 28

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 29 - Saint Paul VI, Pope,

The Ascension of the Lord (Celebrated on Sunday, June 1st)

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98/Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 30

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 31 - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18/Is 12:2-6/Lk 1:39-56

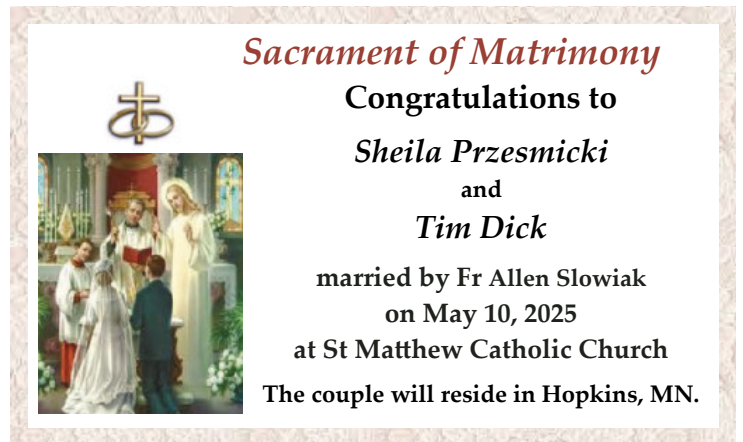
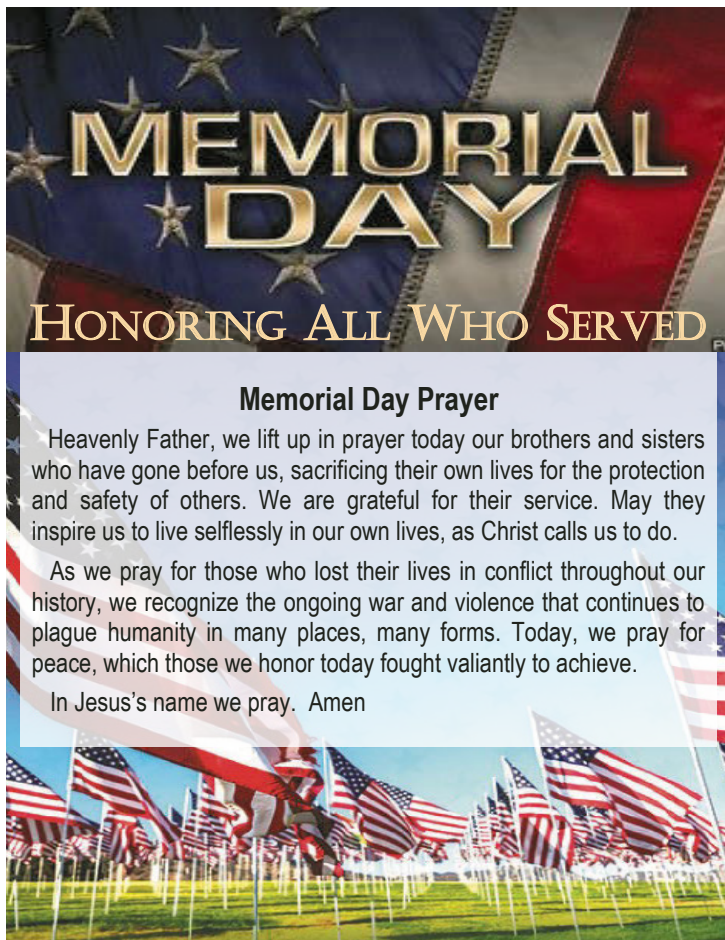
Sunday, June 1 - 7th Sunday of Easter - The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 31 4:30 pm	Sunday, June 1 8:00 am	Sunday, June 1 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Theresa Stubbe	Pat Loy
Musicians		
Cindy Blair Nancy Losinski	Marie Stubbe Annette Southworth	Gaudete Choir Nancy Losinski
Ushers and Greeters		
Maren Peek Lee Peek Abigail Peek	Dennis Janssen Jody Babl David Krause	Gary Tapper Bob Charlier Sharon Charlier
Altar Servers		
Gary Koy Logan Mleziva	TJ Sondelski Joey Huebsch	Carolina Bergo Natalie Bergo
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Joy Orozco	Kathie Stencil	Jane Holl
SCRIP		
Judy Koy	Josie Ollhoff	Dottie Baxter



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THE
ASCENSION
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PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, May 31st

Beginning after the
4 pm Mass ... or
wherever you begin

Concluding at Church of
the Resurrection
621 N. Second St., Wausau

Eucharistic Adoration
beginning at 5 pm

Evening Prayer with
Benediction at 6:15 pm

Followed by a reception by the
Knights of Columbus Council #10

*Walk, Run, Bike, Drive
on Our Journey
"Anchored in Hope"*

You Are Invited
Sunday, June 15th
Bishop Gerard Battersby
will celebrate the
10 am Mass

The Bishop will bless
our New Addition & Renovations

Luncheon in McGarty Hall following Mass

You are invited to enjoy a light lunch
with Bishop Battersby and Father Sebastian

Call 715-842-3148 by June 11th to RSVP
with your name, number of guests,
and if you are bringing a salad or dessert.

Dishes to Share:
If your last name begins with:

A-M: Salads
N-Z: Desserts

The Parish will be serving:

- Ham
- Buns
- Cheese Tray
- Beverages

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