

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

June 1, 2025 - 7th Sunday of Easter

The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus said to His disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:46-48



Sunday - June 8th
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-Friday: **8:00 am

**** Ways to watch a "Live-Streamed Mass":**

- www.stmatthewausau.org - today's Mass is at top of our home page. Click on box "Our YouTube Channel" to watch previous Masses & videos.
- Our YouTube channel: "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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June – The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



What Is the Sacred Heart of Jesus?



The *Sacred Heart of Jesus* is a profound and enduring symbol within the Catholic Church, representing the *immense love and mercy* of our Lord Jesus Christ. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a special form of devotion to Jesus, the focus being His Heart, which exemplifies our Lord's redemptive suffering for the whole world. Discover the great benefit of paying homage to the Love of Jesus represented by His Heart of flesh.

Origins and Early Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Devotion to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus* began in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, but became more prominent through our Lord's private revelations to *Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque* in the seventeenth century. Between 1673 and 1675, Saint Margaret Mary, a nun in the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial, France, received several visions of Jesus. In these visions, Christ revealed His Heart as a symbol of His boundless love for humanity and emphasized the need for people to return His love through devotion and prayer.

How Is Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Practiced?

Devotion to the Sacred Heart includes various practices aimed at paying homage to Jesus. One popular devotion is the *First Friday Devotion*, where Catholics receive *Holy Communion* on the first Friday of *nine consecutive months*, as Jesus requested to Saint Margaret Mary. This practice makes reparations for the sins committed against the Heart of Christ and enables us to grow closer to Him. Jesus promised Saint Margaret Mary that He will grant twelve special and powerful graces to the devout soul who completes the nine first Fridays.

What Are the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart?

1. "I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life."
2. "I will establish peace in their families."
3. "I will comfort them in their trials."
4. "I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death."
5. "I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings."
6. "Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy."
7. "Lukewarm souls shall become fervent."
8. "Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection."
9. "I will bless the homes in which the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored."
10. "I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts."
11. "Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out."
12. "The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

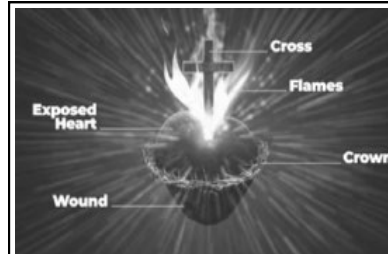


O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I Place My Trust in Thee

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee,
Whatever may befall me, Lord, though dark the hour may be;
In all my woes, in all my joys, though nought but grief I see,
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee.

When those I loved have passed away, and I am sore distressed,
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I fly to Thee for rest.
In all my trials, great or small, my confidence shall be
Unshaken as I cry, dear Lord, I place my trust in Thee.

This is my one sweet prayer, dear Lord, my faith, my trust, my love,
But most of all in that last hour, when death points up above,
O Sweet Savior, may Thy face smile on my soul all free.
Oh may I cry with rapturous love, I've placed my trust in Thee.



What Are the Five Symbols of the Sacred Heart?

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is rich with symbolism. The exposed Heart, often depicted with a crown of thorns, represents Jesus' suffering and His immense love for humanity. The flames emanating from the Heart signify the transformative and purifying power of His love, while the cross above the Heart is a reminder of His redemptive sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. The wound in the side of His Heart represents the wound inflicted on Him by both the Roman soldier and by all human beings through their sins.



Words of Jesus to St Margaret Mary Alacoque

"Look at this heart which has loved men so much,
and yet men do not want to love Me in return."



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.

For more information, contact Jo Ann at: 715.722.9433 (call or text) or E-Mail: jaekrout@gmail.com and to send donation checks mail to: Jo Ann Egelkrout; 529 Porter St; Wausau WI 54401

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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, 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 bautismos se llevan a cabo el segundo domingo de mes. Para los bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase y no faltar a misa los domingos. Los padrinos deben presentar comprobante de que recibieron el sacramento de la Confirmación y no pueden estar viviendo juntos. 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.



We are called to be Holy Men of God. Dare to Follow is for young men **grades 6-10** that are interested in hearing where God is calling them.

Join us for activities, discernment, and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our area.



JULY 8-10 2025

Holy Cross Diocesan Center
3710 East Ave S | La Crosse, WI

Register Online by July 2: diolc.org/daretofollow
Cost \$30 (includes meals and rooms)



Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

**Receiving The Eucharist
Our Closest Union With Jesus On Earth**

The Mass is a re-presentation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time and space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him through serving others, most especially those in need.

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

"Jesus please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in Holy Communion."

This week, read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58.

**Are you looking for ways to LIVE your FAITH?
Our Religious Education Department is in need of catechists.**



Are you looking for a way to BE the hands and feet of Christ? A way to learn more about your faith? Then consider giving an hour of your month to help the children of our parish grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus. There is absolutely no planning on your part. Joy will supply you with lesson plans and all materials needed.

Call Joy at (715) 842-3148 for more information or to sign up.



Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery Plots Available

For Sale: 2 cemetery plots at Restlawn Cemetery.

You can buy 1 or 2 plots.

Asking \$1,850/plot. (Cemetery charges \$2,000 +/plot)

Call Cindy at 1-815-861-0841 if you are interested.



**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, June 3

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

Thursday, June 5

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

Sunday, June 8

Mass and Healing Service:

Confessions: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

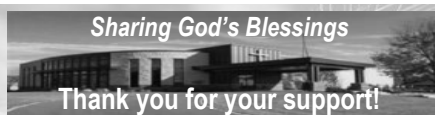
Mass Followed by Healing Service: 3:30 pm (fulfills Sunday obligation)



The Masses on June 7th and 8th will be celebrated by Fr. Milton Javier Herrera, a priest of the Missionary Fraternity of Mary

The Missionary Fraternity of Mary is an order of Priests dedicated to educating and ordaining young men to bring the good news and the sacraments to the marginalized Catholics of the world. They educate the poor, welcome vocations to religious life to all without regard to the ethnic background; prepare youth for lay ministry within the Church, and work with the poor to develop their spiritual and temporal well-being.

Donations to help them in their Mission can be made in the 2nd Collection. Thank you for your prayers and support.



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

Envelopes (May 25th)	\$6,016.00
Offertory	\$1,265.22
Ascension	\$290.00
Helping Hands	\$75.00
Candles	\$128.00



Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish

Father's Day is June 15th! Order those special gift cards for Cabela's, Bass Pro Shop, Lowe's, Best Buy, Amazon and Barnes & Nobles. Taking Dad to the movies? Order a Marcus Theatre Card for \$25 or Family Size \$100. Whatever you do, hope you have a wonderful day!

Please support the businesses that help support us!

A reduced Newman Catholic School bill is still needed monthly.
Scrip is the answer!

Next Scrip Sale in the Angelorum: June 7th & 8th

Before and After Mass - Saturday: 4:30 pm & Sunday: 8 am & 10 am

You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Center.

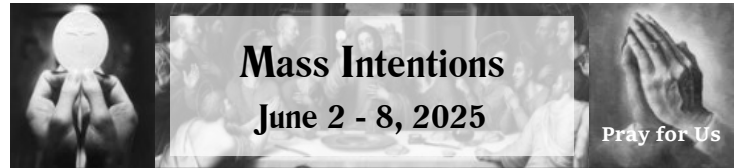


Prayer

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

June 2 - 8, 2025

Pray for Us

Mon, Jun 2 - 6:00 pm - †Parents of Jack and Mary Ann Neuens

Tue, Jun 3 - 12:05 pm - †Judy Flashinski

Wed, Jun 4 - 8:00 am - A Special Intention of Thanksgiving

Thu, Jun 5 - 8:00 am - †Roger Krueger

Fri, Jun 6 - 8:00 am - †Jim Low

Sat, Jun 7 - 4:30 pm - †Paul Wiegert

Sun, Jun 8 - 8:00 am - †Albert & †Bette Kunze

10:00 am - †Dawn Wood

Spanish - 12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, June 2 - Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter, Martyrs

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, June 3 - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68/Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday, June 4

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68/Jn 17:11-19

Thursday, June 5 - Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, June 6 - Saint Norbert, Bishop

Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, June 7

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33/Ex 19:3-8, 16-20/Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19/
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23
or Jn 14:15-16, 23-26




Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 7 4:30 pm	Sunday, June 8 8:00 am	Sunday, June 8 10:00 am
Lectors		
Mary Holm	Henry Wanserski	Kay Washebek
Musicians		
Eben Soper Dorothy Giallombardo	Bill Dohr Sara Schmitt	Phillip Wyman Annette Southworth
Ushers and Greeters		
John Bocke Marie Burish Dave Mayer	Nic Schmitt Steve Ostrowski Dave Mosure	Jack Reeves Kevin Malovrh Randy Krueger
Altar Servers		
Gary Koy	Adalyn Schmitt Everly Schmitt	Eli Lieders Tom Brzezinski
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Judy Koy	Bernie Dohr	
Scrip		
Dave Burish	Kathy Miilu	Jeannie Henaman



*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:**

Alice Tucker
She died Monday - May 5, 2025

Robert "Bob" "Lefty" Woelfel
He died Thursday - May 15, 2025

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



**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

**SET SAIL WITH
THE HOLY TRINITY**

**June 23-27
Vacation Bible School
Children Grades K-5th**

**Registration forms are on our website.
www.stmatthewwausau.org/summer-program**



Helping Hands News

Helping Hands is honored and humbled with your generous financial support during the past year. It allowed Helping Hands to change the lives of many families. We would like to share with you how your donations for 2024 were spent:

- 25.9% - Construction of new homes: materials & labor
- 22.9% - Family to Family Program: 43 families
- 20.5% - Tuition support: paying the tuition for students who qualify and abide by the program's guidelines
- 71.2% - School Lunch Program: purchase cereals: rice, beans, maize, green grams (tiny peas), etc.
- 4.6% - Beds, mattresses, blankets, coffee tables & storage shelves
- 8.9% - On site management in Kenya, Kenya Revenue Authority and Annual Auditor Fees

Thank you for your generous donation in the May 2025 envelope! Your giving hearts touch the lives of many Kenyans who readily show their appreciation and thankfulness.

VOLUNTEER TRIP:

Helping Hands is starting to think about the 2026 Experience. There has been a lot of interest for 2026, so there may be two groups. The tentative dates are:

Group 1 - Depart the USA: January 13th & depart Kenya: January 29th
Group 2 - Depart the USA: January 28th & depart Kenya: February 13th
 (As in the past these dates may change by a day or two, so we can get the best airfare) The tentative cost of the trip w/safari is \$4,700.00

If you would like to join the group in 2026 or would like more information, contact Tom or Mary Pat Roovers (715) 842-4270.



Thank You!

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Community Center of Hope,
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