# Saint Matthew Catholic Church

# June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Jn 20:21-23



Congratulations! on your Confirmation on May 18, 2025

May the Holy Spirit be your friend and your guide throughout your life!





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.stmatthewwausau.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

Website: www.StMatthewWausau.org YouTube: St. Matthew Wausau

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"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us."

Romans 5:5

#### The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

- 1830 The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- 1832 The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory.

#### The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

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Wisdom

Understanding

Counsel

Fortitude

Knowledge

Piety

Fear of the Lord

#### **The 3 Theological Virtues**

Faith

Hope

Charity (Isaiah 11:1-5)

Galatians 5:22-23

Charity

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Peace Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Generosity

Gentleness

Faithfulness

Modesty

Self-Control

Chastity

#### The Charismatic Gifts

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." 1Cor 12:7

#### Romans 12:6-8

#### 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

- Prophecy
- Service
- Teaching
- Exhortation
- Giving of Material Goods
- Administration
- Showing Mercy

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Healing
- Working of Miracles
- Prophecy
- Discernment of Spirits
- Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

Saint Augustine

#### Gospel Meditation A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

by Father John Muir (edited) ©LPi



When Jesus breathes on His Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of His breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23).

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder". Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through His priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with His gentle, loving closeness.



Reflection on Today's Readings June 8, 2025 - Pentecost

Today, as we culminate the Easter season with the grand Feast of Pentecost, let's take a moment to reflect on the personal significance of this day. The readings of today's celebration fill us with awe as we witness the mighty power of the Holy Spirit at work, giving birth to and sustaining our Church. This same Spirit is reaching out to each one of us, individually, on this day, calling us to play our unique role in the Church's mission. You are not just a part of the crowd, but a significant individual in this divine plan.

In the first reading from Acts, we see the creative genius of the Holy Spirit at work through the newly confirmed Apostles, who began to speak in different languages as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim the gospel. The large crowd, gathered from all over the world, was amazed and astounded that each person could understand the Apostles speaking in their language.

Each one of us, regardless of age, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit into the same mission as that of the first Apostles, to advance the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. This personal call from the Holy Spirit makes each of us feel individually addressed and important. Just as He did on that Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our "own language" to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urge us to share it. We can think of our language as the gifts, talents, and passions we possess. We experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through them, and we are meant to put them to work in grateful service of the Kingdom of God.

When we think about the Christian way of life, we often focus on the challenges it presents. Surrendering ourselves to God is indeed a challenging way to live. However, it leads to a life that is not only challenging but also exciting, creative, and deeply rewarding. It is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity, the Holy Spirit.

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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 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 The Holy Spirit And The Eucharist

Even after the Apostles had experienced the Risen Christ, they were afraid. They gathered with Mary on the day of Pentecost and prayed behind locked doors, waiting as instructed for the Gift of the

Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit descended upon them on Pentecost, the Apostles were no longer afraid and were equipped to fulfill their mission. It is the same for us today. When we receive the Eucharist, we also receive God the Holy Spirit, to abide in the depths of our hearts. If we allow Him, the Spirit of Truth will transform us and we will no longer be afraid, but be equipped with peace and strength for our mission. Let us then prepare for each Eucharistic encounter in the same way the Apostles prepared for Pentecost, "in prayer...with Mary..." (Acts 1:14).

#### Let's pray this now & each day this week-Sequence for Pentecost:

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from Your celestial home shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat: Solace in the midst of woe. O most blessed Light divine, shine within these hearts of Yours, and our inmost being fill! Where You are not, we have naught, nothing good in deed or thought, nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour Your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. On the faithful, who adore and confess You, evermore in Your sevenfold gift descend; Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them Your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

#### **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.



#### This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

#### Monday, June 9

Flame of Love Cenacle: Rosary, Adoration, Benediction - after 6 pm Mass

#### Tuesday, June 10

Class: Marian Consecration (33 Days) - McGarty Hall: 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday, June 11

Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

#### Sunday, June 15 - Happy Father's Day!

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass Bishop Gerard Battersby celebrates 10 am Mass Blessing of New Addition & Renovations by Bishop Battersby Luncheon after Mass in McGarty Hall with the Bishop and Fr Sebastian

Sharing God's Blessings Thank you for your support!	Weekly Minimum Amount Needed per Budget: \$12,217.00
Envelopes (June 1st)	\$9,158.00
Offertory	
Ascension	
Helping Hands	\$250.00
Candles	



#### June 13th Feast Day

## St Anthony of Padua

Born 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal Died 1231 in Arcella, Italy

Patron Saint of: Lost Items Sailors Travelers

#### Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit

by St Anthony of Padua

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate.

Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy.

Teach, guide, and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end.

May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy.

Amen

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#### **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 9 - 15, 2025



Mon, Jun 9 - 6:00 pm - †Judy Koy (Birthday)

Tue, Jun 10 - 12:05 pm - †Judy Brandt

Wed, Jun 11 - 8:00 am - †Donna Szews

Thu, Jun 12 - 8:00 am - †Robert "Lefty" Woelfel

Fri, Jun 13 - 8:00 am - †Alice Tucker

Sat, Jun 14 - 4:30 pm - †Norbert and †Agnes Seubert

Sun, Jun 15 - 8:00 am - †Don Hieronimus

10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

Spanish - 12 noon - †Omar Joaquin Rodriguez Soto

#### Daily Mass Readings

Monday, June 9 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 87/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, June 10

2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 11 - Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 12

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85/Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 13 - St Anthony of Padua, Priest/Doctor of the Church

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday, June 14

2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103/Mt 5:33-37

Sunday, June 15 - The Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

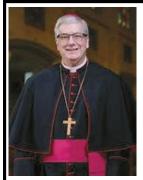


Liturgical Ministers					
Saturday, June 14 4:30 pm	Sunday, June 15 8:00 am	Sunday, June 15 10:00 am			
Lectors					
Nancy Oestreich	Theresa Stubbe	Pat Loy			
Musicians					
Eben Soper Anne Paul	Marie Stubbe Annette Southworth	Gaudete Choir Nancy Losinski			
Ushers and Greeters					
John Bocke Ryan Oestreich Scott Oestreich	Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil Jody Babl	Randy Krueger Kevin Ellenbecker Tim Kimball			
Altar Servers					
Katie Riehle Luke Riehle Gabby Riehle	TJ Sondelski Joey Huebsch	Sam Hanneman Anthony Hanneman			
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion					
Joy Orozco	Judy Koy	Bob Holl			



'The Holy Spirit leads souls gently... He does not drive them with force."

St Francis de Sales



## 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

#### Ray's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on

#### Wednesday, June 18th at 9 am at Blue Willow Restaurant

Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various restaurants for good food and good fellowship!







**Buying Scrip Supports** St Matthew Parish

### Father's Day is June 15th!

Looking for a restaurant for Father's Day?

Pick up a gift card for 2510, 6th Street Filling Station, Applebee's, Olive Garden, Sam's Pizza, Texas Roadhouse, Blue Willow, or Wausau Mine. Or El Mezcal, El Teguila Salsa (not open on Sunday) or La Taqueria. Or Culver's, McDonalds or Panera Bread.

#### Whatever you do, hope you have a wonderful Father's Day!

Please support the businesses that help support us! Scrip is the answer to reduce our Newman Catholic School bill monthly.

#### Next Scrip Sale in the Angelorum: June 21st & 22nd

Before and After Mass - Saturday: 4:30 pm & Sunday: 8 am & 10 am You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Office.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who were a part of my recent Cancer treatments. Whether you helped me with prayers, caring or transportation, it is all deeply appreciated. This experience would have been difficult to navigate on my own. However, thanks to all of you, I did not need to.

**Mary Friederichs** 



#### 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 at Jetut did and all materials needed.

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

#### Marlene's Breakfast Club



All ladies are invited to join us for breakfast on

#### Wednesday, June 18th at 9 am at A & A Restaurant on Grand Avenue

No dues, no meetings, no agenda, just friendship offered! Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various restaurants for good food and good fellowship!

#### **Summer Flowers for the Sanctuary**

We would love to have flowers from your garden for the sanctuary this summer, if you have any you'd like to share!

To make arrangements for drop-off or for questions please call:

#### Nancy at 715-675-6796



"When we see a beautiful object, a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object."

Saint Alphonsus Maria de Liguori





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