

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

July 20, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Lk 10:41-42



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

Website: www.StMatthewWausau.org

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Emailed Bulletins:

www.parishesonline.com

Diocese of La Crosse: www.dioclc.org



Gospel Reflection

Lk 10:38-42

In today's Gospel reading from St Luke, we are reminded about the proper use of the gift of time, an essential part of living as good Christians. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever hosted, recalling the day when Martha and Mary welcomed our Lord into their home. We are told that Martha, as a faithful hostess, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving," while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a new perspective on the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all else; to "sit at His feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time, no matter how busy we think we are. When we genuinely commit to putting Christ first in our daily routines through regular prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we can be confident that all our other concerns, no matter how urgent or overwhelming they seem, are under His loving care.

Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace, transforming even the most mundane tasks into opportunities for spiritual growth. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity, He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him.



How does God speak to me?

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you?

Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach.

In *1 Kings*, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples.

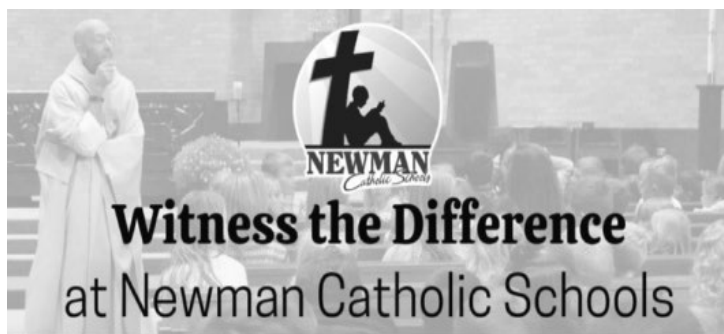
Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him.

Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me by phone at: **608.791.2667** or by mail at:

Father Steven Weller

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Catholic Charities is rushing assistance to those devastated by the recent catastrophic flooding in Texas, as the death toll

continues to climb and whole communities are displaced. Please consider donating – visit www.cclse.org and click on the “Texas Flooding” link. And please hold in your prayers the souls of those who lost their lives, their grieving families and loved ones, and all who are suffering as a result of this tragic disaster.

100% of your donation will go directly to trusted Catholic Charities agencies in Texas and will be used **exclusively for direct aid** to those impacted by this devastating disaster. Your support brings hope, healing, and help to those who need it most.



Director of Youth and Family Ministry Needed

St Mark Parish is looking to hire a Director of Youth and Family Ministry.

This person will empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. Draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, liturgy, and work of the parish. Foster the personal and spiritual growth of each young person and promote Catholic identity.

For more information about this position call the Parish Office at **715-359-5206** or check the Parish website at smproths.org

Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

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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, September 17th 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.



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, but it provides a Catholic perspective for these 12-step programs. "Calix" is Latin for "chalice," and it was founded in Minneapolis, MN 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're interested in learning about the Calix group in the diocese of La Crosse, that meets every other Tuesday by Zoom, email Christine at healthandharmonywi@gmail.com

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus



**The Eucharist Is Called
The Lord's Supper**

On the night before He was crucified, Jesus had a meal with His Apostles in the Upper Room. It was at this "Last Supper" before He died that He instituted the Holy Eucharist. This was Jesus' way of remaining with us throughout all time. During supper, Jesus changed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood, saying "This is My Body which is given for you" as He will be crucified the next day. "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My Blood." (Luke 22:19-20) Jesus offered His Body and His Blood on the cross so that we could be adopted into the family of God and live united with Him on earth and forever in Heaven.

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

"Jesus, thank You for always remaining with us in the Holy Eucharist."

This week, read how Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. (Luke 22:7-20)

Need Hope?

Take a Minute to Get to Know "the God of All Hope."

Our hope is in Jesus because we know that we can trust Him. Why? The reason is because all the promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled by Christ. The initial promise God made to us was given when our first parents committed the Original Sin. Through their free act of choosing against God, Adam and Eve became separated from Him, with the loss of God's life within them, which we call sanctifying grace. Thankfully, God promised a Savior to draw us back into union with Himself. Jesus came and gave His life for us on the Cross and rose from the dead, opening the gates of Heaven and allowing for this re-union for us with the Father. Throughout this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us trust that God is a promise keeper.



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**"Still the Answer"
Eucharistic Rally
Saturday, August 9, 2025
Pablo Center in Eau Claire**

Jesus is Still the Answer, Come Experience His Presence!

You are invited to join faithful from across the diocese on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire for a new opportunity to pause, reflect and renew our love of the gift of the Eucharist, as Jesus continues to give us His body and blood, strengthening us through life's joy, sorrows and challenges.

The day's events will include a river walk procession, Mass, engaging speakers, live music and Eucharistic adoration. Take this time to remember how much you need Jesus - and that He is *Still the Answer for you, for your family, for your parish and for the world.*

To learn more about the event and to register visit

diolc.org/still-the-answer



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.



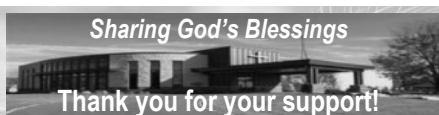
This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, July 22

Family Life Committee Meeting - McGarty Hall: 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 24

Men's Club Summer Picnic - McGarty Hall: 5:00 pm Social, 6:00 pm Meal



**Weekly Minimum Amount
Needed per Budget:**
\$11,073.00

Envelopes (July 13th).....\$7,306.71
Offertory.....\$1,157.77
Candles.....\$162.00

June Scrip Rebate credited to Newman = \$1,075.50



Next Scrip Sale
August 2nd & 3rd
in the Angelorum after weekend Masses
and available Mon-Thurs in the Office.



Still looking for an unusual place to wander Downtown on a hot July day? Try *Evolutions in Design* on 3rd Street. It is a full service Flower Shop and a shopping experience unlike others. Order a \$25 Gift Certificate (10% rebated) and be ready to shop looking up, down and lots in between. Order your floral needs for presents, special occasions, or just because you like it. This rebate helps your Parish and is a great getaway for Moms. It might be time during the hectic summer to take that short getaway.



Support Group for Caregivers
**Do you help a family member or friend
who is navigating a chronic condition?**



One of the keys while caregiving is to also find support for yourself. Together, we will support each other through conversation and connection while on our caregiving journey.

*This group is not intended for professional caregivers.

When: 4th Monday of the Month: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Location: ADRC-CW Wausau Office: 1100 Lake View Dr, Ste 600
Parking Lot D - Door 23**

Cost: FREE, Registration Required: 888-486-9545

www.adrc-cw.org



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

July 21 - 27, 2025

Mon, Jul 21 - 6:00 pm - †Don Southworth

Tue, Jul 22 - 12:05 pm - †Beth Hynes

Wed, Jul 23 - 8:00 am - For the World to Have Peace

Thu, Jul 24 - 8:00 am - For the wellbeing of Fr Sebastian

Fri, Jul 25 - 8:00 am - Special Intention S & P

Sat, Jul 26 - 4:30 pm - J and J Special Intention

Sun, Jul 27 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - Living & †Deceased Kraft & Albrecht Families

Spanish - 12 noon - †Fidel y †Petronila Leon

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, July 21 - St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest/Doctor of Church

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4/Ps 63/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday, July 23 - Saint Bridget, Religious

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 24 - Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 25 - Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126/Mt 20:20-28

Sat, July 26 - St Joachim & St Anne, Parents of the BI Virgin Mary

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50/Mt 13:24-30

Sunday, July 27 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 26 4:30 pm	Sunday, July 27 8:00 am	Sunday, July 27 10:00 am
Lectors		
Joe Calderaro	Justin Lowe	Lee Peek
Musicians		
Cindy Blair Dorothy Giallombardo	Joel Stubbe Sara Schmitt	Phillip Wyman Annette Southworth
Ushers and Greeters		
Brian Mleziva Tim Kimball Don Baur	Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil Al Seubert	Randy Krueger Chuck Miller Jack Reeves
Altar Servers		
Logan Mleziva Nolen Mleziva	Joey Huebsch TJ Sondelski	Tom Brzezinski
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Mary Holm	Mike Jilek	Bob Holl

"God is Love and all His operations proceed from Love."

St Lawrence of Brindisi (Feast: July 21st)



Men's Club Summer Picnic

For Men's Club Members, Spouse, & Guest

Thursday, July 24th

McGarty Hall

5:00 pm Social - 6:00 pm Meal

Cost: \$15.00 per person (includes \$1 for 50/50)

Meal: Brats, Burgers, Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Salads, Desserts, Refreshments

What to Bring:

Members A to M: Please bring a Dessert

Members N to Z: Please bring a Salad, Fruit, Veggies, Chips/Dip

Please RSVP by Sunday July 20th

to Mike Bourguignon 715-241-0030

or to Glen Yeager by email



HOPE
LIFE CENTER

The little ones who participated in our VBS were split into groups by their ages. We had Angels, Disciples, and Apostles. The groups competed against each other to see who could raise the most amount of coins (and even bills) to help support **HOPE Life Center** here in Wausau. They were encouraged to ask their parents for extra chores in exchange for a few coins to put in the jar the next day. In just a week, the kids raised \$220!!!

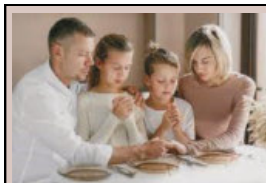
**We are proud of our little ones
who get excited about helping others!!!**



**Saint James, Apostle
Feast Day - July 25th**

**"For just as a body without a spirit
is dead, so also faith without works
is dead."** James 2:26 (NABRE)

Saint James, Apostle



Praying Together as a Family

An important component of summer is taking the time for your family to pray together each day.

Check out the downloadable prayer card for each grade level. This simple process helps prayer to become more personal. Visit diolc.org/prayer

"The family that prays together stays together."



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Parish Picnic

Fun for all Ages!

Sunday, August 17th

Noon - 4:00 pm

We need your help!

✓ **Donate Game Prizes**

- Unwrapped prizes under \$5
- Ideas: crayons, coloring books, slinky, fidgets, etc.

✓ **Volunteer to Help**

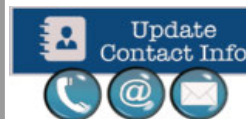
- Six no-sided canopy tents needed
- Set-up
- Take-down
- Help with children's games
- Food to Share
 - A-L: Desserts
 - M-Z: Salads

In the Angelorum there will be:

- a **red bin** to put prizes in
- poster board with categories for sign-up & contact information

More information next week!

Do we have your correct contact information?



If your phone number, email, or address has changed, please call the office to make sure we have your correct contact information.
Thank You!

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

**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.

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