

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

July 27, 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Lk 11:9



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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Gospel Reflection

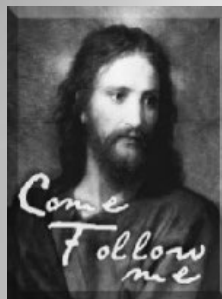
Luke 11:1-13

In our Gospel reading from Luke, some of Jesus' disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus immediately gives them the beautiful prayer, which we, of course, call the *Our Father*. In it, we intimately call upon God as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, and everything belongs to Him. Our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own.

Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give us our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and His mercy towards us. We, too, have the responsibility to extend mercy ourselves, as we forgive those who sin against us.

As we pray the words of the *Our Father*, we acknowledge this fundamental truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This forms the foundation of a Christian lifestyle.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to build a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, and knock on His door! He eagerly anticipates blessing us, His children. Keep this in mind throughout the week; then go out and be a source of blessing to others! Christianity is as joyous and straightforward as that.



What does your future hold?

When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world.

Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, please contact me at:

Father Steven Weller

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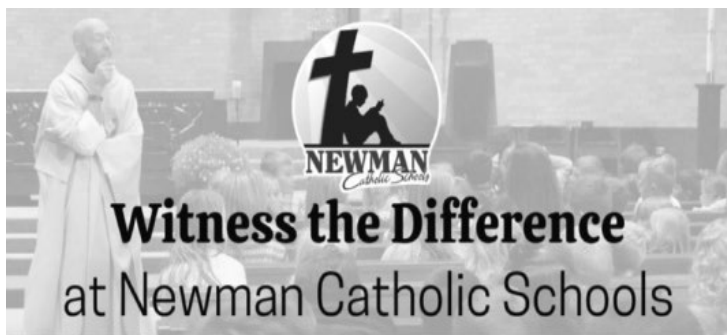
God bless you!



Help those Afflicted by the Flooding in Texas

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.

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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

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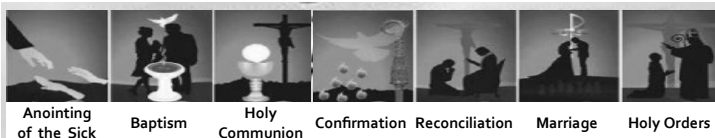
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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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, 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.**



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**

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus



The Eucharist Is Called The Breaking of Bread

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave thanks, then blessed and broke the bread and gave it to the Apostles. Jesus repeated this action on the day of His Resurrection as He shared a meal with the disciples in Emmaus. The disciples had left Jerusalem, believing that Jesus was dead. As Jesus walked with the disciples to Emmaus, they did not recognize Him. It was in the "breaking of the bread" that He opened their eyes to recognize Him as the risen Lord. This transfigured Bread and Wine – the Eucharist – as *the* Gift of Himself to them, and now to us.

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

"Jesus, please grant me the grace to recognize You in the Holy Eucharist – please reveal this reality to my heart!"

This week, read the passage of the disciples recognizing Jesus in "the breaking of the bread" in Luke 24:13-35.

Need Hope?

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

But I trust in
your unfailing love.
I will rejoice because
you have rescued me.
-Psalm 13:5



The Sacred Scriptures are God's love letter to us. The Bible reveals God's unfailing love in keeping His promises to us to bring us back into His family after the sin of our first parents. In the Old Testament promise, God revealed how His plan would unfold through the coming of the Savior and His Mother would be a virgin: "The Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall name Him Emmanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

We see that God fulfilled this promise in the New Testament: "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, 'Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.' But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus'" (Luke 1:26-31).

Jubilee 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

A meaningful way to participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope is by making a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is to a sacred place and involves stepping out of the normal routine with the goal of coming closer to God. Making a pilgrimage reminds us that in our everyday lives we are pilgrims on a journey to heaven, and therefore, our desire is to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ with Whom we hope to spend eternity. Take this opportunity to receive an abundance of God's grace by making a pilgrimage to one of the following locations set aside as places of pilgrimage:

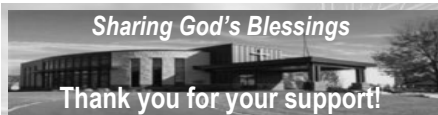
- The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman - La Crosse
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - La Crosse
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church - Eau Claire
- Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church - Wausau
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church - Nekoosa

If planning a pilgrimage outside of normal open hours, call ahead to ensure that the church will be unlocked. For more information on Jubilee 2025 visit: **diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope**



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

No events this week.



Sharing God's Blessings

Thank you for your support!

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

Envelopes (July 20th).....	\$7,271.00
Offertory.....	1,360.35
Helping Hands.....	\$380.00
Candles.....	\$147.50



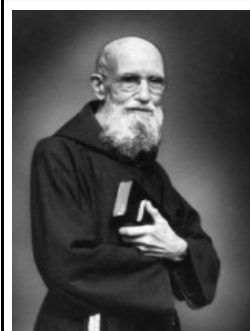
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and Save Money!**
Hit the "End of Season Sales"
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If that grill is not heating or the lawn mower quit, think Scrip before you purchase your replacements. We carry Fleet Farm, Menard's, Home Depot and Sam's and Walmart in stock, and can order cards for Ace Hardware and Lowe's. If you are a member of RaiseRight, check for instant E-Cards on their app.

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



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Blessed Solanus Casey Feast Day - July 30th

"If we only try to show the Dear Lord a good will and ask Him for resignation to the crosses He sends or permits to come our way, we may be sure that sooner or later they will turn out to have been just so many blessings in disguise."

Blessed Solanus Casey



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 28 - August 3, 2025

Pray for Us

Mon, Jul 28 - 6:00 pm - †Patty Teetzen
Tue, Jul 29 - 12:05 pm - A Special Intention
Wed, Jul 30 - 8:00 am - †Joan Hack
Thu, Jul 31 - 8:00 am - ~~~~~
Fri, Aug 1 - 8:00 am - †Linda Luterbach
Sat, Aug 2 - 4:30 pm - St Matthew Parishioners
Sun, Aug 3 - 8:00 am - †Judy Flashinski
10:00 am - Deacon Tom & Kris' 50th Wedding Anniversary
Spanish - 12 noon - Maria de Jesus Rosales Monte

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, July 28

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 29 - Saint Martha, Saint Mary, and Saint Lazarus

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28/Ps 103/Jn 11:19-27

Wednesday, July 30-St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop/Doctor of Church

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 1 - St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37/Ps 81/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 2 - St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67/Mt 14:1-12 St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Sunday, August 3 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday, August 2 4:30 pm	Sunday, August 3 8:00 am	Sunday, August 3 10:00 am
Lectors		
Lynn Meyer	Kay Washebek	Aiden Losh
Musicians		
Eben Soper Nancy Losinski	Joel Stubbe Annette Southworth	Bill Dohr Dorothy Giallombardo
Ushers and Greeters		
Dave Mayer Ryan Oestreich Scott Oestreich	Dennis Janssen Steve Ostrowski Dave Mosure	Gary Tapper Kevin Malovrh Chuck Miller
Altar Servers		
Gary Koy	TJ Sondelski	Sam Hanneman Anthony Hanneman
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Judy Koy	Al Seubert	Bernie Dohr
Scrip		
Cheryl Vircks	Kitty Jilek	Faye Brzezinski

Sacrament of Baptism

*"I baptize you in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit."*

We welcome into the Catholic Faith:

Baptized Saturday, July 19, 2025

Camila Alexa Alanis

Child of Alexis and Carmen

Congratulations!

May Jesus be your dearest companion!



Sacrament of Matrimony

July 19, 2025

**Gustavo Santiago
and
Jennifer Mosure**

**Congratulations
and God's Blessings
on your Marriage!**



Fr Peter Manickam

We welcome Fr Peter Manickam who is filling in for Fr Sebastian while he is in Poland.

Fr Peter Manickam was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Kumbakonam Tamil Nadu, South India in May of 1981. After ministering in different capacities, he came to the United States to serve in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin in 2004. He served as pastor at parishes in:

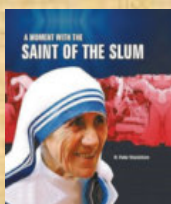
- Marshfield
- Colby, Abbotsford, and Dorchester
- Cornell, Jim Falls, and Drywood
- Almond

He is now retired, and after spending time with us at St Matthew Parish, he will be returning to India on August 10th to continue the work of Saint Mother Teresa and to write books about the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fr Peter has already authored three books: *Mother Teresa, Our Lady of Poondi Madha Basilica*, and the *Centennial History of the Diocese of Kumbakonam*.

Fr Peter holds a PhD in Mariology from the Bharathithasan University, Trichy, South India. Having been born in India, Fr Peter has been an American citizen since 2013. He continues to remember the poor of his homeland in the light of Mother Teresa and has led seven mission trips to the land of his birth from America. **His contact information is:**

Cell: 715-305-4510 Email: mpmgm60@gmail.com



If you are interested in getting a copy of his book:

"A Moment With The Saint Of The Slum"

Copies of this book are available in the Angelorum for a donation.

In addition, this book can be purchased on Amazon & Kindle. Thank you.

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

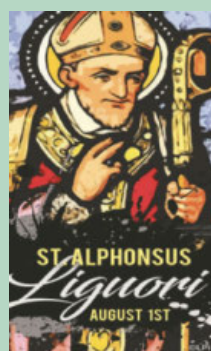
More information next week!



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 Alphonsus Liguori Feast Day - August 1st

"Without prayer we have neither light nor strength to advance in the way which leads to God."

"True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over."

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

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