Saint Matthew Catholic Church

August 3, 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

Lk 12:20-21





Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation

August 15th

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Schedule

12 Noon 6:00 pm

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

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Office Hours - Oficina Horas

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday: closed

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August

Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Five First Saturdays Devotion As Requested By Our Blessed Mother At Fatima

https://firstsaturdaydevotion.com



This rich devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart of saying the rosary daily and making acts of reparation begins with an angel appearing to three children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta in 1916 in the Cova de Iria in Fatima, Portugal to teach them to pray. They were taught the following two prayers in preparation for the Blessed Mother's apparitions, and were to pray them in addition to their custom of praying the rosary each day.

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for all those who do not believe in Thee, do not adore Thee, do not hope in Thee. do not love Thee."

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly and I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the same Son Jesus Christ, present in the Tabernacles of the world, in reparation for all the sacrileges, outrages, and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

The Blessed Mother first appeared to the children on May 13, 1917 and told them that she was sent by God with a message for the world, which at the time was suffering the effects of the first world war. She promised that Heaven would grant peace to the world if her requests for prayer, adoration and consecration were heard and obeyed.

She explained that war is a punishment for sin and warned that God would further punish the world by means of war, hunger and persecution of the church, the Holy Father and Catholics.

"If my requests are not granted, Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will suffer much and various nations will be annihilated."

The Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the rosary daily, wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice.

During her second apparition the Blessed Mother taught the children what we now know as the Fatima prayer said between the mysteries of the rosary "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need." She also showed them a vision of her Immaculate Heart with thorns piercing It, offended by the sins of mankind and desiring reparation.

She told the children that she would take Jacinta and Francisco to heaven soon, but that Lucia was to stay on earth a longer time. "Jesus wants to use you (Lucia) to make me known and loved. He wants to establish the Devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. I promise salvation to those who embrace it and their souls will be loved by God as flowers placed by myself to adorn His throne."

The heart of Our Lady's messages is contained in what is known as the "Secret" which she confided to the three children in July 1917. The secret consists of three parts, the first two of which have been publicly revealed.

The first secret was a horrifying vision of hell "where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wills to establish throughout the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people will do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace. The war is going to end. But if they do not stop offending God, another and worse war will break out in the reign of Pius XI."

The second part of the secret specifically prophesied the outbreak of World War II and contained the Mother of God's solemn request for the Consecration of Russia as a condition for world peace. It also predicted the inevitable triumph of Her Immaculate Heart following Russia's consecration and the conversion "of that poor nation" to the Catholic faith.

The Third Secret has not yet fully been made public but was written down in 1944 and has been in the possession of the Holy See since 1957. Most informed sources speculate that this portion of the Secret speaks to chaos in the Catholic church, widespread apostacy and a loss of faith beginning in the seventh decade of the 20th Century.



In December 1925, Our Lady and the Child Jesus appeared to Sister Lucia (who had become a Dorothean sister living in a convent at Pontevedra) and requested the institution of the First Saturdays Devotion. She showed her heart to Sister Lucia encircled with thorns. Our Lady said:

"Look my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, try to console me, and announce in my name that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first

Saturdays of five consecutive months, confess, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me."

Our Lord later revealed to Sr. Lucia that the reason for the five first Saturdays is because of the five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- 1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.
- 2. Blasphemies against her Perpetual Virginity.
- 3. Blasphemies against her Divine Maternity, refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men.
- 4. The blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn, or even hatred of the Immaculate Mother.
- The offenses of those who outrage her directly in her holy images.

"Here My daughter, is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired Me to ask for this little act of reparation...and in consideration of it, to move My mercy to pardon souls who have had the misfortune of offending her. As for you, always seek by your prayers and sacrifices to move My mercy to pity for these poor souls."



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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.

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.

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus



The Eucharist Is Called The Memorial Of The Lord's Death And Resurrection

Jesus instructed the Apostles at the Last Supper to "do this in memory of Me." The Eucharist is a memorial, but this means much

more than recalling something to mind, or remembering an event from the past. "In Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events," but at Mass, they become present and real so that our lives may be conformed to them. "When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, She commemorates Christ's Passover [Jesus passing over from death to life], and it is made present: the sacrifice of Christ offered once for all on the Cross remains ever present." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1363, 1364) So never forget the true meaning of the word "Memorial".

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

"Jesus, please help me to prepare beforehand to enter into the Memorial – the making present – of Your Death and Resurrection at Mass."

This week, read how St Paul describes the Last Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

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



Let us pray for an increase in the gift of hope, which is strengthened as we grow in trust that Our Father keeps His promises. In the Old Testament, God made this promise about the birth of our Savior: "But you, Bethlehem least among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me One who is to be ruler in Israel." (Micah 5:2)

This promise was fulfilled in the New Testament: "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived.... The star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the Child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:1, 9b-11)

PROTECT HEAL

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

Thursday, August 7

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



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

Envelopes (July 27th)	\$7,069.00
Offertory	\$1,075.64
Candles	\$152.00



Immigration Legal Service Scams

Catholic Charities is aware of multiple immigration legal service scams that use Catholic Charities' name to victimize vulnerable immigrants. Over 10 agencies around the country are reporting scams they have

seen. Scammers are claiming immigrants are being enrolled in non-existent programs and are required to send fees. While there are scams taking place, Catholic Charities is real and here to help. Call or email one of the verified methods of contact below if you have any questions or would like to check the validity of a notification you have received.

Las Caridades Católicas está al tanto de muchas estafas de servicios legales de inmigración que usan el nombre de las Caridades Católicas para victimizar a inmigrantes vulnerables. Más de 10 agencias por todo el país son reportando estafas. Los estafadores están asegurando que los inmigrantes se inscribieron en programas que no existen, y necesitaron pagar tarifas. Mientras sí, hay estafas que están teniendo lugar, las Caridades Católicas es auténtica y aquí para ayudar. Llama o manda un correo electrónico a uno de los estilos de contacto debajo si se tienen preguntas o quieren verificar la validez de una notificación que ha recibido.

Immigration Team

Direct Contact

Website & Emails

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Chuck (Charles) B - 888.212.4357 - All Areas - https://cclse.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 August 4 - 10, 2025



Mon, Aug 4 - 6:00 pm - †Parents of Jack and Mary Ann Neuens

Tue, Aug 5 - 12:05 pm - Helping Hands Supporters and Volunteers

Wed, Aug 6 - 8:00 am - Communion Service

Thu, Aug 7 - 8:00 am - Communion Service

Fri, Aug 8 - 8:00 am - Communion Service

Sat, Aug 9 - 4:30 pm - †Florence Koziol

Sun, Aug 10 - 8:00 am - Anniversary of Allan and †Sharon Seubert

10:00 am - Helping Hands Supporters and Volunteers

Spanish - 12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, August 4 - Saint John Vianney, Priest

Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51/Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28-36

Thursday, August 7 - St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95/Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 8 - Saint Dominic, Priest

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 9 - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin/Martyr Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 10 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48

Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday, August 9 4:30 pm	Sunday, August 10 8:00 am	Sunday, August 10 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Mike Jilek	Kay Washebek
Musicians		
Lynn Meyer Andrea Huebner	Marie Stubbe Annette Southworth	Jim Washebek Dorothy Giallombardo
Ushers and Greeters		
Tom Line Marie Burish Brian Mleziva	Al Seubert Jody Babl Pat Ruesch	Bob Charlier Sharon Charlier Tom Brzezinski
Altar Servers		
Logan Mleziva Nolen Mleziva	Joey Huebsch TJ Sondelski	Carolina Bergo Natalie Bergo
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Mary Holm	Kathie Stencil	Paul Sliwicki

"In St Matthew's Gospel we read that our Lord was transfigured in the sight of His apostles Peter, James, and John. Thus the three apostles had a glimpse of such glory as would come to them after their life of fidelity to God, through hardships and trials."

St Thomas Acquinas on the Transfiguration (Aug 6)





"Special" **Gracious Ladies** St Matthew Women's Group Meeting

Tuesday, August 12th after the noon Mass in McGarty Hall

Guest Speaker Fr Isaac "The Mass - Part II"

All parishioners are welcome.

Potluck - Bring a dish to share.

RSVP to Kay: 715-697-1680 or Email: kwash@pcpros.net

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults - "OCIA"



Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

Please call the office (715-842-3148) as soon as possible, to sign up for the OCIA program.

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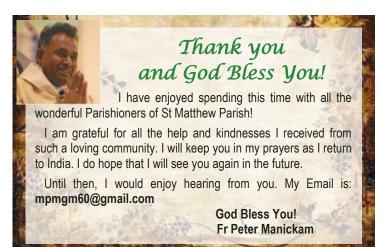
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Next Scrip Sale: August 16th & 17th

In the Angelorum after weekend Masses and available Monday - Thursday in the Office.





Looking for Bible Stands



Our Religious Department is looking for 4 Bible Stands for our classrooms.

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