

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

He said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."
He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Lk 23:42-43



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Have Mercy on Us!

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 - near top of page "Click to Watch the Mass" on YouTube then scroll down to watch the Mass you want.
- **Our YouTube Channel: "St. Matthew Wausau"**
Subscribe to get live-streamed notifications.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before every Mass
Saturday: 3:00 pm - 4:20 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday Nov 26: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
(~4:30 pm: Evening Prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction); **NO Adoration Friday, Nov 28**

First Fridays

Mass in Spanish at 5 pm, followed by
Flame of Love Holy Hour, followed by all
night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
ending with Mass in Spanish at
6 am on Saturday morning.

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](https://www.youtube.com/StMatthewWausau)

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

Diocese of La Crosse: www.dioc.org



A Litany of Thanksgiving

For all You have given me, my God I thank You.
 For all You have withheld, my God I thank You.
 For all You have withdrawn, my God I thank You.
 For all You have permitted, my God I thank You.
 For all You have prevented, my God I thank You.
 For all the sincere friends You have given me, my God I thank You.
 For all You have forgiven me, my God I thank You.
 For all You have prepared for me, my God I thank You.
 For the death You have chosen for me, my God I thank You.
 For the place You are keeping for me in heaven, my God I thank You.
 For having created me to love You for eternity, my God I thank You.
 My God I thank You for all things, and may I live and die thanking You.
 Amen



Four Reasons to be Thankful

1. Those who cultivate the habit of thankfulness experience true Christian joy. And isn't this something that we desire? When we count our many blessings, our attitude can turn away from any discouragement and lead us to be more generous with others.
2. The more we hear "thank you" come from our mouth, the more we notice what people are doing for us and it can help to shift an attitude of discouragement as well. Consider a person in your family you need to verbally thank for something specific; or thank a family member for who they are and what they mean to you. Growing in the habit of being thankful to God and others is well worth the effort.
3. We have every reason to be thankful. Jesus gave His life for us, experiencing the worst possible pain on the Cross, so that we can have eternal life with Him forever. And the Cross is in the shape of the letter "t" which reminds us of the word "thanksgiving." Giving thanks to Jesus will foster greater humility as we recognize His incredible love for us.
4. Being thankful leads to peace and calm, which keeps us healthy. When we focus on what we do have, rather than what we don't have, stress diminishes, our shoulders relax and we can function better in so many ways.



Being Thankful

During this month when we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, it is a fitting time to stop and remember the many gifts we have been given. To take it one step further, it is appropriate to look at all we have as God's gift, undeservedly given, and express our gratitude to Him for His goodness and generosity.

Take some quiet time to think back through your life and write down ten things that you want to specifically be grateful to God for this Thanksgiving. Since Eucharist means thanksgiving, returning to Mass on Thanksgiving Day is the best place to express your gratitude. Thank Jesus for all of the good gifts on your list, and most especially, for the gift of Himself to you in the Holy Eucharist. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Cancer Benefit for Brittney (Miilu) Moniz

Opportunity to support Kathy Miilu's daughter's (Brittney) continuing battle against cancer.



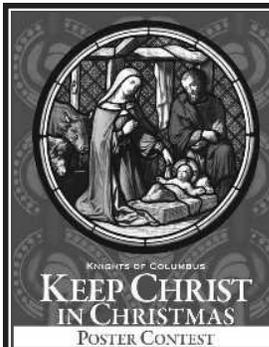
Please join us as we come together in love and support for Brittney as she courageously battles cancer. In January 2025, Brittney was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer and successfully completed 16 rounds of chemo and weeks of radiation with strength and courage. She then learned the cancer traveled to her brain and she needed more radiation. Through all of this, Brittney, her husband, Zach, and their two children: Hank (3) and Camryn (1), have endured months of travel to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, treatment for the cancer, disrupted daily life for the family and significant medical expenses.

Brittney has been a member of our parish all her life. After her wedding at St. Matthew's, she and Zach moved to Minnesota.

On Saturday, December 6th from Noon until 5:00 pm, friends & family are sponsoring a benefit at Kelly Sports Bar & Grill on Ross Avenue in Weston.

There will be lunch, raffle baskets, and many opportunities to help this family with the overwhelming expenses they are experiencing. All contributions will go to Brittney and her family to help manage their continuing battle to defeat this cancer. If you would like to help us make their journey a little easier, please contact Brittney's mom, Kathy Miilu, for details on how you can get involved in the benefit.

For more information, please email Kathy at: KJM0608@yahoo.com



Knights of Columbus Poster Contest



Are you looking for ways for your children to learn more about their faith or challenge their understanding of it?

The Knights of Columbus are having their two annual Contests:

- For Students in grades K through 8th - A Poster Contest:

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

- For Students in grades 9th through 12th - A Essay Contest:
 The Essay topic is: **The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St Peter to lead His Church on earth. Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?**

Students in grades 9th through 12th are invited and encouraged to write a 500–750-word essay, Starting with the Title: "Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?"

Our Religious Education students are participating and hope that all our young parishioners consider participating as well.

Entries must be submitted by December 12th. Cash Prizes are awarded to the first, second and third place winners in all grade levels. All entrants receive a certificate.

For entry forms or more information please call the office.

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Bulletin Submission Deadline: 2 pm Monday for the next Bulletin
To get bulletin link emailed to you: www.parishesonline.com

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus



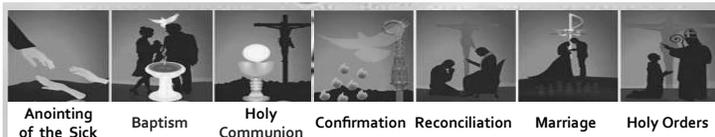
The Word Eucharist Actually Means Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving to God. We want to thank our Heavenly Father for His works: creating the whole world and each one of us; sending His Son to redeem us through His Death and Resurrection; healing and purifying us through the grace of the Sacraments; and giving us the gift of Eternal Life with Him. At Mass, when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, it is the most important time to give thanks.

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

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, *give thanks in all circumstances*; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1Thessalonians 5:16-18)

This week, read how Jesus gave thanks to God in Luke 22:14-20.



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.

The Baptism Preparation 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.**

Next Baptism Class: Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 pm.

✚ **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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The students and staff of Newman Catholic Schools wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving season. We are especially thankful for you and the support you offer to our schools.



May God continue to bless you and your family this Thanksgiving season.

Donations for Advent and Christmas Candles and Flowers



Donating candles or flowers to decorate our sanctuary and church is a beautiful way to give thanks to God for someone in your life, past or present and for the gift of His son, Jesus!
Put your donations in an envelope along with the following information:

- * Your Name
- * If it is "in memory of" OR "in honor of" and the Name of the Person
- * Put in the Collection Basket, Bring to Office or Mail to:

St Matthew Parish, 227 S 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

Thank You and May You have a Blessed Christmas Season!!!

St Matthew Inter-Church "Baseball Darts League"

Our dart team is looking for players (male & female).

We have a lot of fun! No experience required! We compete against other church teams. Monday nights, starting at 6:30 pm. We play until March 2026. 50% of games are at St Matthew Church in McGarty Hall and the other 50% at other churches in the Wausau area.

If you would like to join our team or for more information call:

Marty Bever: 715-297-9598 - Mike Bever: 715-544-8089

Ed Hack: 715-907-1195

Decorating the Family Christmas Tree



December 6th & 7th after the 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, & 10:00 am Masses we will be handing out ornaments

for children to take home, decorate, and return to put on the **Family Christmas Tree** in the Angelorum.

All parishioners are invited to decorate the "Family Christmas Tree" by bringing in an ornament for the family.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Thursday, November 27 - Happy Thanksgiving Day!

May you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!
Office Closed

Friday, November 28

NO ADORATION TODAY

Sunday, November 30

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass

Parish Offices will be closed the week of December 22nd.

Holiday Bulletin Submission Dates

Bulletin submission dates change during the upcoming holidays. Please refer to the schedule below for submitting announcements for the bulletin. Please submit announcements by 11 am on the deadline date or on the day before at:

bulletin@stmatthewwausau.org or call the office at 715-842-3148

For Bulletin on: Submission Deadline:

Sunday, December 7 - Monday, December 1
Sunday, December 14 - Friday, December 5
December 21 - Thursday, December 11
December 28 - Friday, December 19
January 4 - Tuesday, December 23

Sharing God's Blessings



Thank you for your support!

Envelopes (November 16th).....To Be Announced

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



Memorial Photos Display in the Angelorum and Book Remembrance

We invite you to add the names of recently deceased family or friends in the "Book of Remembrance" and display their photo on the display table in the Angelorum. *"May the soul of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen"*



Be Aware of Your Blood Pressure

High Blood Pressure can have many negative health effects.

Join us for Free Blood Pressure Screening after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 30th in the Angelorum.



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

November 24 - 30, 2025

Pray for Us

Mon, Nov 24 - 6:00 pm - †John E. Clarke
Tue, Nov 25 - 12:05 pm - †Judy Brandt
Wed, Nov 26 - 8:00 am - †Dianne Obermeyer
Thu, Nov 27 - 8:00 am - †Rose Towle
Fri, Nov 28 - 8:00 am - †The Souls in Purgatory
Sat, Nov 29 - 4:30 pm - †Jim Neuens
Sun, Nov 30 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
10:00 am - †Sandy Grabko
Spanish - 12 noon - Jaime Orozco

Daily Mass Readings

Mon, Nov 24 - St Andrew Dŭng-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 25 - St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 26
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day
Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68-74/Lk 21:20-28
or Thanksgiving Day: Sir 50:22-24/Ps 113/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19

Friday, November 28
Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 29
Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 29 4:30 pm	Sunday, November 30 8:00 am	Sunday, November 30 10:00 am
Lectors		
Nancy Oestreich	Theresa Stubbe	Joel Stroup
Musicians		
Joanna Boornazian Andrea Huebner	Marie Stubbe Nancy Losinski	Gaudete Choir Nancy Losinski
Ushers and Greeters		
Ryan Oestreich Scott Oestreich Dave Mayer	Pat Ruesch Ted Stencil David Krause	Chuck Miller Tim Kimball Kevin Malovrh
Altar Servers		
Gary Koy Eddie Vue	Joey Huebsch Rydan Sondelski	Carolina Bergo Natalie Bergo
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Mary Holm	Al Seubert	Kim Sliwicki
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Jeannie
SCRIP: Judy Koy	Kitty Jilek	Faye Brzezinski



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a Blessed Thanksgiving Day
and many Blessings
everyday of the Year!

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ST MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB
CHRISTMAS DINNER

Members, Wives and Guests

Thursday, December 11th
Memories Ballroom, Marathon, WI
Social 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm



Christmas Dinner

MENU

Herb Roasted Chicken
Lemon Pepper Baked Fish
Roasted Red Potatoes
California Blend Vegetables
Fruit Salad, Ice Cream

\$20.00 per Person
(Includes \$1.00 for 50/50 Raffle)

RSVP
PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
Include Number of People
(Memories Needs Number Attending By Dec 1st!!)

RSVP TO:
Mike Bourguignon: 715-241-0030
Glen Yeager: 715-573-1109

MEMBERSHIP
Invite a friend, bring a guest.
Dues are \$20.00 for 2026, if you have not paid them yet.
All men of St Matthew Parish are invited to become a Member.

Buy SCRIP Gift Cards for Everyone this Christmas!!!



Please consider Scrip Gift Cards when
completing your Christmas shopping list.

They make wonderful gifts for those people that say
"I don't need anything". Everyone needs grocery cards,
most need gas cards for themselves or the people that
do their errands. Many people would like a break from
cooking during the holiday season and restaurant gift cards make timely
presents. Please help your parish and find your Christmas Presents in
our ongoing Scrip Fund Raiser. **Place your order for Scrip Christmas
Presents by 12/07/25 to insure delivery.**

Next Scrip Sales: November 29th & 30th
In the Angelorum before and after Mass.
Scrip can also be bought at the Office Monday-Thursday.
Thank you for buying SCRIP! Merry Christmas!

**Join us for Coffee and Donuts
to Celebrate Saint Nicholas Day!**



Sunday, December 7th
after the 8 & 10 am Masses
in McGarty Hall
Everyone is Invited!

**Bring the children to meet
St Nicholas!**



Advent Candles and Wreaths

\$11.00 - Metal Wreath
\$5.00 - Advent Candles (1 box/set)

Available for purchase in the Angelorum.
Money may be put in available box or put in the collection basket
at Mass in an envelope with note for what money is for.

The Advent Wreath

The circular wreath represents God's infinite love. Evergreen
branches represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ.
The four candles represent the four weeks of the Advent season and
the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus, as
well as symbolizing: hope, peace, joy, and love.

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