

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

“John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’” Mt 3:1



**Monday
December 8th**

Holy Day of Obligation

***Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Mass Schedule

8:00 am

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.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 & Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
(~4:30 pm: Evening Prayer,
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction)

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.dioclc.org



December 8th Immaculate Conception of Mary

by Ann Lankford, Office of Catechesis & Evangel. (edited)

On December 8, the Church celebrates one of the most beautiful truths of our faith: the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity honors the moment when Mary, from the first instant of her existence, was preserved free from all stain of original sin. Many people mistakenly think this feast refers to Jesus' conception in Mary's womb; it does not. Rather, it celebrates Mary's own conception in the womb of her mother, St Anne.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX defined this teaching: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." This proclamation confirmed a truth long held in the faith of the Church, celebrated in liturgy, and reflected upon by saints throughout the centuries. The Pope's definition made clear: that God prepared Mary in a unique way to be the Mother of His Son.

Mary's Immaculate Conception was not something she earned, but a pure gift of God. As Pope Pius IX explained, this grace was given "in view of the merits of Jesus Christ." In other words, the redemption won by Christ on the Cross was applied to Mary in a special, anticipatory way. She was saved by Christ, just more perfectly and more completely than any other human being, because she was chosen to bear Him who is the Savior. God made her a fitting dwelling place for His Son.

Two passages help us understand Scripture's evidence regarding the Immaculate Conception. In Genesis 3:15, God is speaking to Satan following the sin of Adam and Eve. It contains the "Good News" of God's mercy by promising to deliver us from the enemy. **Genesis 3:15** reads: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel". The seed or "offspring" of the woman is Jesus Christ. Through His passion, death and resurrection, Jesus will strike at the head of the serpent (Satan) and ultimately defeat him. The words to Satan, "you shall bruise His heel," refers to Jesus' death, but the Lord rose from the dead, winning the victory over Satan, sin and death. The word "enmity" means total opposition that exists between the "woman" (Mary) and Satan, which foreshadows the gift of Mary's Immaculate Conception.

The **2nd Scriptural reference** is revealed in the words of the Angel Gabriel to Mary: "He came to her and said, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!' " (Luke 1:28). The title "full of grace" is used as a substitute for Mary's name by the angelic messenger of God because this fullness of grace is part of Mary's very nature. God chose to apply a "fullness of grace" to Mary so that Mary might give to Jesus a human nature free from the effect of sin.

The Immaculate Conception is not just about Mary; it is also about what God desires for all of us. In Mary, we see the fullness of what grace can do. She is the image of the Church in her perfection, the promise of what we hope to become through Christ. As the Pope wrote, Mary is "our most loving Mother, ever spotless and most fair, who shows forth the beauty of holiness." This solemnity invites us to trust in God's plan for our lives, to open ourselves to His grace, and believe that holiness is possible for us, too. Mary's sinlessness reminds us that God's grace is stronger than sin, and that He is able to make us new.

You are invited to pray this prayer:

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Loving Mother, you were prepared from the first moment of your existence to be the dwelling place of God's Son. Help us to say 'yes' to God as you did, that His grace may transform our hearts and lead us closer to your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen"



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day - December 12th

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In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a humble Native American at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City. She identified herself as the ever Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth.

She made a request for a church to be built on the site, and submitted her wish to the local Bishop. When the Bishop hesitated, and requested her for a sign, the Mother of God obeyed without delay or question to the Church's local Bishop, and sent her native messenger to the top of the hill in mid-December to gather an assortment of roses for the Bishop.

After complying to the Bishop's request for a sign, she also left for us an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the native's tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years but shows no sign of decay 492 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin. It apparently even reflects in Her eyes what was in front of her in 1531.

Her message of love and compassion, and her universal promise of help and protection to all mankind, as well as the story of the apparitions, are described in the "Nican Mopohua", a 16th century document written in the native Nahuatl language. There is reason to believe that at Tepeyac Mary came in her glorified body, and her actual physical hands rearranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma, which makes this apparition very special.

An incredible list of miracles, cures and interventions are attributed to her. Yearly, between 18 - 20 million pilgrims visit the Basilica, making it Christianity's most visited sanctuary. Altogether 25 popes have officially honored Our Lady of Guadalupe. His Holiness John Paul II visited her Sanctuary four times: on his first apostolic trip outside Rome as Pope in 1979, and again in 1990, 1999 and 2002.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12th. In 1999, Pope John Paul II, in his homily from the Solemn Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, during his third visit to the sanctuary, declared the date of December the 12th as a Liturgical Holy Day for the whole continent. During the same visit Pope John Paul II entrusted the cause of life to her loving protection, and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born.

The Apparitions

All written narrations about the apparitions of the Lady of Guadalupe are inspired by the Nican Mopohua, written in Nahuatl, the Aztec language, by the Indian scholar Antonio Valeriano around the middle of the sixteenth century. To read the entire English adaptation of the original text go to this website link as it is too lengthy to include here:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/mary/popular-marian-devotions/our-lady-of-guadalupe>

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



For Bulletin on: **Submission Deadline:**

Sunday, December 21 - Thursday, December 11

Sunday, December 28 - Friday, December 19

Sunday, January 4 - Tuesday, December 23



Donations for Christmas Flowers

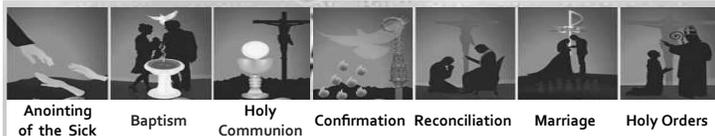
(this year donations are for flowers only, not candles)

Christmas is a time to give thanks to God for the special people in our lives. We can honor them by donating flowers in their name.

Put donations in an envelope with the following information:

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

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



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.**

Join our Christmas Family Choir

St Matthew is planning again this year to have a Family Choir lead hymns for the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass. **There will be a rehearsal on December 18th at 6:00 pm in the church.**

Please email Andrea Huebner at azinkgraf33@gmail.com if your family would like to participate. Voices and instruments welcome!



Adoration Time Available Looking for Someone to Spend an Hour with Jesus Wednesdays: Noon - 1:00 pm



If anyone is interested or has questions, please call Nancy at 715-675-6796

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**This Week at
Saint Matthew Parish**

Monday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation - Mass at 8:00 am & 6:00 pm
Flame of Love Cenacle: Rosary, Adoration, Benediction - after 6 pm Mass

Wednesday, December 10

Men's Morning Bible Study - McGarty Hall: 6:00 am
Religious Education: Grades 7-10
Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 11

Bulletin Submissions Due for Bulletin on Sunday, December 21st
Bible Study - McGarty Hall: 9:00 am
Men's Club Christmas Dinner - Memories Ballroom: 5 pm Social 6 pm Dinner

Friday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Spanish Mass at 6 pm

Saturday, December 13

Pick Up Pecan Orders after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 14

Pick Up Pecan Orders after 8 am & 10 am Masses
Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass
Confirmation Rite of Enrollment at 10 am Mass

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

A Lifetime of Service Deserves Care in Return

Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week.

Your gift will provide essential care for more than 20,500 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.



Monday, Dec 8th - Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am - †Rosemary Spakowitz
 6:00 pm - †Judy Brandt

Tue, Dec 9 - 12:05 pm - †Linus Schmitt

Wed, Dec 10 - 8:00 am - †Donald Hanson

Thu, Dec 11 - 8:00 am - †Deceased Strehlow & Larson Families

Fri, Dec 12 - 8:00 am - †Lawrence & †Helen Mocello

Spanish - 6:00 pm - ~~~~~

Sat, Dec 13 - 4:30 pm - †Deceased Jensen & Lach Family Members

Sun, Dec 14 - 8:00 am - †Mike Mosure's Birthday

10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

Spanish - 12 noon - Uziel Perez

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the BI Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9 - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11 - Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13 - Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9-13

Sunday, December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



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

Envelopes (November 23rd).....	\$7,524.00
Offertory.....	\$1,481.75
All Saints Day.....	\$10.00
Helping Hands.....	\$20.00
Candles.....	\$208.00
Envelopes (November 30th).....	\$6,838.00
Offertory.....	\$1,549.25
All Saints Day.....	\$45.00
Christmas.....	\$200.00
Helping Hands.....	\$40.00
Catholic Life.....	\$40.00
Candles.....	\$175.00

The students and staff of Newman Catholic Schools wish you and your family a most blessed Advent season. May the miracles of Advent fill your heart with joy and peace. May the blessings of God's special gifts be yours now and in the New Year.

Holy Day of Obligation		Liturgical Ministers		
Monday, Dec 8 8:00 am	Monday, Dec 8 6:00 pm	Saturday, Dec 13 4:30 pm	Sunday, Dec 14 8:00 am	Sunday, Dec 14 10:00 am
Lectors				
Lee Peek	Mary Holm	Jeanne Alexejun	Henry Wanserski	Joel Stroup
Musicians				
Jim Washebek D Giallombardo	Marie Stubbe A Southworth	D Giallombardo	Marie Stubbe Sara Schmitt	Gaudete Choir Nancy Losinski
Ushers and Greeters				
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Children's Liturgy of the Word				
Kim				
SCRIP:		Dave Burish	Josie Ollhoff	Kathy Miilu

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!



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, November 15th

Lucy Lynn Seybold

Daughter of Adam and Katie

Baptized Saturday, November 22nd

Leanna Mar Alanis Ducoing

Daughter of Leandro and Karla

Baptized Sunday, November 30th

Cecilia Elizabeth Reissmann

Daughter of Austin and Cassandra

Congratulations! May Jesus be your dearest companion!



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
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Sat & Sun: Dec 13 & 14, after Masses

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Ray's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on
Wednesday, December 17th at 9 am
at the **Blue Willow Restaurant**

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



Marlene's Breakfast Club

All ladies are invited to join us for breakfast on
Wednesday, December 17th at 9 am
at the **Breakfast Bear Restaurant**

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



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. Thank You!

Special Blessing
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