

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy Him."
Joseph rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt. Mt 2:13-14



January 1st

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses:

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm Español-Spanish

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 - 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



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

As we continue celebrating the Christmas season, today's feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the gift and calling of family life. The Church calls the family the

"domestic church," the place where our faith takes root and where the virtue of hospitality begins. Consider simple ways to make your home more welcoming, such as sharing meals or praying together as a family, to foster faithfulness and love.

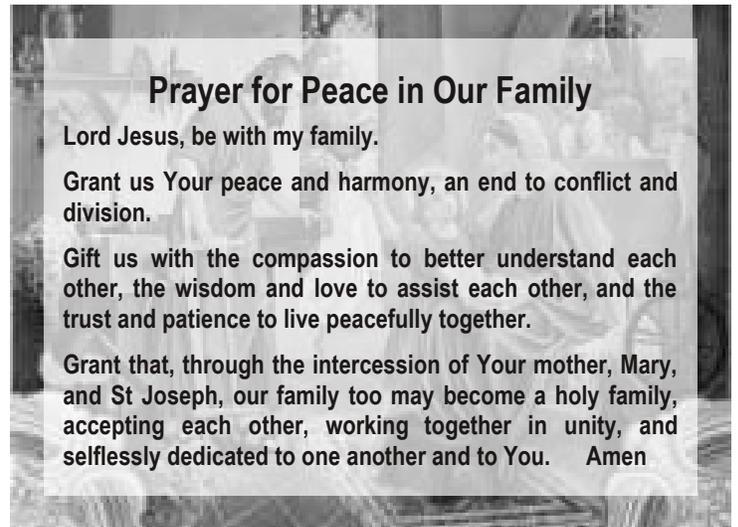
Why is hospitality vital to family life? Because our homes should be spaces filled with love, welcome, and renewal. We can't expect to grow in prayer, service, or faith if our home environment feels disconnected or tense. Even when conflicts occur, intentionally practicing patience and forgiveness helps build a home where everyone feels loved and appreciated, despite imperfections.

Our readings provide practical wisdom. In the Book of Sirach, we learn about the blessings that come when children respect their parents and when grown children lovingly care for their aging parents. Respect and tenderness foster a home filled with unity and peace.

St Paul's Letter to the Colossians provides even more insight. He reminds us that each family member is "God's chosen one" and encourages us to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, and patience, even when we don't feel like it. These small, daily acts of love foster genuine hospitality at home, which then extends to the larger community.

The Holy Family also faced hardships. As today's Gospel reminds us, they encountered danger, displacement, and uncertainty. Yet Mary and Joseph stayed faithful, trusting in God's plan. They serve as powerful intercessors for our families today.

On this feast, may we renew our commitment to making our homes places of love and welcome. Let's honor God by how we treat each other at home with patience, forgiveness, and kindness. Happy Feast of the Holy Family!



Prayer for Peace in Our Family

Lord Jesus, be with my family.

Grant us Your peace and harmony, an end to conflict and division.

Gift us with the compassion to better understand each other, the wisdom and love to assist each other, and the trust and patience to live peacefully together.

Grant that, through the intercession of Your mother, Mary, and St Joseph, our family too may become a holy family, accepting each other, working together in unity, and selflessly dedicated to one another and to You. Amen

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the students and staff at Newman Catholic Schools.



Thank you for your support throughout the year!

Prayer to the Holy Family

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

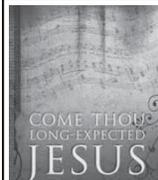
Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen

Advent: Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim. 1:1)



The Advent hymn *Come, O Long Expected Jesus* is a prayer of hope, asking that by the grace of the Holy Spirit we allow Jesus to reign in our lives. It is Jesus' perfect actions of His life, crucifixion, death and resurrection that are the "all-sufficient merit" that saves us and makes us ready for eternal life in heaven. In essence, this is a prayer for deep personal surrender to God and a plea for salvation through Christ's work, because we are not able to save ourselves by our own doing.

Let us open our hearts with great hope to encounter the living Christ Child on Christmas, especially when we receive the Holy Eucharist.

The fourth verse:

*By Your own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Your all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Your glorious throne.*

(Reminder) The Jubilee Year of Hope officially ends on January 6th when Pope Leo XIV closes the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. A Mass to close the Jubilee Year in the Diocese of La Crosse will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Joseph the Workman by Msgr Richard Gilles, 10 am on December 28th. All are welcome.



Anointing of the Sick Baptism Holy Communion Confirmation Reconciliation Marriage Holy Orders

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.**

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Bulletin Submission: 1 pm Monday for the next Bulletin
To get bulletin link emailed to you: www.parishesonline.com

Diocese of La Crosse Listening Sessions Updates

What did people say at the 40 listening sessions this fall?



Those comments are now available for viewing, along with a summary of the top trends. You can also check out a brief video from Fr. Derek Sakowski sharing a Christmas story illustrating what it means to "pivot from maintenance to mission" at this link:

<http://www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates>



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



Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus Jesus Came To Earth As An Infant, Born of Mary

Mary was prepared to be the Mother of our Savior; by God's favor she was created "full of grace" and free of sin. The Savior, Jesus, was to be called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us". Jesus will remain with us throughout our life as we receive Him in the Eucharist.

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

"Jesus, thank You for the gift of Mary, Your Mother, through whom the world received You as our Savior."

This week, read how this glorious news was revealed to the Shepherds in Luke 2:8-20.

Evening of Recollection at Holy Name Church

January 1st
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Spiritual Reflection,
Adoration, and
Confession

Adoration will continue
through the evening
until Benediction at
12 pm on January 2nd.

Come, let us adore Him.



**This Week at
Saint Matthew Parish**

Thursday, January 1 - Happy New Year's Day!

Holy Day of Obligation - Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Mass Schedule: 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm (Spanish)

Friday, January 2 - 1st Friday

Mass in Spanish at 5 pm, followed by Flame of Love Holy Hour,
followed by all night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 3

All night Adoration ends at 6 am with Mass in Spanish

Sunday, January 4

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass



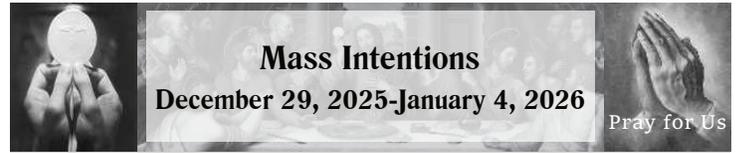
**Weekly Minimum Amount
Needed per Budget:
\$11,073.00**

Envelopes (December 14th).....	\$9,735.00
Offertory.....	\$2,358.70
Christmas.....	\$175.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,525.75
All Saints Day.....	\$10.00
Catholic Life.....	\$40.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$800.00
Candles.....	\$171.00
Envelopes (December 21st).....	To be Announced



**This Christmas, Help Catholic Charities
Love our Neighbors in Need**

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst (especially in winter) to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Especially in this holy season of Christmas, find out how you can help by visiting cclse.org



**Mass Intentions
December 29, 2025-January 4, 2026**

Mon, Dec 29 - 6:00 pm - Intentions of Dr Anthony Bell & His Family
Tue, Dec 30 - 12:05 pm - †John Harter
Wed, Dec 31 - 8:00 am - †Chris Seubert

Holy Day of Obligation - Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thu, Jan 1 - 8:00 am - Intentions of Brittney Moniz
10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
12 noon - Spanish: ~~~~~

Fri, Jan 2 - 8:00 am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm - Spanish: ~~~~~

Sat, Jan 3 - 6:00 am - Spanish: ~~~~~
4:30 pm - †Rosalie Mertens

Sun, Jan 4 - 8:00 am - †Albert & †Bette Kunze
10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
Spanish - 12 noon - †Francisca Zuñiga de Pecina

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, December 29 - St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday, December 31 - Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday, January 1 - Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Holy Day

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Friday, January 2 - St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34

Sunday, January 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Holy Day of Obligation		Liturgical Ministers		
Thursday, January 1 8:00 am	Thursday, January 1 10:00 am	Saturday, January 3 4:30 pm	Sunday, January 4 8:00 am	Sunday, Dec 14 10:00 am
Lectors				
Henry Wanserski	Pat Loy	Jeanne Alexejun	Theresa Stubbe	Lee Peek
Musicians				
Bill Dohr Andrea Huebner	Lynn Meyer Annette Southworth	Phillip Wyman Eben Soper	Marie Stubbe Sara Schmitt	Gaudete Choir Nancy Losinski
Ushers and Greeters				
Al Seubert Kevin Malovrh Tim Kimball	Don Baur Mary Radtke-Baur Gary Tapper	Marie Burish Brian Mleziva Dave Mayer	Jody Babl Dennis Janssen Nic Schmitt	Jack Reeves Kevin Ellenbecker Randy Krueger
Altar Servers				
Rydan Sondelski TJ Sondelski	Eddie Vue Carolina Bergo	Nolen Mleziva Logan Mleziva	Everly Schmitt Adalyn Schmitt	Anthony Hanneman Sam Hanneman
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion				
Judy Koy	Paul Sliwicki	Mary Holm	Bernie Dohr	Kim Sliwicki
Children's Liturgy of the Word				
Kim				
Scrip:		Dave Burish	Dottie Baxter	Kathy Miilu



**May God Bless
You and Your Family
in the New Year
and Always!**

Father Sebastian
Father Fernando
Deacon Tom & Deacon John
and the Staff
at St Matthew Parish



**HELPING
HANDS**



THANK YOU to all who supported Helping Hands with the November church envelope! Your continued support is very much appreciated, it lets Helping Hands assist with the many needs of the Kenyan families.

There are two volunteer groups going to Kenya this January/February. When we return there will be an update in the bulletin of what was accomplished.

TJ Roovers made an assessment trip to Jamaica after the hurricane. There is complete devastation in the area that we had done most of our work over the past 25 years. It is so hard to understand how these people who really had nothing, now don't even have that left. It will be years before the area will have some semblance of normal. Helping Hands is assessing how we can help the area rebuild. Please keep the Jamaican families in your prayers.

**Your giving hearts are a blessing to Helping Hands.
We wish you a Peace-filled and Blessed Christmas!**

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, December 13, 2025

**Thomas John Orozco
Benjamin Richard Orozco
Children of Diego and Emilie**

Baptized Sunday, December 14, 2025

**Pablo Ramirez
Ashley Leger**

Children of Braylan and Jonayli

Congratulations! May Jesus be your dearest companion!

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain...Rev 21:4*

Our Prayers & Sympathy go to the Family & Friends of:



Scott Bickler

He died Wednesday - December 3, 2025
He is the Brother of Sue Juedes

Helen Lawrence

She died Monday - December 8, 2025
She is the Wife of Brad Lawrence and the
Daughter-in-Law of Michael & Janice Lawrence

Mary Hall

She died Sunday - December 14, 2025
She is the Wife of Jeffrey Hall, Daughter of Lawrence Gassner, Sibling
of Jerome Gassner and Theresa Stubbe and Aunt of Marie Stubbe

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen*



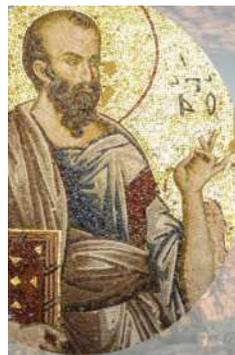
**Happy New Year!
Thank you for your support in 2025!
Looking forward to seeing you in 2026!**

We are selling Scrip Cards in the Angelorum before and after the Saturday Mass at 4:30 pm and the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday Masses. Scrip Cards are also available in the Parish Office Monday through Thursday most weeks. Please join us in this continuing fund raiser!

Next Scrip Sold: January 3rd & 4th



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Second Prize: \$1,000 cash

Third Prize: \$500 cash

Drawing: Saturday, February 14, 2026
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Wausau, WI 54401
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Tickets can be purchased
at the parish or school office, or
by completing the order form
and mailing it in.



Feast of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Heart of Jesus I adore Thee,

**Heart of Mary I implore thee, Heart of Joseph pure and just,
in all three hearts I place my trust.**

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