

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

January 18, 2026
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world."

Jn 1:29



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

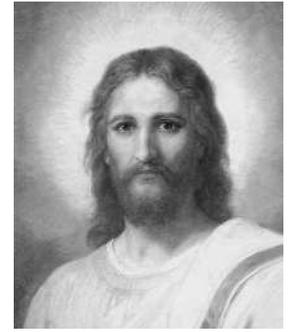
Diocese of La Crosse: www.dioc.org



www.simplycatholic.com/why-we-celebrate-the-holy-name-of-jesus

Why We Celebrate The Holy Name of Jesus

By Father Edward Looney



In the commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai, and handed down to us, we are told to honor the name of God. It is a name used in prayer and as a blessing, but it is, unfortunately, all too often these days used in vain or as a curse. Nowadays we hear not only the word “God” invoked in negative ways, but also the name of Jesus, the name of God born of the Virgin Mary.

While most of our liturgical celebrations throughout the year focus on biblical events or the lives of the saints, on January 3 is honored the name of Jesus and observed as an optional memorial. Why should we celebrate and honor the name of Jesus with a feast? Here are a few reasons:

1. A Name Reverenced By All

St. Paul tells us in his Letter to the Philippians, “at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (2:10). The name of Jesus was first spoken by an angel and is the cause of adoration by the heavenly court. It is a name revered especially during the Mass, as the General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs the priest to bow his head at the mention of Jesus’ name (see No. 275). It is a name that evil fears, and when invoked can cast out demons. We honor and celebrate the name of Jesus because the name of God deserves reverence. By celebrating this feast, we seek to make reparation for the irreverent use of God’s name and restore it to proper dignity.

2. It Is The Name By Which We Are Saved

The angel tells St. Joseph to name the child Jesus because He will save us from our sins (see Mt 1:21). By His incarnation, God made man takes on a name indicating He comes to save us. Jesus becomes the source of our salvation. Since apostolic times, the name of Jesus has been preached and proclaimed. First, by the apostles as they sojourned on their missionary efforts, then by their successors who sought to evangelize, by various missionaries who brought the name of Jesus to the New World, and by teachers of the Faith who sought to combat heresy. We celebrate a feast in honor of Jesus’ holy name because it has been spoken throughout the world, and when proclaimed to those who have never heard His name, lives are changed.

3. Many Have Died Pronouncing The Name of Christ

Those who have worked as missionaries to spread the name of Jesus have often suffered because of His name. In the beatitudes, Jesus foretold that some would be persecuted for His sake (see Mt 5:10). Throughout the history of Christianity, many have shed their blood and died a martyr’s death, some even have professed the name of Jesus on their lips as they breathed their last. Celebrating the Holy Name of Jesus reminds us of these ancestors in the Faith and hopefully encourages us to want Jesus’ name to be our last word.

4. There Is Power In His Name

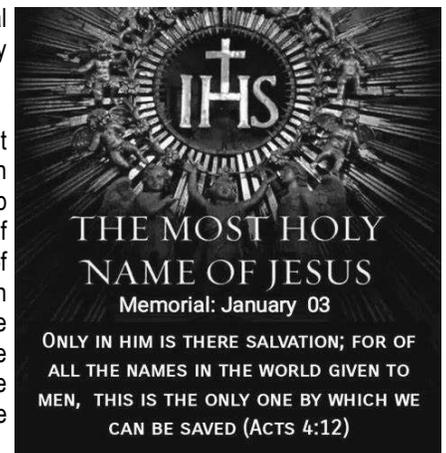
Jesus powerfully taught that where two or three are gathered in His name, He would be in their midst (see Mt 18:20). People also called upon Jesus by name when asking for a miracle. The blind man cried out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” (Lk 18:38), and with that invocation and further conversation his sight was restored. Demons were cast out of the possessed by Jesus’ name (Acts 16:18; 19:16). Celebrating the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus reminds us that we should pray the name of Jesus in our struggles or when we are anxious, because His name is powerful for those who call upon Him.

5. Many Have Been Devoted To The Holy Name For Centuries

The name of Jesus has been a source of devotion for centuries. In 1274, the Council of Lyons recommended that all the faithful should foster a devotion to the name of Jesus. Many saints also have recommended the devotion, most notably, St. Bernadine of Siena. Fr. Paul O’Sullivan’s book “The Wonders of the Holy Name” gives an exhaustive overview of the countless saints, known and unknown, who promoted devotion to the name of Jesus.

One of the most public displays of devotion to Jesus’ holy name arose out of societies and confraternities dedicated to the Holy Name. While no longer as popular as in days gone by, there are many ways people can foster a devotion today to the name of Jesus. The Eastern Church’s practice of the Jesus Prayer (“Lord, Jesus Christ, son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner”) recited many times connects the name of Jesus and invocation for His mercy. The Hail Mary, when split in two parts, hinges on the name of Jesus. St. Louis de Montfort, in “The Secret of the Rosary” encouraged people to add a short phrase there to focus one’s meditation (for example, “thy womb Jesus, born in poverty, Holy Mary ...”). I developed de Montfort’s suggestion in my Rosary devotional “A Rosary Litany.” There is also a [Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus](#), and many songs such as “Holy God We Praise Thy Name” or “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” in addition to several contemporary Christian songs.

We celebrate the feast of Jesus’ holy name in order to foster a deep love for His name. If we pray the name of Jesus continually in this life, then it will be His name that we pronounce when we meet our Savior face to face.



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Holy Name of Jesus Parish Fundraiser
Supporting NCCS: Holy Name

Greece & Turkey Pilgrimage Raffle

*Following the Footsteps of St. Paul
with Father Samuel Martin
and Mater Dei Tours (fully Catholic pilgrimages)
September 2027 (dates to be determined)*

\$40 a ticket or 3 for \$100

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(approximate value \$12,000 - no cash value)

Second Prize: \$1,000 cash
Third Prize: \$500 cash

Drawing: Saturday, February 14, 2026
Following the Mardi Gras Fundraiser
Holy Name of Jesus Parish
1104 S. 9th Ave
Wausau, WI 54401
Need not be present to win

Tickets can be purchased
at the parish or school office, or
by completing the order form
and mailing it in.




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, March 10th 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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Space is limited. Register early!

The next program begins on February 13th-15th.



Mass Intentions

Mass Intention Dates Available in January

If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone who is living or deceased, or for a special intention, call Joy at 715-842-3148.
Suggested stipend is \$20 per Mass.



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Through parishioner support of our thrift store by donating clothing, furniture, and household goods, shopping at our store, and providing financial contributions, you helped provide over **\$210,000** in financial and material assistance to more than 300 individuals and families in need within our communities.

We also thank you for your volunteer hours in our store, in our home visit ministry, and in our Getting Ahead program.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Executive Director Keith Ende at kende@svdpwausau.org.

God bless you all!



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Tuesday, January 20 - Happy Birthday Fr Sebastian!!!

Wednesday, January 21

- Men's Morning Bible Study** - McGarty Hall: 6:00 am
- Ray's Breakfast Club (all men)** - A & A Restaurant: 9 am
- Marlene's Breakfast Club (all women)** - Blue Willow Restaurant: 9 am

Thursday, January 22

- Bible Study** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Room: 9:00 am
- Peacemakers Quilters** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Room: 1:00 pm
- Men's Club Meeting** - McGarty Hall: 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 25

Youth Choir Sings at 10 am Mass



Mass Intentions January 19 - 25, 2026

Pray for Us

- Mon, Jan 19 - 6:00 pm ~~~~~
- Tue, Jan 20 - 12:05 pm - Nancy Isabel Fernandez
- Wed, Jan 21 - 8:00 am ~~~~~
- Thu, Jan 22 - 8:00 am - †Roger and †Patricia Kreger
- Fri, Jan 23 - 8:00 am - †Lloyd Krautkramer
- Sat, Jan 24 - 4:30 pm - †Lucille Stankowski
- Sun, Jan 25 - 8:00 am - †Gerard Skrzypczak
- 10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
- Spanish* - 12 noon - Aniversario de Antonio y Gabriela Fernandez



Sharing God's Blessings

Thank you for your support!

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

Envelopes (January 4th).....	\$6,707.00
Offertory.....	\$1,368.56
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$2,893.00
Christmas.....	\$320.00
Catholic Life.....	\$340.00
Candles.....	\$165.00
Envelopes (January 11th).....	\$8,494.00
Offertory.....	\$1,890.05
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$20.00
Catholic Life.....	\$80.00
Candles.....	\$140.00

December Scrip Rebate credited to Newman = \$1,755.31

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, January 19

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 20 - St Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St Sebastian, Martyr

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 21 - Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 22

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56/Mk 3:7-12

Fri, Jan 23 - St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St Marianne Cope, Virgin

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 24 - St Francis de Sales, Bishop/Doctor of Church

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 25 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23



If your first or second choice for quick groceries or coffee or a hot sandwich is Kwik Trip, we have a *Grocery only*



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Next Scrip Sale: January 24th & 25th

In the Angelorum after weekend Masses & Mon-Thurs in the Office.



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

Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday, January 24 4:30 pm	Sunday, January 25 8:00 am	Sunday, January 25 10:00 am
Lectors		
Nancy Oestreich	Pat Loy	Aiden Losh
Musicians		
Lynn Meyer Anne Paul	Jim Washebek Annette Southworth	Youth Choir Sara Schmitt
Ushers and Greeters		
Ryan Oestreich Scott Oestreich Brian Mleziva	Jody Babl Dennis Janssen Al Seubert	Bob Charlier Sharon Charlier Jack Reeves
Altar Servers		
Nolen Mleziva Logan Mleziva	Rydan Sondelski Eddie Vue	Eli Lieders Tom Brzezinski
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Mary Holm	Judy Koy	Kim Sliwicki
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Kim
SCRIP: Judy Koy	Kathy Miilu	Jeannie Henaman

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 Sunday, January 11, 2026

Natasha Marie Schumitsch

Daughter of Wyatt and Ann

Congratulations! May Jesus be your dearest companion!



Ray's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on

**Wednesday, January 21st at 9 am
at A & A 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, January 21st at 9 am
at the Blue Willow Restaurant**

No dues, no meetings, no agenda, just friendship
offered! Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at
various restaurants for good food and good fellowship!



Men's Club Meeting

**Thursday, January 22nd
at 6:00 pm
in McGarty Hall**



January 20th

**Happy Birthday
Fr Sebastian!**

**May God Bless You
on Your Birthday
and Always!**



**Thank You
To all
who helped
Decorate
Our Church
for
Christmas!**



**On Sunday,
January 25th
at 1:00 pm, we
request your
help in
"Undecorating
the Christmas
Decorations".**

Thank You for all your Help!!!

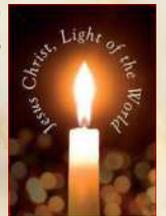
**Join us at Mass on Monday, February 2nd at 6:00 pm for
the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
& the Celebration of Candlemas**



The **Presentation of the Lord** marks
Jesus' presentation in the Temple, and
the blessed candles represent the divine
light He brought to humanity, with
beeswax symbolizing His pure body, the
wick His soul, and the flame His divinity.

It has been a long-standing tradition to bring candles to
church on **Candlemas** to be blessed, symbolizing Jesus
as the "Light of the World".

**Bring candles to church on this day that you would
like to have blessed.** Throughout this year these
blessed candles can be used especially during prayer,
family events, or times of need.



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