

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mt 4:18-19



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 6 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



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By Ann Lankford
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Faith is God’s gift that enables us to believe in Him, to trust and to act according to His truth. It is a firm, confident belief in what is hoped for, even when it is not yet visible, and a strong conviction in realities that cannot be perceived by our physical senses. Faith is neither a feeling nor a blind leap; it is a confident step into God’s truth – “the acceptance of a truth on the authority of God revealing.” (Bishop Fulton Sheen)

Faith seeks to know. We desire to know the Christ in Whom we believe so our faith grows. Given to us in Baptism, faith grows through prayer, reflection on Scripture, and reception of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and Confession. When faith is alive in us, it brings about a deep sense of “knowing”, a certitude of mind and heart. This certitude moves us to entrust our lives to God and to seek His will, which is always for our good.

Faith is a divine gift that invites our response to God Who reveals Himself in love. He gives us the grace to believe, yet we must freely cooperate with that grace — trusting His Word and acting upon it. When we want to believe but feel weak in faith, we can pray the words of Scripture: **“Lord, I believe; please help my unbelief.”** (Mark 9:24)

As we commit to living our faith, it shapes how we live, how we pray, and how we see others. Faith is not static; it grows as we use it, as we continually align ourselves with God’s plan. It moves us to act with love, hope, and courage, even when we may have uncertainty. Without nourishment, faith can weaken; but when we practice it through prayer and daily acts of trust, faith becomes a source of strength.

Faith opens our eyes to realities unseen. It enables us to see Christ in the poor, to trust His mercy in suffering, and to believe in His Eucharistic presence. Faith enlightens reason not by destroying it, but by giving it new light, as Bishop Fulton Sheen wrote, “like the sun revealing what was hidden in darkness. By faith, we recognize not only bread on the altar, but the living Christ Who feeds our souls.”

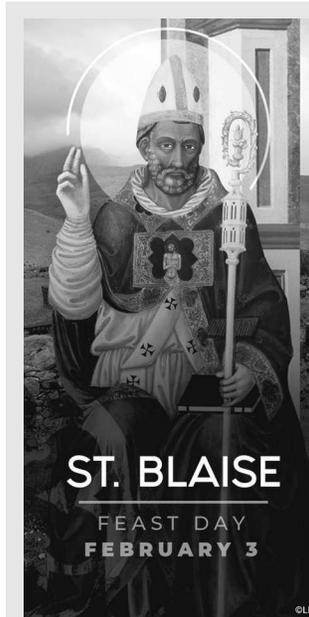
Saint Joseph offers one of the Church’s clearest examples of lived faith. Though Scripture records none of his words, his actions speak profoundly. When God revealed His will through dreams, Joseph obeyed without hesitation, taking Mary his wife into his home. (Matthew 1:20) He protected the Christ Child by fleeing to Egypt and served his family faithfully and humbly. Joseph trusted God even when he could not see the outcome. This is the heart of faith: obedience born from love.

Faith is also our strength in times of trial. It anchors us when the world feels uncertain, when evil seems to prevail, or when prayers appear unanswered. Through faith, we learn to say with confidence, **“Jesus, I trust in You.”**

As we grow in this supernatural virtue, we are called to live it out in daily life through charity. Saint James reminds us that “faith apart from works is dead.” Living faith forgives, loves, and serves. It moves us to care for others, especially those in need, and to witness to Christ in both word and action.

Faith is a necessary element in living a true life. Let us pray for deeper faith and the strength it brings. May we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, trust in His promises, and follow the example of Saint Joseph with courage. When we believe and act accordingly, we are never alone; we walk in the light of God’s truth and love.

“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith” who brings that faith to its ultimate completion. (Hebrews 12:1-2)



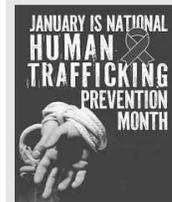
Feast Day - February 3 Saint Blaise

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi



Human Trafficking Prevention Month

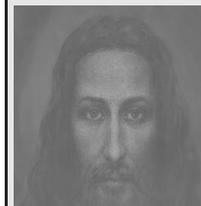
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Learn more about the vast, tragic reality of human trafficking, and what you can do to make a difference, by visiting



usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking

Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus Why Does Jesus Want To Live In Your Heart?



The Love of Jesus is the Love you and I have been looking for all of our lives.

God has created each person absolutely unique - there is only one of you. Jesus knows you and loves you, and wants to be with you always. Jesus has a love in His Heart that only you can receive.

If you don’t receive Jesus’ love for you, it will be “wasted”. And likewise, you have a love in your heart that only you can give to Jesus. If you don’t give that love, there will be an empty place in Jesus’ Heart.

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

“Jesus, I want to receive all the love You have for me and I want to give You all of my love.”

This week, read about how much God loves you in John 3:16. To make this personal, replace the “the world” with your own name.

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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, 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**

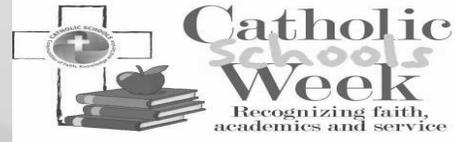
- * **Anointing of the Sick** - for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.
- * **Holy Communion Visits to the Homebound** - for those at home, a rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.
- * **Hospital Visits** - If you are anticipating a hospital stay, call and let us know. 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.**



Do we have your correct contact information?

If your phone number, email, or address has changed, please call the office to make sure we have your correct contact information.

Thank You!



A Teacher's Prayer

I want to teach my students more than lessons in a book;
I want to teach them deeper things that people overlook.
The value of a rose in bloom, its use and beauty, too
A sense of curiosity to discover what is true;
How to think and how to choose the right above the wrong,
How to live and learn each day and grow up to be strong;
To teach them always how to gain in wisdom and in grace,
So they will someday make the world a brighter, better place.
Let me be a friend and guide to give these minds a start
Upon their way down life's long road, then I'll have done my part.

By Jill Wolf



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

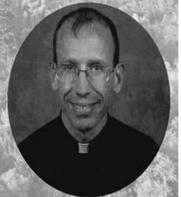
Grand Prize: Greece and Turkey Pilgrimage for 2 (approximate value \$12,000 - no cash value)

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
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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.



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Space is limited. Register early!

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



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Wednesday, January 28

Men's Morning Bible Study - McGarty Hall: 6:00 am
Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 29

Bible Study - Our Lady of Guadalupe Room: 9:00 am
Peacemakers Quilters - Our Lady of Guadalupe Room: 1:00 pm

Sunday, February 1

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass



Mon, Jan 26 - 6:00 pm - Nancy Isabel Fernandez
 Tue, Jan 27 - 12:05 pm - †Marian Krautkramer
 Wed, Jan 28 - 8:00 am - Sarah (Pederson) Roeder
 Thu, Jan 29 - 8:00 am - †Sandy Kreger
 Fri, Jan 30 - 8:00 am - ~~~~~
 Sat, Jan 31 - 4:30 pm - ~~~~~
 Sun, Feb 1 - 8:00 am - †Shirley Sackmann
 10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
 Spanish - 12 noon - †Francisca Zuñiga de Pecina

Sharing God's Blessings

Thank you for your support!

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

Envelopes (January 18th).....	\$7,003.00
Offertory.....	\$1,669.41
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$35.00
Christmas.....	\$60.00
Catholic Life.....	\$40.00
Candles.....	\$280.25

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January 31st and February 1st

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

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Prayer

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 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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, January 26 - Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops
 Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 27 - Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19/Ps 24/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, Jan 28 - St Thomas Aquinas, Priest/Doctor of Church
 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 29
 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132/Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 30
 2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17/Ps 51/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 31 - Saint John Bosco, Priest
 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Ps 51/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, February 1 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12



Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday, January 31 4:30 pm	Sunday, February 1 8:00 am	Sunday, February 1 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Mike Jilek	Lee Peek
Musicians		
Phillip Wyman Dorothy Giallombardo	Brittany Kavajecz Sara Schmitt	Gaudete Choir Nancy Losinski
Ushers and Greeters		
John Bocke Don Baur Mary Radtke-Baur	Nic Schmitt Jody Babl Dennis Janssen	Gary Tapper Chuck Miller Kevin Ellenbecker
Altar Servers		
Gary Koy Eddie Vue	Everly Schmitt Adalyn Schmitt	Anthony Hanneman Sam Hanneman
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Judy Koy	Al Seubert	Paul Sliwicki
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Jeannie
SCRIP: Judy Koy	Dottie Baxter	Faye Brzezinski

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 and Sympathy go to
the Family and Friends of:

Jack Neuens

He died Thursday - January 15, 2026
He is the Husband of Mary Ann

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

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!!!



Sacrament of Matrimony

January 17, 2026

Gunnar Tessmer
and
Samantha Frombach

Congratulations
and God's Blessings
on your Marriage!



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,
and the Feast Day of the Flame of Love Movement



Flame of Love Prayers
will be said after Mass
followed by a social in McGarty Hall.

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 18, 2026

John Clare Wyman

Son of John and Seraphina

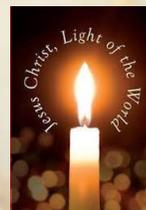
Congratulations! May Jesus be your dearest companion!



The Presentation of the Lord marks
Jesus' presentation in the Temple, and
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. 5 Day Candles will be
available for \$3.00 at the 6 pm Mass in the
Angelorum. These blessed candles can be used at
home especially during prayer, family events, or times of need.



The Blessed Virgin Mary requested that the Church celebrate the
Feast of the Flame of Love of her Immaculate Heart (symbolizing Jesus' light), on February 2nd, which is also the Feast of Candlemas and the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.



Tuesday, February 3rd
Feast of Saint Blaise

Blessing of Throats
to occur at the
12:05 pm Mass



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