

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

Mt 5:11-12



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

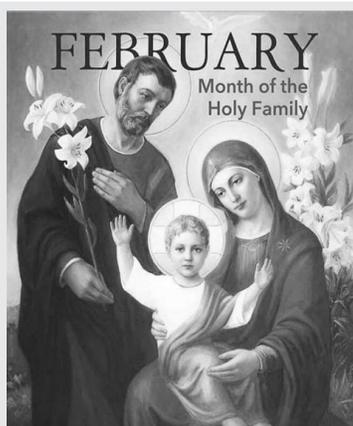
Channel 7.4 WSAW - Sunday 9 am

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



Imitation of the Holy Family

The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity.

Pope John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self." (Nov. 27, 2002)

We should ask ourselves if our own families model that of the Holy Family. We need to be open to God's grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes — and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. Recognizing this, children should trust their parents and never forget that parents want only what is best for them.

Which leads us to what may be the most important family virtue, forgiveness. Living so intimately within the family nucleus naturally gives rise to unpleasant situations where someone is apt to be offended. Saint Paul knew this when he told us to "bear with and forgive one another." The health of our family may depend on how quickly we learn to forgive without harboring feelings of resentment.

No family can thrive and grow without constant work. Even the material details that take time and effort are essential to keeping the family strong. Everyone has to pull together for the good of the family, even to the point of putting ahead of our own needs and ambitions the happiness of other family members, setting aside our own selfish desires.

It is also important to pray as a family, especially the holy rosary. Prayer will help us to intensify our closeness with each other and to learn to forgive.

Pope John Paul II wrote, "In the eucharistic gift of charity the Christian family finds the foundation and soul of its communion and its mission"

(*Letter on the Family*, No. 57) Excerpted from *The Holy Family models what family life should be*, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

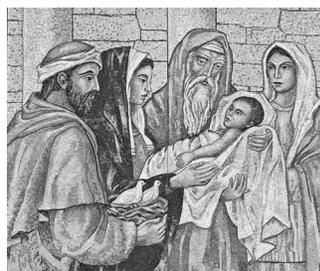


Feast of the Flame of Love February 2nd

On August 1, 1962, the Virgin Mary asked Elisabeth Kindelmann the following: "I beg the Holy Father to fix for you the feast of the *Flame of Love* on February 2nd, the feast of *Candlemas*. I don't want a special feast."

The Virgin Mary said to Elisabeth Kindelmann:

"With this Flame full of graces that I give you from my heart, ignite all the hearts in the entire country. Let this Flame go from heart to heart. This is the miracle becoming the blaze whose dazzling light will blind Satan. This is the fire of love of union, which I obtained from the Heavenly Father through the merits of the wounds of my Divine Son."



February 2nd The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

by D.D. Emmons
(edited www.simplycatholic.com/the-feast-of-the-presentation)

According to the Church's liturgical calendar, the feast held on February 2nd each year is in honor of the *Presentation of the Lord*. Some Catholics recall this day as the feast of the *Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary* because such was the feast day named until the 1969 changes in the Church's calendar.

In fact, according to Luke's Gospel, the presentation of Jesus and the purification of the Blessed Mother took place in the Temple on the same day, and both are remembered during Mass on February 2nd. Also, in several countries, *Candlemas* is simultaneously celebrated on this day and involves a candlelight procession that was popularized in the Middle Ages. Until the Second Vatican Council the feasts on February 2nd ended the Christmas season.

As early as the fourth century Christians commemorated the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, but, at the time, there was no feast name attached. In seventh-century Rome, the Church named the celebration the feast of the *Purification of the Blessed Mother Mary*, and it remained that way for nearly 1,300 years. In the reforms after Vatican II, the feast was given a stronger focus on Jesus (by stressing the *Presentation of Jesus*), but clearly the events of purification and presentation that took place when Jesus was 40 days old (see Lk 2:22-39) are tied together and thus commemorated together.



Blessing of the Throats

from Wikipedia, edited

The **Blessing of the Throats** is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, ordinarily celebrated on February 3rd, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste (modern Sivas, Turkey).

Article 1625 from *The Book of Blessings* contains a brief historical background of the blessing of throats:

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

Details regarding the miraculous healing of the boy vary. One account relates that the miracle occurred during the journey to take Blaise to prison when he placed his hand on the boy's head and prayed; another that the miracle happened while Blaise was in prison when he picked up two candles provided to him and formed a cross around the boy's throat.

The use of candles for the blessing of throats stems from the candles that Blaise used while in prison. When an old woman's pig had been miraculously rescued from a wolf by Saint Blaise, she would visit him in prison, bringing him food and candles to bring him light in his dark cell.

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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.**



Mass Intention Dates Available in February

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.



Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus

Jesus Is Truly Present In The Holy Eucharist

When we look at the consecrated Host at Mass, our eyes see only bread, but the reality is we are looking at Jesus truly present. "Jesus, grant me the grace to believe this truth, that though 'hidden', You are truly present in Holy Communion." It is important to remember that what we are not able to see with our eyes, we grasp by choosing to believe – with faith's consent.

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

"Lord, I want to believe. Please help me to believe that what You say is true, especially helping the part of me that sometimes questions."

This week, read about the father of a sick boy who asked Jesus to help him believe what seemed impossible in Mark 9:20-27.



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

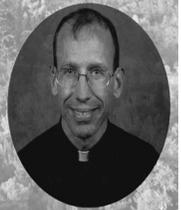
Holy Name of Jesus Parish

1104 S. 9th Ave

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.



www.HelpOurMarriage.org

RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

A Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages!

When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, for information or to register call: **1-877-922-HOPE (4673) - All calls are confidential.**

Space is limited. Register early!

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



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Monday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Feast of the Flame of Love Movement

6:00 pm Mass: Blessing of Candles, Flame of Love Prayers after Mass followed by Social in McGarty Hall

Tuesday, February 3 - Feast of Saint Blaise

12:05 pm Mass with Blessing of Throats

Wednesday, February 4

Men's Morning Bible Study - McGarty Hall: 6:00 am

Family Formation: Grades K-6th

Thursday, February 5

Bible Study - Our Lady of Guadalupe Room: 9:00 am

Peacemakers Quilters - Our Lady of Guadalupe Room: 1:00 pm

Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Grp - Angelorum: 6:30 pm

Mass Intentions

February 2 - 8, 2026

Pray for Us

Mon, Feb 2 - 6:00 pm - Special Intention GR
 Tue, Feb 3 - 12:05 pm - †Judy Flashinski
 Wed, Feb 4 - 8:00 am - †Jim Low
 Thu, Feb 5 - 8:00 am - †Jack Neuens
 Fri, Feb 6 - 8:00 am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Sat, Feb 7 - 4:30 pm - †John Bant
 Sun, Feb 8 - 8:00 am - †Albert and †Bette Kunze
 10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
 Spanish - 12 noon - †Velia y †Roberto Aguilera

Sharing God's Blessings

Thank you for your support!

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

Envelopes (January 25th).....	\$6,839.00
Offertory.....	\$1,601.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$25.00
Catholic Life.....	\$40.00
Candles.....	\$99.00

Buy Scrip for Family Fun

Cold and bored?
 Order Dales Weston Lanes \$20 card (25%),
 Day's Bowl-a-Dome \$20 card (5%),
 or Marcus Theatre cards for \$25/100 (8%)
 and have a fun family day!

February 7th and 8th
 In the Angelorum after weekend Masses and Mon-Thurs in the Office.

Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact **Mrs Brown at 608.791.0179** or intakeagent@diolc.org

The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting

Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact **Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679** or tbrown@diolc.org

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord
 Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Tuesday, February 3 - St Blaise, Bishop/Martyr; St Ansgar, Bishop
 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3/Ps 86/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 4
 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 5 - Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 6 - Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
 Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 7
 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 8 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday, February 7 4:30 pm	Sunday, February 8 8:00 am	Sunday, February 8 10:00 am
Lectors		
Nancy Oestreich	Henry Wanserski	Kay Washebek
Musicians		
Cindy Blair Andrea Huebner	Phillip Wyman Annette Southworth	Barb Britten Mary Lenard
Ushers and Greeters		
Dave Mayer Ryan Oestreich Scott Oestreich	Pat Ruesch David Krause Dave Mosure	Kevin Malovrh Tim Kimball Jack Reeves
Altar Servers		
Luke Riehle Katie Riehle Gabby Riehle	Joey Huebsch Rydan Sondelski	Tom Brzezinski Evie Constantine Max Constantine
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Judy Koy	Al Seubert	Kim Sliwicki
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Andrea
SCRIP: Cheryl Vircks	Kathy Miilu	Vicki Tierney

**Special Occasions
in February**

*Birthdays, Baptisms,
Weddings, Anniversaries,
and all "Special Occasions"
are also special to God.*

*May God Bless You
on Your Special Day
in the month of February and
Every Day that Follows!*

**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.**



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**

MEN'S CLUB

**The Men's Club says
THANK YOU for making our
PECAN SALE a HUGE SUCCESS!**

The money raised will be used to support:

◆ Parish needs	◆ Circle of Joy Food Pantry
◆ Diocesan Seminarians	◆ Helping Hands
◆ Jubilee House	◆ Wausau Warming Center

 **We hope you enjoyed them! Watch for another PECAN SALE this December.**

Treat someone special...
...this Valentines

Give Scrip for Valentines Day!

Start planning that Valentines Day Celebration. Purchase gift cards from our list of restaurants and grocery stores to make your day special. It also shows your love for St Matthew Parish by donating to your Parish at the same time. Thank you!

**Scrip will be sold in the Angelorum after the Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses on
February 7th & 8th**

You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Office.



**Join us for
Coffee and donuts**




Next Sunday - "Coffee & Donuts Sunday"

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 8 & 10 am Masses, for fellowship, coffee, and delicious donuts!

**Deepen Your Lenten Journey: Discover Lectio Divina,
an ancient path to encountering God's Word.**

Join Joy Orozco, our DRE, who will teach this form of prayer, to move beyond just reading Scripture to truly listening and praying with it through Lectio Divina, or "Divine Reading" – a time-tested method to encounter Christ in His Word.

What is Lectio Divina?
It's a spiritual practice that invites God's voice into your heart.

Who is it for?
Anyone seeking a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus, especially during this upcoming sacred season of Lent.

Sessions offered will take place in McGarty Hall:
Monday, February 9th, immediately following the 6:00 pm Mass.
Wednesday, February 11th, immediately following the 8:00 am Mass.

What to Bring:

- An open heart and mind
- A Bible
- A journal (optional)

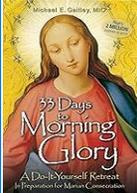


Please call the office to let us know which session you would like to attend 715-842-3148.

33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat

**Fridays: February 13th - March 20th
9:00 am in McGarty Hall**

Consecration on Wednesday, March 25th

 Join us for "33 Days to Morning Glory" a 5-week retreat and learn the "quickest, surest, easiest way" to sainthood! This retreat leads us to formally entrust ourselves to Mary, the way Christ did at the Annunciation and as He willed for us at the foot of the Cross.

**For information & to Register, contact Kay at:
715-697-1680**

Please obtain this book/workbook prior to class:
"33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecration" by Michael E. Gaitley