

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Mt 5:14-16



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



12 Ways to Honor the Holy Family this February

(edited from aleteia.org)

For Catholics, February is the month devoted to *The Holy Family*, and it is an ideal time to strengthen our own family and its connection to Jesus' family. Here are 12 ways you can align your family to the Holy Family this February:

- 1. Consecrate your family to the Holy Family.**
- 2. Pray the Rosary together.** Add a special prayer to the Holy Family.
- 3. Strengthen and affirm your family's devotion to the Eucharist as the nourishment of family life.** Keep the Sabbath holy together. Don't let worldly distractions or secular obligations get in the way. Remind everyone of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as you drive to church.
- 4. Place an image of the Holy Family on your table.** Place a picture of your family beside it, as a way of seeking blessing & intercession for your family from the Holy Family.
- 5. Strengthen your family bonds through shared joy.** During the month of February, plan something fun you can all do together! Maybe it's a family outing to a museum, movie, or sporting event.
- 6. Create a "Family Feast Day".** You can base it on a devotion to a saint, or the patron saint of your wedding day and/or the day you moved into or blessed your home. If you haven't yet had your house blessed, make plans to do so! After all, your home is the domestic church for your family....
- 7. Share stories of beloved family members.** Pay special attention to those who have died. Tell family anecdotes and pass down the oral tradition. Talk about those who lived their faith through difficulties in an exemplary way.
- 8. Together, with your family, write a short prayer you can say following Grace before meals.** For example: "God bless our family."
- 9. Design a ritual of forgiveness.** Perhaps to make peace with a member of the family you make a pot of tea to share as a gesture of forgiveness or play a special song that signifies to other family members: "I love you and I want to start new."
- 10. Together with the other members of your family, name your home.** It can be named after a saint, a place in the Bible, the name of the street you live on, your last name, etc. Naming your home ... creates a sense of bonding among family members... .
- 11. Have a holy water font at the door.** Bless yourselves and each other as you leave and return home.
- 12. Bless each other at bedtime and mention each family member's name in prayer before falling asleep. Ask God to bless your family.** Recall these words of Pope Saint John Paul II: "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.*"

Prayers To The Holy Family

Lord, I do offer myself to You this day and in doing so I offer You my family. I offer every relationship, be it good or difficult, and I offer every challenge we face. Please come and sanctify my family, making it holy in imitation of Your family in Nazareth. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul;
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony;
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul
in peace with you. Amen*

Quotes of the Saints on Families

"Whatever you do for your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for God. All we do, our prayers, our work, our suffering, is for Jesus." *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

"See to it that you refrain from harsh words. But if you do speak them, do not be ashamed to apply the remedy from the same lips that inflicted the wounds." *Saint Francis of Paola*

"No one heals himself by wounding another." *Saint Ambrose*

"Now, we must help each other to get to Heaven."
Blessed Charles of Austria (to his wife, Empress Zita, after their wedding)

"If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." *Saint John Paul II*

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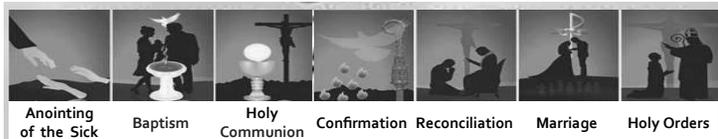
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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

- 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 INTENTIONS

Mass Intention Dates Available in February & March

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 wants us to know He is continually with us.

Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images in our mind that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us.

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

"Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread & wine."

This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28:10-17)



www.HelpOurMarriage.org

REPROUVAILE
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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.

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.





This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Monday, February 9

Lectio Divina Class - McGarty Hall: immediately following 6:00 pm Mass
Flame of Love Cenacle: Rosary, Adoration, Benediction - after 6 pm Mass

Tuesday, February 10

Family Life Committee Meeting - Our Lady of Guadalupe Room: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 11

Men's Morning Bible Study - McGarty Hall: 6:00 am
Lectio Divina Class - McGarty Hall: immediately following 8:00 am Mass
Religious Education: Grades 7-10
Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat - McGarty Hall: 9:00 am

Saturday, February 14 - Happy Saint Valentines Day!!!

There will not be a Gracious Ladies Meeting in February

Sunday, February 15

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass
Youth Choir Practice after 10 am Mass

Mass Intentions

February 9 - 15, 2026

Pray for Us

Mon, Feb 9 - 6:00 pm - †George & †Florence Koy
Tue, Feb 10 - 12:05 pm - †Henry, †Evelyn and †Louie Nowak
Wed, Feb 11 - 8:00 am - †Lawrence & †Helen Mocello
Thu, Feb 12 - 8:00 am - †Deceased Members of the Grunow Family
Fri, Feb 13 - 8:00 am - †Mary Lawrence
Sat, Feb 14 - 4:30 pm - †Dorothy Cline
Sun, Feb 15 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
10:00 am - †Ray and †Melanie Krebsbach
Spanish - 12 noon - †Alberto Valdez

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, February 9

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 10 - Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 13

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14 - St Cyril, Monk and St Methodius, Bishop

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 15 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37



Sharing God's Blessings

Thank you for your support!

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

Envelopes (February 1).....	\$8,332.80
Offertory.....	\$1,608.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$30.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$20.00
Catholic Life.....	\$20.00
Candles.....	\$201.00



February 13th - Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller

A native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary, Brother James Miller was gunned down while repairing a wall at the school where he worked in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on February 13, 1982. He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on December 7, 2019. He stands as an example of fidelity to the Gospel and humble and fearless service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable.

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, February 14 4:30 pm	Sunday, February 15 8:00 am	Sunday, February 15 10:00 am
Lectors		
Nancy Oestreich	Theresa Stubbe	Joel Stroup
Musicians		
Joel Stubbe Andrea Huebner	Joel Stubbe Sara Schmitt	Nancy Losinski Gaudete Choir
Ushers and Greeters		
Marie Burish Ryan Oestreich Scott Oestreich	Nic Schmitt Al Seubert David Krause	Randy Krueger Kevin Malovrh Tim Kimball
Altar Servers		
Yonathan Ramirez Gary Koy	Everly Schmitt Adalyn Schmitt	Natalie Bergo Carolina Bergo
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Judy Koy	Mary Holm	Jane Holl
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Kim
SCRIP: Dave Burish	Dottie Baxter	Faye Brzezinski



Sunday, February 8th - "Coffee & Donuts Sunday"

Join us in McGarty 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 6:00 pm Mass

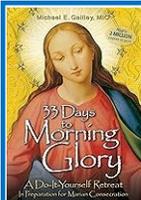
Wednesday, February 11th, immediately following 8:00 am Mass

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

Last Year's Palms Are Needed
To Make This Years Ashes for
Ash Wednesday

Bring your old palms to Church by
February 15th and put in the
labeled Basket in the Angelorum.

Thank You!

Thank You!

A very heartfelt thank you to Father Sebastian, Dorothy, Judy, members of the choir, kitchen volunteers and anyone else that gave so generously of their time in making the funeral service for Scott Bickler a memorable day.

We are very grateful for all of you!
God's Blessings to you all!

The Family of Scott Bickler



Treat someone special...

...this Valentines

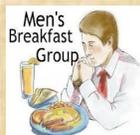
Give Scrip for Valentines Day!

Still time to get that gift card for your Valentine. We have Amazon, Fleet Farm, Home Depot, Kohl's, Menard's, T.J. Maxx, Target, and more. You can purchase gift cards during the week at the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm.

Scrip will be sold in the Angelorum after the Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses on

February 14th & 15th

May you have a Blessed St Valentines Day!



Ray's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on
Wednesday, February 18th at 9 am
at Breakfast Bear Restaurant

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



Marlene's Breakfast Club

No Breakfast Fellowship in February
due to the restrictions of Ash Wednesday.
Looking forward to gathering together on March 18.

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