

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

February 22, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

Then the devil took Him up to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to Him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate Yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left Him and, behold, angels came and ministered to Him. Mt 4:8-11



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent

English

after 8 am Mass

Español

5 pm

(7 pm on the 1st Friday)

Regular Confession
Times continue
during Lent



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 7:30 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

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



The Primary Focus of Lent - God's Love

Our relationship with God should always begin with a realization of His deep, deep Love for us and how He continues to pour out this love upon us daily in very concrete ways. This is always the starting point in our relationship with Him! And gratitude flows naturally as we ponder this love. During the 40 days of Lent, let us start by recalling some of God's blessings the past few days. Name five things for which you are thankful, such as taking time for a conversation with someone, reading a book with a child, a beautiful sunset, etc.

The next step is that we realize that we fail in response to this Love and that is what we examine with Jesus' help in order to eliminate any of our personal failures that would block our ability to receive His Love. Repentance means to turn away from sin and then turn toward God. Let us seek the beauty of a deeper friendship with Jesus, which brings peace and joy, and turn our backs to the ugliness of sin, which brings turmoil, discontent and ultimate misery. A great way to start is to acknowledge the sin and then be set free from it by speaking it out in the sacrament of confession. We can't be set free from sin unless we first acknowledge that it is there.



Urgent Pro-Life Action Alert from the U.S. Bishops

Congress is urgently debating plans to reduce the cost of health insurance for many patients. But one of the issues is the use of taxpayer dollars to help pay for abortions. The **Hyde Amendment** is a law that has saved 30,000 babies' lives per year for 50 years by preventing most federal taxpayer funding of abortion – but its protections do not automatically apply to everything. **Please tell your members of Congress today to develop a health care plan that protects human dignity and fully applies the Hyde Amendment.** No one should go without needed access to health care, and taxpayer dollars should never be used to pay for elective abortions.

Visit www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/132880/Respond to learn how to make your voice heard.

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

Set An Easy Goal In Lent

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th. It is helpful for us to decide on what we will do before Lent actually begins so that we are ready on Ash Wednesday.

Here are some simple themes for each week to help stay committed:

- † set aside social media and phones
- † step out of your comfort zone
- † stand tall against what is difficult
- † spend time with family
- † savor sacred Scripture - renew your mind
- † see better what is true, good and beautiful



Easter Flowers Donations

Flowers add beauty and meaning to the Easter Liturgical Celebration and you can donate them in honor of a living or deceased loved one.

The "Easter Lily" a symbol of Christ's resurrection, rises from a single bulb representing Christ rising from the tomb. An ancient belief was that white lilies appeared where drops of blood fell from Christ's body after the crucifixion.

To donate Flowers, put your donations in an envelope along with the following information:

- * Your Name
- * If it is "in memory of" OR "in honor of" and Their Name
- * Put in the Collection Basket, Bring to Office or Mail to:

St Matthew Parish, 227 S 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

Thank you for your donations!

Youth and Young at Heart

Eucharistic Adoration

Come to Holy Name Church
Sunday, March 1st
6:00 - 8:00 pm

This evening is geared towards middle and high school youth, but all are welcome to attend.

Food and games will follow in Simmons Hall.

Hosted at Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

Come, let us adore Him.




Lenten Lessons on the Mass Holy Water

Rev. Francis J. Hoffman, "Fr. Rocky" is the Executive Director/CEO of Relevant Radio and a priest of Opus Dei.

The first thing you do when you walk into a Catholic Church is bless yourself with holy water.

As you enter the church, look for the holy water font near the entrance and bless yourself with the holy water as you quietly say, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." This little ritual reminds us of our baptism – that's why the font is near the door of the church because we "entered the Church through baptism".

At the same time, this gesture is also a sacramental and can absolve us of our venial sins and protect us from the devil. As St Teresa of Avila said, "Nothing drives away the devil faster than holy water." Blessing yourself with holy water as you enter the church will remind you that you are in a sacred place for a sacred time.

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Eucharistic Revival - A Minute with Jesus



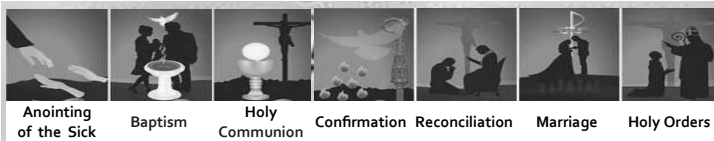
We Need God's Help To Believe

The Eucharist is beyond our ability to grasp fully. The Eucharist is a mystery, which means we would not know this is Jesus' Body and Blood without the Lord specifically saying these words to us in Scripture. We can understand this mystery to an extent, but not fully because this mystery is of God, Who is infinite.

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

"Jesus, please open my heart to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist."

This week, read how St Paul speaks of this mystery of the Eucharist in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.



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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FORMATION REQUIRES FIRE

 **MEN OF THE CROSS CONFERENCE**

March 21, 2026: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
La Crosse

Featured Speaker: Bart Schuchts
Mass Celebrant: Fr. Sam Martin
Cost: \$45 (includes breakfast & lunch)
High School Men: Attend FREE with a parent/guardian
Register at: www.menofthecross.org

This is your invitation to step away from the noise of daily life and be renewed in faith, brotherhood, and purpose. Join other Catholic men for a powerful day of encouragement and formation as we grow stronger as disciples, husbands, fathers, and leaders forged for mission.

Come be strengthened, challenged, and inspired to live boldly for Christ and bring His mission into your home, parish, and community.



**Mass Intention Dates
Available in 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.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

English Stations of the Cross - after 8:00 am Mass
33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat - McGarty Hall: 9:00 am
Spanish Stations of the Cross - 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 1

Gaudete Choir Sings at 10 am Mass



Mass Intentions

February 23 - March 1 2026



Pray for Us

Mon, Feb 23 - 6:00 pm - A Special Intention GR
Tue, Feb 24 - 12:05 pm - †All Deceased Members of Dannee Family
Wed, Feb 25 - 8:00 am - †Paula Gamez Valdez
Thu, Feb 26 - 8:00 am - Fr. Jesse Burish
Fri, Feb 27 - 8:00 am - Shawn Pederson
Sat, Feb 28 - 4:30 pm - †Linus Schmitt
Sun, Mar 1 - 8:00 am - Living & †Deceased Jilek & McKinnon Families
10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
Spanish - 12 noon - †Ofelia Medina



Sharing God's Blessings

Thank you for your support!

**Weekly Minimum Amount
Needed per Budget:**

\$11,073.00

Envelopes (February 15).....	\$6,299.00
Offertory.....	\$1,495.25
Ash Wednesday.....	\$235.00
Candles.....	\$126.00



Resurrection Parish Wednesday Soup Lunches

Served during Lent on Wednesdays
February 25th through April 1st.

11 am until 1 pm in Brennan Hall (in the basement)

Freewill Offering Appreciated - Proceeds go to Local Charity



St Anne's Fish Fry, 700 W Bridge Street, Wausau
Dine In or Take Out: 4-7 pm each Friday of Lent but
not Good Friday www.stanneswausau.org
To Order call Fri 1-6 pm: **715-849-3930 Ext 6**
Deliveries Available in Wausau (fees)

➔ **St Patrick's Parish**, 136058 Halder Drive, Mosinee off Hwy 153 west of Mosinee - Fridays during Lent & Good Friday (Feb 20 - April 3)
4:00 - 7:30 pm - **715-693-2765** Dine In and Carry Out

➔ **St John the Baptist Parish**, 117 N 4th Ave, Edgar - Fridays during Lent & Good Friday (Feb 20 - April 3) - 4:00-7:30 pm - **715-352-3111**
Dine In and Carry Out



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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, February 23 - Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 24
Is 55:10-11/Ps 34/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 25
Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 26
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, February 27 - St Gregory of Narek, Abbot/Doctor of Church
Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 28
Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 1 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1-4/Ps 33/2 Tm 1:8-10/Mt 17:1-9



Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday, February 28 4:30 pm	Sunday, March 1 8:00 am	Sunday, March 1 10:00 am
Lectors		
Nancy Oestreich	Justin Loew	Lee Peek
Musicians		
Eben Soper Anne Paul	Brittany Kavajecz Sara Schmitt	Nancy Losinski Gaudete Choir
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Altar Servers		
Gary Koy Eddie Vue	Adalyn Schmitt Everly Schmitt	Eli Lieders Carolina Bergo
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		
Judy Koy	Al Seubert	Bob Holl
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Andrea
SCRIP: Dottie Baxter	Josie Ollhoff	Vicki Tierney



Regulations for Fasting & Abstinence

During the Season of Lent:

1. Catholics age 14 and older are to "abstain from meat" on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics in good health, ages 18 to 59, are to "fast" on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one full meal. Two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal is permitted, if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

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, February 15, 2026

Mary Rose Hanneman

Daughter of Brian and Natasha

Congratulations! May Jesus be your dearest companion!



"Warmth of Love" Winter Donation Drive for Ukraine

**Donations Accepted Until
February 28th**

Our parish is participating in a collection of humanitarian supplies for Chalice of Mercy, to assist the suffering people of Ukraine. Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy grid have left millions without heat, in freezing temperatures. In the words of Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, "Every donated item whether it is winter clothing, blankets, medical supplies, or essential goods becomes a lifeline. Your generosity restores dignity, hope, and the knowledge that love is stronger than violence."

In the Angelorum are boxes to put your donations. Items needed are posted on each box. **Please donate only listed items. Please, all items, including clothing, must be NEW, unopened and not close to the expiration date. To donate financially, visit www.chaliceofmercy.org**

Items Needed: NEW, unopened & not close to expiration date

Men & Women (darker colors)

- ◆ Underwear: Sizes S-XXL
- ◆ Fleece Sweatshirts: Sizes S-XXL
- ◆ Warm socks: wool, hiking, hunting, etc
- ◆ Warm Gloves: hiking, hunting, etc
- ◆ Hats: hiking, hunting, cold-weather
- ◆ Thermal underclothing: Sizes S-XXL
- ◆ T-shirts: Sizes S-XXL

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Soap
- ◆ Body Lotion and Creams
- ◆ Shower Gel

Infants & Children

- ◆ Wet Wipes for babies hypoallergenic: prefer sensitive
- ◆ Children's clothing any season newborn to youth size 16
- ◆ Toys

Outdoor & Outfitting

- ◆ AA and AAA batteries
- ◆ Power banks, 20000 mA
- ◆ Camping tents: camouflage colors
- ◆ Sleeping bags – sizes M-XL.
- ◆ Backpacks: rugged, heavy-duty
- ◆ Camping pillows & blankets
- ◆ Solar lights
- ◆ Water bottles
- ◆ Coffee mugs
- ◆ Head lamps
- ◆ Paracords
- ◆ Hand and toe warmers

Food Items

- ◆ High calorie energy bars
- ◆ Energy power sticks w/ vitamins
- ◆ Dried fruits: apricot, raisins, cranberry, pineapple, etc
- ◆ Peanuts and mixed nuts: small packages preferred

Over-the-Counter Medications

Very much needed in quantity.

- ◆ Throat Lozenges
- ◆ Ibuprofen, Tylenol
- ◆ Cold and flu medicine - powder or tablet form
- ◆ Gastric Medication - diarrhea, constipation, etc
- ◆ Topical Steroid Cream
- ◆ Eye Drops
- ◆ Sunscreen Lotions



Men's Club Meeting
Thursday, February 26th
6:00 pm in McGarty Hall



Car Wash Specials

- **Kwik Trip Car Wash:** 5 Ultimate Washes for \$36 and we earn a 44.44% rebate (\$16.00 Total and we get 80% = \$12.80).
- **Tidal Wave Car Wash in Schofield:** offers a \$30 Graph Car Wash for \$10 and gives us a 50% rebate (\$5 Total with a \$4 (80%) rebate to St Matt's).
- **Car Buffs:** a \$25 card at 20% rebate.

Next Scrip Sale: February 28th & March 1st

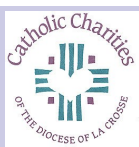
in the Angelorum after weekend Masses
and available Monday-Thursday in the Office.

Donations Appreciated



St Matthew Parish recently purchased a Commercial Refrigerator. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for this refrigerator, you can put a donation in an envelope marked "for Refrigerator" and put in the weekend collection, or bring donation to Jerry at the Parish Office (Monday - Thursday).

Thank you for your support!



**Remember to return your Donation Envelopes
for the Good Shepherd Shelter.**

Your donation is greatly appreciated, Thank You!

**"The Cross is the bridge from earth to heaven,
the triumph of God's Mercy over human sin."**

Saint Padre Pio

**"Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which
we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year."**

Saint Francis de Sales

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