

January 23, 2022

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Serving the Faithful... Preserving the Faith

712 Market St.

Marathon, WI 54448

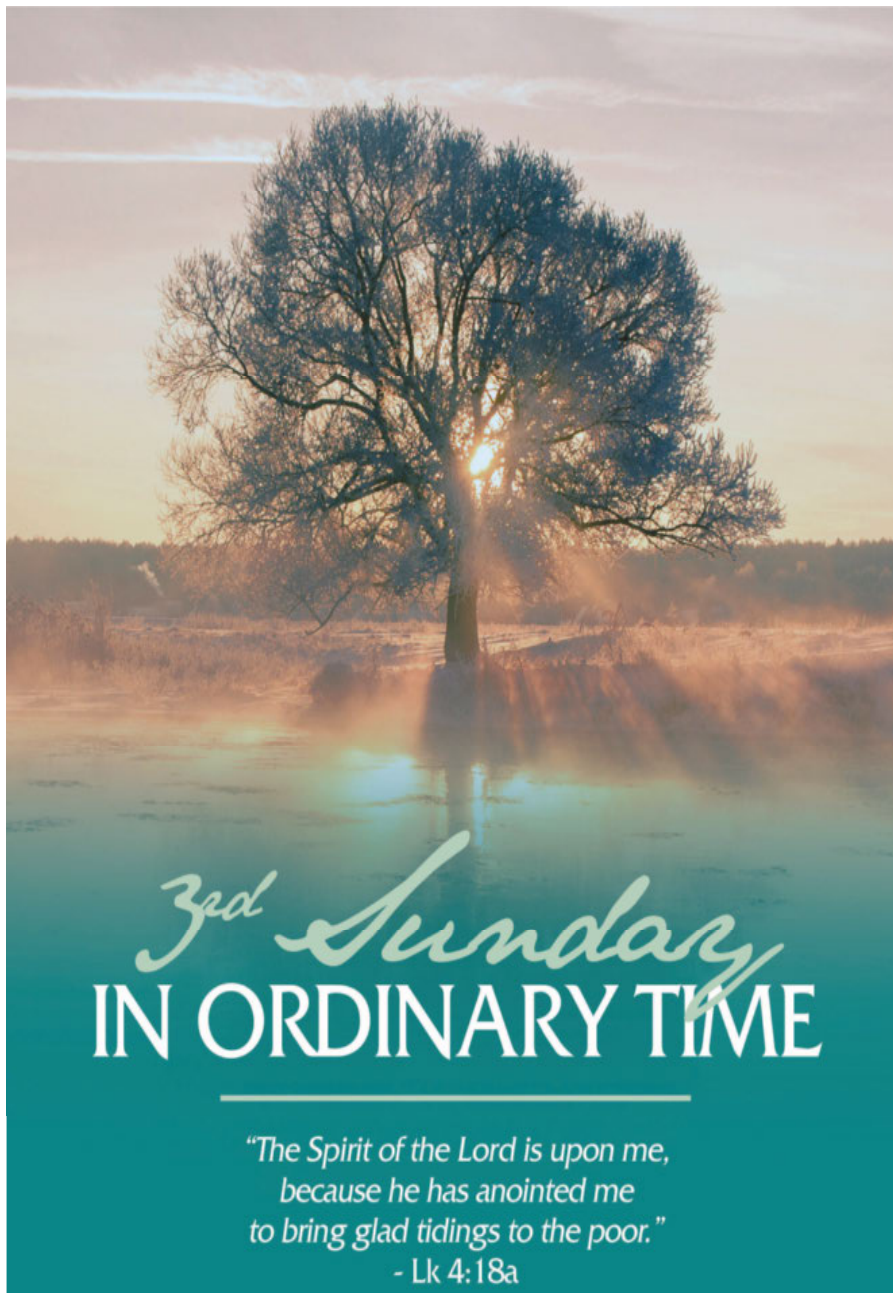
www.stmarysmarathon.weconnect.com

715-443-2045

Download myParish App by
texting APP to 88202:



Scan with your smartphone
to make a donation:



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Diermeier
dierjoe@aol.com

PARISH DEACONS:

Deacon Bryan Hilts
Deacon John Bourke
Deacon Gordy Ruplinger

BULLETIN EMAIL:

bulletin@stmarysmarathon.org

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday—4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

PHONE:

Rectory	715 443 2045
School	715 443 3430
Religious Ed.	715 443 2433

Project Seed is selling non-GMO seed and Roundup-Ready seed plus alfalfa seed, clover and grasses plus mixes. Please pre-order. Phone numbers and date of pick are on the fliers in back of church. Sacred Heart in Cassel, April 2, from 11:00-1:00pm.



Stepping On is scheduled for Tuesdays from February 1 to March 15; 1:30-3:30pm at Aspirus Wausau Hospital in Wausau. Improve your balance with **Stepping On**, a seven week workshop that can help you learn ways to avoid falls, stay independent and keep doing the things you love. To register or for more information, contact the Aging & Disability Resource Center at (888)486-9545.



Announcing 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, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

Week at a Glance

Wed., Jan., 26..... GSRE 5:45pm
Wed., Jan., 26..... HSRE Gr 10 6:30pm
Wed., Jan., 26.. Communal Rosary 7:00pm

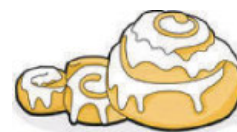
"Soup"er Bowl Sunday



Come and enjoy all you can eat Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup on Sunday, February 13, 11:00—1:00pm in St. Mary's School cafeteria.

Adults: \$7.00, Students: \$5.00,
 Pre-school: 0-5 Free,
 Carry outs—\$7.00 per quart

Preorder your cinnamon rolls January 29 & 30 and February 5 & 6 following the weekend Masses in the back of church. Pick them up on February 13 at school.



Carry-out soups, pies & bars following the 8:00am Mass.

St. Leo's Court 795 Catholic Order of Foresters of Marathon is sponsoring this matching fund event for St. Mary's School technology including software, Chromebooks, and Smart Boards.

Parish Stewardship for January 16, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 9,897.28
Students.....	\$ 41.31
Plate	\$ 697.22
Automatic Direct Donation avg.....	\$1,711.75
Total for the week.....	\$ 12,347.56



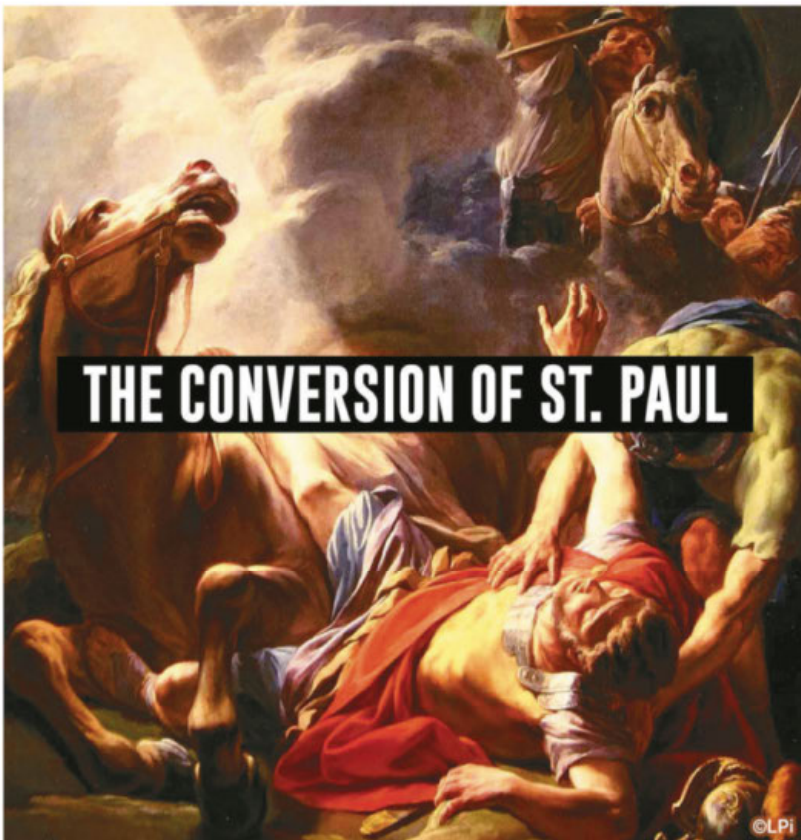
Please remember our diocesan seminarians in prayer. In particular this week we pray for Jake Lozon.



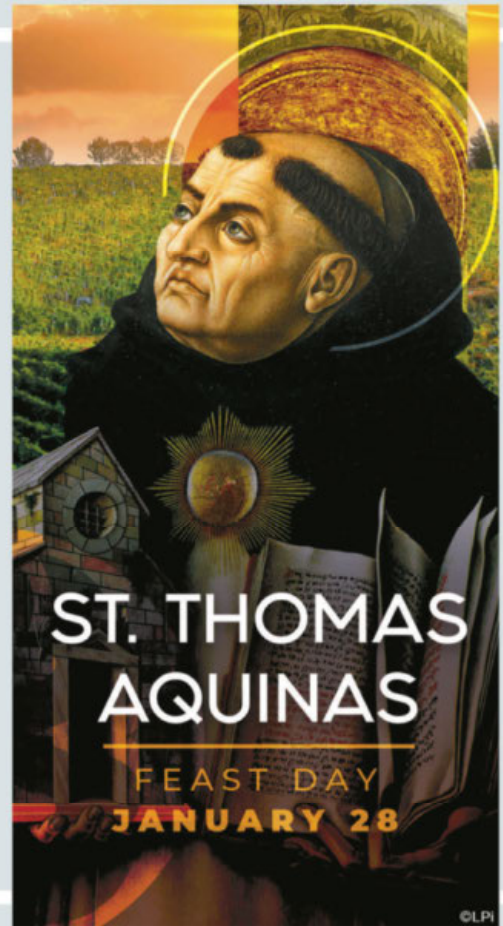
"Matthew, Mark and Luke, see me after class. Your book reports are surprisingly similar."

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 28

Saint of the Week

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ’s love. To live Christ’s love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

Contact Information

Jennifer SwitlickAdministrative Assistant
..... and Bulletin Editor
Joseph Koch School Principal
David Salber Plant Manager
Jim Schumacher Religious Ed. Coordinator
Steve Kreager.. Interim Religious Ed. Coordinator
Dane Kirk Youth Minister
Toni Zemke RCIA Coordinator
Suzie Lang School Secretary
Karen Fischer School Hot Lunch Manager



Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.

The effects of adoration: Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

***Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by request.

•Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.

•If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.

•If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.

•All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

The Genuine. The Original.
OVERHEAD DOOR
A Division of Diversified, Inc.
Residential & Commercial Service,
Sales and Installation
Garage Doors & Openers
(715) 359-8889 • Parish Member

LIFE GOES BY
in a flash
LIVE BRILLIANTLY!
JIM KRYSHAK JEWELERS
Diamonds Fine Jewelry
715.241.7557 • 22650 Rib Mountain Dr. • Wausau, WI

SUBWAY
670 Mara-Tech Dr.
Marathon
443-6888

Nicolet
NATIONAL BANK
715-223-2361
www.NicoletBank.com

SUN
PRINTING
1800 GRAND AVE • WAUSAU
715/845-4911
SUNPRINTING.COM

HearingLife
410 Daly Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
(715) 423-1815
Terrance Ford, Hearing Instrument Specialist
hearinglife.com

SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS!
LPi

www.athensvetservice.com
Visit our Website
& Online Store
My VetStore
Online
(715)257-7003

Steve & Diane Leist
Memories
Ballroom & Restaurant
Catering
Available
Located 5-1/2 miles
West of Hwy. 51 on NN
(715) 443-2649

BERENS INSURANCE
AGENCY, LLC
For All Your Insurance Needs
Andrew Berens
711 Second Street
Marathon, Wisconsin 54448
Office: 715-443-3200
PROFESSIONAL
INSURANCE
AGENT

Nigbur's
FINE FURNITURE
715.675.2379 Mon - Fri 9-6
1740 Business 51 N Sat 9-4
Wausau, WI 54401 Closed Sundays
nigbursfinefurniture.com

Tony Seliger
Parish Member
SELIGER ELECTRIC, INC.
225 128th AVE. • Marathon, WI 54448-0221
(715) 848-3600
Phone 715.848.3600 • Fax 715.848.3607
Cell 715.571.9070

LAND CLEARING
SERVICES, INC.
EXCAVATING • TRUCKING
LAND CLEARING
We're Ready To Work
Joel Berens
(715) 581-4359

Garden Path
GREENHOUSE
Your Garden Center for 40 Years!
Annuals • Perennials • Vegetables
715-845-2476 • Parishioner
GardenPathGreenhouse.com

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES
BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.
• Paid Training
• Some Travel
• Work-Life Balance
• Full-Time with Benefits
• Serve Your Community
LPi Contact us at careers@4lpi.com
www.4lpi.com/careers

Peterson/Kraemer
Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc.

Marathon
 Athens • Edgar
 Wausau East
 Wausau West

715-845-6900
www.petersonkraemer.com

PINE VALLEY GOLF COURSE

18 HOLE PUBLIC COURSE
715-443-2848
golfpinevalley.net

BENEDICTINE LIVING COMMUNITY OF WAUSAU
 Benedictine Health System
 SHORT-TERM REHAB AND LONG-TERM CARE

1821 N. Fourth Avenue, Wausau, WI
 715-675-9451
www.blwausau.org

STRUCTURES UNLIMITED

Your Fabric Building Specialist
(715) 687-2543
www.structuresunlimited.com

I love this town.

Thanks, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I love being here to help the community where people are making a difference every day. Thank you for all you do.

John Neumueller Ins Agency Inc
 John Neumueller, Agent
www.insuranceausauwi.com
 Wausau, WI 54401
 Bus: 715-675-3324

State Farm

2007004 State Farm, Bloomington, IL

CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep RAM

BRICKNER Motors
 SINCE 1945 LITTLE CHICAGO

16450 COUNTY ROAD A • MARATHON • 842-5611 • TOLL FREE 800-345-5631

View over 800 Vehicles at... www.bricknerfamily.com

Lietz's
 Auto Service & Convenience Store

Phone 693-3112

Complete Auto Service - LP Gas
 Tires, Batteries & Mufflers

MARATHON CHEESE CORPORATION

visit us at
www.mcheese.com

for employment opportunities

304 East St. 1000 Progressive Ave.
 Marathon Medford
 (715) 443-2211 (715) 748-4500

KB Krautkramer & Block LLC
 LAW FIRM
 Nathaniel J. Krautkramer

715.842.2162
 3544 Stewart Ave, Wausau

Tax • Business
 Wills • Trusts • Probate
krautkramerblock.com

Marathon Town & Country

marthontownandcountry.com

Phone: 715-675-1700

1300 W. Campus Dr., Wausau
 Located Next to Fleet Farm

Szmanda Dental Center
 A Service Corporation

Proudly Caring For Marathon

At Szmanda Dental Center, we're focused on prevention, developing personalized care plans for the whole family to help you protect and perfect your smile, including:

- Adult & Pediatric Preventive & Urgent Dental Care
- Implants & Restorative Dental Care
- Cosmetic Dentistry & Invisalign
- TMJ/Sleep Dentistry

Schedule Online At: www.SzmandaDental.com

601 Main Street Marathon, WI 54448 Ph. (715) 443-2247

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

Authorized Provider SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

MODERN BUILDERS & SUPPLIERS, INC.

Designers and Suppliers of Fine Homes

Business Phones
 715.848.3263 • 715.845.4258
 Fax 715.842.3623

3704 W. Stewart Ave. • Wausau, WI 54401-3997

TWIN FOREST PRODUCTS
 MARATHON, WISCONSIN

630 136th Ave., Marathon
 (715) 443-2700

We work to provide Quality Customer Relations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Sponsored by:
 Knights of Columbus Council 16280
 "Queen of the Apostles"

Membership:
 Andy Krautkramer 715-573-3158
 Deacon Bryan Hilts 715-573-2952
<https://www.facebook.com/KofCCouncil16280/>

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!
 ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Kristee Flynn** to place an ad today!
kflynn@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2251

Fischer Transportation, Inc.
 715-352-2169

Serving the Athens, Edgar and Marathon School Districts

Safely Transporting Children for Over 50 Years

KEITH L Marks, DC

MARKS CHIROPRACTIC

117 MAIN ST., MARATHON
 715-443-6777

CENTRAL CULVERT & SUPPLY LLC
 Edgar, WI

Karl Kurtzweil - 715.551.3749
 St. Patrick Parish Member

www.centralculvert.com

Rocket Industrial
 Packaging Optimized

KNAUF EXCAVATING LLC
 Joel Knauf

715.870.5070

Compliments of:
CHAD'S AUTO REPAIR

199 E. Redwood St.
715-352-3575

MORGAN SAND & GRAVEL LLC
 READY MIXED CONCRETE

228975 Granite Falls Trail • Marathon
715-443-2796

RiverCountry CO-OP
 CENEX

Fuel • Propane • Lubricants

1-800-828-9395
www.rivercountrycoop.com

Menzner Hardwoods
 Accepting Employment Applications!

Please apply at
 105 Main St., Marathon, WI
 Parish Member **715-443-2354**

Carmelo's Italian Restaurant
 (715) 845-5570

3607 N Mountain Rd • Wausau
 Open 5pm Daily
www.carmelosausau.com

JANKE JANKE GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

1223 River View Lane, Athens
715-257-7901

Lance Lyon Owner
 715-551-2195

Andy Lemmer
 HVAC Specialist
 715-571-3832

Estimates are always free.
 Mention this card for 5% discount for seniors and military.

LYON HEATING AND COOLING

Specializing in Residential, Commercial, Hydronic, Forced Air & Sheet Metal

LyonHeatingAndCooling@gmail.com LyonHVAC.com

DG THE DIRKS GROUP
 Beyond the Network

dirksgroup.com • 715-848-9865

RSSI
 RAY STREVELER SHOP, INC.

WELDING • SHEARING & FORMING
 CNC MACHINES • 3D & SOLID WORKS

715-352-2237
 Edgar, WI
www.raystrevellershop.com

TENNISON CLEANING LLC
715-348-9320

Hydrostatic Sterilization **NEW**

Commercial • Residential • Insured • Bonded
 Complete Cleaning - Carpets Tool
 Owner Operated - FREE Estimates

Jesus Saves Trust In Him

PERSONAL - BUSINESS - FARM - CORPORATION
 "We Will Do The Best Possible Job To Help You"

KAUTZ TAX SERVICE
 Ron & Beth Kautz, Prop.

Experience • Professional Tax Preparers
 Our Work is Guaranteed

For Appointment: 204 East First Street
 Call: (715) 536-8092 Merrill, WI 54452

McDonald's

667 Maratech Ave.

PGA
 Plumbing Heating Cooling Electrical Excavating

Commercial • Residential • New Construction • Remodeling

715.355.6717
www.pgainc.net

Walkabout
 Orthotics & Prosthetics

715-849-8703
 402 N 28th Ave Wausau, WI 54401
<http://www.walkaboutausau.com>