

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

March 7, 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. Jn 2:13-15



3RD SUNDAY
of
LENT

"If we look forward to receiving God's mercy, we can never fail to do good, so long as we have the strength. For if we share with the poor, out of love for God, whatever He has given to us, we shall receive according to His promise, a hundredfold in eternal happiness."

Saint John of God (1495-1550) - Feast March 8th

Confessions During Lent

Saturday: 10:30 am - 12 noon
or by Appointment

Stations of the Cross after the:

- + 8 am Mass Monday - Saturday
- + 4:30 pm Mass Saturday
- + 12 noon Spanish Mass Sunday



Parish Center Office (Oficina)

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)

221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm

Friday: 9 am - 12 noon

Website: www.stmatthewausau.org

YouTube: [St. Matthew Wausau](https://www.youtube.com/St.MatthewWausau)

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Online Donations to St Matthew Parish:

www.stmatthewausau.org/donations

Diocese of La Crosse: www.dioclc.org

Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Weekends: Saturday: 4:30 pm *

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am

Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

* Saturday 4:30 pm Mass is live streamed on our website and on YouTube and can be watched later.

*Bishop Callahan has currently dispensed the obligation to attend Sunday Mass & Holy Days.

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday: 8 am

*Weekday Masses live streamed on YouTube.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

Benediction at 4:50 pm

Guidelines for Attending Sunday Mass

- + **Face Masks are Required inside the Church.** Please bring your own face mask. Hand sanitizer and some face masks are available at entrances.
- + We welcome you to attend Mass. Please come 10 minutes early, so ushers can seat everyone before Mass begins. Social distancing guidelines are being followed.
- + Accommodations will be made if attendance is greater than 120 individuals (25% occupancy)

Face Masks are Required in Church, the Parish Center, and the School.



The Divine Office

The Divine Office is the prayer of the Church which priests, deacons, and religious must pray every day, in the morning and in the evening. (Lay people are strongly encouraged to pray it, too.) One section of the daily Divine Office is called: *The Office of Readings*. The first reading is usually sequential – i.e. it is the continuous reading of a book in the Bible. The second reading is a spiritual reflection, sometimes on the first reading and other times just a general reflection. This past Friday, of the first week of Lent, there was a beautiful reflection on what love and forgiveness entail as modeled by Jesus. I thought it would be a good reflection for you to read and meditate on each day this week. If you do this, you will experience a deeper understanding of the reading with each passing day, and it will touch your heart and open you up to become more loving and forgiving in your life.

Fr. Bob

Christ, The Model of Brotherly Love

(From the *Mirror of Love* by Saint Aelred, Abbot)

The perfection of brotherly love lies in the love of one's enemies. We can find no greater inspiration for this than grateful remembrance of the wonderful patience of Christ. He who is more fair than all the sons of men offered His fair face to be spat upon by sinful men; He allowed those eyes that rule the universe to be blindfolded by wicked men; He bared His back to the scourges; He submitted that head which strikes terror in principalities and powers to the sharpness of the thorns; He gave Himself up to be mocked and reviled, and at the end endured the cross, the nails, the lance, the gall, the vinegar, remaining always gentle, meek and full of peace.

In short, He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb before the shearers He kept silent, and did not open His mouth.

Who could listen to that wonderful prayer, so full of warmth, of love, of unshakeable serenity – “Father, forgive them” – and hesitate to embrace his enemies with overflowing love? “Father,” He says, “forgive them.” Is any gentleness, any love, lacking in this prayer?

Yet He put into it something more. It was not enough to pray for them: He wanted also to make excuses for them. “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” They are great sinners, yes, but they have little judgement; therefore, Father, forgive them. They are nailing Me to the cross, but they do not know Who it is that they are nailing to the cross: if they had known, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory; therefore, Father, forgive them. They think it is a lawbreaker, an impostor claiming to be God, a seducer of the people. I have hidden My face from them, and they do not recognize My glory; therefore, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.

If someone wishes to love himself, he must not allow himself to be corrupted by indulging his sinful nature. If he wishes to resist the promptings of his sinful nature, he must enlarge the whole horizon of his love to contemplate the loving gentleness of the humanity of the Lord. Further, if he wishes to savor the joy of brotherly love with greater perfection and delight, he must extend even to his enemies the embrace of true love.

But if he wishes to prevent this fire of divine love from growing cold because of injuries received, let him keep the eyes of his soul always fixed on the serene patience of his beloved Lord and Savior.

Congratulations to the CIRCLE OF JOY as it begins its 50th year of Community Service throughout Marathon County!!!



The Circle of Joy was officially founded on February 22, 1972. It all came about quite by accident when the pastor of St Matt's, asked Mrs Lou Przesmicki and Margorie Dobeck to organize some new circles within the PCCW, as the parish was growing and he wanted as many women to be involved as possible in the PCCW. Marjorie and Mrs Lou did just that and ended up organizing about 6 new Circles.

One evening when a group of women met at the school to see what this "Circle thing" was all about, they expressed a desire to do community service on behalf of the parish. As a nurse, Mrs Lou was constantly aware of the needs of people in the area that were not being met. There were very few agencies at the time to which anyone in need could go to seek help. The Vietnam War was beginning to wind down, SE Asians began arriving in America — in Wisconsin — in Wausau. This seemed like prime time to form just such an organization to help others.

"What shall we call this 'Circle'? What should we do? From where would we get the money?" Each new "Circle" chose their own name and what purpose they intended to serve for St Matt's. THIS GROUP wanted to serve the whole community in some way. Several titles were tossed around; all agreed that whatever we did would probably bring JOY to the recipient. Thus, through the help of the Holy Spirit we became known as "THE CIRCLE OF JOY". To assist the community in knowing our location and mission, we attached "St Matthew's" to our title. The pastor decided we would better fit under the Social Justice Committee of the Parish (Senate) Council than the PCCW, so it came to be and was for several years.

One of our charter members had some direct relationship with the Holiday Inn on 17th Ave which was just switching their linens from all *white flat sheets* to *pastel and fitted sheets* (new on the market) and offered "Tracy" ALL their 400 white flat sheets. What a gift!! BUT — what shall we do with 400 sheets?? A "Light Bulb" went on; we took them to a PCCW monthly meeting and sold them for \$1.00 a piece, thus giving us an immediate balance in our treasury of \$400. We began slowly by seeking out opportunities to help without duplicating already established services.

After ~5 years, other areas in the county heard of this "Circle of Joy", requested to meet with Mrs Lou, and began organizing one in their area. Each area "Circle" would be known as a "Chapter", find their own sponsors, and address the needs in their area. Collectively, we decided to establish Food Pantries. There are now 8 Chapters of the *Circle of Joy* in Marathon County. "St Matt's Circle of Joy" decided to drop "St Matt's" from its name so as not to imply that we only served Catholics or that you had to be Catholic to belong to this Chapter. Once other Chapters chose titles such as "*Edgar Area Circle of Joy*", "*Athens ----*", etc this Chapter became known as the "*Wausau West Side Circle of Joy*".

Over the last 49 years we have met needs of all kinds, too numerous to mention. Examples, in addition to having food pantries (only 1 chapter has none due to lack of a space), we have installed insulation in very depressed homes, laid linoleum over bare boards, offered cribs for short term use, paid for motel rooms for 2-3 days until the Salvation Army could take over, baked cookies and various Christmas treats for a family with 9 children whose oven went out 2 days before Christmas, helped with clothing drives, held "*Showers*" for the families in the Rib Mountain area who lost their homes by tornadoes in 1977 and 1979 (?), offered transportation to the polls on Election Days, etc. We've held 48 Thanksgiving Basket Projects. It is very rewarding (work). St Matthew's has continued to remain one of our sponsors all these years; each chapter has numerous sponsors.

At this time, I, personally, would like to thank all the past & present members of "*The Wausau West Side Circle of Joy*", all past & present sponsors, Fr Bob and all past parish pastors, and all of the donors for their support of our "*Mission*". We wouldn't be in service to this day if not for ALL the support.

May God shower all of you with very special blessings.

We continue to accept monetary & gift card donations for projects until this pandemic is under control and we can open up our pantry again. Donations may be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off/mailed to the Parish Center. Please make checks out to "**The Wausau West Side Circle of Joy**". God willing, we shall make it to our 50th year in 2022 and, perhaps, have a gathering of appreciation of some kind at that time. **THANK YOU!**

Mrs Lou Przesmicki, Charter Member & Chairman

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Live-streamed Sunday and daily Masses: 12 noon Sunday - Saturday.
Previous Masses available 30 minutes after live broadcast.



Regulations for Fasting & Abstinence

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th.

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.

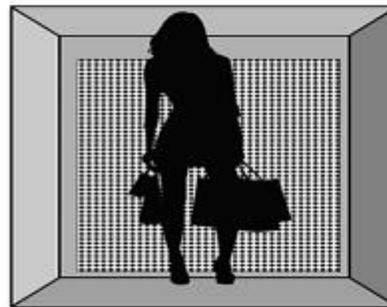
Fasting consists of eating only one full meal. Two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal is permitted, if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



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Celebration of Sacraments

Confession - Saturday: 10:30 am - 12 noon
or by Appointment

Baptism - A Baptism Preparation Class must be attended by the parents. The Godparents are encouraged to attend. **You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center at 715-842-3148.**

Next Baptism Class: Monday, May 10th: 6:30 pm

Bautismo - Para Bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase de preparación. Generalmente las clases son el primer martes de cada mes a las **6:30 pm en el centro parroquial**. Para mayor informes y registrarse para la clase llame a **Joy al 715-842-3148.**

Marriage - Contact Fr Bob 6 months in advance for arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick - Call Dorothy at 715-432-5519 to make arrangements for:

- + **Anointing of the Sick** - available when you are seriously ill or before a scheduled surgery.
- + **Visits to the Homebound** - visits to your home, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

Hospital Visits - Let the hospital know when you are admitted that you would like to have Fr Bob or Fr Juan Pedro visit you.

In Need of Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you when you need extra prayer. **Call Bonnie at 715-675-9876.**

* You may also call the Parish Center at 715-842-3148



U.S. Bishops' Call to Action: Oppose Legislation threatening Unborn Children, Religious Freedom and Women's Dignity

Abortion funding as "reproductive health care" is now being pushed on multiple fronts, including COVID-19 relief legislation and the ill-named "Equality Act," which threatens unborn children, religious freedom and conscience rights, and which would also enforce transgender ideology to the detriment of women's privacy and safety and women's sports.

To make your voice heard against these evils, visit
www.voterve.net/USCCB/home



We share with you an update for the *Christ Our Cornerstone Cathedral* restoration campaign with joy and gratitude.

Presently, more than \$2.55 million has been pledged from diocesan parishes, clergy, and Cathedral parishioners to restore our magnificent Cathedral! When combining our sacrificial gifts with St. Ambrose Financial Services' generous match, we now total more than \$5.55 million! The total \$6.1 million restoration need for our beloved Cathedral is well within our reach! We are so grateful for the outpouring of support from throughout the diocese, especially from within this community. If you have not yet had the chance to make your pledge, now is the time to act. Please join your fellow parishioners and those from across our diocese by participating in this historic campaign. Pledges can be made using the provided materials found within our parish or by visiting www.cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone



**This Week at
Saint Matthew Parish**

Monday, March 8

Class for Quinceañeras - Church, Angelorum: 6:00 pm
Baptism Class: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 10

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm
Confirmation Class #7 - Angelorum: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 11

Lenten Study, "Interior Castle" - Church, Angelorum: 11:00 am - 12 noon
Lenten Study, "Interior Castle" - Church, Angelorum: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 13

Confessions: 10:30 am - 12 noon

Sunday, March 14 - Daylight Saving Time (set clocks ahead 1 hr)

Confessions: 2:00 - 3:15 pm
Mass Followed by Healing Service: 3:30 pm



Mass Intentions

March 8 - 14, 2021



Pray for Us

Monday 8:00 am - †John Bauer
Tuesday 8:00 am - †William Prinz
Wednesday 8:00 am - †Marge Rosnostick
Thursday 8:00 am - †Don Southworth
Friday 8:00 am - †Ginny Narlock
Saturday 8:00 am - †Dorothy Parker
4:30 pm - †David Jensen
Sunday 8:00 am - †Scott Zernicke
10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners and Families
Spanish 12 noon - Intention of Priest Celebrating Mass
Healing Mass 3:30 pm - Healing of Those Present & Those Prayed For

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021

Target: \$72,700



Time sure does fly!

Our families at St Matthew are outstanding and we are doing well, getting closer to our target each week.

If you have not sent in your pledge or have not made a full or a monthly payment, please do so as soon as possible.

We appreciate all the sacrifices each and everyone of you put forth to make this Diocesan Annual Appeal goal.

God bless all of you for your effort.

His Church is Still Here
His Church Still Provides
His Church is You & Me!
Thank You,
Your Support
is Greatly Appreciated!

This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday, March 8 - Saint John of God, Religious

2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 9 - Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 12

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 13

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51/Lk 18:9-14

Sun, March 14 - 4th Sunday of Lent - Daylight Saving Time Begins

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21



**Sharing God's Blessings
Thank You
for Your Support!**

Weekly Minimum Amount Needed
per Budget: \$9,612.00

Weekend Collection.....\$9,211.67

Parish Contributions: Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations - staff payroll, insurance payments, utility bills, building maintenance, etc. If you are not attending Mass in person, please consider sending your weekly donations by:

- **Mail** (St Matthew Parish, 221 S 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401)
- **Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer** from your bank (to set up, contact Barb at: 715-842-3148 or email: barbfinance@stmatthewwausau.org).
- **Bill Pay through your Bank** (contact your bank to set up).
- **Online Giving:** (via credit card or direct debit)
 - www.stmatthewwausau.org/donations (one-time donations)
 - www.stmatthewwausau.org/payments (recurring donations available)



Buy SCRIP Gift Cards they make great gifts and can be used for your everyday purchases. St Matthew Parish also benefits from the rebates received from your purchases!

We will continue to sell gift cards before and after Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekends through March. Scrip will also be available in the Parish Center during the week. To volunteer, please contact the Parish Center: 715-842-3148. Check out the new mobile app for Scrip on your smart phone: "RaiseRight". Available in the App Store or Google Play.

Thank you for your support in purchasing Scrip cards!

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Bulletin Deadline: 3 pm Monday

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday March 13 4:30 pm	Sunday March 14 8:00 am	Sunday March 14 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Jim Low	Norm Howe
Musicians		
Lynn Meyer Anne Paul	Jim Washebek Annette Southworth	Joel Stubbe Mary Lenard

*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 & Sympathy
go to the Family & Friends of:**

Albert Kunze

He died February 25, 2021
He is the Husband of Bette Kunze
and Father of Randy Kunze

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



Easter Flowers and Candles Donations

Easter flowers or candles can be donated to honor our loved ones (living or deceased). Donations made will be listed in a future bulletin.

Candles and flowers add beauty and meaning to the Easter Liturgical Celebration.



Did you know that the "Easter Lily" is a symbol of Christ's resurrection, because it 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.

Lighted candles take away darkness and are therefore symbolic of Jesus, "the Light of the world". He brought us new hope when He rose from the dead!!

Donations can be put in the Sunday Collection or dropped off or mailed to the Parish Center.

Please include the following information with your donation:

- your name
- the name of the person you are honoring
- indicate if you are donating a flower or candle
- place this information in an envelope along with a donation
- on the outside of the envelope write: "Easter Decorations"

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We need YOU!

Our Religious Education program's substitute catechist list is painfully small and we need generous parishioners who can jump in to teach on a short notice. All materials will be provided. Please consider signing up to help us and **call Joy at (715) 842-3148.**



**FASTING
AND
Feasting**



Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- + Fast from facts that depress, feast on truths from Sacred Scripture that uplift.
- + Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
- + Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on God's promises that inspire.
- + Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- + Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- + Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that strengthens.



St Matthew Soup Sale
Saturday & Sunday, March 6th & 7th
and
Saturday & Sunday March 27th & 28th

**Soup will be sold in the Angelorum after the
4:30 pm, 8 am, & 10 am Masses.**

For only **\$7.00 a Quart** you can buy the following delicious Soups:

Soups:

- Chicken Dumpling
- Hamburger Vegetable with Barley
- Cream of Broccoli
- Chili

Also Available:

Tuna Macaroni Salad

Call Ken Teeters at 715-574-4300 to pickup soup at other times.

**** Please return empty jars from previously purchased soups and place them in the marked plastic bins in the Angelorum. Thank You!**

If you are able to help prepare the soup on the Thursday, Friday, or Saturday before the Soup Sale, please call Ken (715-574-4300) or the Parish Center (715-842-3148)



The Circle of Joy has completed its collection of blankets for this season.

If anyone still has any to donate, please call Mary Pat Roovers to check if "Helping



Hands" has use for them.

On behalf of the Salvation Army we sincerely thank you for your generosity. The response was overwhelming. In all we collected 50+ blankets, quilts, "throws", and afghans. A few went to *Helping Hands* and needy families we were helping stay warm and fed.

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