

# Saint Matthew Catholic Church

August 1, 2021

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to Him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst."  
Jn 6:32-35



Starting June 26-27th, Bishop Callahan has restored the "Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation".

We welcome your attendance at Mass. Social distancing guidelines are being followed.

### Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

\*\*Live streamed Mass - watch live or later on our website or YouTube

**Weekends:** \*\*Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am  
Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

**Weekdays:** \*\*Monday - Saturday: 8 am

### Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9 am - 5 pm  
Benediction at 4:50 pm

### Televised Weekend Mass (La Crosse Diocese)

Wausau TV channels (Ch):

Cable & Satellite: Ch 12 at 6:30 am Sunday  
Public Access: Ch 980 at 6 pm Sat, 9 am Sun

### Internet Daily Mass: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

YouTube offers the daily Mass from all over the world. To watch the Mass you are interested in, type in YouTube's search bar: "Catholic Mass" and "St. Matthew Wausau" or "La Crosse" or "EWTN" or "Relevant Radio" etc.

### 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: closed through Labor Day

Website: [www.stmatthewausau.org](http://www.stmatthewausau.org)

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This past weekend was celebrated as the first **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**. The pope instituted this celebration for the *fourth Sunday of July every year* to coincide with, as far as possible, the *feast of Sts Joachim and Anne the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus' grandparents*. The letter was written during the Covid 19 pandemic and addresses some of the difficulties people found, especially grandparents and the elderly, being isolated from their loved ones. **Fr Bob**



## Message of His Holiness Pope Francis For the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - 25 July 2021

***"I am with you always."***

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers, Dear Elderly Friends,

*"I am with you always."* (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to His disciples before He ascended into heaven. They are the words that He repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. *"I am with you always"* are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first *World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly*. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, *"Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer"*.<sup>1</sup> Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes,<sup>2</sup> seems to set the scene at night, one of those many sleepless nights, filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have come to be accustomed.

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: *"I am with you always"*. He says this to you, and He says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel!

At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

The Lord, however, also sends us messengers through His words, which are always at hand. Let us try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the Lord's faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day (cf. Mt 20:1-16) and in every season of life, He continues to send laborers into His vineyard. I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; He never, ever goes into retirement.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand that our vocation is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this.

It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether you are still independent or need assistance. Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new.

At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. How can I begin to act differently when habit is so much a part of my life? How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can't even leave the residence where I live? Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? How many of you are asking just that question: isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, *"How can a man be born when he is old?"* (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, Who blows where He wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever, He wills.

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And *"God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth"* (Fratelli Tutti, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must *"take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies"* (ibid., 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are dreams, memory and prayer. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

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The prophet Joel once promised: "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions" (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Dreams are thus intertwined with memory. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that "even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been." She went on to say: "For me, memory is life."<sup>3</sup> I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others."<sup>4</sup> He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucauld. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to "his desire to feel himself a brother to all" (Fratelli Tutti, 287). The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one's own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: "I am with you always"! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you His blessing.

**Pope Francis**

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2021, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[1] The episode is narrated in the Protoevangelium of James.  
[2] This image has been chosen as the logo for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly.  
[3] Memory is life, writing is breath. L'Osservatore Romano, January 26, 2021.  
[4] Visit to the Group Home "Viva gli Anziani", 2 November 2012.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Helping Hands will be celebrating 25 years of humanitarian work in both Jamaica and Kenya on Saturday, September 25th – 1:30 to 6:00 pm. Watch for more information to come.

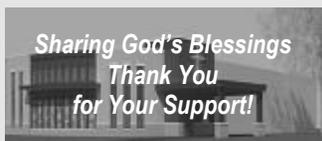
### SEWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Helping Hands is in need of ladies who enjoy sewing and can help out with a very simple pattern. We have the fabric, we trace and cut out the pattern, so all you have to do is sew. This is going to be an on-going project and you can sew at your own pace. If interested please contact: Mary Pat Roovers (715) 842-4270.

### Bishops Respond to Extreme Push for Taxpayer Funding of Abortion: "Ask the Faithful to Make their Voices Heard"

"The most extreme pro-abortion appropriations bill we have seen" – This how Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Archbishop Joseph Naumann have characterized the spending bill making its way through the U.S. House of Representatives with the support of the Biden Administration. "Americans' tax dollars should be used for the common good and welfare of all, not to finance abortion or force Americans to violate deeply-held beliefs. We ask all Catholics and all people of good will to contact their legislators," they wrote.

Visit [www.votervoices.net/USCCB/home](http://www.votervoices.net/USCCB/home) to tell your legislators to oppose this extreme proabortion appropriations bill.

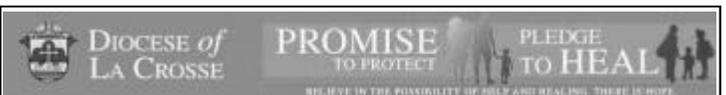


**Weekly Minimum Amount Needed per Budget: \$9,612.00**

Weekend Collection.....	\$8,101.75
Debt Reduction.....	\$280.00

**Parish Contributions:** Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations. 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 **Jerry at: 715-842-3148** or email: [jerryg@stmatthewausau.org](mailto:jerryg@stmatthewausau.org)).
- **Bill Pay through your Bank** (contact your bank to set up).
- **Online Giving:** (via credit card or direct debit)
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  - [www.stmatthewausau.org/payments](http://www.stmatthewausau.org/payments) (recurring donations available)



### 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, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004**. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Brown at **608.791.0179** or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto: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/safeenvironment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safeenvironment/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 the Diocese of La Crosse, **Teresa Brown**, at **608.791.2679** or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).



## This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

### Tuesday, August 3

**Parish Council Meeting** - Parish Center Patio Room: 5:45 pm

### Wednesday, August 4

**Peacemakers Quilters** - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm

### Thursday, August 5

**Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group** - Church, Emily's Room: 6:30 pm

### Pregnancy Resource Centers – Pro-Woman, Pro-Life

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, there are many pro-life pregnancy care centers in the diocese. For a complete listing, visit [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life) & click on "Pregnancy Help".



### Would You Like to Visit our Homebound and Elderly?

We are looking for Volunteers to share the love of God with very special people - our homebound and elderly parishioners.

Sharing the gift of time and presence and bringing the Eucharist to them is a very special sign of our support and concern.

If you have time once or twice a month to visit, or even would like to begin a relationship by phone, **please call Dorothy at 715-432-5519.**

## Celebration of the Sacraments

### Confession

- Saturday: 11am - 12 noon or by Appointment

### Baptism

- Call the Parish Center (715-842-3148) to register for the "Baptism Preparation Class" which must be attended by the parents. The Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class.



**Next Baptism Class: Monday, September 13th: 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 and Home Communion Visits

- To make arrangements call Dorothy at 715-432-5519. Also, notify Dorothy when you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, rehab center, assisted living facility or nursing home.
- It's important to contact the care team or social worker at the hospital to request authorization to be visited by a priest.
- **Anointing of the Sick** - available when you or a loved one are seriously ill or before a scheduled surgery.
- **Communion Visits to the Homebound** - let us know if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

**\*\*A Special Sunday Mass Followed by a Healing Service** is offered quarterly, typically in January, March, June, and October.  
**Confessions: 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Mass: 3:30 pm, Healing Service after Mass**  
**The next Mass with Healing Service is October 10, 2021.**

**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**



## Mass Intentions August 2 - 8, 2021



Pray for Us

Monday 8:00 am - Our Country  
 Tuesday 8:00 am - †Brett Grieser  
 Wednesday 8:00 am - †Anthony Kraft  
 Thursday 8:00 am - †Carol Warosh  
 Friday 8:00 am - †Terry Bushar  
 Saturday 8:00 am - †Don Southworth  
 4:30 pm - Canon Henrique Fragelli  
 Sunday 8:00 am - † Tom Wanserski & Family  
 10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners and their Families  
 Spanish 12 noon - Intention of Priest saying Mass

### Scripture Readings

**Mon, Aug 2 - St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81/Mt 14:13-21



**Tuesday, August 3**

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51/Mt 14:22-36

**Wednesday, August 4 - Saint John Vianney, Priest**

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29, 34-35/Ps 106/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday, August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major**

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95/Mt 16:13-23

**Friday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

**Sat, Aug 7 - St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions/Martyrs; St Cajetan, Priest**

Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18/Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday, August 8 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

### Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday August 7 4:30 pm	Sunday August 8 8:00 am	Sunday August 8 10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
Mary Holm	Bernie Dohr	Joel Hynes
<b>Ushers and Greeters</b>		
Don Bauer Mary Bauer Marie Burish	Dave Mosure Joy Mosure Tom Mullaey	Bob Charlier Sharon Charlier Randy Krueger
<b>Musicians</b>		
Lynn Meyer Nancy Losinski	Bill Dohr Annette Southworth	Todd McDonald Sara Schmitt

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**Plant Manager:** Jason Seliger

**DRE & Hispanic RE:** Joy Orozco  
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**Bulletin Deadline:** 3 pm Monday



## RCIA Program Starting Soon

Some people have contacted me about starting the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) earlier than usual.

RCIA is a program of study that prepares people who may be interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church for initiation into the Catholic faith.

The RCIA program is not just for non-Catholics. Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation during their high school years or earlier can also receive instruction for the Confirmation.

The program of study is typically 7 to 8 months. However, we will probably "fast track" this program for those who were unable to complete RCIA during the Covid crisis.

The course is also a great way to brush up on the Catholic faith. So if you are feeling rusty and in need of a great spiritual experience of the faith, sign up for the course.

Please email me at: [frbob@stmatthewausau.org](mailto:frbob@stmatthewausau.org) if you are interested and I will email you the application form.

## Thank You To Our Religious Education Catechists



Thank you so very much to those who have so generously volunteered to help out during Religious Education.

The sharing of your gifts and talents with our families is a blessing we are grateful for! We are blessed to have you on board!

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10*

## Family Faith Formation

K-10th Grades



Please register before **August 25th** to ensure we have enough supplies and materials.

Registration Forms are available online:  
[www.stmatthewausau.org](http://www.stmatthewausau.org)

Classes Begin **Wednesday, September 8th**

Except for the classes in September and March, classes will be held on the first Wednesday of each month through May.

Please call Joy at (715) 842-3148 for more information.



## Liturgy of the Word Adult and Teen Leaders are Needed Please Consider Joining the Team!

Children's Liturgy of the Word "CLOW" takes place during Father's homily at the 10:00 am Mass. The leader's guides are user friendly and all the materials you would need are provided.

This is a great way for father & son/daughter, mother and son/daughter to team lead. CLOW is offered September through May. You decide what dates you are available to lead the Children's Liturgy (usually it's a once a month to once every 6 weeks commitment).

Training is provided. For more information or to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word as a leader, contact Joy at the Parish Center at 842-3148. Thank you.

## Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord - Friday, August 6th



"When one has the grace to sense a strong experience of God, it is as though seeing something similar to what the disciples experienced during the Transfiguration: For a moment they experienced ahead of time something that will constitute the happiness of paradise. In general, it is brief experiences that God grants on occasions, especially in anticipation of harsh trials. However, no one lives 'on Tabor' while on earth."

*Pope Benedict XVI*

## Go Deeper in the Faith

### Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI)

Spend one weekend a month (Friday evening-Saturday afternoon) as part of an enthusiastic, faith-filled class that prays and learns together. See why a recent graduate said: "I am amazed how my understanding of my faith has deepened and how many times I've been able to answer questions that come up." And why a pastor said: "Our RCIA team is filled with LFI graduates, not to mention all of the parish ministries and committees. The spiritual fruits are abundant and lasting!" Visit [diolc.org/lay-formation](http://diolc.org/lay-formation) for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling. Class size is limited, so don't delay!



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on the 1st & 3rd weekends of each month.

Call the Parish Center (715-842-3148) to check availability  
and to purchase Scrip during the week.



Virtual Conference  
August 7th - Saturday  
9:30 am - 3 pm

You are a link in an unbroken chain of people that have passed on Jesus Christ from generation to generation. You have been chosen by God to be a person in this current link, this current era, at this current moment in time, for a particular reason. You have been chosen to serve, to love and, through the Blessed Trinity, to help guide those the Lord has given you to a deeper friendship with Christ. As a witness, you need to know and be grounded in 4 keys that will help you remain faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church. Featuring Dr Petroc Willey, an engaging and humorous presenter. Cost is \$10. For info and to register, visit [diolc.org/witness](http://diolc.org/witness)

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