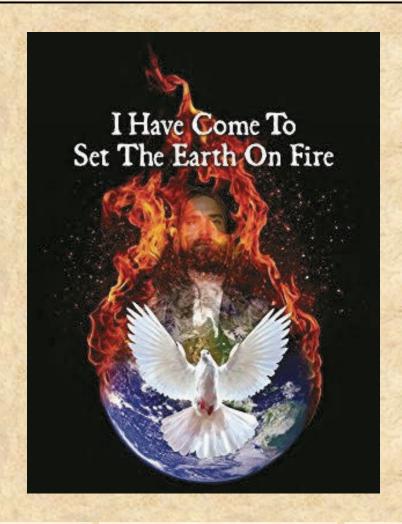
Saint Matthew Catholic Church

August 14, 2022 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to His disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Lk 12:49-50



Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

**Mass live streamed on our website or YouTube

Weekends:

**Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

Weekdays:

**Monday, Wednesday - Saturday: 8 am

**Tuesday: 12:05 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 11:00 am - 12 noon or by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

** SCHEDULE CHANGE: Adoration will no longer be on Mondays.

> Wednesday & Friday 9 am - 5 pm (in Church) Benediction at 4:50 pm

Diocese Weekend Mass on TV in Wausau

6 pm Saturday & 9 am Sunday: Public Access Channel 980 6:30 am Sunday:

Cable/Satellite Channel 12

Parish Center Office - Oficina

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)
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Office Hours - Oficina Horas

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm Friday: closed through Labor Day

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Diocese of La Crosse: www.diolc.org

Monday, August 15th

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary This year it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.



By looking at Mary's Assumption into Heaven we understand better that even though our daily life may be marked by trials and difficulties, it flows like a river to the divine ocean, to the fullness of joy and peace. We understand that our death is not the end but rather the entrance into life that knows no death. Our setting on the horizon of this world is our rising at the dawn of the new world, the dawn of the eternal day."

Pope Benedict XVI



Gospel Meditation A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

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August - The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Feast Day August 19th St John Eudes

"Immaculate Heart of Mary"

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Historically, devotion to the Heart of Mary grew up in parallel, but at a lesser intensity than that of devotion to the Heart of Jesus, only starting to become more prominent during the time of St John Eudes. John Eudes was born in 1601 in Normandy, France. He entered the Congregation of the Oratory of France, founded in 1611 by Cardinal de Berulle and was ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 1625.

St John brought people to love Christ and the Virgin Mary by speaking tirelessly about their Hearts, the sign of the love God shows for us and the communion to which we are called.

To offer them liturgical worship, he composed Masses and Offices in their honor and had the first Feast of the Holy Heart of Mary celebrated on February 8, 1648, at Autun (France) and the Feast of the Heart of Jesus celebrated on October 20, 1672. He died on August 19, 1680 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 31, 1925.

Nevertheless, it was not until after the Apparitions at Rue du Bac concerning the "Miraculous Medal" made to Catherine Labouré in 1830, and the establishment of a society dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at the Church of Our Lady of Victories in Paris in 1836, that this particular devotion became really well known.

Since then devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, has gradually grown more widespread in the Church, particularly since the apparitions at Fatima.

The main difference between the devotions to the hearts of Jesus and Mary is that the one concerned with Jesus emphasizes His divine heart as being full of love for mankind, but with this love for the most part being ignored or rejected, while devotion to Mary's heart is essentially concerned with the love that her heart has for Jesus, for God.

Therefore, it is not an end in itself, so the love of her heart is meant to be a model for the way we should love God. The fact that her heart is immaculate, that is sinless, means that she is the only fully human person who is able to really love God in the way that He should be loved.

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as His mother, the person who was called to share in and co-operate in His redemptive sufferings.

The aim of the devotion is to unite mankind to God through Mary's heart, and this process involves the ideas of consecration and reparation. A person is consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart as a way of being completely devoted to God. This involves a total gift of self, something only ultimately possible with reference to God; but Mary is our intermediary in this process of consecration.

Because of the strong analogy between Jesus and Mary, the consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart is closely linked to the consecration to Jesus' Sacred Heart, although it is subordinate and dependent on it. That is, although the act of consecration is ultimately addressed to God, it is an act that is made through Mary.

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Bulletin Deadline: 3 pm Monday

Knights for Life - Blood for Life



The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council serving St Mark, St Agnes and St Therese Parishes is sponsoring a Blood Drive. The "Knights for Life – Blood for Life" blood donation drive will be held on Thursday, August 18th from 2:30 - 7:00 pm in Abts Hall at St Agnes's in Weston.

The Blood Bank's levels are low now and they are in need of blood for our community. We are asking families and friends to help support this effort by donating blood to give life to those in need. You can go to the website of the "Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin" for more information regarding donating blood. https://www.bcnwi.org/

To make an appointment call the Blood Bank: 715-842-0761.

US Bishops' Action Alert: "Respect for Marriage Act" Tell Senators to say "No" to codifying Same-Sex "Marriage"

In response to the life-saving overturning of Roe v. Wade, Congress instead of stepping up to assist women and children in need, is moving furiously to lock in other anti-family priorities.

The "Respect for Marriage Act" would prevent states from restoring the authentic understanding of marriage between man and woman, if given the opportunity by the Supreme Court.

It is critical to protect freedom for people like small business wedding vendors and faith-based foster care agencies who serve their communities.

Please tell Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin to vote "No" on the poorly-named "Respect for Marriage Act". To make your voice heard, and for more information, visit www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

Concert on the Grounds: St Ladislaus Church - Bevent St Ladislaus: 173141 State Hwy 153, Bevent

Tuesday, August 23rd 6 - 8 pm - Lovin' Country

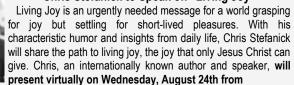
Bring a chair/blanket and come and enjoy an evening of great music, good food and drinks, while you relax with family and friends. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Please support our charitable groups that help raise funds for their projects.

Everyone is invited to come and listen to some great music, and enjoy the company of family and friends. *No pets please. (rain date: 1 week later)

Concert is free, but a free will offering will help to pay expenses.

* No open alcoholic beverages may leave the Church grounds *

Chris Stefanick to Speak on "Living Joy"



5:30 - 7:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per person. The first 80 people to register will receive Chris's new book, *"Living Joy*," retail cost of \$24. To register, download a brochure and/or poster, visit **diolc.org/witness-joy**

Sharing God's Blessings Thank You for Your Support!

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

Envelopes (August 7th)	\$6,726.00
Offertory	
Debt Reduction	\$106.00
Candles	\$92.00
Assumption	\$40.00

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@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)



August 20th & 21st

is the Next Scrip Sale in the Angelorum before and after the 4:30 pm, 8:00 am & 10 am Masses

Buy Scrip Monday - Thursday in the Parish Office (715-842-3148).

Please support this Parish Fundraiser. Every dollar spent helps to pay the monthly assessment for Newman Catholic Schools. You buy a card for \$100 and you get a card worth \$100, and the Parish gets a rebate toward that assessment.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please call the Parish Office. Thank you to all who sell & purchase Scrip Cards.

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from:

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Inc.
 South 3rd Avenue; Wausau, WI 54401 Phone: 715.849.3311
 Text: 715.600.6391 Email: info@cclse.org Website: cclse.org
 Pregnancy Support page: cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant

2. Hope Life Center

605 24th Ave. S. Ste 20; Wausau, WI 54401 Phone: **715.843.4673**Text: **715.843.4673** Email: **info@hopewi.org** Website: **hopewi.org**For additional resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources



Registrations were due by August 5th but late registrations may be accepted if there is a cancelation.



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Monday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NOT a Holy Day of Obligation This Year

Wednesday, August 17

Ray's Breakfast Club (all men) - NOTICE LOCATION CHANGE:
Garden Pancake House Restaurant (the old Perkins on Grand Avenue): 9:00 am
Marlene's Breakfast Club (all women) - Filling Station Restaurant: 9:00 am
Catechist Inservice - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, August 18

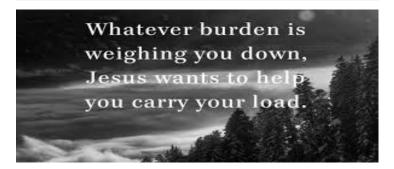
Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group - Angelorum: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, August 20

Scrip sold after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 21

Scrip sold after 8 am & 10 am Mass Coffee & Cake after the 8 am and 10 am Mass to Thank and say Farewell to Fr Juan Pedro!



Celebration of the Sacraments

Confession

Saturday: 11 am - 12 noon or by Appointment

₹ Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: Monday, September 12th: 6:30 pm The Baptism Class must be attended by parents - Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

№ 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 Sebastian 6 months in advance.
- Anointing of the Sick and Home Communion Visits

To make arrangements, call Dorothy: 715-432-5519 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148

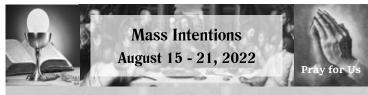
Notify Dorothy if you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

* 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 - for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.

Communion Visits to the Homebound - notify us if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

In Need of Extra Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.



Mon, Aug 15 - 8:00 am - †Jenny Hack

Tue, Aug 16 - 12:05 pm - †Marcie Will

Wed, Aug 17 - 8:00 am - † Joanne Halaburt

Thu, Aug 18 - 8:00 am - †Lawrence and †Helen Mocello

Fri, Aug 19 - 8:00 am - †Rick Henrichs

Sat, Aug 20 - 8:00 am - †Glenn Schmitz

4:30 pm - †Juan and †Travis Vargas

Sun, Aug 21 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - † Jay Nauta & Son † Michael

Spanish - 12 noon - †Consuelo Maldonado Rodriguez

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday, August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary

Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 17

Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 18

Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 19 - Saint John Eudes, Priest

Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 20 - Saint Bernard, Abbot/Doctor of the Church

Ez 43:1-7/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 21 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1- 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday August 20 4:30 pm	Sunday August 21 8:00 am	Sunday August 21 10:00 am
Lectors		
Mary Holm	Ron Lawrence	Lynn Meyer
Ushers and Greeters		
Marie Burish Mike Lawrence Dave Mayer	Tom Mullaley Steve Ostrowski Pat Ruesch	Randy Krueger Kevin Malovrh Jack Reeves
Musicians		
Cindy Blair Anne Paul	Bill Dohr Annette Southworth	Todd McDonald Nancy Losinski



Summer Flowers for the Sanctuary

We would love to have flowers from your garden for the sanctuary this summer, if you have any you'd like to share!

To make arrangements for drop-off or for questions please call: **Nancy at 715-675-6796**

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 and Sympathy go to the Family and Friends of:



Arnold King

He died Saturday - July 30, 2022 He is the Father of Amy Litzer

Rodney Mueller

He died Sunday - July 31, 2022 He is the Brother of Prudy Lang

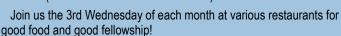
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

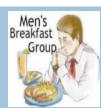
Ray's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on Wednesday, August 17th at 9 am

Notice Location Change:

Garden Pancake House Restaurant (the old Perkins on Grand Avenue).





Marlene's Breakfast Club

All ladies are invited to join us for breakfast on Wednesday, August 17th at 9 am at the Filling Station Restaurant.

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



GriefShare provides encouragement and support to those who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. GriefShare groups meet weekly for 13 weeks via the internet on Zoom Cloud to help you face the challenges of rebuilding your life after a loved one dies.

You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. It is recommended that you attend a minimum of 3 sessions to get the most benefit.

Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements:

- 1. Video seminar with experts
- 2. Support group discussion with focus
- 3. Personal study and reflection

For more information contact: Grant Johnson (715-551-2365)

or Sr Carol (715-212-8682) or www.griefshare.org

Cost: \$20 (includes a workbook to be mailed within 1 week to you)

To Register: www.griefshare.org/groups/149644

(will take you directly to registration under "St. Anne Parish group" click on "Register for this group")

Schedule: Every Monday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm Monday, August 8th: Introduction Gathering Monday, August 15th - October 31st Sessions 1-13

More information can be found at: www.griefshare.org/groups/149644



Thank you and best wishes Father Juan Pedro

Coffee & Cake Sunday, August 21 After the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Mass St. Matthew Parish Angelorum

Join us to wish Fr Juan Pedro thank you and farewell!

We will miss you!

Fr Juan Pedro has been appointed

Fr Juan Pedro has been appointed Associate Pastor of St Bronislava Parish in Plover and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community.

Eucharistic Adoration



Thank you to all those who came forward to fill the necessary Holy Hours on Wednesdays. With our committed St. Matthew members, I'd like to reach out to more of our parish family to consider signing up for an hour of adoration on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm so that we could have two or more "adorers" on each hour.

The same Jesus that we receive at Mass - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity - is waiting for us to "visit" Him in Eucharistic Adoration. This is an extension, a reaching out to Him with our love and thanksgiving for all that He has sacrificed for us. Think of all the graces being poured out from our Loving Lord upon each adorer - family, friends, community, nation, and our parish of St. Matthew!!

To spend time with Him is to become more like Him (2Cor 3:18). If you feel the Lord calling you, please call me! **Nancy 715-675-6796**

Marian Funeral Choir

Do you enjoy singing with others?
You are invited to join our "Marian Funeral
Choir". It is a wonderful and satisfying ministry
and we would be happy to have you join us!
There are no try-outs and sometimes we get
lunch after the funeral. For more information
please call **Annette at 715-845-2569**.

Have you registered your family for Religious Education 2022 - 2023?



Registration is now open on our website. Click on Youth and Adult Formation and go to Religious Education. There you will find our calendar, Parent Handbook, and other pertinent information and as you scroll down, you will find the Registration.

Please register as soon as possible as we are beginning to plan for the new Academic year.





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