# Saint Matthew Catholic Church August 28, 2022 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Lk 14:13-14



Mass Schedule Change Beginning on Monday, September 5th Mass on Monday will be at 6 pm (There will no longer be an 8 am Mass on Monday)

#### 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**

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) 221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148 Office Hours - Oficina Horas Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm Friday: closed through Labor Day

Website: www.stmatthewwausau.org YouTube: St. Matthew Wausau Facebook: St Matthew Catholic Church Emailed Bulletins: www.parishesonline.com

Diocese of La Crosse: www.diolc.org



# Gospel Meditation A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance can we begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as His instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit. ©LPi



#### Getting to know Jesus Christ in a deeper way: Reading the Catechism in 10 months

We grow in our love for someone as we get to know them better. Would you like to grow in your love for Jesus Christ through coming to know Him better?

Reading the Catechism, a few pages each day, will help you deepen your understanding of His incredible love for you. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks. A schedule is emailed to participants every two weeks.

To sign up, email Ann Lankford at **alankford@diolc.org** with the word **Catechism** in the subject line. There are usually more than 100 people who participate each year and they express that the fruits are well worth the effort. Invite your friends to join.



#### Catholic Daughters Court St Rose will begin a new year on September 1st at 1 pm at St Therese Church.

Please bring your August newsletter containing information that will be discussed and voted on. It will save time when everyone has a chance to review budget and standing rules before hand. Looks like it will be a very rewarding year with lots of ways of expanding our work for the Lord in our churches, community and in our lives. Looking forward to seeing all. All area Catholic women are invited to come and learn about Catholic Daughters.

## August - The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



The Private Heavenly Apparitions of Sister Lucia of Fatima: 1925-1952

> (edited from: www.sspx.org/en/news-events/news/ private-heavenly-apparitions-sister-lucia-fatima-1925-1952)

#### The Spreading of the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

On December 10, 1925, Sister Lucia was then a postulant of the Dorothean Convent in Pontevedra, the Most Holy Virgin appeared to her, and by Her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was the Child Jesus. The Most Holy Virgin rested her hand on her shoulder, and as she did so, she showed her a Heart encircled by thorns, which she was holding in her other hand. At the same time, the Child Jesus said:

"Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of Reparation to remove them."

#### Immediately the Most Blessed Virgin added:

"Look my daughter, at my heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and announce in my name that I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Why this Heavenly desire to ask for the communion of reparation of the first five Saturdays of the month? Our Lord told Sister Lucia on May 29, 1930, when she was in Tuy:

"The reason for the five Saturdays of the month is simple, it is because there are five types of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- 1. Blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception;
- 2. Blasphemies against her Perpetual Virginity;
- 3. Blasphemies against her Divine Maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men;
- 4. Blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn, or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother; the offenses of those who outrage her directly in her holy images."

#### Apparitions of Our Lord

Several times, Our Lord returned to express to Sister Lucia His ardent desire of establishing in the world the devotion of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of His most Blessed Mother. He did so in March 1939, in Tuy:

"Ask that the devotion of the first Saturdays of the month in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary be recommended. The time is near when the rigor of My justice will punish the crime of many nations."

Similarly, in May 1943, also in Tuy:

"I desire most ardently the propagation of the cult of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, because the love of this Heart attracts souls to Me; it is the center from which the rays of My light and My love go through all the earth, and the unquenchable fountain from which the living water of My mercy flows into the earth."

Sister Lucia was so attached to this Devotion, that fulfilling the mission given to her by Our Lord, she did not cease to recommend it repeatedly by letter to her correspondents. For example:

"My mother, I would like also for you to give me the consolation of adopting a devotion I know is so pleasing to God and which our dear Heavenly Mother has requested. As soon as I became aware of it, I wanted to adopt it and see the whole world practice it... It consists only in doing what is written on that little image...The fifteen minutes [of meditation], is what can, it seems to me, give you difficulty; but it is quite easy. Who after all cannot contemplate the mysteries of the Rosary...Who cannot spend fifteen minutes in these holy thoughts, near the most tender of mothers?"

Sharing God's Blessings Thank You for Your Support!

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

Envelopes (August 21st)	\$6,431.00
Youth Envelopes	\$4.00
Offertory	
Debt Reduction	
Candles	\$132.00
Assumption	

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)



Youth Rally featuring Noelle Garcia at St Ladislaus Church 173141 S Hwy 153 Hatley, WI



Free Will Donation

6:30 - 8:00 pm Doors open at 6:00 pm Grades 7-12 (Grade 6 and under accompanied by parent) Advance Registration Required, Limited Space

#### Register by contacting Sr Mary Ellen 715.446.3060 or sisterme@stladislaus.org

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for youth and young adults. Yet despite the many TV shows, movies, and articles on this topic, suicide, depression, self-harm, and loneliness remain difficult subjects for adults of any age to discuss. Speaking with honesty, humor, and personal experience, Noelle Garcia tackles these issues head-on, encouraging those who are struggling (or know someone who is) that God's mercy and love are waiting for them; that you, and your life, truly matter.

Noelle Garcia is a nationally known Catholic recording artist who has been a keynote speaker at the National Catholic Youth Conference, Steubenville Youth Conferences, and hundreds of diocesan and parish events around the country. Noelle has four talks published on formed.org and appeared in Augustine Institute's "The Search". She has a Masters of Theological Studies from Newman University. Noelle lives in Oklahoma City with her husband and six children.



#### Caregiving Program Offered!

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin will offer a 6 week educational program called Powerful Tools for Caregivers.

This program is designed to help family caregivers through their caregiving journey by providing tools and strategies for increased self-care. Participants will learn to reduce stress, increase confidence, improve communication, handle difficult emotions, increase ability to make tough decisions, and find helpful resources. We hope you will join us!

#### Where: Lincoln County Service Center, Merrill When: Wednesdays, September 7th - October 12th Time: 10:00 am - 11:45 am

Another option this fall is a VIRTUAL class to attend via home laptop, tablet, or phone with internet access.

When: Thursdays, September 8th - October 13th Time: 1:00 pm - 2:45 pm Registration is required. Call 888-486-9545 to register at the ADRC-CW. ShopWithScrip\*

#### September 3rd & 4th 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.

#### The "Good News"

Every person has the right to hear the basic proclamation of the "Good News" about their being loved and saved by God. "The subject of proclamation is Christ who was crucified, died and is risen: through Him is accomplished our full and authentic liberation from evil, sin and death; through Him God bestows "new life" that is divine and eternal [God gives us the gift of Himself, His life of grace within us, who is the Person of the Holy Spirit, who lives His life in us.] This is the 'Good News' which changes man and his history, and which all peoples have a right to hear." (Mission of the Redeemer, Pope Saint John Paul II, n. 44)

The basic proclamation needs to be presented over and over again, always providing the foundation for all faith formation.

#### Sample proclamation of the "Good News":

- · God knows and loves you. He desires that you enter into a deeper friendship with Him.
- Jesus gave His life to save you and now He walks by your side to free you, strengthen and guide you.
- Would you like to respond to this invitation of deeper friendship with Jesus?

Every person needs to know this Good News. A small amount can be added to the Initial Proclamation, depending on the person's level of faith and their situation in life. Note: The "Good News" is also referred to as the Initial Proclamation (known as the kerygma), and the Gospel Message.

#### Interested in knowing more about the "Good News"?

FRANCISCAN AT HOME

Franciscan at Home online learning provides a helpful workshop entitled "The Kerygma: Key Online learning at your convenience Doctrines" which is available in the First Proclamation and Evangelization Track.

Subscription is free for the Diocese of La Crosse through a generous donor. A workshop is 6-10 minute videos followed by application questions.

- 1. Visit franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse and scroll to the bottom of the page.
- 2. On the right, click the middle blue button: "My parish or school is already registered, and I would like to set up my individual free account ... "
- 3. Click "Create an Account." Complete the information and click Save. Select the Diocese of La Crosse from a drop-down menu, and then your Institution = your parish | school, listed first by city and name. Finally, click on the "Sign Up" button; you will have a Dashboard. Scroll down to "Franciscan Tracks" under "Start Learning" on the left and select the "First Proclamation and Evangelization Track" (A Track is a collection of workshops.) Click on "Start this track." Click on "Foundations of Evangelization", and then "The Kerygma: Key Doctrines" for a helpful workshop. Small groups are the ideal way to experience workshops.

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.



# This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Deacon: Deacon Tom Tierney

DRE & Hispanic RE: Joy Orozco

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Finance Secretary: Jerry Grunow

ttierney@diolclergy.org

#### Thursday, September 1

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, September 3

Scrip sold after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 4

Scrip sold after 8 am & 10 am Mass

## Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

Pastor: Rev Sebastian Kolodziejczyk padreseko@icloud.com

Pastoral Care: Dorothy Giallombardo dorothy@stmatthewwausau.org

Parish Secretary: Patricia Lahr patl@stmatthewwausau.org

Bulletin Editor: Rosemary Beever rosemarybulletin@stmatthewwausau.org

Bulletin Deadline: 3 pm Monday

# **Celebration of the Sacraments**

#### Onfession

Saturday: 11 am - 12 noon or by Appointment

#### 2 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.



Mass Intentions August 29 - September 4, 2022

Mon, Aug 29 - 8:00 am - †Robert Fitzke
Tue, Aug 30 - 12:05 pm - Helping Hands Supporters & Volunteers
Wed, Aug 31 - 8:00 am - Kevin Beever
Thu, Sep 1 - 8:00 am - † Gilbert Schnelle
Fri, Sep 2 - 8:00 am - †Sharon Seubert
Sat, Sep 3 - 8:00 am - †Mike Mosure
4:30 pm -†Joy Kachel
Sun, Sep 4 - 8:00 am - †Marie Hummer
10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
Spanish - 12 noon - †Consuelo Maldonado Rodriguez

# **Daily Mass Readings**

Monday, August 29 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Mk 6:17-29

#### Tuesday, August 30

1 Cor 2:10-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, August 31

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

## Thursday, September 1

1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11

#### Friday, September 2

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, Sept 3 - Saint Gregory the Great, Pope/Doctor of Church 1 Cor 4:6-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5

#### Sunday, September 4 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday September 3 4:30 pm	Sunday September 4 8:00 am	Sunday September 4 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Theresa Stubbe	Pat Loy
Ushers and Greeters		
Mike Lawrence Dave Mayer Jay Rolefson	Jody Babl Dennis Janssen David Krause	Tom Brzezinski Kevin Ellenbecker Gary Tapper
Musicians		
Cindy Blair Dorothy Giallombardo	Joel Stubbe Annette Southworth	Todd McDonald Nancy Losinski

#### Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from:

1. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Inc. 540 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

# 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 "Let the Children Come to me" 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.

# Welcome Back to School 2022



Bishop William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv

I hope to get a chance to see you this year! For now - I'll just leave you with a few things to think about.

First of all, please remember that God loves you.

Hopefully you hear this often and have had time to think about what this means. When someone loves you, that person wants what's best for you and in return, you want to love them back. There are so many ways to love God. God knows you well and can love you well. Take time to get to know Him so you can love Him back.

God always wants what's best for you.

Because God knows you. He knows what's best for you. We talk to God in Prayer. When you pray, you give glory to God, you tell Him about yourself, you tell Him what you like and you ask Him for help. God will always hear and answer your prayers.

A friend wants what's best for their friend.

Think for a moment of a good friend of yours. You have fun; you may work on projects or just enjoy spending time together. If your friend needs something, you want to help. That's how it is with God. When you talk to God, you will get to know Him better and He will bless you with His friendship.

As you start your school year, take some extra time to get to know God better. Not only in your religion classes, but let Him help you throughout the day.

To all parents; thank you for your support! We will do our best to help your children grow academically and spiritually. We know our students will prosper when they are safe, happy, and free to feel the love of Jesus during their school days.

To all teachers, staff and administrators; thank you for all you do for your students! The countless hours, personal sacrifice and the extra efforts do not go unnoticed. The excellence of our schools is evidence of your careful quidance.

To all students; thank you for letting Jesus be part of your day. Know that I pray for you every day. I pray that you will come to know the love of Jesus in a personal way and be excited to talk about Jesus with your friends. The more you talk about Jesus, the more you will hear other people's story about how Jesus loves them.

Keep up the good work! Keep loving Jesus! And keep praying that you will come to know how to share the love of Jesus with those around vou.



#### PLEASE HELP!!!!

Joy needs someone who would be willing to help her during the first Wednesday of every month from 6:00 pm to 7:20 pm. Joy will be teaching our Hispanic parents during this time

and she needs someone to help unlock doors, get band-aids when needed, be on the lookout in hallways etc. No teaching is involved.

If you have this time to spare please call Joy at (715)842-3148.

#### **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



# Marían Funeral Choír

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.

# GRIEF



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



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