

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

September 11, 2022
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” Lk 15:7



Mass & Confession Schedule Change

- * Mass on Monday will be at 6:00 pm. (There will no longer be an 8 am Mass on Monday.)
- * The Sacrament of Confession will be available 30 minutes before every Mass.

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: 6:00 pm
**Tuesday: 12:05 pm
**Wednesday - Saturday: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Confession

30 minutes before every Mass
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday & Friday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm (in Church)
Benediction at 4:50 pm

Diocese Weekend Mass on TV in Wausau

6:00 pm Saturday & 9:00 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: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 12 Noon

Website: www.stmatthewausau.org

YouTube: St. Matthew Wausau

Facebook: [St Matthew Catholic Church](https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewCatholicChurch)

Emailed Bulletins:

www.parishesonline.com

Diocese of La Crosse: www.dioc.org



Gospel Meditation - A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer.” (St Bonaventure) One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name.” (St Bonaventure) ©LPi

September 11th - Happy Grandparents Day!

Prayer for Grandparents by Pope Benedict XVI

Lord Jesus, You were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on, to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which You give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of live without end. Amen!



The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

by Fr William Saunders
Edited from
catholiceducation.org

The title, *Our Lady of Sorrows*, given to our

Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the *seven dolors* or *seven sorrows of Mary*, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, “*This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare.*” (Luke 2:34-35)

These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary’s meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary’s standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord’s burial. In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother’s heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, “*let it be done unto me according to Thy word*”, first uttered at the Annunciation. ...

Interestingly, in 1482, the feast was officially placed in the Roman Missal under the title of *Our Lady of Compassion*, highlighting the great love our Blessed Mother displayed in suffering with her Son. The word *compassion* derives from the Latin roots *cum* and *patior* which means to *suffer with*. Our Blessed Mother’s sorrow exceeded anyone else’s since she was the mother of Jesus, Who was not only her Son but also her Lord and Savior; she truly suffered with her Son. In 1727, Pope Benedict XIII placed the Feast of *Our Lady of Compassion* in the Roman Calendar on Friday before Palm Sunday. This feast was suppressed with the revision of the calendar published in the *Roman Missal* of 1969.

In 1668 the feast in honor of the *Seven Dolours* was set for the Sunday after September 14, the Feast of the *Holy Cross*. The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814, and Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the *Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (now simply called the Feast of *Our Lady of Sorrows*). The key image here is our Blessed Mother standing faithfully at the foot of the cross with her dying Son: the Gospel of St John recorded, “*Seeing His mother there with the disciple whom He loved, Jesus said to His mother, 'Woman, there is your son.'* In turn He said to the disciple, “*There is your mother.*” (John 19:26-27) The Second Vatican Council in its *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* wrote, ... “*She stood in keeping with the divine plan, suffering grievously with her only-begotten Son. There she united herself, with a maternal heart, to His sacrifice, and lovingly consented to the immolation of this Victim which she herself had brought forth.*” (#58)

St Bernard (d. 1153) wrote, “*Truly, O Blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart... He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since His.*” (De duodecim praerogativis BVM)

Focusing on the compassion of our Blessed Mother, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, reminded the faithful, “*Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. 'And thy soul too a sword shall pierce.' Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Then, she has that specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us! Mary consoles us above all by pointing out the Crucified One and Paradise to us!*” (1980)

Therefore, as we honor our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, we honor her as the faithful disciple and exemplar of faith. Let us pray as we do in the opening prayer of the Mass for this feast day: *Father, as your Son was raised on the cross, His Mother Mary stood by Him, sharing His sufferings. May your Church be united with Christ in His suffering and death and so come to share in His rising to new life. Looking to the example of Mary, may we too unite our sufferings to our Lord, facing them with courage, love, and trust.*

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ShopWithScrip

September 17th & 18th
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.**



**Have you left behind any personal items
from the Treasure Sale?**

If anyone has any personal items left in the
gym storage room from the Treasure Sale, please contact
Jason at 715-581-2005 and come and get them. Thank You!

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



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

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**Register by contacting Sr Mary Ellen
715.446.3060 or susterme@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.



Secular Carmelite Discernment

Are you attracted to Carmelite spirituality or the writings of Saints Teresa of Jesus, John of the Cross, or Therese, the Little Flower?

Do you desire to deepen your prayer life, to seek the face of God? Do you desire the support of a community?

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites in the Diocese of La Crosse meets once a month in Marshfield and will begin a new formation cycle in October.

Call Lori Slattery at 715-213-2732 for more information.

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

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Youth Envelopes.....	\$10.00
Offertory.....	\$856.05
Debt Reduction.....	\$310.00
Candles.....	\$162.00
Assumption.....	\$5.00

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**).
- **Bill Pay through your Bank** (contact your bank to set up).
- **Online Giving:** (via credit card or direct debit)
 - www.stmatthewausau.org/donations (one-time donations)
 - www.stmatthewausau.org/payments (recurring donations available)



March for Life Wisconsin

Saturday, September 24th: 1:30-3:30 pm
Wisconsin State Capitol (2 E. Main St, Madison)
Buses from Wausau

Commemorate this historic year with thousands from around the Midwest. Hear from inspirational pro-life speakers, march at the capitol, and pray together for an end to abortion. Pro-Life Wisconsin signs will be available, but bring your own, too! Bus tickets from Wausau: \$30 + \$3.46 Fee (\$10 discount if you bring a pack of diapers). Depart at 10:15 am, arrive back at 6 pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. See transportation details and purchase tickets at **ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife**.



HELPING HANDS is Looking for Ladies Who Like to Sew

We are making reusable sanitary pads for young girls in Kenya. It is a very simple pattern and Helping Hands supplies the precut pattern (out of flannel) and thread.

To date, eight schools have been supplied with these pads for girls in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. We would like to add several more schools and then continue to supply them all with pads as the 4th graders become 5th graders.

**If you would like to help with this project please contact:
Mary Pat Roovers (715) 842-4270. Thank You.**

Safe Environment Program
Foundations



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, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Brown at **608.791.0179** or **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** 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 Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at **608.791.2679** or **tbrown@diolc.org**



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Monday, September 12

English Baptism Class - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 13

Family Life Committee Meeting - Parish Center Library: 6:00 pm

Jubilee House Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 pm

Men's Fellowship-Game Night - School Cafeteria: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, September 14

That Man Is You! - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 am

Confirmation Class # 1 - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 15

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm

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 17

Scrip sold after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 18

Scrip sold after 8 am & 10 am Mass

Catechetical Sunday celebrated during 10 am Mass



Funeral Meals

Any parishioners (men or women) interested in helping prepare, serve, and clean-up for funeral dinners please contact Judy Koy at 715-675-9215.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Confession

Saturday: 11 am - 12 noon or by Appointment

Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: Monday, November 14th: 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 September 12-18, 2022

Pray for Us

Mon, Sep 12 - 6:00 pm - †Margaret Butzen

Tue, Sep 13 - 12:05 pm - Living and †Deceased Orozco Family Members

Wed, Sep 14 - 8:00 am - †Rick Henrichs

Thu, Sep 15 - 8:00 am - †Martha Stencil

Fri, Sep 16 - 8:00 am - †Lawrence & †Helen Mocello

Sat, Sep 17 - 8:00 am - Jack & Mary Ann Neuens - Special Intentions

4:30 pm - †Juan Vargas Fernandez & †Travis Vargas

Sun, Sep 18 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - †Edith Walters

Spanish - 12 noon - †Omar Joaquin Rodriguez Soto

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, Sept 13 - St John Chrysostom, Bishop/Doctor of Church

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31/Ps 100/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118/Lk 2:33-35

Friday, Sept 16 - St Cornelius, Pope & St Cyprian, Bishop: Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, Sept 17 - St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop/Doctor of Church; St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin/Doctor of Church

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, Sept 18 - 25th Sun in Ordinary Time - Catechetical Sunday

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday September 17 4:30 pm	Sunday September 18 8:00 am	Sunday September 18 10:00 am
Lectors		
Jeanne Alexejun	Bernie Dohr	Pat Loy
Ushers and Greeters		
Marie Burish Mike Lawrence Dave Mayer	Steve Ostrowski Pat Ruesch Al Seubert	Kevin Ellenbecker Tom Brzezinski Jack Reeves
Musicians		
Lynn Meyer Nancy Losinski	Bill Dohr Annette Southworth	Joel Stubbe Sara Schmitt

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from:

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

**Can you spend an hour with Jesus?
Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday and Friday**



We would like to have at least 2 or more adorers signed up to spend an hour with Jesus on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

You won't regret the time you spend with Jesus. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said that "Eucharistic Adoration has two effects. The

first is personal, where over time we change just by being in the presence of the Lord and the second is social and communal where we will begin to think of others more."

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!!

If you feel the Lord calling you, please call:

Nancy 715-675-6796 or Mariela 715-432-6111



Men's Fellowship-Game Night
sponsored by the Men's Club
on the Second Tuesday of each month.
All Adult Men of the Parish are Welcome!

**The next Fellowship-Game Night will be
September 13th from 6 - 9 pm
in the School Cafeteria.**

Everyone is asked to bring cards, games or whatever one wishes to play. Refreshments will be available. For any questions or concerns, contact **Glen Yeager at 715-848-1106 or Pat Ruesch at 715-845-1160.**



**The Fall
"That Man Is You"
Program Restarts**

**Wednesday Mornings at St Matthew's Catholic Parish
In Emily's Room in the Church Angelorum
228 S 28th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401**

Start Date: September 14th — Last Date: December 14th

We skip Nov 23rd (deer season & Thanksgiving week)

**Schedule: 6:00 am Breakfast
6:30 am Presentation
7:00 am Discussion
7:30 am Final Prayer-Dismissal**

For more information contact Tom Hynes: 715-804-0183

The Chaplet of Saint Michael



**September 29th
Feast of Saint Michael**

Starting on September 20th we will recite the "Chaplet of St Michael" daily after Mass until September 29th the Feast Day of St Michael, St Gabriel, and St Raphael the Archangels on September 29th. Booklets and the chaplet will be available in church.

The Chaplet of St Michael is a wonderful way to honor this great Archangel along with the other nine Choirs of Angels. What do we mean by Choirs? It seems that God has created

various orders of Angels. Sacred Scripture distinguishes nine such groupings: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominations, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels and Angels (Isa. 6: 2; Gen. 3: 24; Col. 1: 16; Eph. 1: 21; Rom. 8: 38). There may be more groupings but these are the only ones that have been revealed to us. The Seraphim is believed to be the highest Choir, the most intimately united to God, while the Angelic Choir is the lowest.

The history of this Chaplet goes back to a devout Servant of God, Antonia d'Astonac, who had a vision of St Michael. He told Antonia to honor him by nine salutations to the nine Choirs of Angels. St Michael promised that whoever would practice this devotion in his honor would have, when approaching Holy Communion, an escort of nine angels chosen from each of the nine Choirs. In addition, for those who would recite the Chaplet daily, he promised his continual assistance and that of all the holy angels during life, and after death deliverance from purgatory for themselves and their relations.

Volunteers Needed



We would like to begin offering dinners to the families who are enrolled in Family Formation (grades K-6) the first Wednesday of every month. We need volunteers to receive the food that will come in, set it out on tables for the families, etc. Ideally there would be a team leader and adults to help out. Confirmation candidates are already signed up to help.

For more information contact Fr Sebastian or Joy.



Please, please, please help us!!!

Our Religious Education program is in dire need of substitute catechists, we need generous parishioners who can jump in to teach on a short notice. All materials will be provided. Classes are a little over an hour.

Please consider signing up to help us and call Joy at (715) 842-3148

**Saint Matthew's Feast Day
Wednesday, September 21st**

Celebrate our patron saint's feast day by attending Mass at 8:00 am.

**Join us after the 8:00 am Mass,
for a "Dutch Treat Breakfast" at
2510 Restaurant Deli
(2510 Stewart Avenue)**



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.**



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