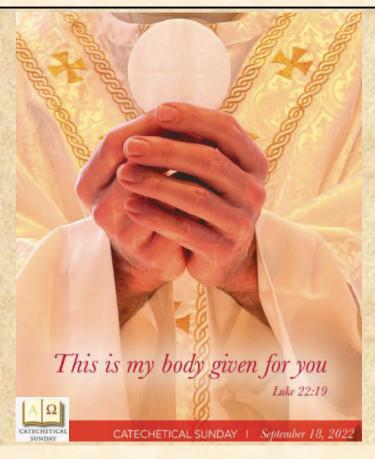
## Saint Matthew Catholic Church

# September 18, 2022 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other,

or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." Lk 16:8, 13



#### Mass & Confession Schedule Change

- \* Mass on Monday will be at 6:00 pm. (There will no longer be an 8 am Mass on Monday.)
- **☆** Confession will be available 30 minutes before every Mass, Saturday: 11 am 12 noon, & by appointment.

#### 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 Saturday: 11:00 am - 12:00 noon 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

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#### St Januarius Bishop and Martyr (c. 305)

## Feast Day: September 19th Patron Saint of Naples

www.mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/ september-19-st-januarius-martyr

In every lost corner and hidden valley of the Catholic world is a painting of the Virgin Mary that cries watery tears, a crucifix whose growing

hair must be cut with scissors, a white host oozing drops of red blood, or a sacred pool whose baths make the blind see and the lame walk. Of all the miracles, wonders, and theological rarities that leave God's family in awe, the miracle of today's saint is one of the most astounding. Three times a year, on his day of martyrdom, September 19; on the day of his commemoration as Patron of Naples, December 16; and on the Saturday before the first Sunday of May, recalling the gathering together of his various relics, the blood of Saint Januarius liquefies.

Since at least the 1300s, a small glass vial holding a deep-red, stable substance has been removed from a safe location and brought before

the faithful in the Cathedral of Naples by a priest or bishop. The vial is placed near the other relics of Saint Januarius which rest under the altar. And then the drumbeat of prayers start. They sometimes continue for hours and sometimes for minutes. God is bidden, fuel is poured on the fire of faith, and the mysterious moment arrives. Spontaneously, the stable, solid, red substance is transformed into a liquid that splashes around the inside walls of the vial for

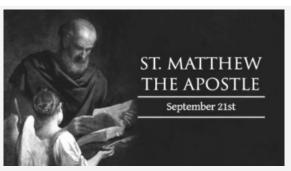


all to see. The blood of Saint Januarius has come to life. The city of Naples fires a twenty-one-gun salute from a nearby castle to signal that the transformation has occurred.

There is no explanation for how this happens. But it happens, happens often, and has happened consistently for many centuries. The proof is the outcome itself. That a solid substance liquifies cannot be debated. The liquified blood must be the starting point for speculation, not a presumption of magic or sleight of hand. That some things of God cannot be explained without the informed trust of faith is simply to state that believers did not make God up. He is not understandable. If He were, then He would fit conveniently into our tiny brains and thus not be God. But no faith is needed to accept this miracle. What happens is a fact.

Little is known about the life of Saint Januarius. An extant letter from 432 mentions him as if he were already well known. It states that a nearby bishop, a friend of Saint Augustine named Saint Paulinus of Nola, had a vision of Januarius just before Paulinus died, and that Januarius was a bishop and martyr and a well-known member of the Church of Naples. It is believed that our saint was beheaded during a persecution under the reign of Diocletian, in the decade before Christianity was legalized in the early 300s. Perhaps the most interesting thing about the liquifying of Saint Januarius' blood is that it occurs for no specific purpose. No sick person is healed, no sacrament is celebrated, no bishop is elected. It is a divine folly. It occurs to edify, to entertain, and to inspire, as if religion were a theological sport, with God simply putting His talents on display for all to behold the spectacle from the pews, to gaze, mouth agape, at a wonder that can neither be explained nor be resisted.

Saint Januarius, you died for the faith of the Church just as the Christian era dawned. May we follow your example of generous witness and stand astonished at the mysterious miracle that puts your name on so many lips so many centuries after you perished for Christ. Amen



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Saint Matthew, the first-century tax collector turned apostle who chronicled the life and ministry of Christ in his Gospel, is celebrated by the Church today, September 21. Although relatively little is known about the life of St Matthew, the account he wrote of Christ's ministry (traditionally considered to be the first of the four Gospels) is of inestimable value to the Church, particularly in its verification of Jesus as the Messiah.

Eastern Catholics and the Orthodox churches celebrate St Matthew on November 16, along with St Fulvianus, a prince who is recorded in some traditions as converting from paganism after Matthew's martyrdom.

The Gospel accounts of Mark and Luke, like Matthew's own, describe the encounter between Jesus and Matthew under the surprising circumstances of Matthew's tax-collecting duties. Jewish publicans, who collected taxes on behalf of the Roman rulers of first-century Judea, were objects of scorn and even hatred among their own communities, since they worked on behalf of the occupying power and often earned their living by collecting more than the state's due.

Jesus most likely first encountered Matthew near the house of Peter, in Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee. The meeting of the two was dramatic, as Matthew's third-person account in his Gospel captured: "As Jesus passed on," the ninth chapter recounts, "He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow Me'. And he got up and followed Him."

Matthew's calling into Jesus' inner circle was a dramatic gesture of the Messiah's universal message and mission, causing some religious authorities of the Jewish community to wonder: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus' significant response indicated a central purpose of His ministry: "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

A witness to Christ's resurrection after death, as well as His ascension into heaven and the events of Pentecost, Matthew also recorded Jesus' instruction for the apostles to "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."

Like 11 of the 12 apostles, St Matthew is traditionally thought to have died as a martyr while preaching the Gospel. The Roman Martyrology describes his death as occurring in a territory near present-day Egypt.

Both the saint himself, and his Gospel narrative, have inspired important works of religious art, ranging from the ornate illuminated pages of the Book of Kells in the ninth century, to the Saint Matthew Passion of J.S. Bach. Three famous paintings of Caravaggio, depicting St Matthew's calling, inspiration and martyrdom, hang within the Contarelli Chapel in Rome's Church of St Louis of the French.

Reflecting on St Matthew's calling, from the pursuit of dishonest financial gain to the heights of holiness and divine inspiration, Pope Benedict said in 2006 that "in the figure of Matthew, the Gospels present to us a true and proper paradox: those who seem to be the farthest from holiness can even become a model of the acceptance of God's mercy and offer a glimpse of its marvelous effects in their own lives."

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October 1st & 2nd is the Next Scrip Sale in the Angelorum before and after the 4:30 pm, 8:00 am & 10:00 am Masses

#### Buy Scrip Monday - Friday 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.



#### 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.



#### Helping Hands Request for School Supplies

Helping Hands would like to send school supplies to schools in Kenya.

Below is a list of the most needed items. If you can help with any of the supplies needed we would appreciate it:

Chalk (high priority) Chalk Board Erasers

**Pencils** 

Pens

Pencil/Pen Erasers

Crayons Glue

Looseleaf Paper

Colored Construction Paper

Copy Paper

Your donation can be left at the parish office - please label it "Helping Hands".

Thank you - God Bless!



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

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Envelopes (September 11th)	\$7,614.00
Youth Envelopes	\$10.00
Offertory	\$851.15
Debt Reduction	
Candles	\$119.00
Assumption	\$10.00

**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)



#### Refresher Training and Commissioning for Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound

The Diocese requires that we update and

commission our Eucharistic Ministers every 5 years. Suggested dates for this meeting are Monday, October 3rd after the 6:00 pm Mass or Tuesday, October 11th after the 12:05 pm Mass. Please let us know if you are able to attend a session (approximately 1 hour).

Current Eucharistic Ministers or those who would like to become involved with this important parish ministry are asked to reply to **Dorothy** at **715-432-5519**, or the parish office at **715-842-3148**. You can also email Dorothy at **dorothy@stmatthewwausau.org** 

\*\*\* Pastoral Care will be adding a new staff member, Vi McMahan, who will assist with contacting parishioners.



## 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

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



#### 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 **ProLifeWl.org/marchforlife**.



#### Mass Intentions September 19-25, 2022



Mon, Sep 19 - 6:00 pm - †Sharon and †Chris Seubert

Tue, Sep 20 - 12:05 pm - †Leah Marie Garske (Funeral Mass)

Wed, Sep 21 - 8:00 am - †Norbert & †Peggy Britten, & †Mary Donohoe

Thu, Sep 22 - 8:00 am - †Deceased Tanck & Krautkramer Families

Fri, Sep 23 - 8:00 am - †Richard (Dick) Gorman

Sat, Sep 24 - 8:00 am - †Glenn Schmitz

4:30 pm - †Marcie Will

Sun, Sep 25 - 8:00 am - Gary & Judy Koy - 2nd Anniversary

10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

Spanish - 12 noon - †Consuelo Maldonado Rodriguez

#### **Daily Mass Readings**

Monday, September 19 - Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 20 - St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest and St Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 21 - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday, September 22

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 24

Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90/Lk 9:43-45

Sunday, September 25 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1, 4-7/Ps 146/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday September 24 4:30 pm	Sunday September 25 8:00 am	Sunday September 25 10:00 am
Lectors		
Mary Holm	Theresa Stubbe	Joe Calderaro
Ushers and Greeters	s	
Don Baur Mary Radtke-Baur Jay Rolefson	Nic Schmitt Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil	Bob Charlier Sharon Charlier Randy Krueger
Musicians		
Todd McDonald Anne Paul	Marie Stubbe Sara Schmitt	Choir Nancy Losinski
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Jeannie & Bonnie		

#### 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 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



## This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

#### Tuesday, September 20

Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, September 21 - Feast Day of Saint Matthew

That Man Is You! - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 am
St Matthew Feast Day Breakfast - 2510 Deli: after 8 am Mass (~ 8:45 am)
\*Marlene's Breakfast Club to join Feast Day Breakfast at 2510 Deli
Ray's Breakfast Club (all men) - Blue Willow Restaurant: 9:00 am
Gaudete Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

#### Thursday, September 22

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm Men's Club Meeting - School Cafeteria: 7:00 pm



#### Choir Invitation Come lift your voice in joyful song!



Holy Orders

Our small, but dedicated choir would love to welcome new members! During the school year we regularly sing at the 10 o'clock Sunday Mass twice a month, plus Christmas and Easter.

Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in preparation for Sunday.

If interested, please contact Dorothy at 715 432-5519.



#### Celebration of the Sacraments

#### **⊘** Confession

30 minutes before every Mass, Saturday: 11:00 am - 12:00 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.

#### <u>⊗</u> 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

Call Dorothy: 715-432-5519 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148 for:

- \* Anointing of the Sick for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.
- \* Communion Visits to the Homebound if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.
- \* If you are anticipating a hospital stay, call and let us know as we are not always notified by the hospital.

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

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain...Rev 21:4

Our Prayers & Sympathy go to the Family & Friends of:



#### Jerome Rader

Died Wednesday - August 17, 2022 He is the Uncle of Joyce Zernicke

#### Leah Garske

Died Saturday - September 10, 2022 She is the Daughter of Bill and Sheila Garske

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



#### **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



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



#### St Matthew Inter-Church "Baseball Darts League"

Our dart team is looking for players (male & female). We compete against other church teams, September - March on Monday nights starting at 6:30 pm.

We have a lot of fun! No talent required!

If you would like to join our team or for more information call: Ed Hack: 715-842-0150, Marty Bever: 715-297-9598 Mike Bever: 715-544-8089



America Needs Fatima
Public Square Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 15th 12 Noon - 1:00 pm

St Matthew Catholic Church 228 S 28th Avenue, Wausau

Please join us to pray for our nation!



#### Feast Day - September 21st Saint Matthew, Apostle

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (RSV)



## 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)





#### Marlene's Breakfast Club

Wednesday, March 16th at 9 am, "all ladies" are invited to join us for breakfast at 2510 Deli Restaurant. Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various restaurants for good food and good fellowship!

### Ray's Breakfast Club

Wednesday, September 21st at 9 am, "all men" are invited to join us for breakfast at the Blue Willow Restaurant. Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various restaurants for good food and good fellowship!





## 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.





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