Saint Matthew Catholic Church September 25, 2022 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented." Lk 16:25



Mass & Confession Schedule Change

- Mass on Monday will be at 6:00 pm. (There will no longer be an 8:00 am Mass on Monday.)
- * Confession: available 30 minutes before every Mass and Saturday: 9:00 am 10:00 am.

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: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

<u>Wednesday & Friday</u> 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 <u>Office Hours - Oficina Horas</u> Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday: 9:00 am - 12 Noon

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Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O Holy Virgin, in the midst of all your glory, we ask you not to forget the sorrows of this world. Cast a look of pity upon all who struggle against life's difficulties, and who cease not to feel all its bitterness. Have pity on all who have been separated from those they love. Have pity on the lonely and friendless. Pardon the weakness of our faith. Have pity on those whom we love. O Holy Mother, show a mother's compassion toward the sorrowful and those who tremble under life's afflictions. Give them hope and peace.

Amen



Gospel Meditation A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become "all about me", preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are "useful" to us and profitable.

The things that

we love tell us

what we are."

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as "the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges". In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel "entitled" to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for His children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before Him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. "*The things that we love tell us what we are.*" (attributed to St Thomas Aquinas) Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.



September 29th Feast of the Archangels Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael

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The three Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation.

St Michael is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," the leader of all the angels. His name is Hebrew for "Who is like God?" and was the battle cry of the good angels against Lucifer and his followers when they rebelled against God. He is mentioned four times in the Bible, in Daniel 10 and 12, in the letter of Jude, and in Revelation.

Michael, whose forces cast down Lucifer and the evil spirits into Hell, is invoked for protection against Satan and all evil. Pope Leo XIII, in 1899, having had a prophetic vision of the evil that would be inflicted upon the Church and the world in the 20th century, instituted a prayer asking for Saint Michael's protection to be said at the end of every Mass.

Christian tradition recognizes four offices of Saint Michael:

- 1. to fight against Satan
- 2. to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy, especially at the hour of death
- 3. to be the champion of God's people
- 4. to call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgment

"I am Gabriel, who stand before God." (Luke 1, 19) Saint Gabriel, whose name means "God's strength", is mentioned four times in the Bible. Most significant are Gabriel's two mentions in the New Testament: to announce the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias, and the at Incarnation of the Word in the womb of Mary.

Christian tradition suggests that it is he who appeared to St Joseph and to the shepherds, and also that it was he who "strengthened" Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

"I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord" (Tobit 12:15) Saint Raphael, whose name means "God has healed" because of his healing of Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit. Tobit is the only book in which he is mentioned. His office is generally accepted by tradition to be that of healing and acts of mercy.

Raphael is also identified with the angel in John 5:1-4 who descended upon the pond and bestowed healing powers upon it so that the first to enter it after it moved would be healed of whatever infirmity he was suffering.

Feast Day - October 1st - Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



"Sometimes, when I'm in such a state of spiritual dryness that I can't find a single thought in my mind which will bring me close to God, I say an Our Father and a Hail Mary very slowly indeed. How they take me out of myself then; what solid satisfaction they give me then! Much more than if I'd hurried through them a hundred times over."

St Therese of Lisieux, of the Child Jesus

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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.



Go to www.menofthecross.org for more information and to register.

Men of the Cross Catholic Men's Conference "Sons of the Father"

Saturday, November 12th La Crosse Center 300 Harborview Plaza

> La Crosse, WI Cost: \$40 per person

After October 24th: \$45 per person.

It has been said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Throughout recent history, Catholic men, in general, have been suffering from this very issue.

Mass attendance is down, prayer lives are mediocre at best, and men being spiritual leaders in their families has been substituted by achieving worldly success.

Who is going to lead these men back to the faith? The time for men to realize their identity as sons of the Father is now!

Come to the Men of the Cross Conference to reignite and reaffirm your identity as a son of the Father! Gather your family members, best buds, men at your parish and even acquaintances, and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse.

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

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Envelopes (September 18th)	\$6,232.00
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Offertory	
Debt Reduction	
Candles	

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 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



Domestic Church Retreat October 15th - 16th

Have you and your spouse ever been on a couples' retreat? There will be a two-day Domestic Church Retreat for sacramentally married couples on October 15th - 16th at St John the Baptist

Parish in Marshfield.

For guestions, or to register, go to: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/ or email: region7.couple@domesticchurchfamilies.com

- Flyer link: diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-Retreat-Flyer-Detailed-for-Churches-5.5x8. 5.pdf
- Brochure link: diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Domestic-Church-Brochure.pdf



Mass Intentions September 26-October 2, 2022



Mon, Sep 26 -	6:00 pm - †Les Raboin
Tue, Sep 27-	12:05 pm - †Gary Mueller
Wed, Sep 28 -	8:00 am - †Randall Griggs
Thu, Sep 29 -	8:00 am - †Deceased Burger Family Members
Fri, Sep 30 -	8:00 am - †Don Southworth
Sat, Oct 1 -	8:00 am - †Merrillyn Fischer
	4:30 pm - †Robert Fitzke
Sun, Oct 2 -	8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners
S.	10:00 am - †Jay Nauta
Spanish -	12 noon - †Jose Alonso Perez

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, September 26 - Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian, Martyrs Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 27 - Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 28 - St Wenceslaus, Martyr;

St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88/Lk 9:57-62

Thurs, Sept 29 - St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael, Archangels Rv 12:7-12/Ps 138/Jn 1:47-51

Friday, September 30 - Saint Jerome, Priest/Doctor of the Church Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139/Lk 10:13-16

Sat, Oct 1 - St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin/Doctor of Church Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 2 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers			
Saturday October 1 4:30 pm	Sunday October 2 8:00 am	Sunday October 2 10:00 am	
Lectors			
Jeanne Alexejun	Peggy Bant	Pat Loy	
Ushers and Greeters			
Lee Peek Maren Peek Abigail Peek	Jody Babl Dennis Janssen David Krause	Kevin Malovrh Chuck Miller Gary Tapper	
Musicians			
Ellen Schumann Nancy Losinski	Marie Stubbe Annette Southworth	Choir Nancy Losinski	
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Andrea			

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



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Wednesday, September 28

That Man Is You! - Emily's Room in Church Angelorum: 6:00 am Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 29

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 1

Scrip sold after 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, October 2

Scrip sold after 8 am & 10 am Mass Choir sings at 10 am Mass



Politics, Voting and the Christian Faith

With the November elections approaching and so much political unrest in our country, visit **www.diolc.org/faithful-citizenship** for

guidelines to assist the Christian faithful as they prepare to vote. There you can read and download a brief commentary on "**Politics, Voting** and the Christian Faith", find a comparison of the platforms of the two major political parties, and access resources from the Wisconsin Catholic Conference and the USCCB.



Anointing Baptism Communion Confirmation Reconciliation Marriage Holy Orders

Celebration of the Sacraments

2 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.

2 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: Lenore Ruesch Died Tuesday - September 6, 2022 She is the Mother of Pat (Debbie) Ruesch Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen

You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary." The Mother of God

America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosarv 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!



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: 715-907-1195, Marty Bever: 715-297-9598 Mike Bever: 715-544-8089



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.



Helping Hands Request for **School Supplies**

Helping Hands would like to send

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

appreciate it: Your donation can be left at the parish office please label it "Helping Hands". Thank you - God Bless!

Chalk (high priority) **Chalk Board Erasers** Pencils Pens Pencil/Pen Erasers

Crayons Glue Looseleaf Paper **Colored Construction Paper** Copy Paper

Sacrament of Matrimony



Robert Koeple and Lauren Hegg

were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on

Saturday, September 10, 2022 at St Matthew Catholic Church

Congratulations, may God Bless your Marriage!



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.



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



Choir Invitation Come lift your voice in joyful song!



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.



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