

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. Mt 14:19-20



Parish Center Office (Oficina)

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)
221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148
* Call Parish Center Before Coming.

www.stmatthewausau.org

YouTube:

“St. Matthew Wausau”

Facebook:

“St Matthew Catholic Church”

Online Donations to St Matthew Parish:

www.stmatthewausau.org/donations

Emailed Bulletins:

www.parishesonline.com

Diocese of La Crosse: www.dioclc.org

Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Weekends: Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am
Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

***Bishop Callahan continues to dispense the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.**

Sunday Mass can be viewed on our website any time after 4 pm Saturday and all day Sunday.

Weekdays: Now Open to the Public
Monday - Saturday: 8 am

***Weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed on YouTube at 8 am.**

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9 am - 5 pm
Benediction at 4:50 pm

Guidelines for Attending Sunday Mass

We have a limited capacity for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Please sign up for the weekend Mass you wish to attend:

- **Internet:** go to www.stmatthewausau.org then click on box: "Mass Sign-Up/Registro para Misa" then follow instructions.
- **If you don't have internet, call: 715-842-3148** and leave a message for Fr Bob.
- **If you forget to sign-up,** still come to Mass and an usher might be able to find you a seat.

Please come 10 minutes early, so ushers can seat everyone before Mass begins.

Please bring a mask & hand sanitizer if you have them.

Masks & hand sanitizer will be available at the entrances.



Fr. Peter's contact information at his new assignment:

Mailing address:

St. Mary's Parish
1812 Lynn Avenue
Altoona, WI 54720

E-mail: peter.kieffer23@gmail.com



Gospel Meditation - A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. **It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.**

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Filling Your Heavenly Closet



Is your storehouse in heaven well stocked? Do graces come tumbling out like your belongings when you open the closet door? How will you avoid being the fool who spends more time accumulating treasures here on earth than worrying about amassing a spiritual bounty? Our "stuff" can build a barrier to an

eternity in heaven. Whenever we place work or belongings ahead of **making time for prayer or participating in the sacraments, we've made them more important than God.** Work is good. It is a blessing to have gainful employment, especially if you are passionate about the field or career. Perhaps you have heard the expression, "Do you work to live or live to work?" Putting extra energy and care into your job, in itself, is not sinful behavior. God entrusts us with gifts and talents we are called to use for others, society, and yes, even ourselves. However, when that **desire to use these gifts goes beyond satisfying life's necessities, we have to take a careful look at our motives and, even more so, our tactics.**

1 Timothy 6:10 is an often-misquoted Scripture; people say, "Money is the root of all evil," when in actuality, St. Paul says, "For the LOVE [emphasis is mine] of money is the root of all (kinds of) evils." Nothing, absolutely nothing, should come before the love of God and the pursuit of heaven. Of course, we can add extra to our bank accounts for the future, our children, a home, or even a vacation. God has allowed these **blessings in our world for us to enjoy. Luke's Gospel serves as a reminder to watch our intentions for collecting the wealth and being conscious of how we use it while we are alive.** In addition to caring for our needs, a Christian heart, one seeped in the virtue of justice, seeks to use their blessings for the good of others. Do we look to help those who are without, before plumping our storehouses?

Balance is the goal — everything in moderation, everything ordered toward God and for good. If we maintain this way of thinking when it **comes to our desire "to rest, eat, drink, and be merry," we will not fall into the same folly as the rich man in the parable.**

Jesus' parable has two parts to the equation, what we store here on earth and what treasury we build in heaven. Since both garner equal attention, let us consider how to ensure we keep the scale tipped toward heaven. Luckily, the Gospels provide ample examples through the teachings and life of Jesus, our model of faith, along with Mary, the first and greatest disciple.

God never asks the impossible in His wisdom and mercy; He thankfully never leaves us guessing. The Catholic faith consists of a veritable warehouse of options to build our spiritual eternal wealth portfolio. Build a storehouse of grace which is abundantly available in the sacraments — **efficacious outward signs of God's grace. By participating in the Mass, finding time to spend in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly, we will build a spiritual nest egg.**

A disciple continues to learn from the Master, so included in our plans should be ongoing opportunities to educate ourselves regarding matters of faith. The Scriptures, Catholic Catechism of the Church, and a cornucopia of spiritual reading available all provide excellent continuing religious education options. Online opportunities emerge almost daily with inspiring, informative virtual Catholic conferences, bible studies, videos, and blogs, offering a wide selection from which you can choose.

"One's life does not," as Jesus warns, "consist of possessions." One day, each one of us will have our life demanded of us. Which closet do you want to have a harder time shouldering closed? The closet filled with things long forgotten, moth fodder, or worse yet, those possessions you have yet to finish paying? Or, do you long to stand before Jesus, knowing the room he has prepared for you in his Father's house is brimming with prayer, merit, grace, and love?

Allison Gingras

Celebration of Sacraments



Confession

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

Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Class must be attended by the parents and the Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center at 715-842-3148.

Next Baptism Class: Monday, September 14: 6:30 pm-Parish Center Patio Rm

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

Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with Fr Bob.

Anointing of the Sick

Call Dorothy at 715-432-5519 to make arrangements for:

- Anointing of the Sick - available when you are seriously ill or before a scheduled surgery.
- Visits to the Homebound - visits to your home, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

Hospital Visits - Let the hospital know when you are admitted that you would like to have Fr Bob or Fr Juan Pedro visit you.

In Need of Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you when you need extra prayer. Call Bonnie at 715-675-9876.

* You may also call the Parish Center at 715-842-3148



"Our Retrouvaille experience helped us so much to better deal with the problems we were facing." Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel disillusionment, coldness or conflict in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. The next program in Central Wisconsin begins with a weekend stay, August 7-9, 2020 at St Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon.

For more information or to register, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) or visit website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org. *Fully Confidential.* Registration is limited with Covid-19 precautions-call early!

Live-Streamed and Prerecorded Sunday & Daily Mass
Diocese of La Crosse Live-Stream Schedule:



- Monday-Saturday English Mass: 8:00 am
- Monday-Saturday Spanish Mass: 8:30 am
- Sunday English Mass: 9:30 am
- Sunday Spanish Mass: 10:30 am

Available at: diolc.org/live and diolc.org/tvmass, the diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook, and televised on the following channels:

- Wausau (Cable & Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 am Sunday
- Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980 at 6 pm Saturday & 9 am Sunday

EWTN: www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live and on EWTN App

Sunday and daily Masses broadcast at 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm & 11 pm on EWTN's TV channel, cell phone app & YouTube channel. (YouTube also contains videos of nearly all of EWTN's TV programming.)

Relevant Radio: www.relevantradio.com and on Relevant Radio App

Live-streamed Sunday and daily Masses: 12 noon Sunday - Saturday. Previous Masses available 30 minutes after live broadcast in their archive.

Living Well with Medicare

Tuesday, August 11th 2:00 pm

Join us for a free virtual educational event to learn how to maximize your Medicare Preventive Services & utilize local Healthy Living Programs available to you!



To Register: Call the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin at (715) 261-6070 or by email at adrc.wausau@adrc-cw.org

You will receive a confirmation email after registration and will be sent a link prior to the event.

Presented by:

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin

Jenae Belmas, *Elder Benefit Specialist*

Peggy Kurth, *Community Health Educator*

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin promotes choice and independence through personalized education, advocacy and access to services that prevent, delay, and lessen the impacts of aging and disabilities in the lives of adults.

Shop with SCRIP Gift Cards

Shop with *Scrip Gift Cards* in everyday categories including groceries, gas, restaurants and more.

Did you know there are over 100 Wausau Area Businesses that have *Scrip Gift Cards* available for purchase?

Help support St Matthew Parish without spending extra money by using Scrip when you shop. For instance, when you buy a \$10 Tri City Family Restaurant Scrip Gift Card you get \$10 to spend at Tri City Family Restaurant and Tri City Family Restaurant gives St Matthew Parish a 10% rebate. It's a win-win situation. You get to eat good food and St Matthew receives a rebate!

Rebate percentages vary from 1.5% to 25% depending on the business. Make sure if you buy Scrip directly online that you choose St Matthew Parish as the beneficiary.

Buy cards for you and your family for everyday purchases and don't forget they make perfect gifts for that hard to buy for person!

How to Order Scrip Gift Cards:

1. St Matthew Parish Center: Call 715-842-3148 to order Scrip. To get Scrip by Thursday, orders need to be called in by 9 am on Monday. *No transaction fees when you pay St Matthew Parish directly!*
2. Newman Catholic Schools Scrip Office - Online Only: To order online you will need to set up a PrestoPay account or if you pay with a credit card there is a 2.6% fee on each transaction. Call 715-849-7713 or Email scrip@newmancatholicsschools.com

Summer Scrip Hours: Monday and Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



We welcome into the Catholic Faith:

Baptized Saturday, July 25, 2020

Lily Rosella Bonino
Daughter of Mario & Azia

Congratulations!
May Jesus be your dearest companion!

Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement

Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference

Saturday, August 29th: 9 am - 5 pm

Freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life
the **"cage"** of everyday discouragement we all experience.



Register Today at:
<https://diolc.org/witness-registration/>

Presented by Fr Timothy Gallagher, a world-renowned teacher and spiritual director. The live-streamed presentations will include 4 talks by Fr Gallagher. For details with a downloadable brochure and to register online, go to

www.diolc.org/witness

Cost is \$15 which includes Fr Gallagher's book shipped to your home. Read "Facing Our Greatest Obstacle in Life" that explains why you would want to attend this important Conference.

Weekend Public Mass Attendance

Guidelines of the Diocese of La Crosse during this pandemic to keep our parishioners safe include a 25% occupancy standard and social distancing requirements. At St Matthew Parish this means a maximum of ~120 people per Mass.

The Diocese has asked that parishes organize their weekend Mass attendance. We are using **"SignUpGenius"** to keep track of attendance at St Matthew's. [Steps to Register:](#)

1. Go to parish website: www.stmatthewausau.org
2. Scroll down page and click on box "Mass Sign-Up/Registro para Misa." This will take you to the "SignUpGenius" page.
3. Scroll down to bottom of page and find the date and time of the Mass you wish to attend. Click on the green box "Sign Up" and then the orange box "Submit and Sign Up".
4. Complete information on next page and then click the orange box "Sign Up Now" and you are done!



Please help to spread the word to other parishioners, and assist those who may not have access to the Internet. Those without Internet can call the parish office and leave a message for Fr Bob to sign up for a Mass.

For those who plan on attending the public Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday, please bring your own mask if you have one, and personal hand sanitizer if you feel the need to. Masks and hand sanitizer will also be available at the entrances. Those who plan on attending need to come 10 minutes earlier than usual, since seating people may take longer than usual.

Thank you for your cooperation! We look forward to seeing you at Mass!

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:



Don Southworth
He died July 21, 2020

He is the Husband of Annette,
the Father of Susan Southworth
and Donald (Lynn) Southworth, Jr

Chester Legenza
He died June 20, 2020

He is the Father of Jennifer (Jack) Reeves

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



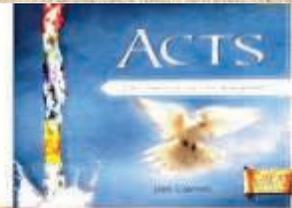
Summer Flowers for the Sanctuary

We would love to have flowers from your garden for the sanctuary this summer, if you have any you'd like to share! To make arrangements for drop-off or for questions please call: Nancy at 715-675-6796

Thank you very much for all the beautiful flowers already shared with St Matthew to adorn our sanctuary! God Bless You!

"When we see a beautiful object, a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object."

Saint Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



Coming this September to St. Matthew

20 week Bible Study-Acts by Jeff Cavins

The Compelling Story of the First Christians

Acts is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

The Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom study program traces how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

The 20-session *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* study program will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ.

Good Fellowship, Discussion, Growth in Faith

Class starts: Tuesday, September 8th

Select a time that fits your schedule:

10:30 am or 6:30 pm, Tuesdays

RSVP: by August 23rd so we may order the Acts workbooks.

Call Janet at 715-575-4264

Group facilitator is Lyonel Wisnewski