

# Saint Matthew Catholic Church

August 9, 2020 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Peter said to Him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."  
He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.**

Mt 14:28-29



## 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](http://www.stmatthewausau.org)

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Emailed Bulletins:

[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

Diocese of La Crosse: [www.dioc.org](http://www.dioc.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: 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

### Sign Up Not Required for Attending Mass

- We welcome you to attend Mass. Accommodations for social distancing will be made if attendance is greater than 120 individuals (25% occupancy standard), which we haven't exceeded.
- Please wear a face mask while attending Mass due to government mandates. Please bring your own face mask (some face masks & hand sanitizers are available at entrances).
- Please come 10 minutes early, so ushers can seat everyone before Mass begins.



## August 15th The Assumption of the

### What's the Assumption, anyway?

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On August 15, Catholics around the world mark the *Feast of the Assumption of Mary*, commemorating the end of her earthly life and assumption into Heaven.

But while the feast day is a relatively new one, the history of the holiday, and the mystery behind it, has its roots in the earliest centuries of Christian belief.

The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary ended her earthly life, God assumed her, body and soul into heaven. The dogma of the *Assumption of Mary*, also called the "*Dormition of Mary*" in the Eastern Churches, has its roots in the early centuries of the Church.

While a site outside of Jerusalem was recognized as the tomb of Mary, the earliest Christians maintained that "no one was there," theologian and EWTN senior contributor Matthew Bunson told CNA.

According to St John of Damascus, the Roman emperor Marcian requested the body of Mary, Mother of God at the Council of Chalcedon, in 451. St Juvenal, who was Bishop of Jerusalem told the emperor "that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened upon the request of St Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven," the saint recorded.

By the 8th century, around the time of Pope Adrian, the Church began to change its terminology, renaming the feast day of the *Memorial of Mary* to the *Assumption of Mary*, Bunson noted.

The belief in the *Assumption of Mary* was a widely-held tradition, and a frequent meditation in the writings of saints throughout the centuries. However it was not defined officially until the past century. In 1950, Pope Pius XII made an infallible, ex-cathedra statement in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* officially defining the dogma of the Assumption. "By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory," the pope wrote.

The decree was seen as the formalizing of long-held Christian teaching. "We have throughout the history of the Church an almost universal attestation of this," Bunson said of the Assumption. "We have this thread that runs throughout the whole of the history of the Church in support of the dogma. That's significant because it supports the tradition of the Church, but it also supports a coming to a deeper understanding of the teachings of the Church of how we rely upon the reflections of some of the greatest minds of our Church." What's also notable about the dogma, he added, is that it "uses the passive tense," emphasizing that Mary did not ascend into heaven on her own power, as Christ did, but was raised into heaven by God's grace.

Today, the Feast of the Assumption is marked as a major feast day and a public holiday in many countries. In most countries, including the United States, it is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Catholics are required to attend Mass.

Bunson explained that on major feast days, it's important to mark the significance of the feast as especially vital by emphasizing the necessity of celebrating the Eucharist that day. "What is more fitting than on the Assumption of the Blessed Mother to, once again, focus on her Son, on the Eucharist?" he asked.

## Mary Is With Us In Our Struggles, Pope Francis Teaches

Aug 15, 2013

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During his homily for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis said that this feast helps us reflect on the Christian themes of **struggle, resurrection, and hope**. "Mary ... has of course already entered, once and for all, into heavenly glory. But this does not mean that she is distant or detached from us," the Pope preached Aug 15.... "Rather Mary accompanies us, struggles with us, sustains Christians in their fight against the forces of evil." ...

He began his homily by reflecting on "Lumen Gentium," Vatican II's Constitution on the Church, which refers twice to Mary's assumption, body and soul, into heaven. The first of the themes found in "Lumen Gentium" is Mary's solidarity with our struggles, which was found also in the Mass' first reading, from Revelation, of a struggle between a woman and a dragon.

"The figure of the woman, representing the Church, is, on the one hand, glorious and triumphant and yet, on the other, still in travail," the Pope noted. The Church, whose "dual condition" Mary shares, is both "already associated in some way" with Christ's glory in heaven and still living "the trials and challenges" of the conflict between God and Satan.

This struggle is faced by every Christian disciple, and "Mary does not leave them alone," Pope Francis said. "The Mother of Christ and of the Church is always with us. She walks with us always, she is with us."

The Pope recommended the rosary as a prayer with Mary that "has this 'suffering' dimension, that is, of struggle, a sustaining prayer in the battle against the evil one and his accomplices. The Rosary also sustains us in the battle." He chided his listeners to pray the rosary daily, saying: "Do you pray the Rosary every day? But I'm not sure you do ... Really?"

Mary's assumption also shows her solidarity with the resurrection of the dead and with Christ's resurrection, the event and "fundamental truth" that is the basis of Christian faith. In His resurrection, Christ "entered into eternal life with all the humanity He had drawn from Mary; and she, the Mother, who followed Him faithfully throughout her life, followed Him with her heart, and entered with Him into eternal life, which we also call heaven."

In her solidarity with her son in the "martyrdom of the Cross," Mary lived the Passion "to the depths of her soul" and so was given "the gift of resurrection." "Christ is the first fruits from the dead and Mary is the first of the redeemed, the first of 'those who are in Christ.' She is our Mother, but we can also say that she is our representative, our sister, our eldest sister, she is the first of the redeemed, who has arrived in heaven."

The final theme of the assumption, Pope Francis taught, is hope: the hope of those who live the struggle between good and evil and who believe in Christ's resurrection.

The Magnificat, Mary's song of praise at the Visitation, he said, is "the song of hope," which is also "the song of many saints ... some famous, and very many others unknown to us but known to God: moms, dads, catechists, missionaries, priests, sisters, young people, even children and grandparents. These have faced the struggle of life while carrying in their heart the hope of the little and the humble."

The Pope linked hope to persecution and the Cross, saying the Magnificat is "particularly strong" in the places "where the Body of Christ is suffering the Passion."

"If there is no hope, we are not Christian. That is why I like to say: do not allow yourselves to be robbed of hope." He exhorted his listeners, "may we not be robbed of hope, because this strength is a grace, a gift from God which carries us forward with our eyes fixed on heaven."

He concluded by encouraging Christians to pray the Magnificat with Mary, who accompanies and suffers with us. "With all our heart let us too unite ourselves to this song of patience and victory, of struggle and joy, that unites the triumphant Church with the pilgrim one, earth with heaven, and that joins our lives to the eternity towards which we journey."

## 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

## 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](http://diolc.org/live) and [diolc.org/tvmass](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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## Living Well with Medicare Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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®

Scrip Gift Cards are Still Available to Buy at St Matthew Parish Center!!!

Call the Parish Center at 715-842-3148

or Stop by Monday-Thursday 8 am - 4 pm



Shop with *Scrip Gift Cards* in everyday categories including groceries, gas, restaurants and more. Over 100 Wausau Area Businesses have *Scrip Gift Cards* available for purchase.

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!**

Help support St Matthew Parish without spending extra money by using Scrip when you shop. When you buy a \$25 Texas Roadhouse Scrip Gift Card you get \$25 to spend at Texas Roadhouse Restaurant and the Texas Roadhouse gives St Matthew Parish a 15% **rebate. It's a win-win situation.** You get to eat good food and St Matthew Parish receives a rebate! (Rebate percentages vary from 1.5% to 25% depending on the business. If you buy Scrip directly online that you choose St Matthew Parish as the beneficiary.)

### How to Order Scrip Gift Cards

1. St Matthew Parish Center: Call 715-842-3148 to order Scrip. To get Scrip by Thursday, call in your order by 9 am Monday. *No transaction fees when you pay St Matthew Parish directly!*
2. Newman Catholic Schools Scrip Office - Online Only: Call: 715-849-7713 Email: [scrip@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto:scrip@newmancatholicschools.com) If you pay with a credit card there is a 2.6% fee per transaction, or to order online you will need to set up a PrestoPay account.

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



## This Week at Saint Matthew

Wednesday, August 12

Peacemaker Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1 pm

### Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Thorn      Finance Secretary: Barb Splinter  
 Associate Pastor:                      Plant Manager: Jason Seliger  
 Rev. Juan Pedro Roblez-Baltazar      DRE & Hispanic RE: Joy Orozco  
 Deacon: Rev. Mr. Tom Tierney      Bulletin Editor: Rosemary Beever  
 Pastoral Care: Dorothy Giallombardo      Bulletin Deadline - 3 pm Monday:  
 Secretary: Ann Graveen                      rosemarybulletin@stmatthewausau.org



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

August 20, 2020

2:30 pm - 7:00 pm

### Knights for Life - Blood Drive

The *Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council* serving St Mark, St Agnes and St Therese Parishes is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, August 20th starting at 2:30 pm at St Agnes Parish Abts Hall.

The Blood Bank levels are low and they are in need of blood for our community. We are asking families and friends to help support this effort by donating blood to give life to those in need. You can go to the **website of the "Blood Central of Northcentral Wisconsin"** for more information regarding donating blood.

<https://www.bcnwi.org/>



### Sharing God's Blessings

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

Minimum Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly.....\$9,612.00  
 Sunday Collection.....\$6,350.60  
 SCRIP.....\$450.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: August 3 - Juan Manuel Sanchez (#1014)

Parish Contributions: Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations - staff payroll, insurance payments, utility bills, building maintenance, etc. While public Masses are limited at this time, our daily work of parish and pastoral ministry will continue on. 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 Barb at: 715-842-3148 or email: barbsr@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](http://www.stmatthewausau.org/donations) (one-time donations)
  - [www.stmatthewausau.org/payments](http://www.stmatthewausau.org/payments) (recurring donations available)



## Mass Intentions

August 10 - 16, 2020



Monday 8:00 am - †Louis Kraus, Sr.  
 Tuesday 8:00 am - †Rick Henrichs  
 Wednesday 8:00 am - †Dorothy Schmitz  
 Thursday 8:00 am - †Sharon Seubert & †Allan  
 Friday 8:00 am - †Parents of Jack & Mary Ann Neuens  
 Saturday 8:00 am - †Roger & †Pat Kreger  
 4:30 pm - †Betty Jones  
 Sunday 8:00 am - †Richard Piaszak  
 10:00 am - †Jenny Hack  
 12 noon - Priest's Intention

## Scripture Readings

Monday, August 10 - Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11 - Saint Clare, Virgin  
Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12 - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113/Mt 18:15-20

Thurs, Aug 13 - Saints Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest/Martyrs  
Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday, August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Sunday, August 16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



### Would You Like to be Visited While in the Hospital?



If you would like Father to visit you or a family member when admitted to the hospital, please call the Parish Center (715-842-3148) or Dorothy (715-432-5519).

Also, notify the hospital to put you on the St Matthew parishioner list. It is important to notify St Matthew Parish when you are in the hospital, as we cannot guarantee the hospital will always notify us. Currently, Father is able to visit those in the hospital but not in nursing homes.

### Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday August 15 4:30 pm	Sunday August 16 8:00 am	Sunday August 16 10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
Mary Holm	Jim Low	Joel Hynes
<b>Musicians</b>		
Cindy Blair Anne Paul	Bill Dohr Annette Southworth	Joel Stubbe Nancy Losinski

# Thank You Men's Club!



Thank You to all that helped from the Men's Club with tree removal on the Church grounds Wednesday, July 29th. We had about 20 guys ... WOW! It made it much easier with guys with chainsaws, brush movers, and haulers - enough to make 3-4 teams of workers. It looks great!!



## 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**

## 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](http://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.



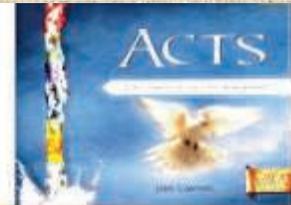
## Missing DVD Set on the Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

If you happen to see or find the DVD set, please call the Parish Center as soon possible at: 715-842-3148 or drop it off at the Parish Center. Thank You Very Much!!!



August 15th  
The Feast of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This year since the Feast Day falls on Saturday, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of La Crosse



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



Magic Paper Box at St Matthew Parish

Don't forget to put your paper recyclables in the "Magic Paper Box" container behind the school (southeast side). Money earned from recycling paper helps to pay the loan for the Angelorum! Thank you for helping your Parish!

**HOPE**  
LIFE CENTER

## HOPE Life Center's Operation Baby Bottle

Please pick up a baby bottle in the Angelorum and fill it with your coins, cash, or checks. Return your filled baby bottle to the Angelorum on the weekend of August 29th & 30th. Thank you for your support!

